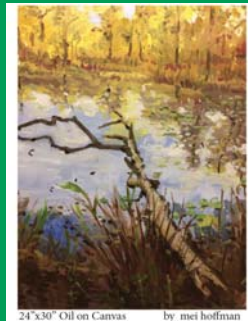


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## NEWS NOTES



### FFA Auctioneer Phillips dies

Aldine ISD sadly announces the passing of our longtime FFA auctioneer.

Edward "Ed" Lee Phillips passed away on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018.



Ed was a renowned auctioneer due to his style of making everyone feel their contribution was greatly appreciated. He took part in many Aldine ISD Livestock Show Auctions over the years.

"He will be greatly missed at the Aldine ISD FFA Livestock Show," said Franklin Higgins, director of career and technology education.

Ed graduated from Aldine High School in the 1960s. He retired as an agriculture science and technology teacher from Buffalo ISD. Ed was a resident of Centerville, TX at the time of his passing.

We extend our condolences to the family of Ed Phillips.

## Alvarado Wins Election for Texas Senate

HARRIS COUNTY – State Representative Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, was the winner of a special election held Tuesday December 11, to fill the seat in the Texas Senate District 6, vacated by Sylvia Garcia.

There were four candidates running for the position. Alvarado finished with just over 50.4% to avoid a run-off. Democratic State Representative Ana Hernandez received 24% of the vote, Republican Martha Fierro 23%,



Photo Michael Wyka  
CAROL ALVARADO celebrates her election victory Tuesday night at her watch party at the Raven Tower.

and Democrat Mia Mundy 2.1%.

Turnout was light, with only 5% of the eligible voters turning out.

Alvarado had run before for this position in 2013 in a special election, against 5 other candidates. Sylvia Garcia won a run-off against Alvarado by over 1000 votes.

Alvarado won votes in the precincts that overlap her House District 145, and almost received as many votes in Hernandez's District 143. Her campaign was backed by a large budget, and she also benefitted from name recognition both from her previous campaign and her time as City Councilwoman in the same areas as District 6. In addition, her District

covered more of District 6 than Hernandez's did.

Ana Hernandez will return to the Texas House, having won that race in November. Alvarado will have her term until January 2021.

After her election was apparent, a national women's rights organization supporting abortion rights, Emily's List, issued a statement praising her victory and saying she had the skill to work with Republicans on issues.

## Holiday cheer spread at the Annual Nadine Kujawa Gala



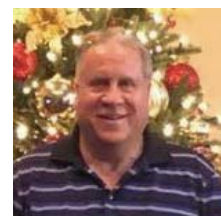
Former Aldine ISD Superintendent Nadine Kujawa, right, her husband Harry and AISD Board President Steve Mead applaud following a performance by Aldine ISD students at the 15th Annual Nadine Kujawa Senior Citizen Gala, held Monday, Dec. 10 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.

## Warrant service leaves 3 officers shot, gunman dead in Aldine

NORTH HOUSTON – A task force of Sheriff's deputies and Texas police officers came under fire last Tuesday, when they attempted to serve an arrest warrant on a man living on Hartwick Street in Aldine.

Two officers from the state Fugitive Apprehension Unit, and one Sheriff's deputy were wounded by gunshots from Daniel Trevino, 25, who subsequently took his own life, according to Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.

The incident started about 1:15 pm on Tuesday, and ended about 6:15 when the Sheriff's SWAT team determined that Trevino was dead. Chief Deputy Edison Toquica said



Deputy James Smejkal III was wounded.

the warrant was for violation of a protective order for the woman who was living with Trevino.

Upon arrival at the home at 5013 Hartwick, Trevino opened fire on the officers, wounding three.

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### Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, I have been a little naughtly but I will do better. Although I did very well on my last report card I know I can do better. All I want for Christmas is for you to help the homeless people get shelter and food.  
Alina Cavazos, 9

Dear Santa, I've been good all year. I've gotten good grades and I know that you have been watching me. I know I've been a little bad but I want you to bless the people in need. I would like a phone. Thank you.  
Israel Marin, 9

Dear Santa, I have been a little naughtly but I help my family. I help my brother cut the grass. I help my sister clean her room and what I do is clean the house. Can I please have a PS4?  
Adrian G., 10

Dear Santa, I know I've been bad but it is okay sometimes. All I want for Christmas is that you give my sisters brother mom and my dad what they want. I know they deserve it more than me.  
Elias Valadez, 9

Dear Santa, You know I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a PS4. I pray that Jesus helps the poor people that have very little stuff. Thank you Santa!  
Luis Cristimo, 9

Dear Santa, I've been a wonderful kid this year. I know your thinking I want a gift but... No! All I want is for all those naughtly kids to be looking at the bright side. I wish that they all look up to themselves but be their best.  
Vilda Buenrestre, 9

Dear Santa, I know you are busy making toys so I will be fast. I want you to not forget the kids with cancer. I know they want toys, too. Also, I want a real puppy and please get my whole family a Merry Christmas.  
Sofia Narvaez, 10

Dear Santa, I have been a little bad, but I listen well. I what you to take care of people who need a home. All I want for Christmas is a tablet to play games on and listen to music. Thank you.  
Mia Aguilar, 9

Dear Santa, I know you are checking your list to see who is good or bad. I know I am bad but I am trying to make it up by helping my mom. Also can I please please please get the new Iphone XR with a dark pink case for my phone. Thank you Santa!  
Emily Alexis, 11

### Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, Do you think I'm good? Over the past year I took care of my mom and my family. I hope you bring me doll life dream doll for Christmas. I hoop I am on your list. Love Leeann Zamora.  
Leeann Zamora, 10

Dear Santa, I've been an excellent student. I have been helping other people. But what I'm gonna tell you is not for me it's for all the homeless people. They are on the street cold with very little to eat or clothes to wear. So Please Santa help them.  
Daniela Vallejo, 9

Dear Santa, I know I have been a little bad but I was good too. I hope you can bring joy and happiness to all the kids in the world. Plus, I hope you bless everyone with a good Christmas. Thank you Santa!  
Jasmine Brown-Lopez, 10

Dear Santa, I've been kinda of a good boy but I have made up for it. I always help my mom whatever she needs help with. Santa, I wish for an Iphone but most importantly. I want my dad to come back to me. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Gabriel, 10

Dear Santa, I hope that I'm on the nice list and not the naughty list. I've been helping people and caring for others as well. For Christmas I just a Iphone 8 and I really really hope that you can tell God that if he can prected everyone that would be awesome some day.  
Destiny Espino, 9

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

ALDINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Wishes for a safe and wondrous holiday season!

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### Happy Holidays

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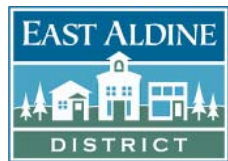
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COMMUNITY NEWS

### Aldine ISD wraps up computer science education week

More than 40,000 elementary and middle school students across the District showcased coding skills. Additionally, two coding clubs got the chance to visit Apple and Microsoft stores for CSED Week activities.

The week provided an opportunity for the District to promote digital literacy education by teaching and exposing students to the basics of code and computational thinking.

The plugged and unplugged lessons taught students the fundamentals of computer science. The students enjoyed themselves as their eyes were glued to their computer screens as they played games, created binary code bracelets, followed graph paper programming activities and played cup stacking codes. They also



Aldine kids visit Apple and Microsoft store for some computer activities.

watched in awe at rolling Spheros controlled by a tablet.

On Friday, Dec. 7, the computer club students from Black Elementary School and Greenspoint ES visited the Apple and Microsoft stores located in The Woodlands Mall to engage in programming ac-

tivities.

"Computational thinking is important because it applies to all fields and can serve everyone," said Superintendent LaTonya M. Goffney. "There is already a demand for these skills, especially in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields. As we move further into the future, more people will be doing work that requires individual decision-making and problem solving. Our job is to help students develop those skills."



### HCC Weekend College wins prestigious award

HOUSTON (Dec. 4, 2018) - The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has selected the Houston Community College Weekend College for the 2018 Star Award.

The HCC Weekend College offers the opportunity for working adults to receive an associate degree in two years by attending school only on Saturdays. Classes are offered in eight-week sessions. Students take two courses at a time and the entire two-year schedule is mapped out ahead of time.

"The coordinating board is proud to recognize HCC's Weekend College program that helps working adults efficiently complete a degree. It supports Texas students and the state's 60x30TX plan," said Commissioner of Higher Education Raymund Paredes. "There were many excellent programs to choose from among this year's Star Award finalists, but the judges unanimously agreed that this innovative HCC program and its potential to positively impact a great number of working adult students made it the decisive Star Award winner this year."

"This award affirms HCC's commitment to creating innovative pathways to student success," said Chancellor Cesar Maldonado. "I congratulate our Weekend College team for this recognition."

The coordinating board

received 36 nominations and 26 applications for this year's Star Award. The program recognizes exceptional contributions toward meeting one or more of the goals of 60x30TX:

- Increasing the post-secondary educational attainment level of the state's 25 to 34-year old population (Educated Population Goal).
- Increasing the number of students completing a certificate, associate, bachelor's or master's from an institution of higher education in Texas (Completion Goal).
- Increasing the number of programs with identified marketable skills at Texas public institutions of higher education (Marketable Skills Goal).
- Implementing programs or cost efficiencies that help to ensure undergraduate student loan debt will not exceed 60 percent of first-year wages (Student Debt Goal).

The Star Award was established in 2001. Winners are selected by a review committee consisting of coordinating board members, out-of-state higher education experts and Texas community leaders. Representatives of institutions, organizations and groups from across Texas have been recognized for their efforts to develop and implement the state's most successful programs, projects, activities and partnerships.

### Harris county hosts crisis communications training

(Houston, Texas) - The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) in collaboration with the University of Houston's (UH) Jack J. Valenti School of Communication recently offered a day of crisis communications training to area public information officers and emergency management partners.

Post Hurricane Harvey, Harris County conducted internal reviews including one with partners who helped staff the Regional Joint Information Center (JIC). Feedback from partners included the need for additional crisis communications training to help them when they support the JIC and when their office faces a crisis of its own.

"Every disaster reminds us about the importance of having an effective crisis communications plan in place," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "When



UH educators training on how to create a crisis communication plan.

an emergency occurs, organizations need to be ready to provide clear and consistent messages as soon as possible."

The training led by UH educators discussed how to create a crisis communication plan, how to approach various cultural and stakeholder groups during a crisis, the importance of transparency, and how to use digital assets to reach

wide audiences.

The training included a team exercise involving a crisis scenario to test the participants' ability to work together to develop messaging and discuss the best ways to disseminate information. The exercise allowed participants to test their performance and identify opportunities to improve their response to real events.

### Huge fire in Airline District

A large fire in a commercial complex challenged firefighters from 10 departments last Thursday evening. High winds and a lack of water in nearby hydrants allowed the fire to spread from a trash area, to a tire shop.

Although listed as a two alarm fire, it eventually required 15 water tankers from 10 fire departments to provide enough resources to contain the blaze.

The fire started about 9 pm, and took many hours to suppress. It occurred at



W. Helms Road at Airline Drive. An unofficial cause for the fire was determined to be an electrical short, that started the fire in

trash in the business. The damage was to two businesses, and surrounding large trees.

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An Aldine ISD elementary student spreads his holiday happiness at the annual Nadine Kujawa Senior Citizen Gala.

### Aldine ISD is All In and Wishing You and Yours a Happy Holiday Season!

Aldine ISD will observe Midwinter Break for Students Dec. 21-Jan. 4 and Dec. 24-Jan. 2 for Employees.

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Aldine ISD celebrará el receso de invierno para los estudiantes del 21 de diciembre al 4 de enero. Y para el personal, del 24 de diciembre al 2 de enero.

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OPINION PAGE



Stress-Free Holiday Entertaining Tips

(Family Features) The holiday season is meant for spending quality time with friends and family, not stressing out over hosting. With some simple tips, you can cut down on hectic preparations while creating a memorable holiday full of food and fun guests can savor.

Consider these suggestions from the entertaining experts at Real California Milk:

Plan Ahead

Heading into your seasonal soiree with a plan in place can help avoid snafus. Make a shopping list of ingredients and decorations. Then put together a schedule a few days prior to the event to cover last-minute preparations.

Elevate Holiday Classics

Elevating classic appetizers is a simple way to savor the season. A trend on the rise, the Grazing Table starts with the table as the canvas, adds elements of the traditional cheese board then takes it to the next

level with an arrangement of appetizers or brunch dishes and seasonal decor. Another way to lift your holiday spread is using high-quality, authentic ingredients like Real California Milk cheeses, made with milk from California dairy farm families, which are key ingredients in this Sweet Citrus and Spice Cheese Board.

Prepare Dishes and Decorations in Advance

Preparing for guests can be one of the most time-consuming aspects of hosting. Decorating at least a day ahead and setting the table the night before, for example, can help minimize stress. Welcome guests with holiday cheer and trendy decor like a virtual yule log made of melting cheese, complete with holiday music.

For more holiday inspiration and recipes like antipasto skewers and yogurt-pesto dip, queso fundido and cheese logs and bundts, visit [realcaliforniamilk.com/recipes](http://realcaliforniamilk.com/recipes).

Texas, nation mourn death of former president

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Dec. 3 proclaimed Dec. 5 as an official day of mourning across the Lone Star State in honor of former President George H.W. Bush, the 41st president of the United States, who died in Houston on Nov. 30.

In the proclamation, Abbott encouraged Texans to “gather, assemble and pay their respects to the memory of George Herbert Walker Bush through ceremonies in homes, businesses, public buildings, schools, places of worship or other appropriate places for public expression of grief and remembrance.”

The proclamation also allowed state employees to attend such observances. State agencies, offices and departments were closed on that day, with general government operations and services maintained by reduced-size work crews.

The former president's body lay in state in the U.S. Capitol rotunda. Crowds viewed the casket and a 21-gun salute was performed. Official funeral services were conducted at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and the body was transported to Bush's longtime home church, St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston, for funeral services. Crowds lined the railroad tracks as a funeral train carried the former president's body to College Station and its final resting place at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library on the Texas A&M University campus.

Pablos resigns from post

Secretary of State Rolando Pablos, Texas' chief elections officer, has resigned from office, effective Dec. 15.

In his Dec. 6 letter of resignation, Pablos wrote to Gov. Abbott: “With the midterm elections successfully behind us and the 86th legislative session around the corner, I believe this would be a good time to begin the process of transitioning out of my position and passing the baton to the next secretary

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of state. Serving Texans as secretary of state has been the opportunity of a lifetime, but I feel the need at this time to turn my attention to my private practice.”

Abbott said Pablos “has been a dedicated public servant who has done an exceptional job upholding the integrity of our election system. He has strengthened Texas' standing on the international stage by fostering our cultural and economic ties with countries around the world. The State of Texas is better for his service. I thank Rolando for his commitment to our great state and wish him and his family all the best.”

Before serving as secretary of state, Pablos served as chair of the Texas Racing Commission, as a member of the Public Utility Commission and as honorary consul to Spain. He also was founding chief executive officer of El Paso-based Borderplex Alliance and Uriel Americas, a renewable energy company.

AG joins anti-robocall group

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Dec. 6 announced he had joined 40 state attorneys general in an effort to stop or reduce “irritating and potentially harmful robocalls” that telemarketers and political campaigns may use to autodial the telephone numbers of private citizens and deliver recorded messages.

“Unwanted phone calls are both a nuisance and an invasion of privacy, and growing robocall scams could cost Texans anywhere from a few dollars to their life savings. This coalition is dedicated to protecting citizens from these risks and engaging telecom companies in a nationwide effort to put an

end to these intrusive calls,” Paxton said.

Revenue total increases

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Dec. 4 said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.998 billion in November, 7.7 percent more than the amount reported for November 2017.

“While slower than the double-digit pace of recent months, state sales tax revenue growth in November was strong,” Hegar said. “Increased tax collections continue to be led by remittances from oil- and gas-related sectors, but at a slower pace than in recent months. Growth from retail trade and restaurants, the sectors most dependent on consumer spending, was positive, but comparatively modest.”

The sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

DSHS promotes flu shots

The Texas Department of State Health Services, in conjunction with National Influenza Vaccination Week, reminded Texans on Dec. 4 to protect themselves and loved ones by getting immunized.

“Last flu season was severe, and the U.S. saw a record number of flu-related hospitalizations and pediatric deaths,” said Dr. Jennifer Shuford, DSHS infectious disease medical officer. “We have no way of knowing if this flu season will be milder or just as severe as last season. We are recommending all Texans six months of age and older get their flu vaccine as soon as possible.”

Texans may visit [texasflu.org](http://texasflu.org) or contact a health care provider for more information.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, I want everyone in the world well be happy, I want a iphone 8, and a new toys please. Thank you for all the presents. Kendall, 8

Dear Santa, What I Want for Christmas is a Nintendo Switch, a bicycle, a soccer table, and a game for my Nintendo Switch. I also want a X box one x. Christopher S., 8 years old

Dear Santa, What I want is everything for the x-box one. I want a lot of toys I want I Want watch-dogs 2 every single game for My X-box one. I want a lot of clothes and games and so much shoes. Gauge, 9

Dear Santa, I want a xbox 1 and a puppy the puppy is for my Brother and the xbox is for my sister and for my mom is a pretty ring and for my dad is some tools for dad and for me is nothing for me. Aaron, 8

Dear Santa, I want a toy helicoptere and can you make the place better and I want something for my sister Please give her a room I want a bike not with rangers. Jacob, 8

Dear Santa, I would like from you a puppy that is a german shepard a Nintendo switch with a Mario game. Also, a White Christmas. Sincerely, Axel Moreno, 9

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, My name is Diana. I really would like a iPad, cell Phone so bad. Buy my septom a nightgown, bath soap seat. My dad a new tool seat for him and shirt too! I wish everybody merry Christmas, Happy New 2019. Diana Inncencio, 52, MarArthur Senior High.

Dear Santa, This year I have ben a good girl. For Christmas I want a new puppy (a girl), clothes and shoes from Justice, some books to read, make-up (from Ulta beauty, and some games for the PS4. I hope you make everyone happy this year.

Alissa Garcia, 8

Dear Santa, I have been a little Bad and a little good what I want for christmas is for you to give The poor presnts But what I want is The nerf Terriscott. See you at Christmas.

Tristen, 8

Dear Santa, I've not been so Good this year I'm sorry Santa ! L JJ and snowflak have been so funny. I want a Nintendo swith, I Phone 8, and a rery Good Christmas! Brain, 8

Dear Santa, I tried my best at school to get hundreds I wish to get a fur real like a tiger and for my family is going to be but for my grandma a phone, she really like and my mom will be a bicycle that she was saying to me.

Lyla Thompson, 8

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Nintendo switch with the game super Mario odessey and a Laptop if I get that this will be the best Christmas.

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Texans look to improve playoff seeding against Eagles: Dallas looks to lock up NFC East when it hosts Tampa Bay

Christmas might be right around the corner, and a number of NFL teams will be hoping Santa delivers them playoff berths in their stockings.

Two weeks remain in the 2018 season and while the Rams and Saints have already clinched post-season berths, a number of teams, including the Texans and Cowboys, could be joining them in the playoffs as well.

The Texans travel to Philadelphia on Sunday to face a desperate Eagles team that could be out of the playoff hunt and won't be able to defend their Super Bowl title.

While the Texans travel east, the Cowboys host Tampa Bay after playing at Indianapolis last week. New England should have little trouble with Buffalo on Sunday, while the marquee matchups this holiday weekend will feature Pittsburgh at New Orleans on Sunday afternoon, and Kansas City visiting a hot Seattle team on Sunday Night Football.

Before we take a look at

those games and a host of others, let's review last week's record. A 6-4 week brought the season record to 105-66 (61%).

Before we take a look at this week's game, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for allowing me to share me football thoughts with you during the season.

NFL

Baltimore at Los Angeles Chargers - The Ravens visit the Chargers on Saturday evening in what is basically a playoff game for both teams. Even though Baltimore lost at Kansas City in overtime two weeks ago, they are still in the hunt for the AFC North title thanks to the Steelers collapse down the stretch (entering last week's home game against New England, the Steelers had lost three straight games).

Houston at Philadelphia - The Texans might be facing an Eagles team that will be playing for nothing more than pride on Sunday afternoon at Lincoln Field, which could be dangerous for Houston. In their loss to Indy two weeks ago, quarterback Deshaun Watson (3,298 yards, 22 TDs) was sacked five times as the offensive line once again struggled.



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have a strong pass rush, but it's their secondary that is the problem. Injuries have decimated the Philly secondary and Watson and DeAndre Hopkins (84 receptions, 1,151 yards, 9 TDs) should attack it from the outset of this game.

Tampa Bay at Dallas - Six weeks ago, the Cowboys looked like they were left for dead when they were 3-5, but five straight wins have put Jason Garrett's team atop the NFC East standings and a win over the Bucs on Sunday should hand them the division title.

10 total TDs) to have a big day against the TB defense, while the Dallas defense tees off on turnover-prone Jameis Winston (2,154 yards, 14 TDs). My pick, Dallas 33, Tampa Bay 16

Buffalo at New England - I pity the Bills in this one because they will be facing a New England team that knows it has little room for error in the last two weeks of the season. Two weeks ago, the Pats lost a 34-33 decision at Miami when the Dolphins scored on a miracle play with no time left on the clock.

Minnesota at Detroit - Speaking of teams in trouble, look no further than the Minnesota Vikings who look putrid on offense two weeks ago in their 21-7 loss at Seattle on Monday Night Football.

Pittsburgh at New Orleans - Something isn't right in the land of the Steelers as they entered last week's game against New England with a three-game losing streak, which has put their playoff chances in real jeopardy.

lives and know they can't take any team, even the Lions, for granted in the last two weeks of the season. My pick, Minnesota 26, Detroit 18

Atlanta at Carolina - Two of the league's most disappointing teams hook up in Charlotte on Sunday and both might be looking for new head coaches once the 2018 season is completed. Atlanta fell to 4-9 two weeks ago after their loss at Green Bay, while the Panthers fell to 6-7 after they lost for the fifth straight time when they fell at Cleveland.

Los Angeles Rams at Arizona - The Rams have locked up a playoff spot and should have the NFC West title in hand by the time they arrive in Arizona for their Sunday game against the Cardinals, but what they really want is to have the No. 1 seed and home field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

Denver at Oakland - I'm sure you have better things to do on Christmas Eve than watching this clunker, so spend time with your family, attend a worship service, or go caroling instead of watching this stinker! My pick, Denver 13, Oakland 12

decidedly more difficult this week when they face the Saints in New Orleans. This could be another offensive highlight show as Ben Roethlisberger (4,227 yards, 28 TDs) and Drew Brees (3,403 yards, 31 TDs) square off. Both teams are loaded on offense and this should be a fun game to watch.

Kansas City at Seattle - Pat Mahomes (4,300 yards, 43 TDs) gets a real test on Sunday Night Football when he takes on a surging Seattle defense in prime time. Two weeks ago, Mahomes faced a tough Baltimore defense and while he didn't have the usual big numbers he's been putting up all season long, he did enough to lead his team to a 24-21 overtime victory at home.

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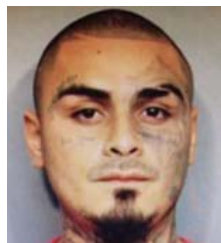
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Deputy Smejkal was injured in the hand, while one state officer was wounded in the leg, and the other more seriously in the face, torso and ankle.

After the initial shooting, officers attempted to negotiate with Trevino about two and a half hours, but finally had to use force to end the standoff. During the negotiations, Trevino claimed he was wounded, but would not come out.

Officers used tear gas and a robot to attempt to force Trevino out of the home. When they deployed a breaching device, he fired on them several times, but still did not leave the home.

Aldine ISD schools in the immediate area of the incident were placed on lockdown for a time period, but eventually all the students were allowed to go home.



Daniel Trevino

Trevino was known to authorities, having a criminal record back to 2011. He had been charged with assault, criminal mischief, theft, possession of marijuana, and possession of a firearm by a felon. Most recently he had been charged with aggravated assault of a family member, when he pointed a gun at a woman he was dating, and told her he would kill her and her children.

Amber Waves



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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty level: Moderate.

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Includes two panels of a man looking for Santa and a list of differences.

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Christmas is a basketball  
goal. I want a new baby

sister. I want a iPhone 8  
for Christmas. I want a  
Race car PlayStation  
game. I want a wwi game.  
Robert Carter, 8

\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a Amarican  
girl doll and assesories. I  
also would like a lap top.  
Santa I want another cat  
please. Santa this is all I  
would like.  
Halima Sedtal, 8

back pack, a spshi toy,  
brownie mix, a dad toy, a  
mom toy.  
Nicholas Bryan  
Knoebe, 8

\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a  
Hamster named peanut  
butter and a Hoverboard  
Foxy action figure. Also,  
A rubix cube. Also, a  
compter. And a gaming  
chair. Also a gaming coach  
hot to big maybe medium.  
Daylon, 9

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Dear Santa,  
I want a Ipad pro a  
hoverbord, penrod, and  
cowboys gloves, Dallas  
cowboy's yety cup and  
that is an I want for  
Christmas.  
Samuel Greene, 9

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Dear Santa,  
I want 4 things one is  
Roler Blads seize 4 or 3,  
some makeup, a jusitis  
fitbit and a case the last  
thing is goos bumps. That  
is all I want for Christ-  
mas from : Abby to  
Santa!!  
Abby Foster, 9

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Dear Santa,  
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chair, new binder, new  
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Aldine Optimist Club spreads cheer this Holiday season



On Wednesday, December 12, 2018, the Aldine Noon Optimist Club was assembling Christmas boxes with food items to help make the holidays a little brighter. The Aldine Optimists, AISD students and community members met at Baker Ripley East Aldine Campus located at 3000 Aldine Mail Route.

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basketball and a basket  
basket ball cort and  
shoes seize 1 and scooter.  
Kimberly Alvarez, 7  
years old  
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I really want Pokemon  
and Nintendo swich and  
fort nite monopoly and a  
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years old  
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### Holiday cheer spread at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Nadine Kujawa Senior Citizen Gala

Senior citizens in the Aldine community were treated to plenty of holiday cheer during the 15th Annual Nadine Kujawa Senior Citizen Gala, held Monday, Dec. 10 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.

More than 500 senior citizens from the Aldine community attended the event, which is named after former Aldine ISD Superintendent Nadine Kujawa. Mrs. Kujawa, along with her husband Harry attended the event, as did Aldine ISD Board President Steve Mead and State Reps Armando Walle, Ana Hernandez and Carol Alvarado.

The Master of Ceremony was Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney.

Attendees were served a BBQ lunch on Christmas placements designed by Aldine ISD EC/Pre-K/K students.

The Gala began with the MacArthur High School Color Guard presenting the colors, which was followed by the National Anthem, performed by the Davis High School Choir.

During the event, the



A group of senior citizens were all smiles as they enjoyed the festivities during the 15th Annual Nadine Kujawa Senior Citizen Gala, held Monday, Dec. 10 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center. More than 500 senior citizens from the Aldine community attended the event.

crowd was entertained by performances from the Aldine and Carver Dance Companies, the Carver High School orchestra and Jazz Band and the Davis High School Choir.

As part of the annual tradition, various gift cards and poinsettias were given away as door prizes and each attendee received a goodie bag.

Members of the Hambrick Middle School LOTC,

the MacArthur High School JROTC and AISD high school culinary students served lunch.

Shirley Reed organized the event.

### Buckner FHC holds Open House, Christmas Market and Toy Drive

#### A Buckner Christmas Blessing

The Buckner Family Hope Center, 4700 Aldine Mail Rt., hosted the annual Open House and Toy Drive on Tuesday, December 11th. The guests donated toys to help bless over 400 community children. Everyone enjoyed delicious food, networking, and sharing the Christmas spirit. Guests included representatives from Aldine ISD, Houston ICC, Baker Ripley, Lone Star College, Houston Food Bank, East Aldine Management District, Harris County, Republic Waste, Congresswoman Elect Sylvia Garcia, Salient Partners, Brookside, South Main Baptist Church, Clayton Personnel, Ferguson, and many others. A special thank you gift was presented to Congressman Gene Green for his years of dedicated service.

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ABOVE, the Toy Drive resulted in toys for 400 children. RIGHT, the Open House with Sylvia Bolling speaking.

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Sylvia Bolling, Buckner Community Liaison



### The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-20,

King James Version

1: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2: (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.)

3: And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6: And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7: And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn.

8: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10: And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12: And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16: And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17: And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18: And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



### Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am not sure what I want for Christmas. So, you can pick something for me. Even though you are really busy I hope you have a good Christmas with Mrs. Claus.  
Kaylen Garcia, 9

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Season's Greetings

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Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year and would like a new pink fizz cosmetic set, a Lisa Frank coloring book, and a new clothes. Maybe a new Nintendo game to.  
Ruby Reynolds, 8

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Season's Greetings

### Aldine ISD \$80,000 grants awards

The Aldine Education Foundation (AEF) awarded 20 Innovative Teaching Grants to educators across Aldine ISD as the AEF "Prize Posse" visited campuses and departments on Wednesday, November 28.

The grants awarded totaled \$80,070 and were funded by generous donor-designated gifts, a grant endowment, and monies raised through AEF's annual Sonny Donaldson Golf Tournament. Since 2013, AEF has given 87 grants totaling \$299,479.

The Prize Posse's bus stops included:

• Donaldson Administration Building to award a \$7,476 grant to Dr. Michaelann Kelley to provide more exposure to art students in ceramics/clay in high school. And Dameira Skinner was awarded a \$4,236 grant to bring Brain Camp to middle school mathematics classrooms. It is a virtual tool to be utilized with hands-on manipulatives in the classroom.

• Dunn Elementary to award a \$3,201 grant to Jeremy Muniz to provide

graphic novels to inspire artistic expression and encourage students to share their own stories; Kathryn Gibson was awarded a \$5,200 grant to raise reading scores by allowing students to check out a baggie of 6-10 books to take home and read.

• Parker Elementary to award a \$7,498 grant to Lynette O'Neal to provide parent workshops in person and using technology to help their children improve reading and writing skills.

• Lewis Middle School to award a \$5,980 grant to Mabelle Brown to establish a sensory room to assess learning differences, student engagement, and long-term goals by embedding TEKS/objectives and IEP goals into various sensory activities.

• Eckert Elementary to award a \$3,967 grant to Mark Herndon to enhance writing skills in grades 1-5 through a newsroom style writing lab.

• Stephens Elementary to award a \$1,427 grant to Kim Boquilon to develop a program for students to interact with non-handi-



Michaelann Kelly, Aldine ISD's director of visual arts, accepts her Innovative Teaching Grant from the Aldine Education Foundation during the group's "Prize Posse" visit on Nov. 28. Looking on at left is Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. Kelly was one of 20 teachers and administrators who received AEF grants.

capped peers to produce dramatic plays and improve parent engagement.

• MacArthur High School to award a \$737 grant to Adam Taylor to improve and sustain growth in student achievement by providing cross-curricular, hands-on learning experiences via raised garden beds. And

Dierdra Franklin-Sorrels was awarded a \$4,475 grant to adapt the "The Seven Habits" to help students discover their voices, know their purpose, uncover unique gifts, and gain the courage to set heady goals, plan priorities, and take responsibility.

• Grantham Middle School to award a \$870

grant to Shaina Glass to establish coding clubs for students to learn Google CS First, Scratch, and physical computing in Makey-Makeys.

• Keeble EC/PK/K to award a \$1,487 grant to Gloria Richmond to provide an innovative and interactive music room that allows students to move from traditional music instruction to a unique empowering responsibility for learning music.

• Hoffman Middle School to award a \$1,106 grant to Dwanna Callaway to provide opportunities for students to interact with others to problem solve and create using specific materials.

• Eisenhower High School to award a \$1,275 grant to Michelle Womack to provide opportunities for students to learn how to speak, sing, and interact with a live audience while honing their future singing and acting techniques.

• Eisenhower Ninth Grade to award a \$7,495 grant to Bertha Smith-Ross to provide opportunities for students to explore the use of technology to

meet every day practical needs. And Elizabeth Gilbert was awarded a \$5,264 grant to change the idea of struggling readers to one of developing readers.

• Conley Elementary to award a \$1,376 grant to Stephanie Caesar to get students to value and improve teamwork while applying their academic knowledge and their problem-solving skills.

• Bamberg Resource and Staff Development Center to award three grants: Marissa Gonzalez was awarded a \$6,000 grant to provide support for teachers on the importance of building number sense and fluency in the primary years; Chantay Smith was awarded a \$6,000 grant to focus on teaching foundational math skills during early elementary years including math fluency, recalling basic facts in all four operations accurately, quickly and effortlessly; and Stephanie Knight was awarded a \$5,000 grant to provide professional development for teachers on the importance of building number sense fluency in developmental years of learning.