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# NORTHEAST NEWS

**New Leadership at East Aldine District.**  
Joyce Wiley elected new Chair. See page 6.



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## Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 6-8

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-8.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The date of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set

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## County returns COVID19 threat level to Orange; urges mask wearing

HARRIS COUNTY — Judge Lina Hidalgo announced she was increasing the county's COVID-19 Threat Level Indicator from Level 3: Yellow, the system's second-lowest threat level, to Level 2: Orange, the system's second-highest threat level due to a rise in COVID-19 cases.

Threat level 2 indicates a significant and "uncontrolled level" of COVID-19 in Harris County, meaning that there is ongoing transmission of the virus,



THREAT LEVEL for COVID-19 has been raised to Level 2 Orange - Significant; from Level 3 Yellow - Moderate.



JUDGE HIDALGO at last week's news conference wore a mask, but says she is not comfortable with it, but urges everyone to wear a mask for now.

according to the county's COVID-19 data hub.

At this level, county officials, urge unvaccinated residents to minimize contact with others, avoid any medium or large gatherings, and visit only permissible businesses that follow public health guidance.

Hidalgo blamed the delta variant and flattening vaccination rates for the increase in infections.

Over the past few weeks

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## Dems remain in DC, seek federal help

WASHINGTON, DC — More than 50 Texas Democratic legislators remain holed up in a Washington, D.C. hotel, blocking an effort by Republicans to pass more restrictive voting laws during the present special session since state law requires at least 100 reps to have a quorum.

The legislators have been meeting with national Democratic leaders, such as Vice President Kamala Harris, but also dealing with an outbreak of COVID-19 among its members. At least a half dozen legislators, who say they were already vaccinated, have tested positive for the virus while in the nation's capital.

The legislators are pushing for federal voting legislation, called the For the People Act, which has already passed the U.S. House but remains bottled up in the Senate. Without changes to the Senate filibuster rule, passage seems unlikely. The special session in Austin ends Aug. 7, but Abbott has vowed to call another one if the Democrats remain absent, effectively stopping any legislation from passing.



LOCAL LEGISLATORS IN WASHINGTON include Mary Ann Perez, Armando Walle, and Ana Hernandez.

WASHINGTON — State Rep. Senfronia Thompson testified to a U.S. House committee last week, and among her colorful testimony, she said:

"You're damn right I left Texas, and I'm glad I did," Thompson said. "I left Texas to give my people a right to be able to vote without them being infringed upon."

## 'Mr. Aldine,' W.W. Thorne passes away

W.W. "Bill" Thorne, who saved Aldine ISD from bankruptcy in the late 1950s and was affectionally known as "Mr. Aldine," has passed away.

Mr. Thorne, 98, served as Aldine ISD's Superintendent from 1958-73, and remained active in a number of other educational and community endeavors long after he retired as Aldine ISD's superintendent.

Mr. Thorne is survived by his wife Iris, a long-time AISD employee in the business office, son Bill Jr., daughter Anita and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. In the spring of 1958, AISD was unable to pay its teachers as many walked off the job and the district faced bankruptcy. Students also left for Houston ISD or an early summer vacation. Mr. Thorne and a local lawmaker went to Austin to secure an emergency sale of \$200,000 time warrants. It is said that this was the fastest the Texas Legislature had ever acted on a piece of legislation. Mr. Thorne remembered the process was completed within a day and was completed when the Governor signed off on



W.W. THORNE

the time warrants. Mr. Thorne's fast action saved Aldine from bankruptcy, and as they say, the rest is history. Today, Aldine is one of the largest school districts in the state of Texas, nationally recognized for the work it does educating economically disadvantaged students, for its nationally renowned performing and visual arts programs and its innovative teaching concepts.

Mr. Thorne, a Navy veteran, ascended to the superintendency by first serving as a bus driver and teacher. After retiring as superintendent in 1973, Mr. Thorne served as the first president of North Harris College (now Lone Star College-North Harris), was the first chancellor of the North Harris Montgomery Community College District, the first executive director of the Harris County Toll Road Authority and was the first executive director of the North Houston Association. As executive director of the Harris County Toll Road Authority, Mr. Thorne oversaw the construction of the toll road, which came in under budget and was completed ahead of schedule.

He was also instrumental in the formation of the Aldine Teachers Credit Union, which is now known as InvesTex Credit Union. Additionally, the football stadium in Aldine ISD is named Thorne Stadium in his honor, along with W.W. Thorne Drive in North Harris County, where Aldine ISD's Donaldson Administration Building is located, along with Nimitz High School, Nimitz Ninth Grade School and Dunn Elementary School.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, shared her thoughts on Mr. Thorne's

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COMMUNITY WATCH PAGE

# Constable arrests gun-toting driver



EAST HARRIS COUNTY – Harris County Pct. 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton's Office has released a video after a driver was accused of pointing a gun and shooting at another driver on Beltway 8 near Woodforest Boulevard last weekend.

"I saw him point the gun at your car," a man is heard saying on the dashcam video to another man.

Days later, Constable Eagleton's deputies arrested the suspect, Irvin Guevara, on a separate gun charge. Deputies expect

he'll face charges for the incident on the Beltway as well.

"There's definitely something going on there," said Chief Deputy Kirk Bonsal. "You don't wave at somebody or say hi with a pistol."

Growing concerns about road rage have local deputies taking action.

"I would say any road rage that does take place is a problem and before it becomes an even bigger problem, we want to try and stop it," said Capt. Jonathan Zitzmann with

the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office.

Precinct 4 is using a team of up to eight deputies to crack down on aggressive driving.

"It's our hope that we can catch these issues before they escalate, so if we can catch the individuals swerving in and out of traffic, if we can catch the individuals driving way over the speed limit, we hope that will hopefully curb some of these road rage incidents we're experiencing," said Zitzmann.

# HCSO Investigating assault of woman by Deputies attempting arrest

EAST ALDINE – Several Harris County Sheriff deputies are being investigated after videos were shared on social media of a physical assault on a woman they were attempting to arrest.

The video taken at a gas station located on Aldine Mail Route and the 12300 block of the Eastex Freeway, has since been viewed more than 259,000 times. Houston rapper Trae Tha Truth shared one of the videos on his Instagram page a few days ago.

It shows multiple deputies trying to arrest a woman who the sheriff's office said was resisting and had a warrant out for her arrest for assaulting a nurse at Memorial Hermann. In the video, one of the deputies could be seen punching the woman several times and even kneeling her.

The deputies had initially been called to the gas station by the operators, who said the woman was creating a disturbance and would not leave.



Sheriff's deputies, left, attempt to arrest a woman who resists, and they are seen punching and kneeling her violently in this video outrage on social media.

Eugene Howard, who oversees the NAACP's Criminal Justice Department for Texas, has watched the video. He called the deputy's actions in the video excessive.

"This isn't a quote on quote, 'I fear for my life.' This is, 'I want to beat you down because I can situation,'" Howard said.

Not everyone shares the same opinion after watching the video. Thomas Nixon, a former Houston police officer who's now an attorney, said "When you resist arrest, well you have to expect that the deputies or the police are going to use force themselves. This notion that there's some

kind of automatic gauge on how much force you can use doesn't really exist," he said.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said they are reviewing bodycam footage of the incident and have placed three deputies in the video on paid administrative leave during the investigation.

The woman has been identified by family as Ester Gonzalez, and they indicated she might have been mentally disturbed, contributing to her erratic behavior. They complained in a TV interview that she was being held in jail with no communication with family or attorney.

# East Aldine District continues Nuisance Abatement with deputies



Harris County Sheriff's Capt. T. Shelton reports that the deputies have been active in enforcing nuisance abatement, as demonstrated in these before and after photos of an Aldine Street.

# Sheila Jackson Lee arrested in DC protest for Voters Rights bill



Capitol Police arrest U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee and several others last week, for blocking the entrance to the Hart Senate Office Building. Lee was protesting in favor of action on Voting Rights bills.

WASHINGTON, DC – Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee was arrested Thursday during a protest in Washington D.C. where she was fighting for the expansion of voting rights.

Lee, who represents the state's 18th district, posted several photos on her Twitter account showing herself being restrained during the protest.

"I will never stop fighting for voting rights. The time is now to move the voting rights bills in the US Senate forward. Enough is enough," she tweeted.

In a video posted on her social media account, Lee said she engaged in civil disobedience in front of the Senate Hart building in Washington D.C. and was

arrested.

"I believe when you're getting into good trouble, when you realize that the 15th Amendment has guaranteed the fundamental right to vote, any action that is a peaceful act of civil disobedience is worth of more to push all of us to do better and to do more," Lee said.

Lee said during the protest she and several others decided to block the doors of the Hart building, which led to them being handcuffed and taken into custody.

"We did civilly disobey. We knew that the police officers had to do their job, but we were blocking the door — that we intended to do — block the doors of the United States Senate, Lee

said. "We were handcuffed, they used the plastic handcuffs. We went into the paddy wagon. There is a DC jail near the grounds of the United States Capitol. The paddy wagon took us to that. We were booked. We were placed in a jail cell. We stayed in the jail cell. At some point, they proceeded to process us. So we spent time being processed. We were able, if we had the money, to be able to process out. But we were booked, we were put in jail, we were put in a jail cell."

Lee said she spent about three hours in jail before she posted her \$1,000 bail.

"The time that we spent in jail, being handcuffed, it's not pretty. It hurts. But the women did it because we believed in what we were doing," Lee said.

# Two injured in shooting incident near HCC Northline campus



NORTHEAST HOUSTON – Two people were injured in a shooting at Houston Community College Northline Campus Saturday July 24, Houston police said.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:18 p.m. in a campus parking lot at 8001 Fulton Street, according to authorities.

Police said four men were involved in an argument over a gun that led to a shooting. Investigators said one person was shot while another person was stabbed. Officials said both people were transported from the scene and were in stable condition at the last

check.

Authorities said the other two men left the scene, but one was later tracked down with the help of witnesses.

When police arrived, they said they found a gun and drugs in a blue GMC Sierra.

North patrol officers responded to the scene.

Investigators said there weren't many people on campus due to the weekend.

It is unclear if anyone will face charges.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Houston Police Department.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

## Need for more Streetlights

TO THE EDITOR:  
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Green Forest Civic Club's "East Aldine Unite" Committee, chaired by Shirley Ronquillo, created a video focusing on the urgent need for more street lights. Marina Flores Sugg explains why we need more street lights on Luder Road and throughout East Aldine.

Countless East Aldine neighborhoods are in dire need of increased street lighting. Theft, vehicle accidents, shootings, etc. have all been on the rise. Harris County Precinct 2 and East Aldine District, please prioritize streetlights!

- Ruben A. Salazar, Asst. Secretary Green Forest Civic Club

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE



# Aldine ISD to Host Annual Back to School Expo

The Aldine Independent School District is hosting its 6th Annual Back to School Expo on Saturday, August 7, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd.

The FREE event is open to families in Aldine ISD with children in prekindergarten to high school while supplies last.

At this year's drive-thru expo, Aldine ISD families can pick up FREE backpacks and school supplies.

Children and their parents will also be able to receive FREE COVID-19 vaccinations in cooperation with the HOPE Clinic. Preregistration is required.

Preregistration for FREE COVID-19 Vaccines: [AldineISD.org/HopeCOVID](http://AldineISD.org/HopeCOVID)  
Details about the vaccine will be provided

after you preregister. Back to school vaccinations are also be available. Families can preregister their children ages 3-19 for childhood vaccinations. Please, bring your child's immunization record.

Preregistration for Back to School Vaccinations: [AldineISD.org/hopeEng](http://AldineISD.org/hopeEng)  
Details about vaccinations will be provided after you preregister.

A special thank you goes out to United Airlines, East Aldine Management District, the YMCA, the HOPE Clinic, the Aldine Noon Optimist Club, the Aldine Federation of Teachers, the Texas Women's Empowerment Foundation, the Astros Foundation and Teach for America for making this event possible.

Let's have a Strong Start to the 2021-2022 school year!

## Message From the Superintendent, July 20, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

We have officially begun our countdown to the first day of school for 2021-22. We are ready to Start Strong on August 16. Two campuses, Vines and Ermel, returned to the classroom on July 9. They have given us a sneak peek of what's to come. Our students are already well on their way to accomplishing great things.

We are hard at work preparing classes for fall. We are excited to welcome all students in PK-12 back to in-person learning as we continue our mission of providing a rigorous and enriching educational experience that prepares every student for success in college, career, and life.

### Something New

Communication is important for schools and the district to reach out to families about new programs, updates, or information about your child. Beginning August 2, students' families must complete the Required Annual Update. Previously, AISD relied on parents/legal guardians to make updates on their student's information. Moving forward, Aldine ISD will have families complete the Required Annual Update. Why? The measure will help increase customer service and ensure individual student information is updated annually. Starting August 2021, AISD will ask families to complete a yearly update before beginning each new school year. Families will access the Annual Update form through the Home Access Center (HAC). At least one legal guardian — a student's parent or legal guardian — needs to have a HAC account.

### Giving Our Youngest Students a Jump Start

A child's earliest experiences strongly influence their later development and impact whether they view learning and school as something positive. The district will be offering the Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Jump Start Program Starting July 26. The four-day program is ideal for our youngest students in their educational journey. The experience will create a positive, strong transition as they enter their first school experience — prekindergarten and kindergarten — in the 2021-2022 school year. Enrollment in Jump Start is open to all primary school (PreK-K) students currently enrolled or enrolling. All participants must be 3, 4, or 5 years old by September 1 of the current year. Click here for more information.

### Back to School Resources

The start of the 2021-2022 school year is less than 30 days away, and families are already inquiring about school supplies, dress codes, and more. We've created one place where everything is housed. Aldine ISD families can visit [AldineISD.org](http://AldineISD.org) and



click on the Back-to-School button. As items are approved, the page will continue to be updated, and information will be shared on social media and campus websites. Check regularly for any updates.

### New School Start Times

Starting this fall, we have updated the school start times and bus transportation times. The district updated because the times to ensure each level has the same number of hours. Please find all schedule updates at this link.

### Free Breakfast and Lunch Meals

The summer meals program is in full swing. Aldine Child Nutrition Services will provide students 18 and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old with healthy, no-cost summer meals. The Seamless Summer Program is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Find more information.

### COVID-19 REMINDERS

As a reminder, as of May 28, the district no longer conducts the visitor COVID-19 screening process, and employees do not need to complete the daily screening via Qualtrics. In addition, masks are now optional at all Aldine ISD campuses and administrative buildings. We are evaluating our current protocols and will take into consideration CDC, state, and local health guidelines.

### District Updates

We have so many wonderful things happening in our district! Please make sure to check out the District News page to stay up to date on everything happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

I wish you a wonderful week ahead.

With Aldine Pride,  
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney  
Superintendent

## HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Nandlal  
Sr. Adult Program Specialist

### HOUSTON FOOD BANK BOXES:

We are still serving free food boxes for kids on Mondays from 11am-1pm. Each child will receive two boxes: one for breakfast and another for lunch and every box has enough food for a week. Boxes are on a first come, first serve basis. Our last day serving food boxes will be Monday, August 9th.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM:

Our Summer Reading Program is coming to an end. The official program ends on

August 7th. If you haven't picked up your free prizes or need assistance with your account, please stop by the library. We are happy to help!

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Threat Level raised,

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the region has been hit hard by the arrival of the Delta variant, Hidalgo said during the briefing.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Tuesday that the Delta variant accounts for an estimated 83 percent of new coronavirus cases in the United States.

Hidalgo also noted that the county's COVID-19 positivity rate is doubling every 2.3 weeks, faster than at any point during the third wave of the disease in December.

"It's not too late," Hidalgo said. "But if we don't act now, it will be too late for many people."

Hidalgo also said "everybody" should resume wearing masks to protect those that aren't vaccinated. Currently, around 2.1 million Harris County residents, 44.1 percent of Harris County's total population, are fully vaccinated, according to the county's COVID-19 data hub.

"I know they're uncomfortable," Hidalgo said. "I don't like wearing masks either but until we get the numbers back down, let's all wear masks again."

Hidalgo urged eligible county residents to get vaccinated.

"We're now seeing two Harris Counties," Hidalgo said during the briefing, "One Harris County that's fully vaccinated, protected, doing its part to get our economy running and doing its part to protect those who cannot get vaccinated. Unfortunately, we're also seeing another Harris County that's hesitant to take action. It's okay to be a victim of this virus, but it's not okay to be an enabler."

Worried misinformation may keep eligible residents from seeking out the vaccine, Hidalgo said "unchecked Facebook posts should not drive public health decisions."

"It's natural to have questions," Hidalgo said. "It's okay to be hesitant at first but there's no shortage of credible information from health experts that show that the vaccines are safe, that the vaccines are effective, that we need to get the vaccines to get through this virus."

During the briefing, Dr. Peter Hotez, dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine where he is also the Co-director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development, said the delta variant is "far more" transmissible than the original COVID-19 virus and warned "We're looking undoubtedly at a serious surge across the South this summer."

"The big thing that worries me is by now anyone who's unvaccinated and has been lucky enough to escape COVID, your luck is about to run out," Hotez said. "That's how transmissible this virus is."

Most of the individuals hospitalized with coronavirus being treated in the Texas Medical Center are unvaccinated and 99 percent of the deaths attributed to coronavirus are among the unvaccinated, Hotez said.

According to Texas Tribune, Texas has seen nearly 9,000 COVID-19 deaths since February. All but 43 were unvaccinated. The Texas Department of State Health Services said that agency did not release details about the 43 deaths and noted that these are preliminary numbers, which could change because each case must be confirmed through public health investigations.

Statewide, more than 50,000 people have died of COVID-19 since March 2020, but the rate of deaths has slowed dramatically since vaccines became widely available in April.

For more information on Harris County's COVID-19 threat level indicators, guidance, and related information visit ReadyHarris.org.

Sales Tax Holiday

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by the Texas Legislature.

"For many families with children who are going back to their school campuses for the first time since the pandemic began, the sales tax holiday is the perfect opportunity to save money on school supplies and other tax-free items," Hegar said. "As a father with three school-aged children myself, I know how these expenses can add up."

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either:

-- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or

-- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999, allowing consumers to save millions of dollars in state and local sales taxes each year. The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save an estimated \$107.3 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.



Aldine ISD Career and Technical Education Annual Notification 2021 - 2022

"The Aldine Independent School District offers career and technical education courses in the following areas; agriculture food, & natural resources, architectural and construction, Arts, a/v technology and communications, business management and administration, education and training, finance, health science, hospitality and tourism, human services, information technology, law public safety corrections and security, manufacturing, marketing, sales and services, science technology engineering and mathematics (stem) and transportation, distribution and logistics and exploring careers. Admission to these programs is based on ability, aptitude, interest, grade level and class size. It is the policy of the Aldine Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. It is the policy of the Aldine Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Aldine Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

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The Spats



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

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Includes two panels of a boy and a dog and a challenge to find differences.

August 2, 2021 Posting Date King Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with ACROSS and DOWN clues. Includes a list of 51 clues and their corresponding grid positions.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: In which European city would you find the Spanish Steps?
2. TELEVISION: What were the names of the parents on the animated TV show "The Jetsons"?
3. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "This is my favorite book in all the world, though I have never read it"?
4. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Nevada?
5. HISTORY: What was the pen name used to publish The Federalist Papers in 1787-88?
6. ADVERTISING: What product is advertised in commercials that feature The Most Interesting Man in the World?
7. MOVIES: Which movie features the often-quoted line, "Round up the usual suspects"?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of fish produces caviar?
9. ENTERTAINERS: What were the names of the sock puppets used by ventriloquist Shari Lewis?
10. SCIENCE: How many elements are on the Periodic Table?

Trivia Test Answers
1. Rome, Italy; 2. George and Jane Jetson; 3. "The Princess Bride"; 4. Carson City; 5. Publius; 6. Dos Equis beer; 7. "Casablanca"; 8. Sturgeon; 9. Lamb Chop; Charlie Horse; Hush Puppy and Wing Ding; 10. 118

# CHURCH PAGE

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey —  
 1. Is the book of Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?  
 2. Who used the excuse, "My family is poor, and I am the least in my father's house"? Aaron, David, Gideon, Jeroboam  
 3. With what kind of leaves did Adam and Eve attempt to cover their nakedness? Sycamore, Fig,

Palm, Grape  
 4. From Judges 7, with how many men did Gideon defeat the Midianites? 3, 30, 300, 3000  
 5. Who was the mother of Ishmael? Tabitha, Hagar, Ruth, Mary  
 6. What was the homeland of Job? Thyatira, Ur, Corinth, Uz

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Gideon; 3) Fig; 4) 300; 5) Hagar; 6) Uz  
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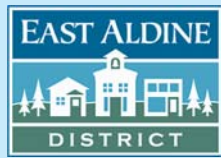
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## East Aldine District COMMUNITY NEWS

### East Aldine Management District board elects Joyce Wiley as new chair

East Aldine Management District board elects new officers

The East Aldine Management District volunteer board of directors elected community pioneer Joyce Wiley as its chairwoman Tuesday, July 20, 2021, making her only the third top leader of the District since its creation in 2001.

Wiley succeeds Gerald Overturff, who remains on the nine-member board after serving as chairman for 15 years.

Other new board officers are Carlos Silva, vice chairman; Deborah Foster, secretary; Reyes Garcia, assistant secretary; and Abel Garza, treasurer.

In remarks to the board, Wiley recalled driving years ago past the then-undeveloped 61-acre site on Aldine Mail Route Road where the District-funded East Aldine Town Center now thrives. The center houses social service agencies, a Lone Star College campus, the Harris County Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 call center and the recently added office building, outdoor play areas, footpaths and amphitheater. Work is scheduled to start soon on a commercial development phase.



JOYCE WILEY

"I am so honored to have worked with you and be working with you to make progress in this community. It's like a whole new world in East Aldine," Wiley told the board.

She recalled working more than a decade ago on the federally funded Aldine Weed and Seed task force aimed at "weeding out" crime and "seeding" strong, healthy families with at-risk youth.

Wiley worked for 18 years in community relations and outreach for Lone Star College-North Harris. She also worked for the Northeast News and North Forest News for 11 years.

Created by the Texas Legislature, the East Aldine Management District enhances commerce, public safety, public health and other qualities of life for businesses and residents in the area.

### Diaz leads Free Latin Jazz Concert Series

District's José Díaz Leads Free Latin Jazz Concert Series at Town Center;

MacArthur High School José Antonio Díaz is directing a six-part live Latin Jazz series at the East Aldine District Amphitheater, located in the Town Center. Díaz, a Grammy-nominated educator, will be leading the Diaz Music Institute award-winning youth ensemble Caliente with some of the best Latin jazz artists in the world.

In the first concert held July 17, the DMI students, many of whom are Aldine ISD students, played alongside Ray Vega, a critically acclaimed Latin jazz veteran, and Andre Hayward, an award-winning trombonist.

On Saturday, July 31, Díaz led the concert featuring Latin Grammy nominee Oskar Cartaya with special guest Jorge 'Cro Cro' Orta.



JOSE DIAZ

The six-part concert series is made possible by the East Aldine Management District, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Houston Sound Factory, the Texas Commission on the Arts, and the Diaz Music Institute.

For information, call (713) 595-1232 or email [info@aldinedistrict.org](mailto:info@aldinedistrict.org)

Bring your favorite chair or blanket. Come our and support Diaz, the students, and the special guests!

## W.W.Thorne passes away

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Former Aldine ISD Superintendent W.W. Thorne, seated, is pictured with current AISD Superintendent Dr. Latonya M. Goffney, left, and former Superintendents Dr. Wanda Bamberg, Nadine Kujawa and M.B. "Sonny" Donaldson, as they toured the Blanson CTE High School in the summer of 2018.

passing on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire school district.

"On behalf of the Aldine Board of Trustees and all of Aldine ISD, I want to send our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Thorne and her family on the passing of her beloved W.W. "Bill" Thorne," Dr. Goffney said. "You cannot tell the history of Aldine without mentioning Mr. Thorne and the profound impact he had on our school district. He was truly an inspirational leader who saved Aldine during a very tumultuous period in the 1950s. Thank you Mr. Thorne for all you did for future Aldine generations."

Former Aldine Superintendent M.B. "Sonny" Donaldson, said Mr. Thorne was the perfect person to lead Aldine during some difficult times.

"Mr. Thorne was the steady man at the helm of the Aldine school district," Mr. Donaldson said. "He had the trust of the community and that's why he was known as Mr. Aldine.

He had so much political capital. People trusted him. He built the toll road under budget and ahead of schedule. If you gave him a task, he would complete it and complete it well."

Mr. Donaldson said while he knew many powerful people in Houston, Harris County and in the state of Texas, Mr. Thorne was a man of the people.

"He knew everybody, secretaries, bus drivers, custodians and he knew their names," he said. "Mr. Thorne was a people person."

Mr. Donaldson served as principal of Aldine High School when Mr. Thorne was superintendent, but he said he impacted his career as he moved up the administrative ladder after Mr. Thorne had retired.

"His reach and influence was felt by me long after he left Aldine," Mr. Donaldson said.

Former Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg said Mr. Thorne lived an extraordinary life full of accomplishments.

"Very few people have accomplished as much as W.W. Thorne did in a single lifetime," she said. "He was a man with not only great vision, but also the passion and energy to take action. He certainly left his mark in Aldine ISD, seeing the district through some of its darkest days. His approach and leadership style became what is part of the Aldine culture today: hard work, dedication to students, staff, and the community, and of course, being fiscally responsible."

"At his 90th birthday party, he shared stories about some of his decisions and dealings with TEA of that era," Dr. Bamberg said. "The stories were funny but also courageous and inspiring. When I told him about moving Central Office from Aldine Westfield, he said, 'So, you are moving Central Office, but you are moving it to W.W. Thorne Blvd. I guess that will be all right.' We will all miss Mr. Thorne, but we will continue to enjoy the benefits of his work and his legacy."

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