

East Aldine District holds Holiday Reception

Festive occasion includes Partner Awards

By Gilbert Hoffman

EAST ALDINE – The East Aldine Management District held its Holiday Reception and Partner Awards ceremony last Thursday evening, Dec. 15 in their new headquarters building at Town Center.

It was a festive and colorful occasion, with two decorated Christmas Trees, beautiful and colorful table decorations topped with rose bouquet table settings, and a view outside of the immense 30’ high community lighted Christmas Tree.

Attending the Reception were severall hundred guests from Partner organizations, and community representatives of educational and civic groups.

This was the 21st year of service to the Aldine community, and special recognition was given to consultants David Hawes and Susan Hill for their guidance and expertise in establishing the district.

After welcoming remarks from District executive director Richard Cantu, board vice chair Carlos Silva made special opening remarks on behalf of the board of directors, and then introduced guests, board members, of-



EAST ALDINE DISTRICT honored its Partners for 2022 with engraved glass awards. At center above, Past Board Chairwoman Joyce Wiley, was especially honored for her many years of service to the District and the community, and received a warm welcome as she returned from recovering from a serious illness. Other Partner Awards represented above include Volunteer Partner Ernesto Contrera, Community Partner Sory Mingo and Rocio Witte of BakerRipley, Public Safety Partner Chris Hernandez, Governmental Service Partner Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Public Health Partner Hope Clinic Tabby Saenz, Business Partner Cafe Guadalupe Monica Cortez, Education Partner Avalos P-Tech High School Principal Stephen Heady, and Board Choice Award for Public Service State Representative Armando Walle.

ficials, and others present. Silva spoke about how the East Aldine District had helped create a sense of community to the area, and gave hope and direction to the residents.

Next on the program was a new video, showing the history of the District,

projects accomplished throughout the area, and comments from citizens of the District about how the quality of life has changed and improved over the 21 years of existence of the management district.

Recognition was given to two past board of directors

members. Founding director Ray Shotwell passed away this year, and Founding director Joyce Wiley recovered from a stroke and was present at the Reception and gave a brief talk about her years in the district and the changes she has witnessed and been a

part of accomplishing. Guests then were treated to an unusual dinner catered by Mumbasa Street Eats, a start-up located in the kitchens of BakerRipley. The meal included Persian Rice, Eggplant Potato Wedges, Chicken Biryani, and Spiced Beef Meatballs.

Following dinner, executive director Richard Cantu made the announcements of Partner Awards in various categories, and members of the board of directors and others were asked to present the glass plaques onstage with the awardee.

The following Partners were thanked for their support through the year, and given Award recognition:

- Volunteer Award, to Ernesto Contrera;
- Community Partner Award, to Sory Mingo and Rocio Witte, of BakerRipley;
- Public Safety Partner Award, to Harris County Deputy Chris Hernandez;
- Governmental Service Partner Award, to Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia;
- Public Health Partner Award to Hope Clinic, Tabby Saenz;
- Business Partner Award, to Cafe Guadalupe, Monica Cortez;
- Education Partner Award, to Aldine ISD's Avalos P-Tech High School, Principal Stephen Heady;
- Board Choice Award in Public Service to State Representative Armando Walle;

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Broussard new LSCS Trustee; Vogt, Saldivar reelected



LSCS Trustee Rebecca Broussard was sworn into office Dec. 8 during a special ceremony held in Texas State Sen. Brandon Creighton's office. Pictured (left to right) are Sen. Creighton, Rod Broussard and Rebecca Broussard.

HOUSTON (Dec. 9) – Rebecca Broussard was sworn in as the newest Lone Star College System Trustee during a special ceremony Dec. 8 held in Texas State Sen. Brandon Creighton's office. Broussard was elected to represent District 7 in the LSCS Election held Nov. 8.

"I look forward to working with my fellow Trustees to ensure Lone Star College students continue to receive the resources necessary to help them succeed," said Broussard.

"I would also like to thank the voters in District 7 for their support."

In addition to Broussard being elected, David Vogt and Myriam Saldivar were reelected in the Nov. 8 election. They will be sworn in during the LSCS Board of Trustees meeting Dec. 13. Board Members are elected as representatives of nine single-member districts by citizens in the LSCS in-district service area in November of

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Carnegie Mellon faculty conduct Masters Class for Carver HS theater students

Reward for "Excellence in Theatre Education" Tony Award

Editor's Note: Northeast News publisher Gilbert Hoffman is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon, as well as his father, brother, and daughter.

ALDINE – Earlier this year, theater director Roshunda Jones-Koumba received CMU's prestigious Excellence in Theatre Education Award, presented at the Tony Awards. As a result, they won a Master Class session with Carnegie Mellon School of Drama faculty.

American Theatre, a publication of Theatre Communications Group, featured Carver High School's drama program in an article posted on December 6. Carnegie Mellon University faculty Robert Ramirez, Tomé Cousin, Kyle Haden, Lisa Velten Smith, and Antwayn Hopper led a master class on November 28 for Carver HS theater students. Ramirez is CMU's newly appointed head of the School of Drama.

Roshunda Jones-Koumba



Carver High School theater students and Carnegie Mellon faculty mug exuberantly for the camera after their Master Class training. Included in the group is the new dean of the CMU School of Drama, Robert Ramirez and Carver theater director Roshunda Jones-Koumba.. Carnegie Mellon's drama program is known for the number of professional actors, directors and writers that go on to prominent careers in the entertainment industry. (Photo by Rick Armstrong)

ba has served as the magnet school's theater director for 18 years. Thanks to Jones-Koumba, a flourishing awards-winning arts program with past productions including Hairspray, Memphis, Dreamgirls, and

The Color Purple, which had a sprawling cast of 130. In January, G.W. Carver High School will be the first high school in the country to stage Summer: The Donna Summer Musical.

Jones-Koumba's efforts were recognized in June at the Tony Awards with the Excellence in Theatre Education Award, presented by Carnegie Mellon Uni-

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Dear Santa,
I want ornaments like FIFA world cup stickers. Elisse, 9 years Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like crocs charms. I would like a time figure. I would like a Portugal t-shirt, bad bunny shirt and bad bunny stikers and nerve Jacet Demon clever. Sami Rosales, 10 years Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a shirt of Anime is Anya and a toy of Aphman like two and Anime stickers. Jennifer Prieto, 9 years Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want FIFA world cup sticker aabd they sell them on Walgreens. Miguel Pineda, 10 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a little toy and marbles. Second reason I want a new key chain. Third reason is a calendar to write on it. Last thing I want is hair ties. Hannah Jimenes, 9 years Orange Grove

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. I want special football, ps5, iPhone 14, ps4 for boys, new mug, special toys, laky box plush, mr. Beste, play. Christopher, 6 years Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a controlor for play with my ps4 and I want a phohz to play with my brother and sister. Christopher Gutierrez, 10, Oleson Elementary

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a line and red ciencs, mini soccer ball and soccer gloves please? Gabriel, 7 years old, Stephens Elementary

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
This years for the holidays there's lot of things I want for Christmas. But I will only say some. What I want is a sketch look, and art supplies like color pencils. I want a squish mallow and clothes, my size for shirts is large in youth. I get good grades and I got a master grade in the STAAR. Yaret Mercado Cruz, 9 years Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would really appreciate clothes, the size M for me, not boy clothes. Another thing I would really appreciate is the mini skate board, to go with my connection of a Xbox gam card. Jesus Flores, 9 years Orange Grove

Dear Santa,
I wish for new clothes like shirts size M kid not men and some shoes size 5 or 4.5 I also wish for a finger skateboard 3 and Bad Bunny stickers. Gael Glores, 9 years Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
This year I have been nice kid I want some goal keeper gloves, also some shoes my size 12. I always help my mom clean the house. I have good grades. Also, I want some finger skateboards tech deck also some anime stickers that is all I want. Nesor D. Reyes, 9 years Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like to have infinity pencils and mini highlighters in colors pastel and a package of Aesthetic stickers. Carmen Rodriguez, 9 years Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want 1. A Barbie from Amazon. 2. Clothes from Barbie. 3. Avatar Doll from Amazon. Thank you. Maria Medina, 9 Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas all I am asking is \$19.99 for nite gift card. 2 reasons why. 1. I get good grades. 2. I respect my person. Jesus Tello, 9 years Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you read this because you may not be real but it's fine I guess. I just wanted to say that I will be grateful for anything you give me. I really wanted some converse, vans, bracelets, rings and perfumes, but now I learned to be grateful for stuff that I have and stuff that people give me. I guess this is all I gotta say. Hope you read this and have a happy Christmas! Evelyn Garcia, 9 years Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
Yo quiero slime and caja de colores y una caja de lápices, es todo lo que quiero. Ivania, 10 Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
Yo quiero 4 slimes, una caja de marcadores y colores, unos takis azules y rojo, pulseras y collares, stickers de BTS y de Bad Bunny y lápices de BTS y un diario de candado. Feliz Navidad. Estefany Videa, 9 years Orange Grove Elementary

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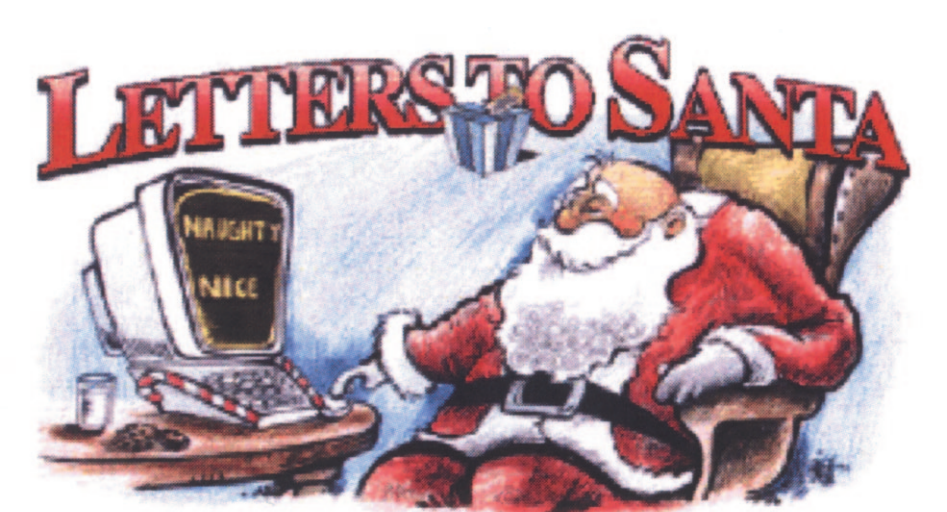


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Dear Santa,
Hola, como estas? Quiero un jacket letter patched striped trim color black talla 7-8, No se stickers de anime y pulseras.
Saphire, 11 years
Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a boogie board and a magnet pen and anime stickers and 1,000 v-buck card and ten dollar Roblox card and Posca markers and nerf gloves.
Christian, 9 years
Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
Yo quiero un crocs shop para adornar, 10 en caentras en WSS.
Mauricio Lopez, 10 years
Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want black and white soccer ball for Christmas.
Esdras Velazquez, 10 years
Orange Grove

Dear Santa,
I want FIFA soccer stickers and a roblox gift card.
Lazaro, 9 years
Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want two google play cards one of 5 and the other one 10 dollars.
Luis Gomez, 10 years
Orange Grove

Dear Santa,
I want these 3 things...1. S4vishmellow stickers. 2. Crayola Super tip marker set 100. 3. Luncheable desserts.
Hailey G. Hernandez, 9 years
Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a juicy drop pop or a push pop the store is Walgreens it cost \$10.00 or \$5.00 I don't know but I want a candy whatever candy.
Angelica Escotia, 10 years
Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a water blaster.
Kleybin Orozco, 9 years
Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
For this Year I want Yezzys, Jordan's and black crocs.I want bad bunny merch. I will love that I will be happy and like that I will like more but you con give me like bath and body works oh and you can give me Perfumes, Merry Christmas and thank you Santa Clous. Bye.
Jarmin Sifvents, 11 years
Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría tener unas comidillas de meras de juguete y trastes de juguete y para mis primos grandes.
Tiana, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría tener una camisa de sonic, un juguete de sonic, juguete de yogi, juguete de lego Mateo, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría Santa recibir un juguete de muñeca de abe.
Perla, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría bebe, rubor, ropa de niño y una scakeboard.
Yessica, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría tener legos y zapatos, un peluche de pikachu y un slime y una patineta y una casita de Barbie y muñecas y un libro para colorear.
Mikaela, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría tener un carrito de juguete y una caja de arcoíris pero que tenga lápices de arcoíris con borradores de arcoíris y libretas de arcoíris y pintura de arcoíris y un reloj de pikachu y una libreta de pikachu y un peluche de cocomelon y ropa de cocomelon y zapatos.
Marjorie, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría recibir una casa de barbie y un carro de barbie y una muñeca de barbie, y un carro, y un muñeco de niño y un perfume y una mesa.
Valeria, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría una pelota de baseball y un escuigi y para mi hermano zapatos nuevos y para Luis un juguete y robe y juguete de Robx.
Angel, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría una casa de Lol y unas muñecas de Lol.
Isabella, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría tener Lol barbies, minibar arcoíris de juguetes, robot y panda.
Yahaira, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría tener slime y squishy y los maxiajes y muñecas y pluma. Papa Noel, eres bonito, también quiero el juguete de Santa. Te amo.
Genesis, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría tener un peluche de sonic. Gael, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Esta Navidad me gustaría un smile y squishi y ropa para mis muñecas y pasármela bien con mi familia y la ultima un jugueteo para mi perrita y bye Santa. Te quiero mucho.
Miriam, 8 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want many things for Christmas. I want a nintendo switch, make up, barbie dolls, a crip for my dolls and art set up. Thank you.
Madyson H, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Carnegie Mellon teaches Masters Class at Carver,

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versity. Since 2015, the award has honored a high school drama teacher who has impacted their students. The award came with the famous spinning medallion, a \$10,000 cash prize to support the drama program, and a master class with Carnegie Mellon University faculty at the winning teacher's high school.

The schedule for the day included vocal exercises, text analysis, choreography, and discussions about the business of acting to give the students a preview of studying theater at the collegiate level.

Since the 2022 Tony Awards, Jones-Koumba's spotlight has been shining even brighter. Last month, she was named on Ebony's Power 100 List and attended a star-studded event in Los Angeles with fellow art awardees Michael R. Jackson, Myles Frost, and Jeremy O. Harris. Her accolades include the 2021 Stephen Schwartz Musical Theatre Teacher of the Year Award, the International Thespian Society Inspirational Theatre Educator Award, and induction into the Texas Thespians Hall of Fame. The city of Wharton, Texas, her hometown, declared June 28 a day to honor her.

But her biggest reward, she said, is seeing her students succeed in various fields.

"It's just beautiful to see my students blossom," she said, rattling off a list of former students pursuing careers as nurses, entrepreneurs, and lawyers. Actors too: Fernell Hogan, one of her former students at the Theatre Under the Stars Humphreys School of Musical Theatre, is currently in Kimberly Akimbo on Broadway.

"This award has really opened my students' eyes to how important the arts are," said Jones-Koumba. "They have become advocates for arts education and will tell whoever will listen about how important it is for arts to be at every school."

To read the full article by Allison Considine, click here.

Broussard new LSCS trustee,

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even-numbered years and serve terms of six years each.

"Trustee Broussard brings many years of experience working in education, and I look forward to her sharing her knowledge and expertise with us," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor. "I would also like to congratulate Trustees Vogt and Saldvar on being reelected."

Prior to being elected an LSCS Trustee, Broussard served on the Willis ISD school board for more than 21 years. Broussard holds a bachelor's and master's degree in Education from Sam Houston State University.

"I am excited about this next chapter which will allow me to continue to make education accessible to everyone," said Broussard.

LSCS Board of Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Lone Star College System is an integral part of their communities and serve their ever-changing needs. All board members represent LSCS as residents within the LSCS District and serve without remuneration or emolument of office except where benefits are provided by state law.

Lone Star College enrolls over 80,000 students each semester providing high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and has been named a 2022 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education, ranked 35th in Texas in the Forbes 'America's Best Employers By State' list and recognized by Fortune Magazine and Great Place To Work® as one of this year's Best Workplaces in Texas™. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit [LoneStar.edu](https://lonestar.edu).

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The library has been transformed into a Wintry Candyland! Come join us and enter the **holiday drawing, take a holiday photo in the photo area** and get an **extra ticket in the drawing** for showing a staff member at the front desk your picture and tagging us if you post it online. We will also have **several Candyland programs and activities** throughout the month including a **Winter Pokemon scavenger hunt for all ages all month**, and a **Gingerbread House program on Dec. 14 at 4:30pm for kids 6 and up (registration required)**.

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Para los Niños will be meeting **every Saturday in December and January from 11 am - 12 pm** in our meeting room.
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December 24 - CLOSED
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January 7 - How your child learns
January 14 - CLOSED
January 21 - Raise a Reader
January 28 - Building Blocks

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- English language acquisition
- reading
- citizenship
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Would you like to be a part of making an impact on people's lives? Are you looking for a meaningful way to spend your time? We are looking for adult volunteers to help with tasks and programs at the library as well as volunteers to teach English language classes and citizenship classes in person and virtually. Pick up an application at the Aldine Branch Library or call 832-927-5410. We will have an orientation on Jan. 28 at 10:30am. Call 832-927-5410 or email for info: ald@hcpl.net.

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Wednesdays: Beginner Computer Class (English), 1:30pm, at the library
Beyond the Basics with Office 365 plus Google Apps, (English computer class), 5-7pm, online
Thursdays: various intermediate topics (Spanish computer class), 5-7pm, at the library

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HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Nandlal Sr Adult Program Specialist
12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY FUN @ HIGH MEADOWS:
Beginning December 5th, the library invites you to celebrate the holidays with us. From crafts, movies, story-times, and games, we have something for all ages. Visit our website for more information or stop by the library for a calendar of events.

FAMILY TIME:
Family Time will be expanding this month. Join us for the following activities:
December 13th at 1pm: Stop by and make snowflakes with us.
December 17th at 1pm: Bring the family and watch a movie and make a craft with us.
December 21st at 10am: Learn to create scratch art with a holiday theme.

KRAFTY KIDS:
We have the following happening this month for Krafty Kids. Kids of all ages are welcome to join.
December 15th at

4:30pm: Use beads to create your very own Christmas Tree.
December 19th at 4:30pm: Craft with us!

TEEN EVENTS:
Otaku Outpost is celebrating the holiday season. On Tuesday, December 6th at 3pm, we will be making edible ornaments out of Oreos. On December 13th at 3pm, we are celebrating the holiday season with a party! Join us for games, crafts, pizza, and more!
The Art Thing is happening on December 14th at 3:30pm and we are making Sharpie Mugs. Design your very own mug for yourself or as a gift for someone this holiday season.

VACCINATION EVENT:
We will have Harris County Public Health at the library on Thursday, December 15th from 10am-4pm offering vaccinations. While appointments are recommended, walk-ins are also accepted. The hotline number for the flu vaccine is 832-927-7575.

GRADCAFÉ:
Every Tuesday we will have representatives from GRADcafé at the High Meadows Library. GRADcafé is a one-stop-shop offering free services to help you decide on a career, explore education and training options, apply to college, and find the financial aid you need. Whether you want to attend college to get a degree or work on a certificate in a professional trade, we are here to guide you through every step. You're never too young or old to get started. Services are available in English or Spanish.
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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 Cyrenius 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.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Retiring Senator Named Secretary of State

Retiring state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, has been named the next secretary of state by Gov. Greg Abbott. She replaces John Scott, who announced his resignation effective at year's end.

Scott was the third nominee for the post not confirmed by the Senate. He was appointed in October 2021, and the Legislature has not met since then. Nelson, who is completing 30 years in the Senate, should be a strong candidate for approval because of her lengthy tenure there. A new legislative session convenes in January.

The secretary of state's office, among other duties, oversees the state's election process.

"I look forward to this new chapter of public service and appreciate the confidence Governor Abbott has placed in me to serve as Secretary of State," Nelson said in a statement. "Voters expect fair elections with accurate, timely results, and I am committed to making that happen. Texans with all political views should have faith in our election system."

TIKTOK BANNED ON ALL STATE-ISSUED PHONES

Abbott last week ordered all Texas state agencies to ban use of the social media app TikTok on any government-issued device, saying it risks allowing China to gain access to "critical U.S. information."

The popular video-sharing application is owned by a Chinese company and is used by an estimated 85 million people in the United States.

TikTok maintains the Chinese government has never tried to access the data of its users, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Abbott said he is prepared to work with state lawmakers to make the ban permanent during the next session, and to extend the ban to devices issued by local governments, such as cities and counties.

"We must work together to stop the Chinese government's efforts to collect, store, and distribute Texans' data and personal information," Abbott wrote in a letter to Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dade Phelan.



TPWD BIOLOGISTS STRESS TESTING HARVESTED DEER

The recent discover of chronic wasting disease in Kaufman County has spurred biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to stress the importance of testing deer taken this hunting season to curb the spread of the deadly disease.

The neurological disease is highly contagious and affects white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, and moose. It has been found in 17 Texas counties and documented in both captive and free-ranging deer in 30 states and three Canadian provinces, according to TPWD.

Anyone hunting in an established CWD zone must bring their deer to a check station within 48 hours of harvest for testing. There are about 30 check stations and drop boxes across the state. For more information, visit the TPWD website at tpwd.texas.gov.

STATE'S LARGEST TEACHER PREP PROGRAM UNDER FIRE

The Texas Education Agency is recommending that Texas Teachers of Tomorrow have its accreditation revoked after failing to improve training of teacher candidates. The Dallas Morning News reported the company, which certifies thousands of teachers mainly through online courses, failed to meet demands by TEA that it ensure all candidates receive adequate actual classroom training.

The State Board of Educator Certification met Friday to consider the company's fate. Texas Teachers of Tomorrow and TEA are expected to present arguments before an administrative judge, and the case could stretch on for months or even more than a year.

The company has been on probation for several

months, and TEA found it did not meet the terms of their agreement to improve. The state already faces a teacher shortage that could be exacerbated if the company's accreditation is revoked.

TABC WORKING WITH RETAILERS OVER HOLIDAYS

'Tis the season for tipping, and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is working with retailers to make prevent illegal alcohol sales. TABC plans inspections across the state to ensure retailers are following the law and not selling to people under 21 as well as those who are visibly intoxicated.

"Now is the best time, before the holiday season kicks into high gear, for business owners and managers to educate their staff on ways to prevent illegal alcohol sales," TABC executive director Thomas Graham said.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, drunk driving was a factor in nearly one-fourth of all traffic deaths last year. Businesses who violate state alcohol laws face fines or suspension of their alcohol licenses, while individuals could face misdemeanor charges resulting in a fine or jail time.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT STATE PARKS

State parks across Texas are hosting a variety of holiday events in December, including themed guided walks, scavenger hunts and more, according to TPWD. However, anyone planning to visit a state park should reserve their day pass in advance to avoid turned away from parks that reach capacity. You can do so on the TPWD website (tpwd.texas.gov) or by calling 512-389-8900.

Activity examples include elves running loose at Fort Boggy State Park on Saturday, Dec. 10, with prizes to folks who spot the first 10 elves on the Lake Sullivan Trail. At Big Bend Ranch State Park, the darkest skies in Texas provide excellent star gazing. A full list of holiday events at state parks is on the TPWD website.

COVID-19 cases continue to rise

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the past week in Texas rose once again, this time to 30,096 with 91 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported a slight increase, with 1,977 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients across the state.

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Spencer and Kelsey Grammer in "The 12 Days of Christmas Eve"

Q: I recently watched a Christmas movie with "Frasier" star Kelsey Grammer. Was that his real-life daughter who played his daughter in the movie? They have the same last name. Is her mother Camille from "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills"? — G.Y.

A: Yes, father-daughter combo Kelsey and Spencer Grammer recently starred in the Lifetime holiday film "The 12 Days of Christmas Eve." Kelsey plays a wealthy CEO with a knack for business, but has zero personal skills, resulting in a poor relationship with his offspring. After his character gets into a frightening car accident, none other than Santa Claus gives him 12 chances to mend his ways.

As for Spencer Grammer, her first acting role was an appearance on an episode of "Cheers" back in 1992. Spencer's also known for playing Dr. Lucy Montgomery on the daytime soap "As the World Turns" for three years, and she went on to star in the ABC Family series about sorority life, "Greek." Her longest-running role, for about 10 years, has been in the form of voiceover work as Summer on the animated series "Rick & Morty."

As for Spencer's mother, her name is Doreen Alderman. Camille Grammer, formerly of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" fame, was his second wife. They were married for 14 years and had two children before splitting after the first season of the reality show. For the past decade, Kelsey has been married to Kayte Grammer, who is from England. They met while she was working as a flight attendant during one of his business travels.

Q: Who are the Antonellis, the couple who own a cheese shop in the credit card commercials? Where is their store located? — D.N.

A: They're spouses John and Kendall Antonelli, owners of Antonelli's Cheese Shops in Austin, Texas (www.AntonellisCheese.com). According to "Insider," their store hosts hundreds of classes and events every year and also sells their products wholesale to over 150 restaurants. During the pandemic, they actually grew the size of their workforce by 40% across three locations.

John is a former CPA, who had an epiphany on their honeymoon that he wanted to do "something with cheese." Kendall worked for a nonprofit and eventually joined John in launching their business. They both do public speaking engagements as well.

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Most Popular Christmas Movies of All Time

1. The Santa Clause 2 (2002)

2. The Nutcracker and the Four Realms (2018)

3. The Santa Clause (1994)

4. The Holiday (2006)

5. Elf (2003)

6. The Polar Express (2004)

7. A Christmas Carol (2009)

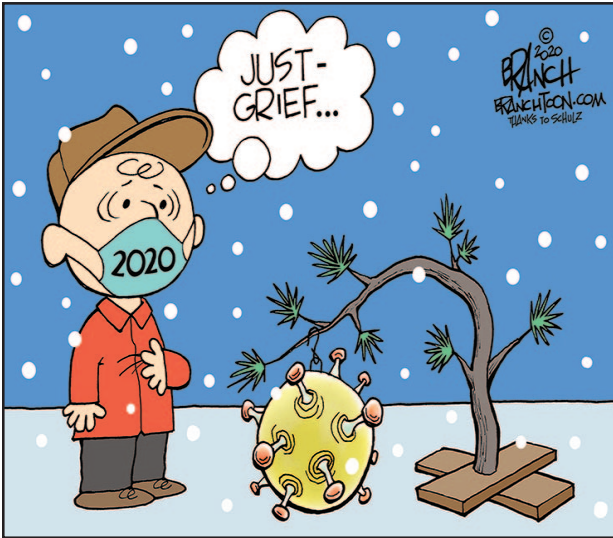
8. How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)

9. Home Alone (1990)

10. The Grinch (2018)

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SPORTS PAGE

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 17: Cowboys host Eagles in huge NFC East meeting on Christmas Eve: NFL giving fans a present of a triple header on Christmas Day

Christmas Week is here and that means hunting for last minute gifts for that special someone, visiting with friends and loved ones, feasting on tasty tidbits, and of course, plenty of NFL football!

While a majority of Americans will be taking time off from work during the holiday weekend, NFL teams will be at work as playoff contenders look to secure post-season berths, while teams still in the playoff hunt will be looking for help from others to keep their playoff hopes alive and teams like the Texans will be playing out the string and looking forward to the 2023 season.

Oh, those wacky Texans! Two weeks ago, they played perhaps their best game of the season, but still lost to the Cowboys in Arlington, 27-23. Houston held a 23-20 lead late in the fourth quarter, but after being stopped on fourth-and-goal at the Dallas two-yard line, Dak Prescott led his team on a 98-yard game-winning drive, punctuated by Ezekiel Elliot's two-yard touchdown run on fourth down with 41 seconds left in the game. Lovie Smith's team gave the Cowboys all they wanted and then some, but sadly, the Texans could not finish the job, which has been the case all season as Houston dropped to 1-12-1 on the season and is probably looking at the No. 1 overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft.

Speaking of the Cowboys, they host the Eagles on Christmas Eve in a huge NFC East contest for both teams. The Eagles improved to 12-1 on the season and played at Chicago last Sunday. Dallas played at Jacksonville. The Cowboys need to keep winning to have a shot at overtaking the Eagles for the NFC East title, but that's going to be a tall order. After the road trip to Arlington, the Eagles finish with home games against the Saints and Giants, while Dallas' last two games are at Tennessee and at Washington.

Dallas' best scenario is to finish with the best record among the Wild Card teams, which should have them playing at the winner of the dreadful NFC South in the Wild Card round of the playoffs.

The Philly-Dallas game will be one of 11 played on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, the NFL will gift us a triple-header kicking off with Green Bay at Miami, followed by Denver at the Los Angeles Rams and concluding on Christmas night with Tampa Bay at Arizona.

The Texans will visit the Titans on Christmas Eve, hoping they have better luck with running back Derek Henry than they did in their first encounter on



Oct. 30 when Henry ran over, around and through the Houston defense for 219 yards. The Titans have struggled as of late, having lost three straight games heading into last Sunday's game in Los Angeles against the Chargers. Two weeks ago, team owner Amy Adams Strunk fired General Manager John Robinson. Playing the Texans might be the right tonic to get the Titans going again as the playoffs near.

Other interesting games on Christmas Eve feature streaking Cincinnati visiting New England, the Giants playing at Minnesota, Seattle visiting Kansas City and Washington taking on a hot San Francisco team that keeps winning behind third-team QB Brock Purdy and a stifling defense.

Before we take a look at this holiday weekend's games, let's review last week record. A 9-1 mark upped the season record to 119-55 (68%).

I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks for once again taking the time to read my weekly column. I really appreciate it.

Now, onto this weekend's games

NFL

Cincinnati at New England: The Bengals are playing as well as any team in the AFC at the moment and will carry that momentum with them into New England on Christmas Eve. Two weeks ago, Cincinnati took care of Deshaun Watson and the Browns, 23-10 as Joe Burrow (3,685 yards, 27 TDs) and Ja'Marr Chase (64 receptions, 821 yards, 7 TDs) hooked up for a touchdown. Chase's return from a hip injury makes the Cincinnati offense all the more dangerous. He and fellow wideout Tee Higgins (60 receptions, 861 yards, 5 TDs) should give the NE secondary fits. Look for Burrow to attack the Patriots secondary early and if he's successful, then the running game should benefit as Joe Mixon (701 yards, 6 TDs) and Samaje Perine wear down the Patriots. My pick, Cincinnati 26, New England 15

Houston at Tennessee: The Texans would like nothing more than to spoil the Titans holidays

by pulling off an upset in Nashville on Saturday. That will be easier said than done, but then again, the Titans haven't exactly been setting the football world on fire as of late. As mentioned earlier, Tennessee has lost three straight games heading into last week's game against the Chargers. Two weeks ago, the Titans lost at home to the Jaguars, as Henry (1,199 yards, 11 TDs) lost two fumbles. Henry should have another big day against the Texans. He loves playing against them. He's rushed for more than 200 yards in four consecutive games against them and should be in for another big day on Saturday. Tennessee will need that because QB Ryan Tannehill (2,371 yards, 13 TDs) hasn't exactly been lighting things up in the passing game. Houston played better on offense two weeks ago in their tough loss to the Cowboys. QB Davis Mills (2,319 yards, 11 TDs) is back at QB. Rookie running back Dameon Pierce (939 yards, 4 TDs) will be looking to be a thousand yard rusher as a rookie. Look for Henry to be the difference maker in this game as the Titans look to get rolling as the playoffs near. My pick, Tennessee 31, Houston 18

New York Giants at Minnesota: The Giants were one of the feel good stories for much of the season, but in the last couple of weeks they have fallen back to earth and are now in danger of missing out on the playoffs. Two weeks ago, they were thumped at home by the Eagles, 48-22. QB Daniel Jones (2,534 passing yards, 12 TDs/548 rushing yards, 5 TDs) isn't getting it done and running back Saquon Barkley (1,983 yards, 8 TDs) is starting to wear down. Two weeks ago, the Vikings lost at Detroit and need just one more win to wrap up the NFC North title. Look for QB Kirk Cousins (3,358 yards, 20 TDs), running back Dalvin Cook (950 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Justin Jefferson (99 receptions, 1,500 yards, 6 TDs) to light up the NY defense as the Vikings wrap up the division and look to host a first-round playoff game. My pick, Minnesota 33, New York Giants 20

Seattle at Kansas City: Two weeks ago, Seattle lost at home to Carolina in what could very well

cost Pete Carroll's team a playoff berth. Things don't get any easier on Saturday when the Seahawks visit the Kansas City Chiefs in Arrowhead Stadium. The Chiefs are rolling on offense behind QB Patrick Mahomes (4,160 yards, 33 TDs), tight end Travis Kelce (81 receptions, 1,039 yards, 12 TDs), wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster (61 receptions, 762 yards, 3 TDs) and rookie running back Isiah Pacheco (591 yards, 3 TDs). The KC defense did give up 28 points to a bad Denver offense, so Seattle QB Geno Smith (3,433 yards, 25 TDs) and wide receivers Tyler Lockett (71 receptions, 896 yards, 8 TDs) and DK Metcalf (72 receptions, 869 yards, 6 TDs) should be able to make some plays against the KC defense. The only problem is, the Seattle defense will have to contend with Mahomes. The Chiefs are in a battle with Buffalo for the top seed in the AFC, so I don't see them looking past a good Seattle team on Christmas Eve. My pick, Kansas City 34, Seattle 26

Washington at San Francisco: The Commanders take their shot at San Francisco when they travel to the City by the Bay on Christmas Eve. Washington is in the NFC Wild Card hunt and a road win over a very good 49ers team would boost their post-season hopes, but that might be asking a lot. The 49ers are down to their third quarterback as rookie Brock Purdy (461 yards, 4 TDs in just two games) has stepped in for injured starter Jimmy Garoppolo and the SF offense hasn't missed a beat. The 49ers offense did suffer a big blow two weeks ago in their 35-7 blow-out of Tampa Bay as star wide receiver Deebo Samuel was carted off the field with an apparent leg injury. If Samuel is lost for any length of time, that will put a crimp in the SF offense. Look for the 49ers to learn more heavily on running back Christian McCaffrey (426 rushing yards, 3 TDS/35 receptions, 316 yards, 3 TDs as a 49er). The strength of the 49ers team is their defense, which has allowed just 10 points per game since Oct. 30. Washington QB Taylor Heinicke (1,444 yards, 9 TDs) could be in for a long day against that unit. It would help if rooking running back Brian Robinson (563 yards, 2 TDs) has a big day on the ground. It won't matter, as the 49ers will continue their roll to the post season. My pick, San Francisco 26, Washington 10

Las Vegas at Pittsburgh: The Raiders visit the Steelers on Christmas Eve needing a win to keep their faint playoff hopes alive. Two weeks ago, Las Vegas let Baker Mayfield, who had been with the Rams for all of two days, beat them with a 98-yard drive with no timeouts remaining en route to a 17-16 win in LA. For

some reason, the Raiders turned to running back Josh Jacobs (1,402 yards, 11 TDs) and sty-mied QB Derek Carr (3,117 yards, 20 TDs) and star wide receiver Davante Adams (82 receptions, 1,247 yards, 12 TDs) in the second half and worked Jacobs. The Raiders need to let Adams be Adams. That might not be easy against a tough Steeler defense. If the Raiders are able to shut down Pittsburgh running back Najee Harris (704 yards, 5 TDs), they should leave the Steel City with a much-needed win. My pick, Las Vegas 24, Pittsburgh 14

Philadelphia at Dallas: The Game of the Week in Week 16 pits the high-flying Eagles against the upset-minded Cowboys. Two weeks ago, the Cowboys played down to the level of their competition and it almost got them upset at home by the Texans. Look for a much more focused team on Christmas Eve when the Eagles come calling. Philly is loaded on offense led by QB Jalen Hurts (3,157 passing yards, 22 TDs/686 rushing yards, 10 TDs), running back Miles Sanders (1,068 yards, 11 TDs) and wide receivers A.J. Brown (65 receptions, 1,020 yards, 10 TDs) and Devonta Smith (66 receptions, 775 yards, 5 TDs). They are also solid on defense. That high-powered offense will get a real test from one of the top defenses in the league. Look for Micah Parsons to rush from different points to keep the Phill offensive line guessing. It will be paramount for the Dallas defense to put a spy on Hurts because he is so dangerous when he runs the ball. On offense, the Cowboys should feature their two-headed running game of Tony Pollard (894 yards, 12 total TDs) and Ezekiel Elliott (716 yards, 9 TDs). Those two have combined for 1,610 yards and 21 TDs this season. If the Dallas running game can control the clock and keep Hurts and the Eagles offense off the field, that should give QB Dak Prescott (1,847 yards, 14 TDs) the chance to make plays downfield to CeeDee Lamb (74 receptions, 961 yards, 6 TDs). Dallas can't afford to get down by double digits early in this game. In their first meeting in October, the Eagles earned a hard-fought 26-17 home win over the Cowboys. Look for the Dallas running game to be the difference maker in this one as Dallas pays the Eagles back for that early-season loss. My pick, Dallas 30, Philadelphia 27

Green Bay at Miami: The Christmas Day triple-header begins in South Florida with the Packers taking on the suddenly struggling Dolphins. This should be a fun game to watch and could turn into an offensive shootout between GB's Aaron Rodgers (2,864 yards, 22 TDs) and Mi-

ami's Tua Tagovailoa (3,004 yards, 22 TDs). The Packers are pretty much out of the playoff hunt, so they should play free and loose. The Dolphins, on the other hand, entered last Saturday's game at Buffalo riding a two-game losing streak. Tua struggled in the 23-17 loss to the Chargers and needs to get back on track. He should be able to do that against a suspect Green Bay defense. Look for wide receivers Tyreek Hill (100 receptions, 1,460 yards, 6 TDs) and Jaylen Waddle (59 receptions, 1,003 yards, 6 TDs) to attack the Packer secondary, while Rodgers will look to make more plays to his new favorite receiver, rookie Christian Watson (25 receptions, 401 yards, 7 TDs). This one means more for the Dolphins, so look for Tua to right the ship and keep Miami alive in the AFC Wild Card race. My pick, Miami 33, Green Bay 27

Denver at Los Angeles Rams: The midday game has all the makings of a stinker as two struggling teams meet in SoFi Stadium on Christmas afternoon. Denver had high expectations entering the season after acquiring Russell Wilson (2,805 yards, 11 TDs) from Seattle in the off-season, but Wilson has had perhaps his worst season as a pro. The Rams, who are the defending Super Bowl champs, are playing for nothing more than pride at this point of the season. Two weeks ago, Mayfield led the Rams to a 17-16 win after being with the team for just two days. Look for Mayfield to play free and loose on Christmas as he leads the Rams to a moral victory over the hapless Broncos. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 23, Denver 20

Tampa Bay at Arizona: Tom Brady (3,585 yards, 17 TDs) and the Bucs take on Kyler Murray-less Cardinals on Christmas night in what could be a must-win situation for TB. It appears Murray suffered a season-ending knee injury two weeks ago in the Cards' 27-13 loss to New England. Two weeks ago, the Bucs dropped a 35-7 decision at San Francisco as Brady and the offense once again struggled to put points on the scoreboard. Brady and wide receiver Mike Evans (59 receptions, 805 yards, 3 TDs) haven't been in sync for some time now and with the season running out, it would behoove both of them to get things going down the stretch. Fellow wideout Chris Godwin (73 receptions, 703 yards, 2 TDs) has caught on lately and Brady will need a big night from him if the Bucs are to hold onto the top spot in the rancid AFC South. It appears the Cardinals are simply playing out the string and it might cost head coach Kliff Kingsbury his job. We shall see. My pick, Tampa Bay 26, Arizona 13

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. The main Christmas story is paraphrased from which two New Testament books? Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, Jude/Revelation
2. Who visited Jesus on the night of His birth and found Mary, Joseph and the babe lying in a manger? Innkeeper, Shepherds, Herod, Magi
3. Where was the young child when the Magi came to visit Him to present gifts? Manger, Under the stars,




Detail of "The Birth of Christ (The Nativity)"
by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1860)

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

LUKE 2: 6, 7

- House, Temple
4. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? 0, 1, 2, 7
5. Who was King of Judea at the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem? Solomon, Herod, Balak, Belshazzar
6. Which animals were present at Jesus' birth? Lions and bears, Sheep and goats, Cows and donkeys, No mention of animals

ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/Luke, 2) Shepherds, 3) House, 4) Zero, 5) Herod, 4) No mention of animals
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
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Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than 5% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within 7 days after the date of notice of award.

No bid shall be withdrawn sixty (60) days after opening of bids without written consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bids and to waive any informalities in bidding. A decision concerning award of Contract will be made public as soon as practicable.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship Application Now Open



The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ scholarship application opened this week. It is a great opportunity for high school seniors with hopes or plans to attend a university in Texas.

The application is completed entirely online. Applicants will upload supplemental documents when completing the online application. Then, a school official or counselor will complete a second por-

tion of the application online.

In order to qualify for a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship, all minimum requirements must be met.

The online application will close on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 7:59 p.m.

To learn more and to apply visit the [Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ website](https://www.houstonlivestockshowandrodeo.com).

AISD’s Sandra Mader Named Recipient of Frank Kovaleski Award



Sandra Mader was recently honored with the Frank Kovaleski Award.

Sandra Mader, Aldine ISD's Director of Athletic Services, was the recipient of the Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award. Mader received the award at the 53rd annual National Athletic Directors Conference, held Dec. 5-13 in Nashville, TN.

The Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award is presented annually to an NIAAA (National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association) member who has made significant contributions and demonstrated excellence in professional development at the local,

state and national levels. The NIAAA board selects a recipient from among the eight section nominees each year.

"I am very humbled to receive this award as there are so many amazing athletic administrators throughout our great nation that also deserve this award," Mader said. "This is one of the most significant events of my professional career, and I am extremely proud to represent our athletic department and the Aldine Independent School District."

East Aldine District Reception and Partners Awards Ceremony,

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- Education Partner Award, to Aldine ISD's Avalos P-Tech High School, Principal Stephen Heady;
- Board Choice Award in Public Service to State Representative Armando Walle;

In his acceptance remarks, Walle spoke about how the accomplishments of the East Aldine District at Town Center, and the glowing Christmas Tree over his shoulder, were "a symbol of all the hard work you have put into this community." Walle continued "I'm so proud to represent you."



Armando Walle

Partner Award Presentations with East Aldine Presenters:



Volunteer Award to Ernesto Contrera, Alma DeAlejandro presenting.



Community Partner Award, to Rocio Witte and Sory Mingo, Luis Lucio and Deborah Foster presenting.



Public Safety Award to Harris County Deputy Chris Hernandez, Victor Beserra presenting.



Governmental Service Award to NC Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Flor Almendarez presenting.



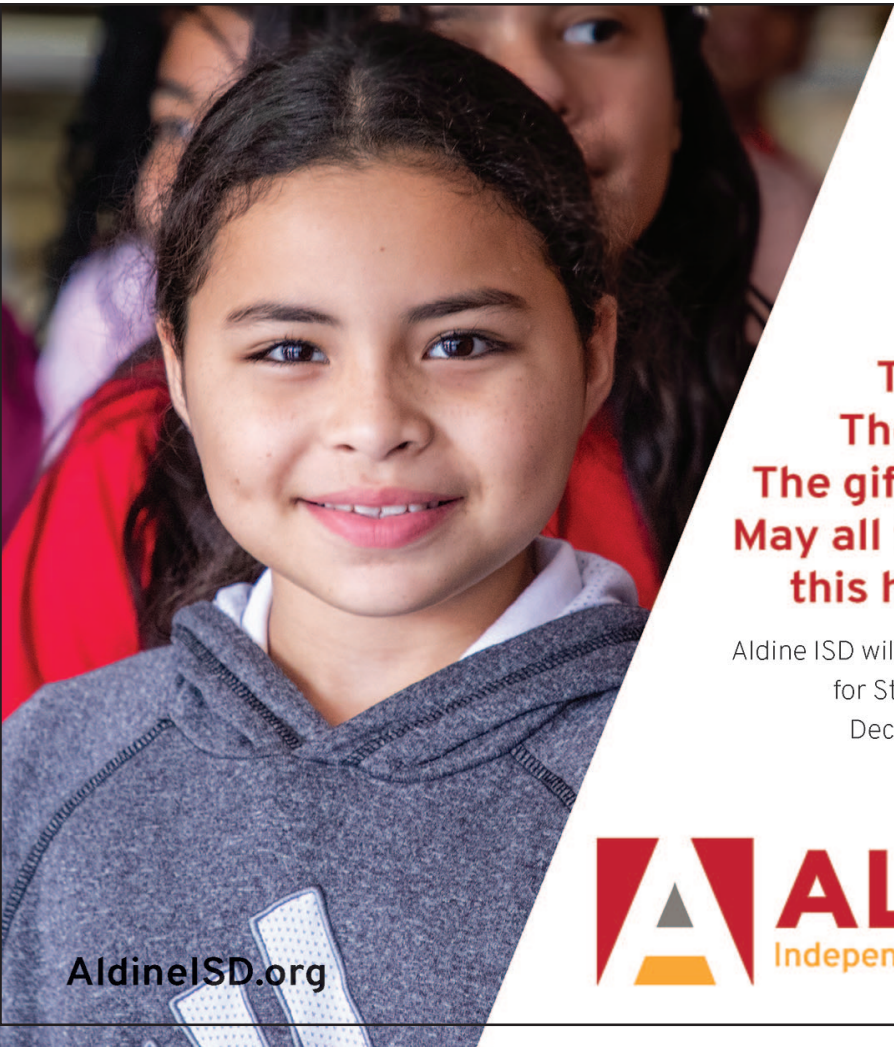
Public Health Partner Award to Hope Clinic, Abel Garza presenting to Tabby Saenz.



Business Partner Award to Cafe Guadalupe, Veronica Sanchez presenting to Monica Cortez.




Education Partner Award to Avalos P-Tech High School, Luis Lucio presenting to Rose Avalos, Principal Stephen Heady, and Superintendent LaTonya Goffney.



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Aldine ISD will observe Midwinter Break
for Students Dec. 21-Jan. 6 and
Dec. 22-Jan. 4 for Employees.



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Que todo esto sea suyo
en esta temporada festiva.

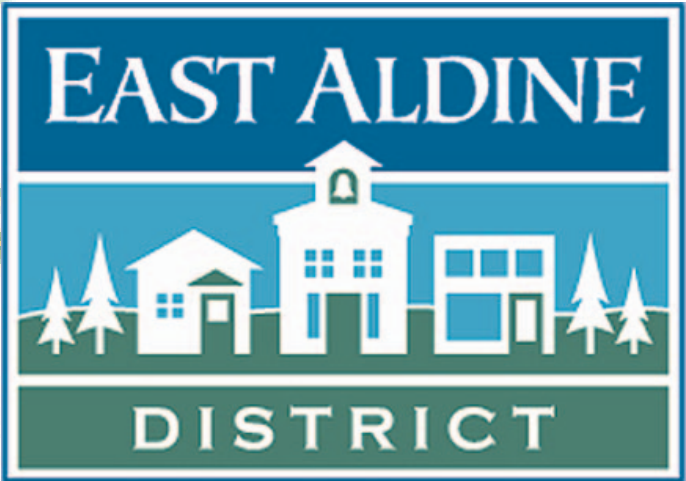
Aldine ISD observará las vacaciones de
invierno para los estudiantes del
21 de diciembre al 6 de enero. Y del 22 de
diciembre al 4 de enero para los empleados.

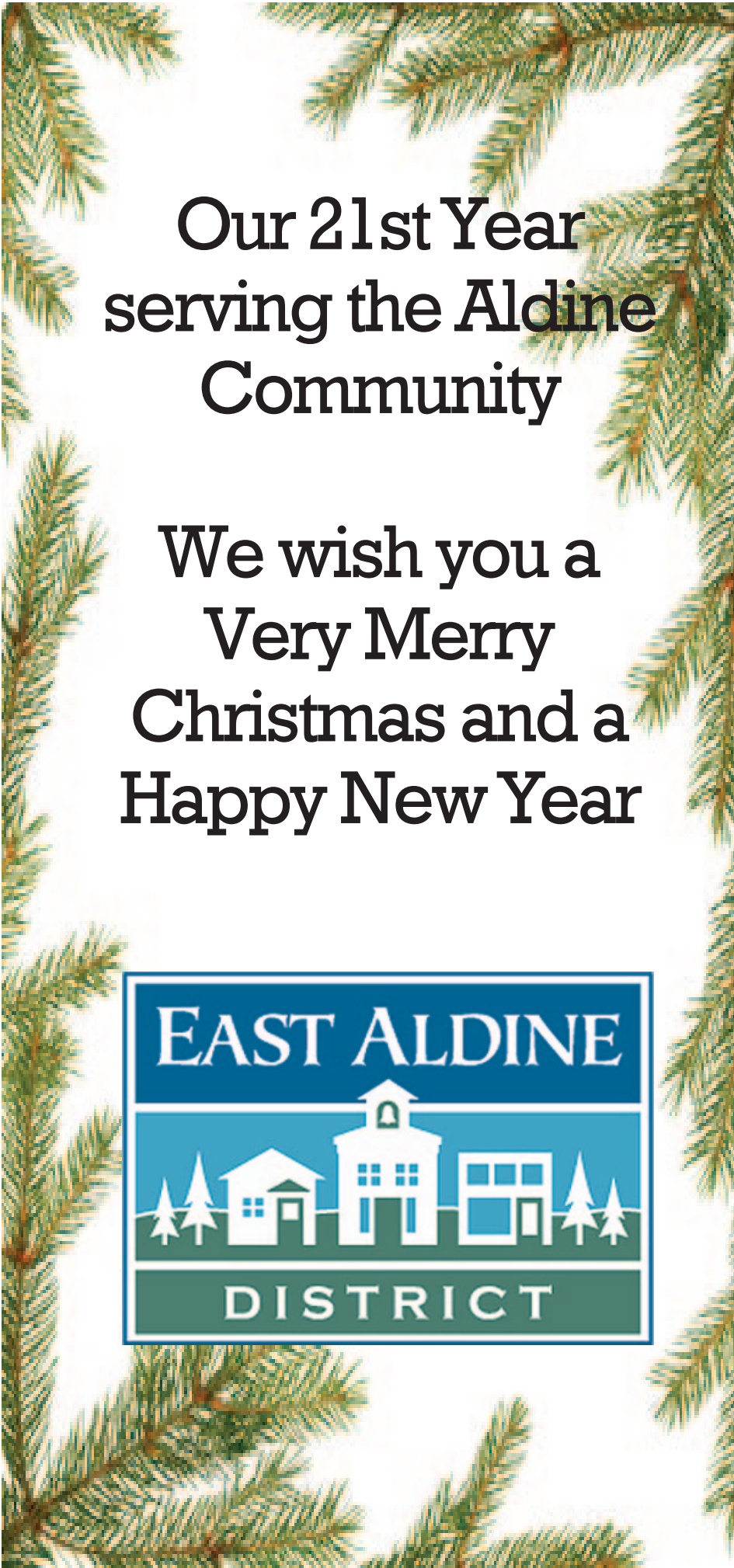


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Dear Santa,
I would love to get a book
and a doll and a skishmelo
and a iPad and a new LOL
doll and a gingerbread man.
Kamari A, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I wish I was your elf. For
Christmas I want a mooing
powers to lead and teddy
bear. I want a pet puppy, a
dragon Jeffy, a Elf on the
Shelf, a Xbox and that's it.
Jaxson A, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like an Xbox and a
fidget spinner and baseball
stuff and Babey rode
headphones and Xbox gift
card.
Alejandro G, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want an iPhone 20 for
Christmas, a cat.
Alva R, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to
get tech deck, iPhone 13,
squish mallow for xBOX.
Slime, apple watch all in one.
Ayden Beltran, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a train and a Mario
game.
Damian F, 6 year
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys. For
Christmas I would like squish
mallow necklace, twist tables,
popet red sphere.
Mayeria S, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like a puzzle, squish
mallow, fox slime, tablet,
baby doll, cat, boat doll.
Janessa, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would like to get slime for
Christmas, squish mallow,
tablet, elf shelf nonane mach
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Giydith G, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
What I will want for
Christmas is an iPhone 14, a
play station 5, a big squish
mallow and some cool
headphones and cool water
bottle, a lanky box, a
computer and a star for my
christmas tree.
Emma C, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
What I will want for
Christmas toys for dogs and a
toy kitchen. I would also want
toys for my dog.
Faviola J, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,

I would like to get a puppy. I
would love a big bear. I
would love a big skuishmelo.
I would love a real elf. I
would love a Christmas
headband.
Brianna S, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to
get an iPhone 13, squish
mallow, Fox Xbox, apple
watch, dog, LoL, hot wheel,
jojoheulis.
Sophia, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck, pop, and a
fidget, squish mallow.
Joseph M, 7 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a Mario kart Xbox and
a ps4.
Bryan L, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
I would love to get a car
because I like cats. I would
love to get a skuishmelo
because I love skuishmelo. I
would love to get an elf
because I love it.
Genesis N, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Dear Santa,
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Fidget spinner radio nukes.
Emma P, 6 years
Stephens Elementary

Lone Star College gears up for spring 2023 semester starting Jan. 17



The Lone Star College spring 2023 semester begins Jan. 17. Registration is open and courses are available at all campuses and centers.

HOUSTON (Nov. 21) – With fall 2022 in the rear-view mirror, Lone Star College is ready to welcome students for the spring 2023 semester.

“Lone Star College made college less scary for me and offered so many accessible programs, tutors, services, professors and more,” said Angelina Gamez, LSC-Montgomery Nursing and first-time college student. “Lone Star College has provided me with a valuable and challenging education and has opened doors for me financially.”

LSC offers a variety of credit, workforce, continuing education and other options to help people meet their academic or career goals. Registration is open, and students are encouraged to enroll at [LoneStar.edu/Registration](https://lonestar.edu/Registration) to ensure they get the course, class mode, date or time that fits their schedules.

The spring 2023 semester starts Jan. 17, and LSC has more than 200 programs for students to choose. Some of those include accounting, anthropology, arts, biology, business, chemistry, criminal justice, communications, economics, drama, government, EDUC 1300, English, foreign languages, health care programs, history, humanities, math, speech and various workforce programs.

“Lone Star College has guided me toward realizing my passion for research, volunteerism and leadership,” said Madison Terry, LSC-Tomball Honors College student. “The opportunity to be a pre-professional leader, conduct insightful research, and receive an international internship has restored my confidence and motivated me to achieve my goals.”

The LSC Honors College helps meet the needs of high-achieving students looking to enhance their college transcripts with challenging coursework across various disciplines. Courses are designed to engage and test students inside and outside the classroom with small classes and close interaction alongside dedicated faculty.

LSC has many resources, including scholarships, student clubs, as well as services and technology designed to set students up for success. The LSC Tech-Connect program allows eligible students to borrow, for free, a laptop or an iPad bundle. This program helps students remove their technology barriers while they accomplish their educational goals. To qualify, credit students must enroll in six hours and continuing education students must take at least one class.



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