

## East Aldine District holds Partner Awards gala

**By Gilbert Hoffman**

EAST ALDINE – The East Aldine Management District held its second annual Holiday Reception and Partner Awards ceremony last Thursday evening, Dec. 14 in their headquarters building at Town Center.

It was a festive and colorful occasion, with beautiful and colorful table decorations, and a view outside of the immense 30' high community lighted Christmas Tree.

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

After welcoming remarks from District executive



**PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARDS** were presented to the above recipients by the East Aldine District, at their Holiday Reception held last Thursday evening at the District Headquarters. **ABOVE**, recipients included David Hernandez, accepting for Ernesto Rivera, Public Safety Partner of the Year; Susan Santos, Public Health Partner for water and sewer work with Harris County; Priscilla Rios, Business Partner with Suvida Healthcare; Ricco Garcia accepting for State Senator Carol Alvarado, Governmental Service Partner; Ruben Salazar, Chairman's Award Partner, for Community Activist work; Coco Martinez, Board Choice Partner, for Community Service especially with Senior Citizens; Sandra Luna, Volunteer Partner for work with Zumba exercise classes for the community; Rosalva Rosie Hernandez, Community Partner for campus manager at BakerRipley; Connie Esparza, Education Partner for work on the Aldine ISD School Board; and congratulating them State Representative Armando Valle.

director Richard Cantu, board chair Carlos Silva made special opening remarks on behalf of the board of directors, and then introduced guests, board members, officials, 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 recent projects of the District, community events held at the Town Center, and comments from citizens of the District about how the quality of life has changed and improved

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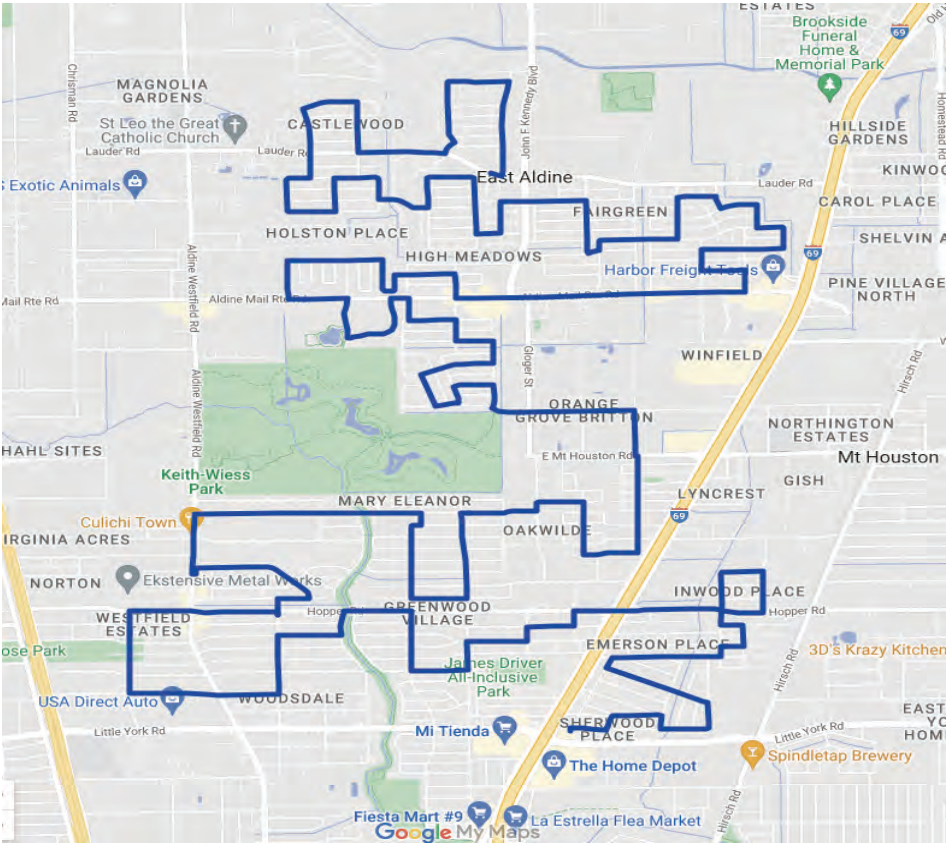
## Westfield Fire Dept. plans Christmas Parade Dec. 23

Enjoy a neighborhood Christmas parade Dec. 23

The Westfield Fire Department presents its annual Westfield Christmas Parade starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23 in East Aldine. – Come have fun and thank the community's first responders!



Below is a map of the parade route.



## Governor ends year with SkyDiving jump with veteran

Governor Abbott Skydives With 106-Year-Old WWII Veteran

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott this month skydived with 106-year-old World War II veteran Al Blaschke at Skydive Spaceland San Marcos to honor the service and sacrifice of U.S. military veterans. The Governor and Mr. Blaschke were flown in

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Governor Abbott in the Aircraft, preparing to skydive.

## SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 17 Texans, Browns meet in key game for both teams: Cowboys head to Miami to take on high-scoring Dolphins

The NFL is giving fans plenty of games to watch during Christmas weekend as the league has game scheduled for Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and a triple-header on Christmas Day.

Ah, nothing says the holidays like the NFL saturating the airwaves.

The Texans host the Browns on Christmas Eve at NRG Stadium in an important game for both teams. The winner keeps their AFC Wild Card hopes alive, while the loser will need some help in the final two weeks of the season to earn a playoff spot.

But then again, if Jacksonville continues to struggle down the stretch (they entered last Sunday night's game against Baltimore riding a two-game losing streak) and the Texans win out, Houston has a chance to win the division.

Stranger things have happened in the NFL and when the season began, most experts figured a six-win season would be quite an accomplishment for first-year head coach DeMeco Ryans. Well, the Texans had seven wins



**KEENEY'S KORNER**  
By **MIKE KEENEY**

heading into last Sunday's game at Tennessee and they return home on Sunday to face a tough Browns team that is also in the hunt in its division, the AFC North.

Two weeks ago, the Texans suffered a bad 30-6 loss to the lowly Jets as the weather and the New York defense never let C.J. Stroud and the Houston offense get going. The game was played in horrible conditions as wind and rain persisted throughout the contest. To make matters worse, Stroud sustained a concussion late in the game and was placed in the NFL concussion protocol. Ryans hopes Stroud was able to play against the Titans and if he missed that game, he should be cleared by Sunday when the

Texans face a solid Cleveland defense.

With just two weeks to go after this game, the Texans know they can't afford anymore slip ups if they hope to continue to be one of the good stories of the 2023 season.

While the Texans host the Browns, the Dallas Cowboys hit the road for the second straight week and face a second straight AFC East foe (Dallas played at Buffalo last Sunday) when they travel to Miami to take on the Dolphins and their high-scoring offense.

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Dear Santa, I have a nice this year. Please for Christmas bring me new roller skates, a new Barbie stuff and dolls, and I campet, a new watch, an iPhone, I had with a outfit and boots, laptop, and thank you. Chloe Mercado, 7 years old Orange Grove elementary

Dear Santa, I having nice this year, please for Christmas bring me a PC and a gaming set up and funko pops and V buks lard and an iphone 15. Thank you, Santa. Ethan Martinez, 7 years old Orange Grove elementary

Dear Santa, I have a nice this year. Please for Christmas bring me a super art set, and American doll pizza place, 9,999 dollars, Elsa set, a dobi, a cat, macar toy pizza. Thank you. Elena Hernandez, 7 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, I have a nice this year. Please for Christmas bring me a football and a bike, and an Xbox please thank you. Joshua Martinez, 7 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, Rollers rabs, drum set, mini crafts, couper star play, air force charms, Jordan 4s robocob. Constanza, 8 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, This year I have nice. For Christmas please bring me a PS5, TV and thank you. Oscar Garza, 7 years old Orange Grove elementary

Dear Santa, This year I have a nice. For Christmas. Please bring me slime. Barbeers. Big reesis peeses, big tetty bear hamster, cat. Thank you. Jiselle Gonzales, 7 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, This year are having nice. For Christmas please bring me have a Lego set, spirman and I want a PS5 please because Lego set. Thank you. Ismael Ramirez, 7 years old Orange Grove Elementary

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Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is a robot dog and a robot cat and art supplies and for posters and a new game set. Sauti, 8 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, I have a nice this year. Please for Christmas bring me a puppy that I can feed him and brush him and pet him and a horse that I can ride on it. Play pockets and gummy bear. Thank you. Kelly, 7 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, I have a nice this year please for Christmas bring me PS6, Xbox, iPhone, promax 14 Pro Max. Thank you. Julian Torres, 7 years Orange Grove Elementary

### Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please for Christmas bring me drone and some cars and alarm clock and yoyo and a reindeer. Thank you. Marcelo Silvo, 8 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, I have a nice this year. Please for Christmas bring me FIFA game pc and funko pops but Marvel and headset, gaming set up and a mic and bugat fast car not the toy shotgun toy. Thank you. Eduardo Gonzalez, 7 years old Orange Grove Elementary

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Dear Santa, This year I have been nice please for Christmas. I want a PS5, new two plasny, Xbox, Nitels plushy, bumsor plushy, eve plushy, nuny clos. Thank you. Alexander Becerra, 8 years old Orange Grove elementary

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a Wednesday outfit and a nice teacher for third grade. I want my first grade teacher to come back and I really want a pool and a new house. Please help my mom and me. I need a new car, my car is not working. I have a nice thank you so much. Sophia Rivas, 7 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, I have been nice this year. Please for Christmas bring me face masks, shoes, and a make up kit, at target gift card and hello Kitty stuff and an iPhone 15 Pro and I want it black. Ababella Z, 7 years old Orange Grove Elementary

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Dear Santa, This year I want an oculus I deserve it because I help people and I am nice. Bryantley Gibson, 8 years old Orange Grove Elementary

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# SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

## AISD Trustees Reorganize During Dec. 12 Board Meeting

The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees approved a new slate of officers during its Dec. 12 Board meeting. The Board's Nominating Committee, consisting of Chair Rose Avalos, and members Dr. Kimberley Booker and Steve Mead, recommended that Dr. Booker serve as president, Paul Shanklin serve as vice-president, Connie Esparza serve as secretary and Ms. Avalos serve as assistant secretary. Dr. Viola M. Garcia, Steve Mead and Randy Bates will serve as members.

Mr. Randy Bates, the outgoing President, handed the gavel to incoming President Dr. Booker.

"It is a pleasure and an honor to pass the gavel to you," Mr. Bates said.

Earlier in the Board meeting, Trustees Mr. Bates, Mr. Shanklin, Dr. Booker and Dr. Garcia were sworn in to serve four-year terms after being re-elected to their respective seats during the Nov. 7 school board election. General Counsel Kaye DeWalt swore in Mr. Bates, Mr. Shanklin and Dr. Garcia, while Dr. Booker was sworn in by family friend L-Neatra Foster.

### Staff Assignments Announced

During the Dec. 12 Board meeting, Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney announced three staff assignments.

\*Scott Dubberke was named School Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Team 1 after serving as Director of Human Resources.

\*Scott Corrick was named Executive Director of Talent Acquisition in Human Resources after serving as Director of Human Resources.

\*Pamela Widmier was named Director of Budget after serving as Bond Project Accountant with Humble ISD

### Aldine ISD earns the state's highest fiscal accountability rating for the 20th straight year

For the 20th consecutive year, Aldine ISD received a rating of "Superior" under Texas' School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) accountability rating system. The "Superior" rating is the state's highest rating, demonstrating Aldine ISD's quality of financial management and reporting system. Aldine ISD received a score of 986 out of a possible 1000 points.

The primary goal of the School FIRST system is to ensure that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices. The School FIRST system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to manage their financial resources better and provide a maximum allocation for direct instructional purposes.

The School FIRST system has 15 indicators that are evaluated. The first five indicators are critical and must be met to avoid failure. The other 10 indicators evaluate financial solvency and financial competency.

According to Chief Financial Officer Stan Osborne, Aldine met the five critical indicators' requirements. Those indicators are:

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Outgoing Board President Randy Bates handed the gavel to incoming Board President Dr. Kimberley N. Booker during the Dec. 12 Board of Trustees meeting.

filing of the district's annual financial report within a month, the district's annual financial report was free of any instances of material weaknesses, the district complied with the payment terms of all debt agreements at the end of the district's fiscal year, the district made timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the IRS and other governmental agencies, and the district's total unrestricted net asset balance in the Statement of Net Position/Assets was greater than zero.

Indicators 6-10 evaluated the financial solvency of the district. Those indicators analyzed the amount of cash on hand needed to cover operating expenditures, the ratio of current assets to current liabilities, the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets, total revenue compared to expenditures, and whether the district had sufficient funds to cover its debt. Aldine met the requirements for each of those indicators.

Indicators 11-15 evaluated the district's financial competency. Those indicators assessed the district's administrative costs ratio, student enrollment compared to the number of staff, the accuracy of its PEIMS reporting, compliance with guidelines, and revenue forecasting. Aldine met the requirements for those five indicators as well.

Athletic Department recognizes home grown coaches

During the Dec. 12 Board meeting, Executive Director of Athletics Dre Thompson recognized 70 Aldine ISD high school and middle school coaches who are graduates of Aldine ISD.

The AISD products are: Aldine High School – Johnny Toups, Jezer Urena, Noé Hernández, Mario Vásquez and Bryan Ramírez. Davis High School – Darius Willis, Rod Davis, Joshua Huff, Miranda Grotenhuis, Charninta Williams and Kelvin Chatham. Eisenhower High School – Odell James, Jared Ellison, Rachelle Roberson, Nusheka Quarles and Marshall Bradley. MacArthur High School – Lynda Eastland, Leslie Mike, Deron Treviño, Ariel Price, Patrick James, Chris Dykes, Aldric Reynolds, Zachry Lee, Leslie Reyes, Salvador Fernández, Ernest Gonzales, Michael Peraza, Leisy Olivares and Twaneshia Hubbard. Nimitz High School – Kendra Venzant, D'Andre Wilson, Justin Foster and Adam Apodaca. Aldine Middle School – Dabria Lewis, Reginald Johnson and Charles Carter. Garcia Middle School – Kevin Blachshire and Raynetta King. Grantham Middle School – Reginald Johnson, Nick Abrams-Jamilla and Eric López. Hambrick Middle School – Jo'Neil Wright, Jocques Robinson, Jaylen Brooks. Marcos Sánchez, Derrick Williams and Miriam Hernández. Hoffman Middle School – Derralph Guy and Jonathan Clark. Jones Middle School – Alicia Domino, Darren McBride, Treyvon Thomas, Jacob Cervantes, Shaston Marks and Engra Bellvin. Lewis Middle School – Tradonna Jones. Mead Middle School – David Marshall, Abraham Martínez, Crystan Norris Mathis, Arshadia Henderson, Ronald Edwards and Jateria Thomas. Plummer Middle School – Emil Clemons, Don Taylor and Ramon Madden. Stovall Middle School – Raquel Longoria and Paola Cancino. Teague Middle School – Terrell Green, Kelsey McNatty and Ofelia Arévalo.

Teaching, Leading and Learning highlights METRO art winners

The Teaching, Learning and Leading Department recognized four Aldine ISD art students who were recently METRO Art Award recipients. Chief Transformation Officer Dr. Adrian Bustillos introduced Kaileigh Newman,

director of visual arts. She informed the audience that the four students were recognized for creating designs that visualize school pride at their respective high schools. Their artwork will be installed on five or more METRO bus shelters that will display their school pride. The artwork will be installed on bus shelters throughout Aldine ISD. The four winners were: Dorlet Garcia of Nimitz High School, Gerardo José Ibarra of Davis High School, Jazlyn Otero of Victory Early College High School and José Fernando Garcia of Hall Success Academy.

Employees Recognized

During the Dec. 12 Board meeting, a number of Aldine ISD employees were recognized for their leadership, connecting with fellow employees and impacting student success.

Chief Operations Officer Fred Washington named Bridgette Young as the Operations Employee of the Quarter. Young is a bus driver out of the Westside Transportation Department. Other employees who were nominated for Employee of the Quarter were: Terrence Harris of Central Receiving, Ángel Santos of the Maintenance Department, Brenda Phillips of the Child Nutrition Services Department and Judith Clotter of Buildings and Properties.

Aldine ISD Police Chief Paul Córdova named AISD Police Officer Perla Salinas as his department's Employee of the Month

### Trustees Approve Action Items

During the Dec. 12 Board meeting, Aldine ISD Trustees approved the following action items:

\*Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between New Tech Network Inc. and Aldine ISD which will allow Aldine ISD to participate in the New Tech Network College Access Collaborative through June of 2025.

\*Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Aldine ISD and Tarleton State University regarding the Distinguished High School Partnership Program for the 2023-24 school year.

\*Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Aldine ISD and Friends of the Children-Houston to provide mentorship for foster care students during the 2023-24 school year.

\*Approved the monthly Tax Office refunds.

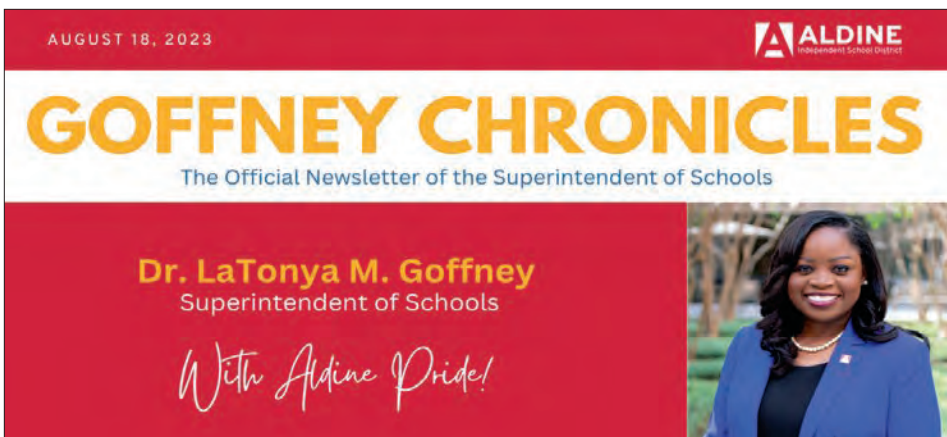
\*Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Region 10 Education Service Center Certification Programs and Aldine ISD effective during the 2023-24 school year.

\*Approved an Interlocal Agreement between Education Service Center Region 13 and Aldine ISD from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024.

\*Approved single contracts and purchases of \$100,000 and greater.

\*Approved an order authorizing the issuance of Aldine ISD unlimited tax school building bonds and AISD unlimited tax refunding bonds, each which may be issued in one or more series in accordance with specified parameters; levying an ad valorem tax and providing for the security and payment thereof; and enacting other provisions relating thereto.

The MacArthur High School Choir entertained the audience with two songs during the Dec. 12 Board meeting. Students from Carter Elementary School led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag. The Nimitz High School JROTC Color Guard presented the colors. The January Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 22. It will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Board Room of the Donaldson Administration Building.



## Message From the Superintendent, December 15, 2023

Dear Aldine Community,

Before we wrap up the fall semester and head into our midwinter break, I have to shout out to all the student groups from schools across the district that have entertained us these last couple of weeks. You put us all in the holiday spirit at the district's administrative buildings.

Reflecting on the past semester and year, I cannot help but swell with pride. I love seeing how all students are growing and flourishing. I hope you reflect on our accomplishments and are proud of our district! We are showing what is possible! I am grateful to each team member for your hard work this year. We continue to move forward, meeting the goals and priorities in our strategic plan, which is in its final year, and we are listening to everyone as we work on our next strategic plan.

Please look within the following pages for a few moments that will hopefully fill you with pride as much as they do me. I could list many more examples, but it would be a long message!

Every year is full of highs and lows, and we have definitely had some highs. I presided over the TASA Conference in Dallas earlier this year as president. What I will remember the most was that our fine arts student performers were with me and put on a show that people are still discussing. I still get chills thinking about the performance. They were incredible! Then, more recently, I was sworn in as NABSE president, which is quite a humbling and exciting responsibility. I was so honored that Oprah Winfrey congratulated me and said my name. I am so excited to serve and advance public education! The biggest high was the gift of the bond passing.

The community spoke, and their support of #MyAldine leaves me speechless. I am even more excited about the future as we move into a new calendar year.

During the break, I hope everyone takes time to rest and recharge. Then, read, watch a movie, binge-watch your favorite show, enjoy your favorite hobby, and spend time with your loved ones!

A merry holiday season to all, and a happy New Year!

With Aldine Pride!

*Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney*

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney Superintendent of Schools Aldine ISD

## Dubberke Named Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Team 1

Aldine ISD has named Scott A. Dubberke as the new assistant superintendent of elementary schools team one. Dubberke's extensive experience and dedication to education align with the district's strategic plan's goal of attracting, growing, and retaining top talent equipped and empowered to meet the needs of all students.

As the assistant superintendent of elementary schools, Dubberke will play a vital role in shaping and implementing educational strategies that support student growth and success. He will provide instructional leadership to principals through coaching and support for student achievement and developing high academic standards. He will work with elementary school principals to maximize their capacity to im-



Scott A. Dubberke

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney.

Dubberke began his career in education in 1999 as a third-grade teacher at Black Elementary School in Aldine ISD. Dubberke went on to serve as the fourth-grade lead teacher and the curriculum specialist at the same campus. In 2006, Dubberke joined Gray Elementary School as an assistant principal, a position he held until 2014 before being named campus principal. Dubberke was named the AISD 2018 Elementary/Intermediate Principal of the Year. He moved into a district administrative role in 2021 as a human resources director.

Dubberke received his bachelor's degree from Iowa State University and his master's from Sam Houston State University in administration.

## Davis HS Student Named Questbridge National Match Scholar



Davis HS senior Yoisel Rodríguez, center, poses with family and Davis administrators after he was named a Questbridge National Match Scholar.

Davis High School Senior Yoisel Rodríguez Toledo was recently named a Questbridge National Match Scholar.

Out of 20,800 applicants, only 2,242 were chosen as scholarship recipients. Yoisel matched with Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.

He was awarded a 4-year full-ride scholarship, which amounts to more than \$348,000.

Yoisel and his family are originally from Cuba and have now been living in the United States for seven years. He is a first-generation college student, and thanks to the Questbridge program, attending a top university in the United States can be affordable for him and his family.

OPINION PAGE

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Dressing up for Christmas

I tend to be a Christmas maximalist; at least if you ask my husband, Peter, that's what he would say. Peter would dispense with the tree, the presents and most of the outings. He'd hang a few ornaments on a houseplant, have a nice meal and go to bed early. But Peter cares for me a lot, and he knows how much I love Christmas.

I want a live tree. If I can't chop it down myself, I'll haul it home from the hardware store. I want lights on the balcony and a little present for everyone. I want fancy new wrapping paper and pretty, old ornaments and a holiday setting on the table. I want to light too many candles, bake too many cookies and end up with a floor covered with ribbon and powdered sugar at the end of the night. Peter is very patient. And I want to get dressed up.

Some of my best memories of Christmas involve my Auntie Jo. She and her family would drive up north to my grandparents on Christmas Eve with a car packed with presents and cousins and a mischievous dog. Thinking back on it now, I'm sure it was stressful for my Auntie Jo. But my memory is of the car pulling in, and Auntie Jo hugging everyone, her arms full of bags of unwrapped gifts and luggage. And this was, for me, the official start of Christmas.

Auntie Jo would head downstairs to wrap presents and, at some point, their dog, Twinkie, would make a mad dash out the door. We'd all scour the neighborhood until we found Twinkie. Then Auntie Jo would go to change her clothes and emerge more resplendent than the Christmas tree.

It was always a treat, as a child, to see what my Auntie Jo would wear at Christmas. I knew there would be glitter or sequins, and probably both. It would be the sort of outfit a person would wear only for a very special day, and seeing Auntie Jo dressed up made it a special day for me.

I understand getting dressed up is not for everyone. A tree is a lot of work. And I don't think holiday preparations should be a burden—something on the must-do list when there are more important things to do.

But every year, I think back on my Auntie Jo, who had such a long drive and so much to do (and such a naughty dog!), and how she would step into the living room, reflecting the Christmas lights. I received a lot of nice presents, and we had a wonderful meal, but seeing my Auntie Jo dressed in her Christmas finery was always a highlight for me.

I am still lucky enough to see my Auntie Jo at Christmas. And, although I will never wear sequins as well as she did, I do my best.

Because dressing up is part of how I participate in Christmas. It helps to make this time of year memorable. When I light the candles on my mantle and string lights outside, it's a recognition that the darkness of winter will pass. Like my Auntie Jo, I want to mark this passage of time; I want to make this day different from other days. Dressing up for Christmas reminds me that we need some extra sparkle in this darkest time of year.

And so (while I try to take it easy on Peter) I am decorating the house, and I'm lighting too many candles. And I already have a dress picked out for Christmas. Till next time, Carrie



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



Property Tax Cuts go into Effect

A total of \$18 billion in property tax cuts were approved by more than 80% of voters in the November general election and should be reflected in property tax bills that are due by Jan. 31. The cuts come in the form of increased home exemptions, lower school district rates, and limiting the amount property appraisals can rise.

Many taxing districts sent out bills before the election that factored in the decrease, anticipating voter approval. For example, in Gregg County in Northeast Texas, the tax bill noted on the back sheet that the lower amount was contingent on voter approval of the proposed amendments. If the amendments had not passed, taxpayers would be billed for the difference.

According to the state comptroller's office, a typical homestead valued at \$350,000 will see a tax savings of about \$1,000. Prior to the approval of the tax cuts, Texas ranked sixth highest in the nation in property tax rates, partly because the state does not have a state income tax.



just that his financial supporters threatened retaliation against the Republicans that would have voted for conviction." Paxton has vowed to campaign in the Republican primary against House members who voted for his impeachment, especially House Speaker Dade Phelan.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Paxton said in a statement released by his campaign. "Whether it's the House costs, Senate costs, or the overall impeachment session costs, many millions more were incurred on Dade Phelan's sham and needless impeachment."

Phelan said Paxton's refusal to testify before the House on a proposed \$3.3 million settlement of a whistleblower lawsuit prompted the investigation that led to the impeachment.

"The investigation, impeachment, and trial of Ken Paxton shed a clear, unflinching light on who Paxton is and the lengths to which he will go to stay in power," Phelan said in a statement.

TEXAS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FACE SPARSE ELECTION OPPOSITION

Texas has 38 seats in the U.S. House, and 35 incumbents are seeking re-election, the Texas Standard reported. Of that number, 16 do not have a primary challenger, while five will face no opposition in the general election as well.

Of the remaining three seats — all in North Texas — two members are retiring, while U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, opted to run against U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz next November.

"It is not at all uncommon for incumbents to pretty much coast to reelection, even if they are challenged in the primary or the general election. Incumbents have an enormous advantage in name I.D. and ability to fundraise, connections and networks within the district," Todd Gillman of The News said.

PAXTON IMPEACHMENT COST TAXPAYERS \$4.3 MILLION

The Dallas Morning News reported last week that the taxpayer cost of impeaching Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton was more than \$4.3 million. More than two dozen lawyers worked to prosecute Paxton leading up to and during his two-week trial in the Senate. That chamber acquitted him of all 20 charges after the House voted overwhelmingly to impeach Paxton, who is under indictment for securities fraud and was accused of abuse of office.

Lawyers billed more than 7,800 hours related to Paxton's impeachment, The News reported after seeking copies of all invoices and related documents. Co-counsel Dick DeGuerin defended the amount of work done by attorneys.

"Everything we did was justified, and I won't retreat from that statement ever," DeGuerin said. "We presented strong evidence that Paxton just surrendered the power of his office in a corrupt way. It's

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.



TOP ten

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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Dear Santa,  
I have been nice this year, please, for Christmas bring me an iPhone, a big squish malo, make me an elf, bring me a new hat girl baby, bring me a lot of clothes, bring me 1,000, iPhone 15. Kyla Jimenez, 7 years old  
Orange Grove Elementary



Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is Pokemon card, Nerfeltra weapons, and fortnite V-Bucks, I want this because I help people in school and nice to others. Ethan N Quezada, 8 years old  
Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a computer because I have been good and I need a working computer that I can do my school work at home. Maddie Gonzales, 9 years old  
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Dear Santa,  
I have a nice this year, please for Christmas bring me monsters, side, and gaming set up for PC and cv buks and a new TV and new phone and new iPad, new clothes. Thank you. Josesem, 7 years old  
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Dear Santa,  
I have a nice this year please for Christmas bring me monopoly shopsy barbees horm, barbees lego, airpods, iphone 15 pro max and varshen. Alexa Mejia, 8 years old  
Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have a nice this year, please for good Christmas bring me a VF3, PS5, spider-Man 2, Xbox, iPhone 15 Pro Max, katana Neff game 1,000 bullets for nerf game, markers. Thank you. Angel Cordero, 7 years old  
Orange Grove Elementary

hard. I deserve this because this year I listened and not give my dad any trouble this is why I deserve these gifts. Etina Jordan, 8 years old  
Orange Grove Elementary

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Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a camera that I can film with in a pet dog because I have been good all year. I get A's on my report card and progress report. I also want monopoly chace, twister air and a mini kitchen or something like that. I have been good all year. Adrian Diaz, 8 years old  
Orange Grove Elementary

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Dear Santa,  
Can you make my dad come early. And can you make my mom not busy. And can you help my little sister be good at home. I deserve it because I'm good. Ariel Galarza, 8 years old  
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Dear Santa,  
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Hello Santa I want an art set. I want books. I want a cat. Stitch toy. Thank you. Love, Ariana Q., 8 years old  
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### BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Immanuel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah
3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ... Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers

4. In Luke 2:8-11, how did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? Magi informed, Joseph announcement, Mighty wind, Angel appearance
5. Where did the wise men go first when they arrived in the Holy Land? Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron
6. What does the Bible record as to when Jesus was born? Late September, Dec. 25, March 17, Does not

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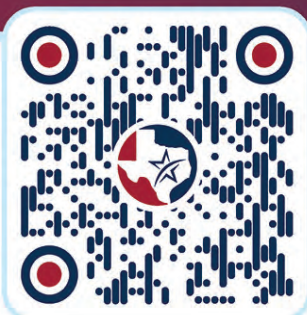


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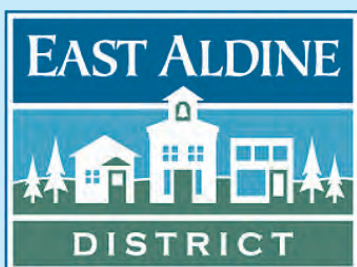
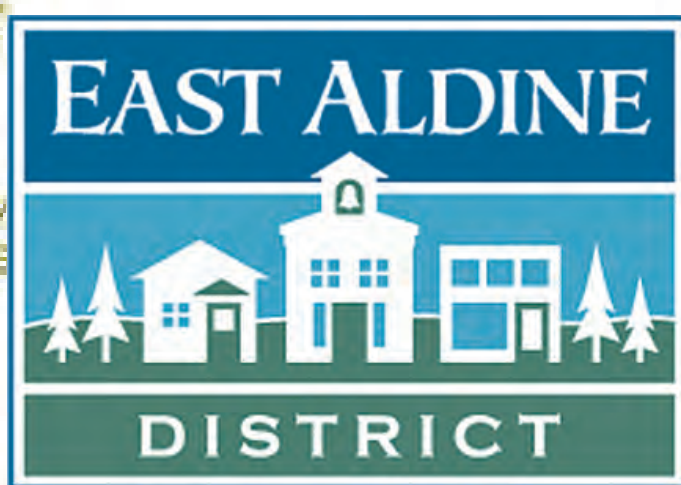
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## East Aldine District COMMUNITY NEWS

### Honoring Military Veterans Connects to District's Root



MacArthur High School on Aldine Mail Route Road in East Aldine opened in 1965 and was named in memory of Douglas MacArthur, the U.S. Army General who died a year earlier. Post 548 of the American Legion, the nation's largest veterans service organization, sits on the same street. And typical of working-class neighborhoods across the nation, East Aldine has a significant share of residents who served in the U.S. military. So it was fitting that an annual honoring of veterans also took place recently on Aldine Mail Route Road at the East Aldine Town Center. A highlight of the Veterans Day celebration was the unfurling of a giant American flag on the concert lawn as a drone was used to capture photos of volunteers who held on tight to make it wave. The veterans and dozens of their family members laughed with delight in the cool autumn breeze in a joyful celebration of patriotism and remembrance. "Veterans' Day is special for veterans, but it is also a special day for veterans' families," said Robert Mora, commander of the American Legion post. "We have to give thanks to the families, because when a veteran comes home, they have to adapt and get used to living as a civilian again." "Sometimes, it's kind of like a pro athlete. They play the game and when they stop, they have to try to come back to reality again," Mora said. Dozens of vendors, from government agencies to veteran entrepreneurs, offered informative packets, tiny flags, red-white-and-blue trinkets and leftover Halloween candy. A brass band played as a touching slideshow displayed images of dozens of East Aldine area veterans from World War II to Vietnam. Mora reminded the community of a famous quote from Gen. MacArthur: "Douglas MacArthur once said the soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. Now, we do pray for

peace every day, but sometimes we have to face the fact that in this unstable world, there is war." Mora is an Air Force veteran and a graduate of MacArthur High School. Post 548 hosted a special breakfast for veterans on Veterans' Day. The organization is active in holding charity fundraisers, but one of its most special roles is hosting funeral celebrations for the families of deceased area veterans, Mora said. Many veterans in East Aldine are "a little bit older," said Mora, 62. "For some reason, the younger veterans seem to be living a little bit further away." But still, he said, "we are a very active post." Many older veterans served during the Vietnam War, and they posed for a special group photograph before being awarded pins by state Sen. Carol Alvarado. Vietnam War veteran Dr. Elias Sanchez Perez, used his role as keynote speaker to urge families to encourage their children to pursue careers in STEM — science, technology, engineering and math. Sanchez Perez, president of A Gathering of Eagles, which represents a variety of veterans' organizations, worked as an engineer at NASA for several years. He now teaches at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. "At NASA, I learned technology, science and engineering are very important topics, especially for youth," he said. "You who have children growing up, you need to help me push science and technology into our youth. The jobs of tomorrow are in science, technology and engineering." Sanchez Perez worked closely with six Latino astronauts, who decided to hold summer symposiums for youth to encourage them to pursue STEM careers. He cited the example of retired NASA astronaut Jaime Hernandez, who applied a dozen times before being accepted into the astronaut corps. Sanchez Perez recalled that before pursuing his education, Hernandez was "a migrant fieldworker" with his family in California. "I just want to emphasize to you how important it is to get education in those fields," Sanchez Perez said. Other participants in the event included the Hambrick Middle School Boys' Choir. Melanie Garcia, a student at Hambrick, received an award for her poem about Veterans Day. Participants in the Vet Fest included the Harris County Veterans Services Department, BakerRipley's Veterans Assistance office, the city of Houston, and Lone Star Legal Aid's Military and Veterans Unit. Sen. Carol Alvarado, center, with veterans



— by Anne Marie Kilday



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Dear Santa, This year I have been nice. For Christmas please bring me. Rtesiss Barbe. Thank you. Sophia Ibarra, 7 years old Orange Grove Elementary

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Dear Santa, This year are having nice. For Christmas. Please bring me PS5 and stich please Santa. And a phone and crayons, and a stich hat. Thank you. Iliana Martinez, 8 years old Orange Grove Elementary

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Dear Santa, This year I have a nice. For Christmas. Please bring me a mini brand and a phone and crayons and a baby mother and a drone and a gummy bear and a lot of toys. Love you. Thank you. Adriana, 7 years old Orange Grove elementary

## East Aldine Partners Awards,

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over the 22 years of existence of the management district.

Guests then were treated to an excellent dinner catered by Cantu's Kitchen. The meal included a choice of Zucchini Pesto, Roscat Ribeye, Southwest Chicken, or Grilled Salmon.

Following dinner, executive director Richard Cantu made the announcements of Partner Awards in various categories, and with Leticia Rodriguez presented the awards.

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

- Volunteer Award, to Sandra Luna;
- Community Partner Award, to Rosalva Rosie Hernandez, of BakerRipley;

- Public Safety Partner Award, to Harris County Deputy Ernesto Rivera, Explorer advisor;

- Governmental Service Partner Award, to State Senator Carol Alvarado;
- Public Health Partner Award to Susan Santos, Harris County Engineering;
- Business Partner Award, to Priscilla Rios of Suvida Healthcare;
- Education Partner Award, to Connie Esparza of Aldine ISD School Board;
- Board Choice Award for Public Service to Coco Martinez of Pilgrim Place II Senior Center;
- Chairman's Award for Community Service to Ruben Salazar of East Aldine Civic Club.

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BOARD CHOICE Coco Martinez



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