

**NEWS NOTES**

## HOLIDAY MAGIC IN EAST ALDINE

# Tree Lighting Opens Holiday Season

**3 Nights of Holiday Movies Dec. 17, 18, 19**

Join East Aldine for Holiday Christmas Cheer, 3 nights of family oriented free Holiday themed "Movies On The Green." Bring a Blanket & Chair, we'll provide the Popcorn and Hot Chocolate. Showtime is 6:00pm. Movies are:  
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**Unveiling of "Spirit of East Aldine" sculpture Dec. 10**

East Aldine District and the EAD Arts Council are excited to unveil the latest public art, a monument at the EAMD Town Center Roundabout by Sculptor Guadalupe Hernandez, symbolizing the history and culture of the Aldine area.

By Monica Campos  
 East Aldine District

Holiday Magic in East Aldine: Lighting Up the Season with a Spectacular 30-foot Christmas Tree!

The East Aldine Management District ushered in the festive spirit with a magnificent 30-foot Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 6th, at the Town Center. This marked the district's 3rd annual celebration, promising a night of joy and merriment for all.

The event was nothing short of magical, featuring a winter wonderland complete with snow, appearances by Santa & Mrs. Claus, a pony carousel, and four holiday inflatables. Attendees were treated to complimentary delights including tamales, hot chocolate, punch, and pan dulce, spreading warmth and cheer throughout the night.

The atmosphere was truly reminiscent of a classic Christmas scene, with children joyfully partaking in all the festivities. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our HCSO deputies, volunteers, and partners. Including GS Customs for their generous contribution, as they distributed hundreds of toys and gifts to the little ones, further adding to the magic of the evening.



A Huge Crowd was present for the lighting. Santa and Mrs. Claus pushed the red handle that turned on the lights on the tree, as members of the East Aldine Board of Directors participated, along with the Chick-fil-a mascot, and Connie Esparza from Aldine ISD. Photos courtesy of ev1pro and East Aldine District.



Santa and Mrs. Claus were present, to chat with the children and let them sit in the sleigh with them.



All ages had a good time, admiring the colorful lights.

The East Aldine District's tree lighting ceremony was a dazzling success, igniting the holiday season with light, laughter, and love. Here's to many more festive celebrations to come!

Save the date for our Holiday movie nights. Stay connected and follow us on Facebook & Instagram @eastaldinedistrict. Continued. MORE PHOTOS on Page 8

## WESTFIELD FIRE DEPT. Christmas Parade Tours Aldine Dec. 21

Enjoy viewing Festive Christmas Floats along the Parade Route. Saturday, Dec. 21 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. Starts at Squatty Lyons Park, 1454 Cromwell Street, and Ends at Westfield Fire Station 4105 Lauder Road.

Followed by a Community Celebration at the Westfield Fire Station on Lauder Road.

Come have fun and thank the community's first responders!

A map of the parade route is on Page 7.



## FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 15: Texans host Tua and Dolphins: Bills, Lions do battle in Motor City

College football's regular season, along with the conference title games, have come and gone and now we call on the College Football Committee (CFP) to announce the 12 teams who will make up this year's new playoff format.

When the 12 team field is announced, the top four seeds will receive byes, while the other eight teams will play first-round games Dec. 20 and 21. The higher seeded teams will host a game on their respective campuses, while the top four teams will get a much-needed week off.

It has been a wild and woolly year. I think it's safe to say that no matter what transpired in the SEC title game on Dec. 7, the University of Texas should be in the field. They've won 11 games, earned a spot in the SEC title game in their first year in the



conference and have perhaps the best defense in college football.

While we wait for the CFP field to be announced, there is one game to discuss this weekend as Army and Navy will meet for the 125th time (Navy leads the all time series, 62-55-7) on Saturday at Northwest Stadium in Washington, D.C. Both teams have had solid seasons. Army finished first in the American Athletic Conference and carried a 10-1 record

into the AAC title game against Tulane a week ago. Navy with an 8-3 record. Both teams will be bowling this year.

While a lot of attention will be on that game and the CFP committee's announcement, the NFL will take center stage this weekend. So, what else is new?

The Texans return to action after a much-needed bye week and will host Tua Tagovailoa and

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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, My name is Zoe, I have nine years old and I'm in third grade. I currently attend Orange Grove Elementary. This year I have been good, something nice that I have done is to help my neighbor with her dog. My list for this year is a dog, an iPhone, food for my total, flowers for my mother, a PlayStation, five for my brother, a truck for my father, and finally to be with my family. Zoe, 9 years old, Orange Grove Elementary

Querido santa, Mi nombre es Yeisi, yo tengo ocho años y estoy en tercer grado. Actualmente yo asisto a la escuela Orange Grove Elementary. Este año yo me he portado bien, un ejemplo de mi buen comportamiento es que le ayudo a mi mamá con el aseo de la casa, también con la comida porque me gusta. Esta Navidad yo pido un iPad y un lápiz. Sinceramente, Jeisi, 8 años, Orange Grove Elementary.

Dear Santa, My name is Alejandro, I am nine years old and I'm in third grade. I'm currently attending Orange Grove elementary and this year I have good because I wish to have something that I wish for this Christmas is that I want to give food to the homeless. Alejandro, 9 years old, Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, My name is Diego. I am turning 9 in December 30 and I'm in third grade. I currently attend orange Grove elementary. An example I have been so good is that I help my mom to do the food and I also bring the spices and things she needs. What I want for Christmas is a Lego Batman car and some tacuache pants and glasses of tacuache also, and a soccer ball and another thing that I want is minions of Legos and that's it thank you. Diego, 8 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, My name is Mayte Gomez, I'm nine years old and I'm in third grade. I currently attend Orange Grove Elementary. I have been good. Here is an example of behaving good is that I clean the room of Miss Rosaes sometimes, for Christmas I want a slime, scuismes, phone, shoes, clothes and toys of food. Mayte Gómez, 9 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas on iPhone 15 Pro, Max and calcetin. Bryan Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, For Christmas I need a backpack that is nike color black or pink. I also wan shoes 6.5. And also a pencil that is 3D. Noemi Cruz P, 10 years Stephens Elementary

# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, My name is Bradley. I'm nine years old. I was born in 2015 September 15 and I'm in third grade. I currently attend Orange GroveElementary. This year I was behave natty because I almost fight with my sister. Something I wish for Christmas is a plush but of soccer and I wish to speak English also because I want to pass the star test, science to put happy my teacher, and my mom and also my three reason is have my room of soccer like Messi or CR7 and Neymar that is what I want for Christmas. Bradley, 9 years old Orange Grove Elementary


Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is rollo skate and a watch and a camera and a teddy bear that marks wishes and a table and moni and a lot of moni and a switch # 3, cinamon roll and one cupcake and a toy and clothes Mia, 7 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, I am happy because you are in here. Santa, I love you, Santa and I want a golden avolaro and golden ncis and train toy and flash toy and Texas flag. I love you Santa. Matthew Cisneros, 7 years old Orange Grove elementary

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a card for 100 M Robux and meet MBappe the sound goat and meet the Goat the one and only Cristian Robaldo kmlo cr7 and a bugati. Mateo Castillo, 8 years old Orange Grove Elementary

Dear Santa, I want a dog pivot dog, vet my mom has cats en jas a por. En my ses jas. Santa I love you vet my mom. En my dad love me en love my mom I love you. Eiyin, 8 years old Orange Grove elementary

**Happy Holidays**




from Armando and Debbie Walle & Family  
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## Nimitz High School Hosts Community Design Kickoff to Develop HEAL Program's Vision



**Aldine ISD has embarked on a transformative journey to reimagine the educational experience through the HEAL (Health Education And Learning) Program at Nimitz High School.** This effort underscores the district's long-term commitment to students and the community. On Nov. 21, stakeholders gathered at the former Nimitz Ninth Grade School to begin a multi-year process of crafting a cohesive vision for the program, ensuring its sustainability and success.

In partnership with **Transcend Education**, Aldine ISD uses a community-driven approach to ensure students', parents', educators', and stakeholders' aspirations, needs, and values guide the initiative. Approximately 50 participants, including representatives from Memorial Hermann, campus and district staff, parents, and students, joined the Community Design Committee



during the kickoff session. The committee will meet throughout the year to help shape the vision and direction of the HEAL Program.

During the kickoff, attendees engaged in collaborative discussions about critical topics, including the skills and mindsets students need to thrive in the real world and how the HEAL Program can provide equitable, high-quality learning experiences for all students. The collaborative approach ensured that all voices were heard and considered as leaders worked to shape the program.

This initiative reflects

Aldine ISD's and Memorial Hermann's shared commitment to equity and their vision to help every student reach their infinite potential.

"Together, we will shape the future of learning for HEAL Program students at Nimitz High School," said Gabriela Sierra, executive director of the Aldine ISD Office of Transformation.

Join Us!

For more information, contact Yrayda Lopez-Silva, student initiatives coordinator at HEAL at Nimitz High School, at [ylopez-silva@aldineisd.org](mailto:ylopez-silva@aldineisd.org)

## Aldine ISD Attends Second Annual Bilingual-Library Gala at University of Houston Downtown



On Tuesday, Nov. 12, officials from Aldine ISD attended the second annual Bilingual-Library Gala, hosted by the University of Houston Downtown (UHD), to commemorate their continued partnership on the Bilingual E-Library program.

The Bilingual E-Library is a program led by UHD and Aldine ISD's Family and Community Engagement (FACE) department. It is currently supported by seven different Aldine campuses, Black, Bussey, Hill, Smith and Marcela Elementary, along with Griggs and DeSantiago Primary; all of which are seeing involvement by both students and parents. Its purpose is to integrate literary practices among families and develop a love for reading.

Student engagement has increased through the program, and several parents have been hired by UHD as liaisons at participating campuses. These accomplishments were touched on to introduce additional aspects to the project that will be implemented this January.

A new addition to the E-Library will be the inclusion of several Aldine ISD middle school students who were invited to serve



as illustrators for stories created by families across the participating campuses. The students will read the stories that have been made, and will create illustrations to be included in the books. Those illustrations will then be shown off

in an exhibit style reveal, come January.

Aldine ISD is always looking to build with partners that are dedicated to the district families, and the University of Houston Downtown is an example of that type of partner.

Dear Aldine ISD Families and Team Members,

Who has a seat at your table? This past Thanksgiving was especially difficult as I felt the absence of my mother-in-law with her recent passing. So many of you know the loss and separation from those who couldn't join you for the holidays in person. But it occurred to me, who is at the table? Who are the people you surround yourself with to encourage you and to not only help you finish strong but finish stronger? Thank them. This holiday season is the perfect time to reflect on the joy in your life and from whom that joy comes.

Technology Upgrades Empower Learning

Thanks to the \$1.8 billion voters approved in the 2023 Bond, we've made progress in equipping our students with tools for success. Over 28,500 new Chromebooks were recently delivered to ninth-grade campuses and high schools. Thanks to our community's support, every student can access cutting-edge technology, a crucial step in preparing our students for the future.

Shaping the Future of the HEAL Program Nimitz High School

Before the November break, we hosted a collaborative meeting to begin shaping the vision for the HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy, and Learning) program at Nimitz High School. Nearly 50 community members shared ideas. The group will continue to meet to develop a plan for this innovative initiative with partner Transcend Education. The HEAL Program was creat-

ed in partnership with Memorial Hermann. By focusing on our students' immense potential, this program will inspire hope and prepare them for bright futures in the healthcare industry.

New and Noteworthy

I am excited to announce the inaugural District Spanish Spelling Bee, which will take place on **December 11** for our grades 4-8 students. This event will showcase our students' linguistic talent and highlight our belief in the value of being multilingual.

On December 7, we're hosting a **Special Education Job Fair** to recruit passionate individuals committed to serving our exceptional learners. This fair is an opportunity for those interested in special education to learn about the unique needs of our students and the rewarding career opportunities available in our district.

We're also thrilled about our new initiatives to support students experiencing homelessness. With the opening of a food pantry, expanded access to clothing, and healthcare partnerships, Aldine ISD remains steadfast in ensuring every child has the resources they need to thrive.

Read for a Million Minutes!

This year, I challenge our students to read one million minutes collectively. Together, we can achieve this goal and foster a lifelong love of reading. Families, encourage your children to pick up a book, explore new worlds, and grow their knowledge.

Looking Ahead

Our Campus Teachers of the Year have been named, and their passion and dedication inspire me. They represent the best of Aldine

ISD, and we are grateful for the #AldineImpact they make every day. The AISD Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year will be named in the spring semester.

As we near the holiday break, I encourage everyone to support our students at holiday performances and community service events like toy and clothing drives.

For those following the traditional calendar, **December 20** is a student holiday and a staff workday. For ADSY campuses, it's a half-day for students and a workday for staff. Let's keep attendance strong in these final weeks — every day counts as we work toward success.

Gratitude and Inspiration

Team Aldine, you are the heartbeat of this district. Our nearly 9,000 members inspire and motivate us daily with their dedication to excellence. And to our students, you are the reason we are here. Dream big, work hard, and continue to make a difference.

With the changing weather and cooler temperatures, have students dress appropriately. Let's ensure our students stay healthy and in school learning: that's where the magic happens every day for our students.

As always, visit [AldineISD.org](http://AldineISD.org), follow us on social media, read the **Aldine Connection** newsletter for the latest updates, including Bond 2023, and tag your good news with #AldineImpact.

With Aldine Pride,  
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Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney-SuperintendentAldine ISD

## Schools Name Their 2024-25 Campus Teachers of the Year

The district Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year will be named in spring 2025.

Each Aldine ISD school chooses a Campus Teacher of the Year before the end of the first semester. A committee will name six District Finalists in February based on their written applications. The six finalists are invited to interview with the district coordinating committee.

Every Campus Teacher will be honored at the Educators of the Year Breakfast in March. The district Elementary Teacher of the Year and Secondary Teacher of the Year will be named during the event.

The Elementary and Secondary Teacher of the Year will represent Aldine ISD in the Region 4 Teacher of the Year contest during the summer.

Congratulations to the 2024-25 Campus Teachers of the Year!

Aldine High School: David Domínguez

Aldine Middle School: Nikeesha Stewart

Aldine Ninth Grade School: Maia Wiggins

Aldine Young Women's Leadership Academy: Rogelio Edar

Anderson Academy: Eugenia Cox

Avalos P-TECH School: Candace Langenbuch

Black Elementary School: Cynthia Escobar Turcios

Blanson CTE High School: Janice Blades Miller

Bussey Elementary School: Donesia Winston

Calvert Elementary School: Ana Argüello

Caraway Elementary School: Cynthia Reyes

Carmichael Elementary School: Lara Andree

Carroll Elementary School: María Chávez

Carter Academy: Alex Botelho

Carver High School: Dominic Hammock

Cypresswood Elementary School: Kimberly Grein

Davis High School: Sandeep Gupta

Davis Ninth Grade: Steven Hawkins Jr.

De Santiago EC/PreK/K School: Lorena Hernández

Drew Academy: Nechole Brock

Dunn Elementary School: Zsetephani Dwellingham

Eckert Elementary School: Raquel Lewis

Eisenhower High School: Dr. Musa Eleazar

Eisenhower Ninth Grade School — College Prep: Timothy Lewis

Ermel Elementary School: Michael Hines

Escamilla Elementary School: Vanessa Torres

Francis Elementary School: Carla Hardin

García Middle School: Penny Miller

García-Leza EC/PreK/K School: Candace Griggs

Goodman Elementary (ACE): Maya Smith

Grantham Academy: Jacqueline Jones

Greenspoint Elementary School: Victoria Moreno

Griggs EC/PreK/K School: Marquella Williams

Hall Success Academy: Talia Johnson

Hambrick Middle School: Jo'Neil Wright

Harris Elementary School: Carlee Russell

Hill Elementary School: Kwand Lang

Hinojosa EC/PreK/K School: Mia Austin

Hoffman Middle School—College Prep: Ja Miya Williams

Houston Academy: Erion Deese

Impact Leadership Academy: Parrish Phillip

Johnson Elementary School: Gabriela Ibarra

Jones EC/PreK/K School: Bernadette Fraser

Jones Elementary School: Tony Payne

Jones Middle School: Shaston Marks

Keeble EC/PreK/K School: Jessica Williams

Knippel Education Center: Anitra Harleston

Kujawa EC/PreK/K School: Leigh Albarrán

Kujawa Elementary School: Michael Luera

La Promesa: David Kitchel

Lane School: Senquithia Howard

Lewis Middle School: Derek Smith

MacArthur High School: Marcos Muñoz

MacArthur Ninth Grade School: Precious Butler

Magrill EC/PreK/K School: Nicole Hodges

Marcella Elementary School: Jason Palomarez

Mead Middle School: Erica Darosa

Nimitz High School: Dale Kennedy

Nimitz Ninth Grade School: David Acosta



OPINION PAGE

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

By FRANCIS P. CHURCH, First published in The New York Sun in 1897

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

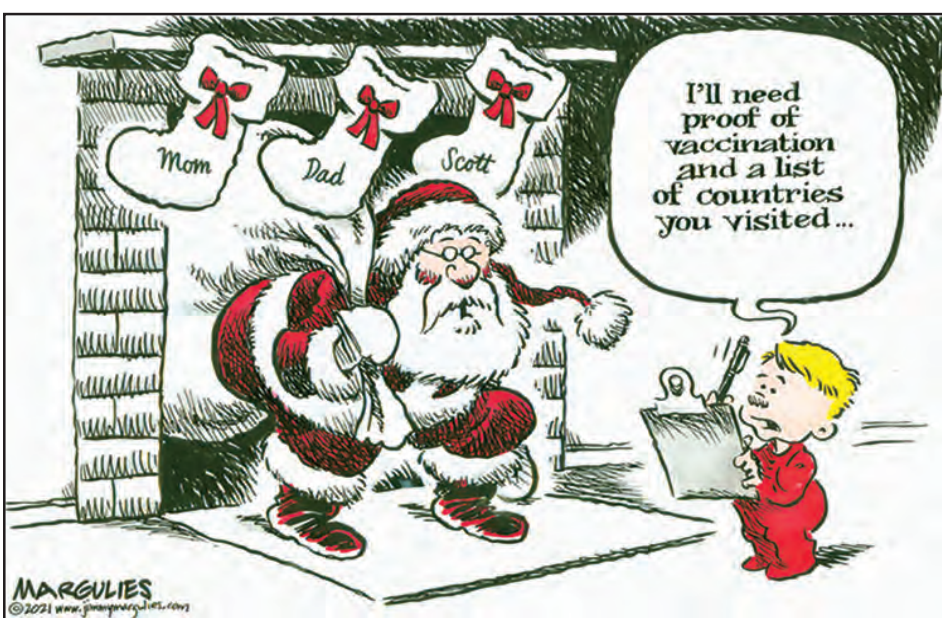
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

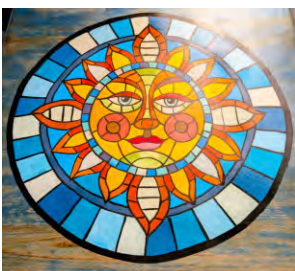
Francis P. Church's editorial, "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" was an immediate sensation, and went on to become one of the most famous editorials ever written. It first appeared in the The New York Sun in 1897, almost a hundred years ago, and was reprinted annually until 1949 when the paper went out of business.

Virginia O'Hanlon went on to graduate from Hunter College with a Bachelor of Arts degree at age 21. The following year she received her Master's from Columbia, and in 1912 she began teaching in the New York City school system, later becoming a principal. After 47 years, she retired as an educator. Throughout her life she received a steady stream of mail about her Santa Claus letter, and to each reply she attached an attractive printed copy of the Church editorial. Virginia O'Hanlon Douglas died on May 13, 1971, at the age of 81, in a nursing home in Valatie, N.Y.



THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

One More Sun



It is an unusual living situation, in many ways.

My husband, Peter, and I spend almost half the year down in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. We had a terrible experience in another town (an absentee American owner with a filthy rental) and we came running back to San Miguel, desperate to find a place to stay—any place that was clean and halfway affordable. And that is how Jorge found us.

"I have an apartment on Loreto that is available for the month," he wrote, in response to my frantic post on the San Miguel Facebook page.

"That will be expensive," I warned Peter.

Jorge told us the price. It was not expensive.

"That will be a dump!" I warned Peter.

It was not. It is a small apartment in a small hotel called "House of the Suns," and has (according to Jorge) nearly 3,000 suns painted on various surfaces and hung from all the walls. Most of these were painted by Fabrizio, the artist Jorge keeps on more-or-less permanent retainer.

Our apartment is not fancy, and it is not large, but we are happy. All our friends either own their own homes here or rent something much larger and fancier. I sometimes admire their space (and their bathtubs!) but I cannot imagine leaving Jorge.

Every time we are down here, I buy another painting at an art gallery and hang it on the wall. Peter buys another cooking gadget. We buy more pillows, and the cupboards fill with our brightly colored dishes from the market and... we leave all of it, right where it is. Our apartment is rented out to other people while we are away, but Jorge does not mind.

Even so, I was reluctant to broach the subject of the table.

There is nothing wrong with our kitchen table. It's heavy and round and built for the outdoors, so it did not start its life expecting to be a kitchen table. That is not a serious problem. But it occupies a large percentage of our small kitchen and has awkward legs. And so (because I have a far-too-busy brain), I had been agitating about this table.

"I think we need a new table," I told Peter.

"You better ask Jorge."

Peter's No. 1 concern is keeping Jorge happy, and I share this concern. But I also wanted a new table. So I waited for the appropriate time, and I sprung.

"I have a very serious question for you," I told Jorge—letting him know this might not be as serious as my words implied.

Jorge smiled. "Yes?" Jorge is always patient with my Spanish.

"I saw a table. It is square and painted, and I think it would be nice in the apartment. I wonder if I could buy it." I did not think Jorge would need much convincing, but I wanted to seal the deal. "And perhaps I could pay Fabrizio to paint a sun on the table."

Jorge smiled. Adding one more sun to our kitchen table certainly could not hurt.

"No problem," Jorge said.

"For sure?" I asked.

"For sure," he said. So I went out the next day, and I bought the used blue and green painted table, and I carried it home. And the very next day, Fabrizio painted a magnificent sun on the top.

I don't know if this is how hotels are supposed to operate—letting us put our art on the walls and swap out the furniture—but it seems to work for all concerned.

And now, I am looking at the chairs...

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



Deportation Vow Alarms Construction Industry

The state's construction industry is voicing concern that President-elect Trump's vow to deport millions of undocumented immigrants would cause major labor shortfalls, according to the Texas Standard. "It would devastate our industry, we wouldn't finish our highways, we wouldn't finish our schools," said Stan Marek, CEO of Marek, a Houston-based commercial and residential construction giant. "Housing would disappear. I think they'd lose half their labor."

Many of the state's cities are on lists of the country's fastest growing communities, and companies rely on undocumented labor. A 2022 report by the American Immigration Council and Texans for Economic Growth indicated more than a half million immigrants were working in the construction industry and nearly 60% of that workforce was undocumented.

Economist Ray Perryman notes that the Texas workforce isn't large enough to keep pace with growth. "There are more undocumented people working in Texas right now than there are unemployed people in Texas," Perryman said.

PROPOSED TARIFFS RAISE CONCERNS ALONG BORDER REGION

Trump's intention to levy a 25% tariff on goods imported from Mexico and Canada is raising concerns, particularly along the southern border.

"The biggest impacts are going to be felt by manufacturing companies, transportation companies and warehousing companies," said Tom Fullerton, an economics professor at the University of Texas at El Paso. "We could end up with a repeat of the 1930s with the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act," which created a trade war and contributed to the Great Depression.

Most goods traded across the three countries are considered intermediary goods, The Texas Tribune reported. An example is an American carmaker importing Chinese electrical parts, sending the vehicle to Mexico for a circuit board, then the vehicle being sent back across the border for finishing in an assembly line in Texas. Fullerton said an individual product could pass between the U.S. and Mexico four to eight times.

Some Texas elected officials have expressed support for Trump's tariffs, however. Agri-



culture Commissioner Sid Miller said tariffs can be an effective negotiating tool to encourage Mexico to shut down the border and said any potential economic impacts would be short-lived.

"We are trying to shut down the flood of illegal immigration," Miller said. "That factor alone offsets any temporary price increase."

PATRICK CALLS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH FUNDING

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick wants lawmakers in the upcoming session next month to approve a dementia research fund modeled after the state's \$6 billion Cancer Prevention and Research Institute, called CPRIT, The Tribune reported.

Since it began in 2007, CPRIT has become the country's second-largest funder of cancer research, only exceeded by the federal government. If funded by the Legislature, the dementia counterpart could have a global impact on research into Alzheimer's and dementia.

"Like CPRIT, this investment will draw leading researchers and companies to Texas and require them to be based in Texas, leading to their further investment in our state," Patrick said last week.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reports that 459,000 Texans have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, the most common form of dementia. That is about 12% of the state's over-65 population.

CRYPTO MINING FACILITIES MUST REGISTER WITH PUC

Cryptocurrency mining facilities connected to the state's primary electric grid must register with the Public Utility Commission under a rule passed late last month. The rule was mandated by a bill passed in 2023 requiring cryp-

to mining facilities using more than 75 megawatts of power to do so.

Crypto mining consumes huge amounts of power. According to the Texas Blockchain Council, there are at least 27 mining operations in Texas and more are planned. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas predicts the growth in crypto mining facilities and data centers could nearly double electric use within six years.

"To ensure the ERCOT grid is reliable and meets the electricity needs of all Texans, the PUCT and ERCOT need to know the location and power needs of virtual currency miners," PUCT Chairman Thomas Gleeson said.

Virtual currency mining facilities are "flexible loads," meaning they can quickly adjust their power consumption in response to certain factors, like changes in the wholesale price of electricity. Facilities that fail to register could be fined \$25,000 a day.

FEDS CAN'T DESTROY RAZOR WIRE, APPEALS COURT RULES

A federal appeals court has stopped the federal government from destroying razor-wire fencing installed by Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border near Eagle Pass, the San Antonio Express-News reported. The state placed more than 29 miles of wire in the Eagle Pass area in the past year or so. The Border Patrol has cut some of the wire in a long-running dispute between the federal government and the state over who controls the border.

Last week, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a 2-1 opinion reversing a lower's court's ruling that the federal government could destroy the wire.

"It was shocking to me that the federal government would go out of their way to cut razor wire to allow illegals to cross when we're just trying to protect our own land," Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said.

TXDOT PROJECTS SAVE COMMUTERS \$915 MILLION

A historic number of projects underway by the Texas Department of Transportation are easing commute times, according to a new report from the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

Despite the number of miles traveled on state roads increasing by 7% in the past five years, traffic delays are down 7% in that same time period, according to TTI. The study also found commuters are saving an estimated \$915 million in time and fuel costs.

"As our population and economy continue to grow, there's a considerable need for more projects, and this report helps guide our work to areas that need it most," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said.

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 15:

# Texans host Tua and Dolphins: Bills, Lions do battle in Motor City

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the Miami Dolphins on Sunday at NRG Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Texans got back on the winning track with a 23-20 road win at Jacksonville. Running back Joe Mixon got going once again with 101 yards rushing and a touchdown and QB C.J. Stroud turned in a turnover-free performance. This will be a tough game for the Texans because the Dolphins are a desperate team hanging to their playoff lives.

Week 15 begins with Thursday Night Football with the Rams visiting the beat-up and battered 49ers. SF running back Christian McCaffrey sustained another injury two weeks ago against the Bills and could be finished for the season. The Rams are in the NFC West race and will need to win one on the road to remain in the race.

Other key games this weekend have the Cowboys and their faint playoff hopes traveling to Carolina to take on a feisty Panthers team. Carolina has played hard the last few weeks and took Tampa Bay to overtime two weeks ago before falling, 26-23. This is a game Dallas cannot afford to take for granted, especially considering they probably have to win out to even have a chase of the playoffs.

The Chiefs have a tough road test at Cleveland. The Browns have had a disappointing season, but three weeks ago upset the Steelers at home and would like nothing more than to upset the defending Super Bowl champs on Sunday.

The Game of the Week will occur in Detroit, when the Lions host the Buffalo Bills in what could be a Super Bowl preview.

There's also the battle for the Keystone State when the Steelers visit the red-hot Eagles in Philadelphia. Both teams should be playoff bound. This should be a fun game to watch as the stout Steeler defense will try and slow down the high-octane Philly offense.

Tampa Bay heads to LA to take on the Chargers, while the Packers will head to the Pacific Northwest to take on Seattle on Sunday Night Football.

The NFL will give us two Monday Night Football games, with the Bears and their new head coach Thomas Brown. Brown replaces the fired Matt Eberflus, who was fired after the Bears fell to 4-8 after their Thanksgiving loss at Detroit. The nightcap will feature Atlanta at Las Vegas.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review last week's record. An 8-4 week



brought the season record to 101-43 (70 percent).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

NCAA

**Army vs. Navy** – I don't know about you, but I love this game and watch it every year. This is more than a football game, it's a meeting of two of the most respected military academies in the country and features young men who won't be playing in the NFL, but who will be defending our great country once they graduate from their respective schools. And this year, both teams have had solid seasons, especially Army, which entered the AAC title game with 10 wins against one loss, while Navy will enter with an 8-3 record. If you like teams that run the football, then you will love this game. These two teams have combined for 72 rushing touchdowns (Army has 39 and Navy has 33). Both teams have dual-threat QBs as Army is led by Bryson Daily (860 passing yards, 8 TDs/1,348 rushing yards, 25 TDs) and Navy is led by Blake Horvath (1,154 passing yards, 11 TDs/895 rushing yards, 13 TDs). Daily will get help in the running game from running back Kanye Udoh (906 yards, 9 TDs). This should be a high-scoring and entertaining game. Look for Daily to make one or two more plays than Horvath does as the Black Knights pull it out. My pick, Army 34, Navy 31

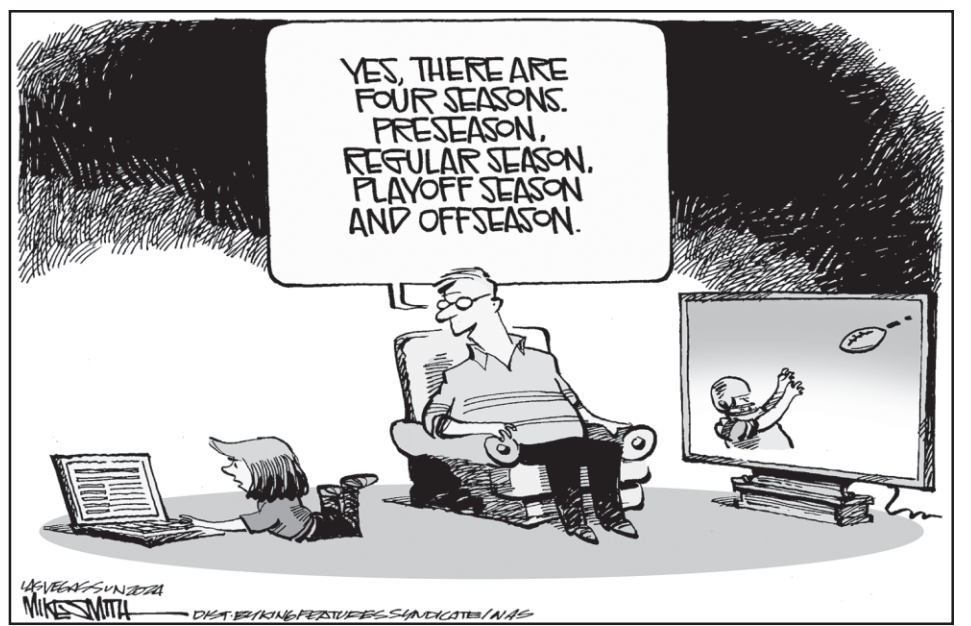
NFL

**Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco** – Week 16 kicks off with an NFC West battle on Thursday Night Football as the Rams visit the beat up 49ers. San Francisco has been decimated by injuries and has lost star running back Christian McCaffrey for the rest of the season with a knee injury. His backup, Jordan Mason (789 yards, 3 TDs) is also injured, so that means QB Brock Purdy (2,707 yards, 13 TDs) will need to make plays in the passing game to wide receiver Juan Jennings (50 receptions, 654 yards, 4 TDs) and tight end George Kittle (61 receptions, 649 yards, 8 TDs). The Rams are squarely in the division race and will look to QB Matthew Stafford (2,983 yards, 17 TDs), running back Kyren Williams (926

Yards, 10 TDs) and wideouts Cooper Kupp (58 receptions, 565 Yards, 5 TDs) and Puka Nacua (42 receptions, 546 yards, 2 TDs) to attack a suspect SF defense. The Rams have too much firepower and will pick up a big road win on Thursday night. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 326 San Francisco 23

**Dallas at Carolina** – Can the Cowboys make a late-season run after a disastrous start to the season? Maybe, but they will need to win on the road on Sunday against a young and hungry Carolina team that has not given up on the season, even though they've won only three games heading into their Dec. 8 game at Philadelphia. Dallas picked up its second straight win on Thanksgiving Day over the Giants as backup QB Cooper Rush (1,008 yards, 5 TDs) passed for 195 yards and a score and running back Rico Dowdle (600 yards, 2 TDs) rushed for 112 yards and a score. Dallas will need star wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (79 receptions, 880 yards, 4 TDs) for this game. Lamb sat out most of the New York game with a shoulder injury. The Dallas defense will need to contain Panthers QB Bryce Young (1,381 yards, 6 TDs) and running back Chubba Hubbard (919 yards, 7 TDs) if they hope to pull out the win. It says here the Dallas "D" will do just that come Sunday. My pick, Dallas 24, Carolina 17

**Kansas City at Cleveland** – The Chiefs may not be blowing people out, but they do find ways to keep on winning. On Sunday they will face a tough test at what should be a chilly afternoon in Cleveland. KC QB Patrick Mahomes (2,979 yards, 19 TDs) will be up to the task. He will get help from running back Kareem Hunt (592 yards, 5 TDs), tight end Travis Kelce (75 receptions, 637 yards, 2 TDs) and rookie wideout Xavier Worthy (33 receptions, 407 yards, 5 TDs). The Browns have had a tough year, but have not given up on the season. They lost a tough one at Denver two weeks ago, falling 41-32. Reserve QB Jameis Winston (1,763 yards, 11 TDs) and wide receiver Jerry Jeudy (54 receptions, 880 yards, 3 TDs) have formed a formidable duo, but look for the Chiefs defense to harass Winston and



force a turnover or two as the Chiefs win a tough road contest. My pick, Kansas City 23, Cleveland 16

**Miami at Houston** – The Dolphins visit the Texans on Sunday and the Texans will take on the explosive Miami offense without starting linebacker Azeem Al-Shaair, who the league suspended three games for his hit on Jacksonville QB Trevor Lawrence. Houston head coach DeMeco Ryans will need to come up with a solid game plan to slow down Miami QB Tua Tagovailoa (2,125 yards, 17 TDs), running back De'Von Achane (576 yards, 9 total TDs) and speedy wideout Tyreek Hill (55 receptions, 654 yards, 4 TDs). The Texans could use another big day from running back Joe Mixon (887 yards, 12 total TDs). If Mixon has success running the ball, Houston can control the clock and keep Tua off the field. That will also open up the passing game for Texans QB C.J. Stroud (3,117 yards, 15 TDs) and big-play wide receivers Nico Collins (49 receptions, 532 yards, 4 TDs) and Tank Dell (43 receptions, 543 yards, 2 TDs). With Kansas City and Baltimore next up on the Texans schedule, it would behoove the locals to win this one at home on Sunday. My pick, Houston 31, Miami 27

**Buffalo at Detroit** – This should be a really good game as one of the best teams in the AFC visits the top team in the NFC. Detroit improved to 11-1 with their Thanksgiving Day win over Chicago, while Buffalo improved to 10-2 with their win over SF two weeks ago. The Lions are beat up on defense, which should have Buffalo QB Josh Allen (2,691 passing yards, 20 TDs/334 rushing yards, 6 TDs) smiling. The Lions defense will also have to contend with running back James Cook (703 yards, 11 TDs) and wideout Khalil Shakir (60 receptions, 629 yards, 2 TDs). The Buffalo defense will also have its hands full taking on Lions QB Jared Goff (2,982 yards, 22 TDs), running backs Jahmyr Gibbs (973 yards, 11 total TDs), David Montgomery (720 yards, 11 total TDs) and wideouts Amon-Ra St. Brown (76 receptions, 820 yards,

9 TDs) and Jameson Williams (34 receptions, 630 yards, 4 TDs). The Lions are tough to beat at home, which the Bills will discover come Sunday. My pick, Detroit 33, Buffalo 30

**Pittsburgh at Philadelphia** – The Steelers and Eagles battle for the pride of the Keystone State on Sunday in what could turn into an offensive shootout. Two weeks ago, Steeler QB Russell Wilson (1,626 yards, 10 TDs) passed for a season high 414 yards and three TDs to lead his team to a 44-38 win at Cincinnati. He has been receiving a lot of help from running back Najee Harris (824 yards, 4 TDs) and wideout George Pickens (55 receptions, 850 yards, 3 TDs). The Steeler defense is one of the best in the league, but they will take on a loaded Eagle offense led by QB Jalen Hurts (2,454 passing yards, 14 TDs/485 rushing yards, 12 TDs), sensational running back Saquon Barkley (1,499 yards, 13 total TDs) and wideouts A.J. Brown (44 receptions, 793 yards, 4 TDs) and DeVonta Smith (41 receptions, 516 yards, 4 TDs). This should be one of those back-and-forth games, but playing at home will be a huge benefit for the Eagles. My pick, Philadelphia 31, Pittsburgh 28

**Tampa Bay at Los Angeles Chargers** – An important game for both team's playoff hopes. Two weeks ago, the Bucs survived a scare at Carolina and pulled out a 26-23 win. QB Baker Mayfield (3,034 yards, 25 TDs) is having another big season and he's getting help from rookie running back Bucky Irving (732 yards, 6 TDs) and dependable wide receiver Mike Evans (39 receptions, 521 yards, 5 TDs). Irving sustained a hit injury in the Panthers win and his availability could be up in the air for this game. The Chargers improved to 8-4 after their road win at Atlanta. LA is a hard-nosed team, just like their first-year head coach Jim Harbaugh. They aren't flashy, but they get the job done behind a solid QB in Justin Herbert (2,551 yards, 13 TDs) and rookie wideout Ladd McConkey (55 receptions, 815 yards, 4 TDs). Starting running

back J.K Dobbins is out with a knee injury, which means Gus Edwards (235 yards, 1 TD) will need to step up and lead the running game. Look for the Chargers to win another close one as the defense will be the difference maker come Sunday. My pick, Los Angeles Chargers 20, Tampa Bay 16

**Green Bay at Seattle** – The Packers head to the Pacific Northwest to take on the Seahawks on Sunday Night Football. Both teams are squarely in the NFC playoff race, with the Packers probably looking at a Wild Card spot, while Seattle is looking to win the NFC West. GB QB Jordan Love (2,518 yards, 20 TDs) needs a big night, and will count on running back Josh Jacobs (987 yards, 9 total TDs) and wideout Jayden Reed (44 receptions, 693 yards, 6 TDs) to help him navigate the Seattle defense. The Seahawks will need a big night from QB Geno Smith (3,241 yards, 13 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (547 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receivers Jaxon Smith-Njigba (70 receptions, 829 yards, 4 TDs) and DK Metcalf (50 receptions, 763 yards, 3 TDs). The Packers have the better defense, and that unit will be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Green Bay 26, Seattle 22

**Chicago at Minnesota** – The Bears visit the Vikings with a new head coach, but it probably won't matter much at this point in another disappointing season for the Windy City team. The Vikings know they can't afford to look past anyone team at this point in the season. They are smack dab in the middle of the NFC playoff hunt, so look for QB Sam Darnold (2,952 yards, 23 TDs), running back Aaron Jones (820 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receivers Justin Jefferson (68 receptions, 1,038 yards, 5 TDs) and Jordan Addison (36 receptions, 575 yards, 4 TDs) to come out in attack mode. The Vikings defense will also bring it's "A" game on Monday Night Football, which could make for a long night for rookie Bears QB Caleb Williams (2,612 yards, 14 TDs). My pick, Minnesota 30, Chicago 14

## December Programs

### High Meadows Holiday Activities

DEC 3	HOLIDAY GAME CHANGERS *ADULTS*	1 PM
DEC 4	DIY HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS *ALL AGES*	5:30 PM
DEC 5	CARDBOARD CUTOUT CREATIONS	10 AM
DEC 6	KRAFTY KIDS (HOLIDAY EDITION)	3:30 PM
DEC 9	SIP & PINT (HOLIDAY EDITION)	6 PM
DEC 10	POKEMON CLUB (HOLIDAY EDITION)	3 PM
DEC 11	CUSTOM HOLIDAY CARDS *ADULTS*	6 PM
DEC 12	HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS *ALL AGES*	3 PM
DEC 13	HOLIDAY CANVAS BAGS HOLIDAY HORROR MOVIE (KRAMPUS)	1 PM 3:30 PM
DEC 16	BOOKMARK MAKING	3:30 PM
DEC 17	COLOR AND COCOA	3:30 PM
DEC 20	NIGHTMRE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (HOLIDAY MOVIE)	3 PM

## AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

**Happy Hour**  
Got a case of the Mondays? Fight the mundane Mondays and join us for a Happy Hour, where we do different recreational activities every week! Join us every **Monday from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm!** For ages 18 & up - no registration required.  
Here's what we'll be doing each week in November:  
Dec 02 - Friendship Rocks  
Dec 09 - Art with Bert  
Dec 16 - Puzzle swap - Bring a puzzle to trade

**Movement Mondays**  
Come out and move! Join us weekly for Movement Monday! This program focuses on improving physical health and also enhances early literacy skills in a fun and interactive way. So, be prepared for Dancing, Stretching, reading and lots of laughter. Program is in English and Spanish. Encouraged to bring water. Best for kids for toddler/ preschool. No Registration is required. **Monday, Dec. 9, 11 - 11:30am.**

**Paint with Me**  
Paint with Me is a space for you to explore creativity and embrace the beauty of making mistakes. You'll work together with other teens to create large-scale pieces based on classic works of art! Our finished pieces will be displayed in the teen area. Each session begins with a brief introduction to the painting techniques and styles used in the classic work so that you can have a foundation to experiment with. Paint with Me is all about artistic expression, not technical perfection. Embrace your creativity, learn from your mistakes, work together, and find joy in the artistic process. **Monday, Dec. 9, 3-4:30pm.**

**Bilingual Story Time**  
You're invited to attend Story Time every Tuesday at 11 am. Story Time is a great way for children to build early literacy skills with stories, rhymes and songs. Parents are encouraged to participate by sitting with children and singing (and learning!) new songs. Children of all ages are welcome. **Tuesday, Dec. 10, 11-11:30am.**

**Play and Grow Workshop**  
Harris Health is joining us after story time to come and talk to parents and caregivers to provide resources and advice. We're opening our meeting room for one-hour, child-led sessions in which families play with various passive toys and stations. We'll have a new play kitchen, puppet station, and more! This program is perfect for families with children 0-5 ages. (Older siblings are also welcome). **Tuesday, Dec. 10, 11:30am - 12:30pm.**

**Are Books Good**  
Help us decide once and for all whether books are good. Ms. Gage and Ms. Nicole will read the stories out loud. You eat snacks and vote on which story is the best! Great for reluctant readers ages 9-13 or for readers who need to practice their language skills! Snacks will be provided. This program is best for 2nd to 6th graders. **Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5-5:45pm**

**1 on 1 Drop in Tech Help**  
Have questions about email, social media, word, your smart phone or more? Book a 45-minute 1 on 1 appointment and let's figure it out! Register on the website [www.hcpl.net/events](http://www.hcpl.net/events) or call the branch at 832-927-5410. **Tuesdays and Thursdays 5 - 6:30pm.**

- Computer repair or diagnosis is not available.
- To assist as many individuals as possible, you may only register for one appointment per week.

**Self-Care Sessions**  
Adulting is hard and exhausting. It's time to take it easy and focus on yourself. Join us on Wednesdays at 11am for Self-Care Sessions and take some time just for you. Adults 18 and over only. **Wednesday, Dec. 11, 11am - 12pm.** December sessions:  
Dec. 4 - Yoga & Guided Meditation  
Dec. 11 - Kickboxing & Guided Meditation  
Dec. 18 - Chair Fitness & Guided Meditation

**Tween Spark: Aurora Borealis**  
Join Ms. Gage to learn how to make your very own version of the Northern Lights with some construction paper and chalks! Snacks will be provided. This program is best for 6th-9th graders. **Wednesday, Dec. 11, 4:30 - 5:30pm.**

**Teen Thursdays**  
Teen Thursdays at Aldine Branch Library are a fun, safe environment for teens ages (12-18) to hang out after school! Join us as we play games, watch anime, and hang out! **Thursday, Dec. 12, 3:30 - 5:30pm.**

**Ology: Plants**  
What do plants do for us, and how do we help them in return? Do you think plants can be kept without giving them any attention? Let's learn together by making terrariums and exploring the different kinds plants can thrive in. **Thursday, Dec. 12, 6-7pm.**

**Passport Services**  
Do have plans to travel out of the country? You need to get your passport in order! Current routine processing is estimated at 4-6 weeks and expedited processing time is estimated at 2-3 weeks. You can **make an appointment** for passport services at Aldine Branch - <https://www.hcpl.net/services/passport-services>. Our passport hours - Mondays and Wednesdays 12pm - 5pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm - 7pm; Saturdays 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm - Appointments required. We also have walk-in service from 2-4pm on most Fridays on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to get a passport executed must have all necessary documents, check/money order, and required people present with them to be added on the list to be seen. Sign-in starts at 1pm.

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Querido santa,  
Mi nombre es Jason,  
yo tengo ocho años y  
estoy en tercer  
grado, actualmente  
estoy en la escuela  
Orange Grove.  
Algo bueno que he  
hecho, es que he  
prestado mis lápices  
y he hecho mis  
tareas y nunca falto  
a la escuela. Este año  
quiero una bicicleta  
para hacer carreras  
con mis primos  
porque es divertido.  
Espero estar en tu  
lista y que me traigas  
mi bici.  
Atentamente, Jason,  
8 años  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa, I know you  
are busy, but can you  
give me Robux, nano  
board, and some  
clothes, you don't have  
to give me a lot of stuff.  
Edith G, 8 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa, make up and  
toy for my sister and  
mom and for me price 13  
max to see my real dad,  
bye Santa.  
Kyize, 9 years old  
Orange Grove  
elementary

Dear Santa,  
I would like for  
Christmas rolling  
skates, Make Up,  
robots, bike, scooter,  
pool, iPhone, swif box,  
ps5.  
Blanca, 9 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary



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Querido santa,  
Mi nombre es  
Neymar, yo tengo  
nieve años y estoy en  
tercer grado, yo  
estoy en la escuela  
Orange Group. Este  
año yo me he portado  
bien y mi deseo para  
esta Navidad es una  
patineta para jugar  
con mi hermano  
Atentamente,  
Neymar, 9 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want you to know  
that I have been good  
at what I want for  
Christmas issues and  
clothes and science  
kit.  
Emily Flores, 9 years  
old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

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

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas  
is Pokémon cards and  
boxing gloves, and  
two soccer shoes and  
a soccer ball from  
Ronaldo and PS 5 and  
Xbox and iPhone 16  
Max, World Cup  
trophy in Pokémon  
cards of Pikachu and  
soccer ball.  
Eduardo Cardenas, 8  
years old  
Orange Grove  
elementary

Dear Santa,  
Laptop, game six  
Nintendo, wish gema,  
zode gema, code  
sawcade, cat, iPhone.  
Alejandro, 9 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa, what I  
want for December is  
a pool, teenager  
mutant ninja turtle  
toys, Xbox, and  
Pokémon cards.  
David, 8 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas  
soccer boots and a  
game box, a toy cars,  
hot wheels ramp, and  
an iPhone 6, and the  
Tigres and  
Monterrey uniform,  
and the stickers of  
blocks fruit, the  
perfume of CR7 and  
tachones of football  
and cars.  
Eduardo Cardoso, 7  
years old  
Orange Grove  
elementary

Dear Santa,  
I know that you are  
busy, but can you give  
me an air force one  
and a TV and two LED  
lights and PS five  
that's all.  
Edson, 10 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I know that you are  
busy, but can I please  
get some box, it is the  
800 and cash. I get a  
bumblebee please, and  
Xbox for my brother.  
Ayden, 9 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

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Dear Santa,  
My name is Reggina,  
I am eight years old,  
I am in third grade. I  
currently attend  
Orange Grove  
elementary. This  
year I have been  
good, an example. I  
have been good is  
getting good grades.  
This year one thing I  
wish for Christmas is  
a horse because I  
have been wanting in  
one since I was two  
years old. I hope I  
can be in your list.  
Sincerely, Reggina, 8  
years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

Dear Santa,  
This year, I want to go  
to Guyana with my  
cousins. I also want my  
aunt not to work so  
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

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 car 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,  
I'm nine years old  
and I'm in third  
grade, I currently go  
to Orange Grove  
Elementary and I  
have been behaving  
good. One example of  
my good behavior is  
that I help my  
mother at home with  
her cleaning and  
cooking. This  
Christmas I wish for  
a big squishmallow  
plush, and a shirt of  
capybara and I  
accomplish my dream  
to be a designer  
when I grow up.  
Sincerely, Abigail, 9  
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,  
I'm sorry if you are  
busy, I want for my  
family it's a lot of peace  
for me and my brother  
want some new Jordan  
4s, my brother doesn't  
like Jordan 4, it's OK  
him Air Force one.  
Axzel, 8 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

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

## CHURCH PAGE

### BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Bethlehem (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi
3. With perhaps two different biblical answers, who was the father of Joseph? Jacob/Heli, Gideon/Ishmael, Solomon/Nahum, Samuel/Pilate
4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted Jesus

**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

*Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*

ROMANS 1: 22,23

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would be born in Bethlehem? Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum  
5. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? Bible not specific, Cart, Rode donkey, Small raft  
6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Nazareth, 3) Jacob/Heli (Matthew 1:16, Luke 3:23), 4) Micah, 5) Bible not specific, 6) Silver  
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# HOLIDAY MAGIC IN EAST ALDINE Tree Lighting Opens Holiday Season



Many hundreds of Aldine families attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Holiday Kick-off. The Tree had a majestic presence, apparent in this photo. Attendees also enjoyed free food, games, music, and other family activities as well as the lighting display on the main Amphitheatre stage.



There were four "inflatables" for kids to roll around inside, and just see what they could make that big bubble do. Lots of fun.



What's the Christmas season without snow? East Aldine provided that, and kids of all ages had a ball, including that snowball coming this way.



The Photo Booth and the Seasonal backdrop made for many memorable photos to remember the evening.



**The gift of love.  
The gift of peace.  
The gift of happiness.  
May all these be yours  
this holiday season.**

Aldine ISD will observe Midwinter Break  
for Students Dec. 20-Jan. 7 and  
Dec. 23-Jan. 3 for Employees.

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Thanks to the GS Customs volunteers for sorting the boys for the Giveaway. The support of GS, East Aldine District, HCSO, Lone Star College EAC, Precinct 2 Adrian Garcia, BakerRipley, Westfield Fire Dept., and Grupo ACE helped make it all possible.

## Letters to Santa

Querido santa,  
Mi nombre es Neymar,  
yo tengo nieve años y  
estoy en tercer grado,  
yo estoy en la escuela  
Orange Group. Este  
año yo me he portado  
bien y mi deseo para  
esta Navidad es una  
patineta para jugar  
con mi hermano  
Atentamente,  
Neymar, 9 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want is  
a Barbie house and some  
Barbie and AirPods and  
iPad and some new pink  
shoes and cute cup of  
hello Kitty by the hello  
Kitty in the snow and a  
set but color, purple and  
I want some markers  
and crayons and colored  
pencils.  
Denisse, 8 years old  
Orange Grove  
elementary

\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
Santa, I love the  
robot and bring me  
one robot and  
transformer for one  
yet and the color  
color red.  
Saidth, 8 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
Hello hawaruo me is cut  
mar muzic. Favorit is  
chigoven chigoven epran  
I love Santa en me toy  
favorit is car tengo  
Santa at love ok Santa.  
Puedo hablar en Español  
por favor y a mi maestra  
traele muchos regalos.  
Ariel Louis, 7 years old  
Orange Grove  
elementary

\*\*\*  
Dear Santa,  
What I wantone is to  
meet Ronaldo and one  
card of Ronaldo and  
one card of Mbappé  
and one new computer  
of Ronaldo and to  
meet a gamer man.  
Iván, 7 years old  
Orange Grove  
Elementary

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Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas I  
want a new shoes and a  
new shoe and a new  
walkerbuter. Santa and  
now I have a  
Lamborghini and fix  
Roblox and for 4000om  
Roblox please Santa, plis  
fix Roblox and Marri  
Christmas.  
Dalery, 7 years old  
Orange Grove  
elementary



**El don del amor.  
El don de la paz.  
El regalo de la felicidad.  
Que todo esto sea suyo  
en esta temporada festiva.**

Aldine ISD observará las vacaciones de  
invierno para los estudiantes del  
20 de diciembre al 7 de enero. Y del 23 de  
diciembre al 3 de enero para los empleados.

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