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NORTHEAST NEWS



The First major snowstorm in 40 years blanketed Houston and East Aldine last week. For 2 days the city was shut down. That gave kids time for making snowman and sledding. By Thursday all had reopened.

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NEWS NOTES

East Aldine Gateways Project Jan. 30

East Aldine invites the public to participate in the GATEWAYS Project. A community workshop will be held Thursday, Jan. 30 from 4pm to 6pm at the Almdarez Community Center. See more information on Page 8 of this issue.

East Aldine District seeks new board member

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the East Aldine Management District seeks a qualified candidate to fill the vacancy that exists in Director Position No. 5 of the board. See Complete details inside this issue.

BakerRipley Leadership Training

BakerRipley offers a free Leadership training class, starting Feb. 24. This seven night class will meet 6-8pm and include Leadership skills and Capacity Building. Classes at BakerRipley East Aldine campus. To enroll, contact Pearl Castaneda at 832-527-0008 or pcastaneda@bakerripley.org.

Historic Snowfall blankets Houston

City and Schools closed for 2 days; Temperatures fall below 20 degrees; Snow up to 5 inches



Snow covers the East Aldine Office Building, and the RoundAbout sculpture.



GREETINGS FROM EAST ALDINE mural has a cold, snowing setting this month.

66th Annual FFA Show runs Jan. 29-31

ALDINE – The 66th annual FFA Livestock Show and Auction will be held Wednesday through Friday, Jan. 29-31 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, pig judging will begin at 8 a.m., with the staff swine showmanship show following. At 3 p.m., steer judging will take place.

The horse show will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, followed by the poultry show at 9 a.m. and the lamb and goat show at 1 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 31, the Buyer's Luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. in the MOC Arena, followed by the sale



Jordan Williams of Eisenhower High School raised the grand champion steer at the 65th annual Aldine ISD FFA Livestock Show and Country Fair. The Superintendent's Group bought Jordan's steer for \$12,000.

of champions at 1 p.m. BBQ plates will be available on Wednesday and Thursday. They can be purchased on-site or ordered online for pick up on the Aldine Livestock Show website.

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Exhibitors are looking forward to an even more robust bidding and sale this year, according to the Ag department.

Music Legends and Rising Stars Collide: The 2025 RODEOHOUSTON® Unveils Epic Entertainment Lineup

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ is thrilled to release the star entertainer lineup for the 2025 Rodeo season, scheduled for March 4 – March 23. It showcases a diverse lineup that includes a variety of country music, pop, rock, regional Mexican, as well as Christian, R&B and hip-hop.

“Each season, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo aims to bring a strong lineup of artists that reflect our Western roots while still offering an array of music that embraces Houston’s culture,” said Chris Boleman, president and CEO of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. “Nine entertainers will make their debut on the star stage, alongside some Rodeo fan-favorites and hall-of-fame artists, some of which are returning for the first time in nearly 20 years.”

The artists that will light up the star stage for the first time in 2025 include Riley Green, Bailey Zimmerman, Carin León, AJR, Warren Zeiders, Grupo Frontera, Charley Crockett, Zach Top and Post Malone. Among long-time returning Rodeo artists are Brad Paisley and

DAY	DATE	ARTIST 1	ARTIST 2
TUESDAY	4	REBA MCGENTIRE	JOURNEY
WEDNESDAY	5	RILEY GREEN	WARREN ZEIDERS
THURSDAY	6	AJR	GRUPO FRONTERA
FRIDAY	7	BUN B'S BIRTHDAY BONANZA	CHARLEY CROCKETT
SATURDAY	8	BAILEY ZIMMERMAN	POST MALONE
SUNDAY	9	CARIN LEÓN	OLD DOMINION
MONDAY	10	BRAD PAISLEY	CODY JINKS
TUESDAY	11	ZACH TOP	PARKER MCCOLLUM
WEDNESDAY	12	LAUREN DAIGLE	BROOKS & DUNN
THURSDAY	13	JON PARDI	LUKE BRYAN

Luke Bryan. The 2025 Rodeo will be Paisley's 17th performance and Bryan's 12th.

REBA McENTIRE holds one of the organization's highest honors as the first woman inducted to RODEOHOUSTON's Star Trail of Fame in 2007. Her 2025 appearance will mark her 20th performance at the Rodeo and her first time back in 18 years.

In a highly requested appearance, Grupo Frontera will make their debut on Go Tejano Day, presented by Fiesta Mart, on Sunday, March 16. For the second year, the 2025 lineup features two Latin artists with Carin León also making his debut performance on Sunday, March 9. The Rodeo is also thrilled to bring back fan favorite artists, including Brooks & Dunn, Cody Jinks, Lauren Daigle, Jon Pardi, Old Dominion and the Greater Houston area's very own, Parker McCollum and Bun B.

Bun B will bring another group of popular R&B and hip-hop artists to the stage with him again this year for his *Birthday Bo*

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East Aldine District seeks candidate for vacant board position

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the East Aldine Management District seeks a qualified candidate to fill the vacancy that exists in Director Position No. 5 of the board. Statutory qualifications as defined in Chapter 375, Local Government Code, are as follows:

Sec. 375.063. QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTOR. To be qualified to serve as a director, a person must be at least 18 years old and:

- (1) an owner of property in the district;
- (2) an owner of stock, whether beneficial or otherwise, of a corporate owner of property in the district;
- (3) an owner of a beneficial interest in a trust that owns property in the district; or
- (4) an agent, employ-

ee, or tenant of a person covered by Subdivision (1), (2), or (3).

The Board of Directors meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at the East Aldine District's Town Center community room. Candidate must be willing to participate in the Board's regular meetings and serve on at least one committee. The term of Position 5 expires June 1, 2027, and is renewable for an additional four-year term upon recommendation of the Board and approval by the Harris County Commissioners Court. Currently there are no limits on the number of terms a director may serve.

If you are qualified or know someone who is qualified and may be interested please submit the application to the Nominating Committee by Friday, February 7, 2025 to the following:

East Aldine Management District
Nominating Committee
c/o Monica Campos
2909 E. Aldine Amphitheatre Dr., Ste. 200
Houston, TX 77039

Or by email to:
mcampos@haweshill.com

Download the Candidate Information Form (PDF)



Statement on Executive Order regarding end of EPA Environmental Justice Team

Houston, Texas — President Trump signed several executive orders this week impacting Harris County government and its residents. Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee, the chief civil lawyer for Texas's largest county, issued the following statement in response to President Trump's Executive Order—entitled "Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing"—which terminates environmental justice offices and positions in the federal government:

"I am deeply concerned by the actions taken by President Trump on the first day of his second term, particularly the executive orders that seek to undermine vital protections for our most vulnerable communities, including those here in Harris County.

"President Trump's decision to dismantle the EPA's environmental justice team is a devastating setback for vulnerable communities.

In Harris County, Black and Latino neighborhoods already face overwhelming pollution, increased health risks, and shorter life expectancy. For years, polluters have targeted these communities while state Republican officials have turned a blind eye.

The EPA has been a critical partner in holding polluters accountable—stopping toxic concrete plants and intervening in contamination cases, like the 'cancer cluster' in Fifth Ward. Trump's decision puts this essential work at risk.

This is more than a policy decision—it's an abandonment of communities that have long been ignored. We must continue to fight for clean air, safe water, and a healthier future for all."

House Fire on Van Ness Street

Houston Fire Department reports a House fire on January 19, 2025, at 1:31 a.m. at the 7700 block of Van Ness St. 77037. There were no reported injuries. \$270,000 in estimated property saved. and \$160,000 in estimated damage. The cause is Under investigation (appears accidental).

Firefighters arrived on scene to find heavy fire coming from a garage and extending into the house. They made an attack on the fire and requested several additional HFD units. A primary search of the home was completed, and everyone was safely outside. Crews rotated until the fire was fully controlled and extinguished.

The American Red Cross was notified to assist the family and HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin. 50 personnel responded to this incident, including firefighters from Stations 15, 31, 34, 30, 58, 67, 74, Heavy Rescue 11 and Rehab 8.

High Meadows Library offers "Fresh Start to a Healthier You" program

We are excited to announce our upcoming program, "Fresh Start to a Healthier You," which kicks off on Friday, January 24th, from 1:45 PM to 2:45 PM. This engaging four-part series is designed to inspire and guide you towards a healthier lifestyle, offering valuable insights and practical tips.

Program
Start Date: Friday, January 24th
End Date: Friday, February 21st
Time: 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM
Duration: Four-part series

Location: At High Meadows Branch Library

This series will cover various aspects of health and wellness, providing you with the tools and motivation needed to make positive changes. Whether you're looking to improve your diet, increase physical activity, or reduce stress, this program has something for everyone.

How to Sign Up:

If you're interested in joining us for this wonderful program, please reply to this email or register online. We would love to have you be part of this journey towards a healthier you. Spaces are limited, so be sure to sign up early to secure your spot.

Fresh Start to a Healthier You - Harris County Public Library

The 4-session series empowers individuals to lead healthier lives through improved nutrition and lifestyle habits. Sessions cover increasing fruit and vegetable intake, balanced meal planning, food safety, and physical activity. Participants learn about essential nutrients, meal preparation, food safety practices, saving money on groceries, and setting fitness goals. Sign up at:

hcpl.bibliocommons.com

Fatal Crash at 1100 West Sam Houston Parkway North

Houston police are investigating the fatal hit-and-run crash that occurred at 1100 West Sam Houston Parkway North service road (Beltway 8) about 11:45 p.m. on Sunday (January 19).

The identity of the deceased male, 54, is pending notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant Y. Ramirez and Officer D. Thompson reported:

Officers responded to a report of an unresponsive male in the main lanes of the service road at the above address and found the male lying in the roadway. Responding Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced the man deceased at the scene.

Further investigation revealed the driver of an unknown black vehicle struck the pedestrian and then fled the scene without stopping to render aid.

Anyone with information on the wanted driver and/or vehicle is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4072 or speak anonymously with Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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JAN 27-31

- 11:30 AM FABLES AND FUN
 - 27 JAN 6 PM A NOVEL IDEA BOOK CLUB
 - 28 JAN 3:30 PM PEARL BEAD CHARACTER
 - 12 PM COMPUTER BASICS CLASS
 - 29 JAN 3:30 PM KRAFTY KIDS
 - 1:00PM JOURNALING W/ESL
 - 5 PM READING WONDERLAND
 - 30 JAN 11 AM CITIZENSHIP
 - 3:30 PM TEEN GAME ZONE
 - 3:30 TEEN FRIDAY FREE SPACE
 - 31 JAN 1:45 PM HEALTHIER YOU
- COMING SOON...
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- Support our friends of the library at High Meadow Branch by ordering from Chick-Fil-A on February 5th 5pm-8pm .
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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

Movement Monday
Come out and move! Join us on Monday and get ready to exercise your brain and body! We'll be dancing, reading, singing and moving. This program focuses on improving physical health and also enhances early literacy skills in a fun and interactive way. Program is in English and Spanish. Encouraged to bring your own water. Monday, Jan. 27, 11 - 11:45am.

Clases de Computación Básica (Basic Computer Classes in Spanish)
Si las computadoras son nuevas para usted, se siente incómodo con ellas o simplemente quiere un curso de actualización, este curso es para usted. Revisaremos todo lo básico: ¿de cómo usar un ratón a utilizando el correo electrónico eficazmente y más! Acompañados los lunes de 4 a 5:30 p.m. Inscripción requerido. Llame o visite para inscribirse.

If you are completely new to computers, feel uncomfortable with them, or simply want a refresher in the basics, this class is for you. We will review all the basics: from how to use a mouse to effectively utilizing email and more! Join us on Mondays from 4 to 5:30 pm. Registration required. Call or visit to register.

Bilingual Story Time & Craft/Hora de cuento con manualidades
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. Last half hour is craft time! Children of all ages are welcome!
Estás invitado a asistir a tiempo de cuentos cada martes a las 11 am. Tiempo de cuentos es una excelente manera para que los niños desarrollen habilidades de alfabetización temprana con libros, rimas y canciones.

Animamos a los padres a sentarse con los niños y canten las canciones con nosotros. ¡La última media hora es tiempo de manualidades! ¡Los niños de todas las edades son bienvenidos!

Open Tech Lab (Bilingual)
Have questions about email, social media, word, your smart phone or more? Come in and let's figure it out! Computer repair or diagnosis is not available. **Tuesdays, 5-6:30pm.** Registration is required. Call 832-927-5410 or come by to register.

¿Necesita ayuda con un programa específico en la computadora? o cualquier pregunta relacionada con el teléfono celular? ¡Te podemos ayudar! Reparación o diagnóstico de computadoras o telefono celular no sera disponible.

Pajama Story Time
Come join us in your pajamas for story time at night. We have songs, stories, and crafts! This program is in English and Spanish. **Tuesdays, 6-6:45pm.**

Self-Care Sessions
Would you like to add a little more movement and peace to your day? Start here with us **every Wednesday at 11am** for Self-Care Sessions. We will do a gentle movement followed by guided meditation. You can thank us later :) Here's the January lineup:

- Jan. 8 - Somatic Yoga
 - Jan. 15 - Indoor Walking
 - Jan. 22 - Yoga stretch & flow
 - Jan. 29 - Qi Gong
- This program is for adults 18 and over. No registration required.

Tween Spark: Duct Tape Wallet
We all know duct tape can fix everything, but it can also be used to make just about anything. Join Miss Gage to make your very own wallet out of duct tape! Snacks will be provided. This program is best for 6th-9th graders. **Wednesday, Jan. 29, 4:30 - 5:30pm.**

Computer Basics Class
Harris County Public Library and Harris County Universal Services join forces to bridge the digital divide by offering services to aid in the complete digital literacy of Harris County residents. No registration required. **Thursday, Jan. 30, 5-6pm.**
Ology: The Sun

How much do you really know about the sun? What does it do,

besides shining brightly and making summer days hotter? Did you know you can use it to tell time? Learn more about the sun and all the things it can do with Ms. Gage!

Thursday, Jan. 23, 6-7pm.

Pathway to Citizenship
We are now planning for new classes that will begin in January 2025. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you have about these classes.

Join us for a free, 12-week class to help you prepare for your naturalization interview and civics test. An English placement test must be passed for class admittance. Students must commit to attending all classes. Taking this class does not grant citizenship or pay for any application fees. Registration is required as space is limited. Register at the first class. **First class, Feb. 1, 11am - 1pm. Saturdays, 11am - 1pm.**

Passport Services
Do you 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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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

ALDINE Independent School District
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Aldine ISD Students Excel at District Science and Engineering Fair



On Dec. 14, Aldine ISD students in grades 6-12 showcased their talents at the 2024-2025 High School Science and Engineering Fair, hosted at the Child Nutrition Center, and the Middle School Science and Engineering Fair, held at Mead Middle School. These events provided students with a platform to conduct independent research and apply science and engineering practices. The middle school fair included 30 individual and team projects, eight Digital Imagery as an Instructional Mode For Student Achievement (DIIM-SA) photography submissions. Meanwhile, the high school event featured 39 individual and team projects, 21 DIIM-SA photography submissions, and 73 competitors in Science Bowl and Puzzle competitions, totaling 143 entries and 173 participants. Ten middle school campuses took part in the fair: Aldine, Garcia, Grantham, Hambrick, Jones, Mead, and Shotwell Middle School, Drew, Houston and Aldine Young Women's Leadership Academy. Students showcased their ability to communicate scientific and engineering practices by presenting their ideas and responding to judges' questions. Similarly, nine high school campuses participated in the District Science Fair. The nine were: Avalos P-Tech, Blanson CTE High School, Carver High School, Eisenhower High School, and MacArthur High School. Representatives of the schools were Daniel Putzey from Avalos P-Tech; Andrade Mauricio, Francisca Natter, Mariaba Govea, Samuel Herrera, and Heba Badat from Eisenhower High School; and Andrew Alcantara, Alejandra Perez, and Miranda Garza from MacArthur High School. SEFH is scheduled for Feb. 14-15 at the Fort Bend Epicenter in Rosenberg. Aldine will face competitors from more than 54 school districts, including Alief, Clear Creek, Conroe, Friendswood, Fort Bend, Harmony Public Schools, Houston ISD, Spring Branch, and Tomball ISD, as well as homeschool and private school participants. The District Science Fair underscores Aldine ISD's commitment to fostering a passion for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). By offering students hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences, the district continues to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, innovators, and designers. Five high school campuses

ACADEMIC CALENDARS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Aldine ISD's 2025-2026 school year instructional calendars are now available on the district website. On the traditional calendar, most students and schools start on Monday, August 11, 2025. The last day of school is Thursday, May 28, 2026. For students attending the district's four schools on the Additional School Days School Year (ADSY) calendar — Vines EC/PreK/K School, Ermel Elementary, Harris Elementary, and Smith Elementary — the first day of classes will be Thursday, July 24, 2025. The last day will be Thursday, June 18, 2026. The first mid-term break will be in October, with the second in February. Thanksgiving will be a whole week for all AISD students. The one significant change from the previous years is spring break, which will occur a week later than in the past. The Aldine ISD Board approved the calendar recommendations for the 2025-2026 instructional calendars based on input from teachers, parents, community members, school administrators, and support staff through an online survey on two proposed calendars. 2 Different Aldine ISD School Year Calendars Most campuses follow the traditional. Vines Primary, Ermel Elementary, Harris Elementary, and Smith Elementary fall under the Additional Days School Year (ADSY) calendar. The different calendars are part of Aldine's commitment to providing choices and opportunities to students and families. The ADSY calendar demonstrates the possibilities of reimagining teaching by accelerating learning and strengthening whole-child support. ADSY allows for increased achievement and growth opportunities for learners. The ADSY model incorporates more recess and 'brain' breaks, collaboration, student projects, staff

professional development, and increased collaboration between families and schools. Important Dates for Students on the Traditional School Year Calendar First Day of Classes: August 11 Labor Day: September 1 October Student Holiday: October 6-10 Thanksgiving Break: November 24-28 Midwinter Break: December 19-Jan. 6 Classes Resume: January 7 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: January 19 February Student Holiday: February 9-13 Spring Break: March 16-20 Student Holiday: April 3 Memorial Day Holiday: May 25 Last Day of Classes: May 28 Important Dates for Students on the ADSY School Year Calendar First Day of Classes: July 24 Student Holiday: August 8 Labor Day: September 1 October Student Holiday: October 6-10 Thanksgiving Break: November 24-28 Midwinter Break: December 22-Jan. 5 Classes Resume: January 6 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: January 19 February Student Holiday: February 9-13 Spring Break: March 16-20 Student Holiday: April 3 Memorial Day Holiday: May 25 Last Day of Classes: June 18 *ENVIZION Days under the ADSY calendar will be held in July, August, September, October, November, January, February, and March.

A Message From Superintendent, Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney.



Dear Aldine ISD Families and Staff Members, Can you believe we all experienced a historic event this past week? According to meteorologist Jeff Lindner, Houston hasn't had a winter event like that since 1895. During the inauguration, 50 of our students also witnessed history while visiting Washington, D.C. Even though the weather prevented them from attending the event, they covered much ground by visiting museums and hobnobbing with elected officials. While I am glad everyone was safe at home earlier this week enjoying the snow, I am happy to see our students back in the classroom learning, growing, and thriving. There is so much to celebrate as we kick off this new year! Let's start with a big congratulations to Aldine ISD alum Aaron Glenn, a proud Nimitz High School graduate recently named the New York Jets head coach. His story reminds us of the incredible potential in all of our students. Speaking of making an #AldineImpact, Newsweek featured our groundbreaking HEAL Program at Nimitz High School! Thanks to a \$31 million grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies, this collaboration with Memorial Hermann Health System is transforming educational experiences for our students and health and wellness in our community. This new high school model ensures that students in Aldine ISD interested in

healthcare careers can gain real experience while still learning the core foundational math, science, and literacy skills that we focus on during those formative secondary years. We aspire to be a model for schools across the country that a holistic high school experience with fully integrated career-technical education is not just possible but profound for students and the entire community. In more exciting news, I am pleased to announce Timothy Momanyi as Aldine ISD's new chief financial officer. Timothy brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to ensuring that our district's financial operations continue to support student success. Please join me in welcoming him to the Aldine family! The Career and Technical Association of Texas (CTAT) recently recognized Aldine ISD as a CTE District of Distinction at the state level. CTAT awards the prestigious designation to districts that meet the stringent guidelines set by the CTAT Board and executive committee. This honor doesn't happen by chance. I thank the hard work of our entire CTE team and community. I couldn't be more proud to be among the districts leading the way in providing future-focused, transformative educational CTE experiences to our students. Next week, students from across the district will showcase their projects at the Annual FFA Livestock Show and Auction, which will run from Wednesday, Jan. 29, until Friday, Jan. 31. Visit the CTE livestock show webpage for details and be sure to stop by on

Wednesday and Thursday next week to purchase breakfast and BBQ lunch. You can also buy the student-designed t-shirt for this year's show. But the western-themed celebration will start tonight, Friday, Jan. 24, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. as we celebrate the winners of RodeoHouston's School Art Program in Aldine ISD. Join us at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center. Our students, staff, and community have inspired us across the district. From the amazing Parent Literacy Day hosted by Aldine AFT at the Nimitz High School for primary and elementary students to the continued growth of parent engagement opportunities like YWLA's Spanish classes, Aldine ISD's impact is everywhere. The latest Aldine Connection newsletter includes important updates like Bond 2023 projects and events like the rescheduled Spelling Bee. Be sure to check out these updates and celebrate our district's achievements. As we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy this month, let us reflect on his words: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Let's continue to create opportunities, spread kindness, and make an #AldineImpact. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our students and community. With Aldine Pride, Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney-Superintendent

ALDINE Independent School District
2025-2026 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR
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OPINION PAGE



Know Your Immigration Rights and Stay Prepared

As you have probably heard through news reports, the new Trump administration plans to make changes to our immigration laws that will impact all of us. Therefore, it is crucial to ensure everyone is informed of their rights and responsibilities.

What are your rights?

IN YOUR HOME: ICE agents cannot search your person, belongings, car, or home without your permission or a valid search warrant signed by a judge with your correct name and address on it.

AT WORK: ICE can only enter a workplace with the employer's consent or a judicial warrant. If they enter your work place, do not panic or try to run away.

IN PUBLIC: You are not required to answer questions about your immigration status, where you were born, or how you entered the country. You may refuse a search.

AT DOCTOR'S OFFICES: You are not required to disclose your immigration status to receive medical care, even if your healthcare provider asks you for this information.

AT SCHOOL: Students have the right to attend school without providing documentation of their immigration status. Schools should not ask about immigration status, and they cannot deny enrollment based on immigration status.

AT PLACES OF WORSHIP: Currently, ICE is directed to avoid enforcement actions in certain "protected areas" like schools, places of worship, and hospitals.

If you are detained by ICE, ask to speak with an attorney immediately. If you do not have a lawyer, ask an immigration officer for a list of pro bono lawyers.

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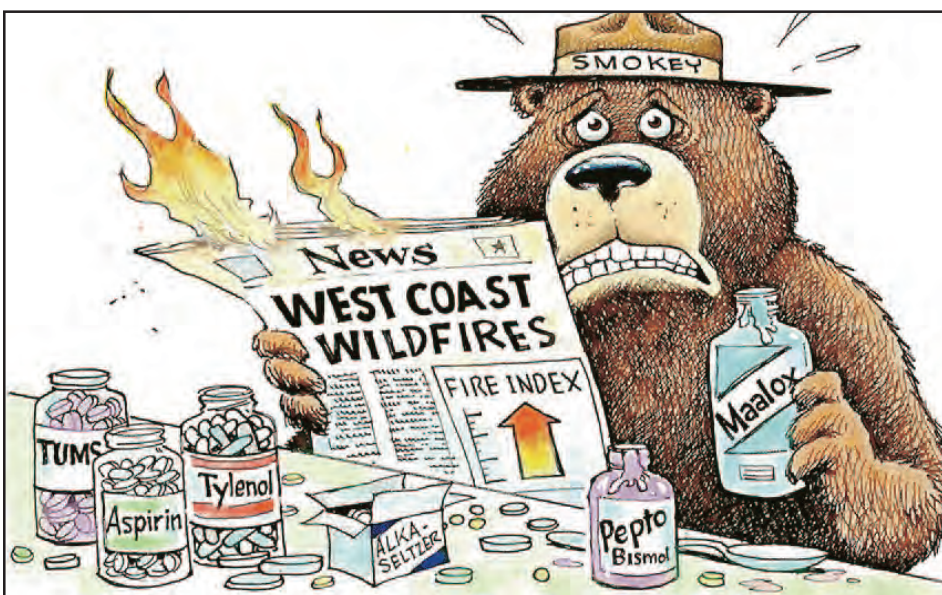
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Hegar Releases Biennial Revenue Forecast

The Texas Legislature begins its work creating a state budget for the next two years with slightly less revenue available than it had during the previous biennium.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar projects lawmakers will have \$194.6 billion available during the 2026-27 budget cycle, down 1.1%.

He noted the state is in good financial shape and predicts revenue collections will continue to rise in the upcoming biennium.

"Thoughtful consideration of spending decisions, as always, will be crucial to ensure new and existing investments can be funded in the future — and that these investments focus on improving the lives of Texans," Hegar said.

Sales tax collections continue to make up the state's largest source of general fund revenue at 61%, followed distantly by oil and gas tax collections.

WATER BOARD DEEMS MARVIN NICHOLS RESERVOIR 'FEASIBLE'

The Texas Water Development Board recently reported to Gov. Greg Abbott that a controversial reservoir project in Northeast Texas could be finished and operating within the next 25 years.

The Marvin Nichols Reservoir has been on the drawing board for decades to be built in the Sulphur River Basin, which includes parts of Franklin, Red River and Titus counties.

Landowners in the affected areas have long opposed the reservoir's construction since they would lose valuable farm and timber land. The reservoir has pitted two regional water groups against each other.

The News reported that the official recommendation of a reservoir project in no way guarantees its construction. The permitting process at the state and federal levels likely will take decades.

ABBOTT FLOATS NOTION OF



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

BUYING WATER FROM HOUSTON FOR WEST TEXAS

Abbott and Houston Mayor John Whitmire reportedly have been in initial talks to sell the city's "excess" water to West Texas, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Whitmire, a longtime state senator before being elected mayor, told the Chronicle that he was open to the idea if it means the city can get much-needed infrastructure funding.

Cities and businesses operating in the Permian Basin are calling for more access to water as their aquifers run low after decades of unrestricted drilling.

Whitmire said the city could build new reservoirs to hold water sold to the state in exchange for funding to fix its crumbling infrastructure.

The city needs about \$15 billion just to fix its water pipes and build a new water purification plant. Houston has lost 36 billion gallons of water in the past two years — enough to supply the entire city of Fort Worth, with 900,000 people, with water for a year.

INVESTOR TIED TO PAXTON IMPEACHMENT PLEADS GUILTY

Austin real estate investor Nate Paul pleaded guilty last week to a single federal count of making false statements to a financial institution.

Paul, a major contributor to Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's campaigns, was the focus of a federal investigation. Allegations that Paxton improperly used his office to help Paul thwart the probes led to the attorney general's impeachment in the House in 2023 on 20 counts of improperly accept-

ing gifts and favors from the developer. Paxton was acquitted in the Texas Senate.

Investigators said Paul underreported his total debt and overreported his cash on hand in order to obtain loans to buy commercial properties.

FATAL OCCUPATIONAL INJURY REPORT RELEASED

A total of 564 workers died on the job in 2023, according to the Texas Department of Insurance's annual report, down slightly from the previous year.

The trade, transportation, and utilities industry, both private and public sector, reported the most fatalities at 183. During the same period 126 construction workers died on the job.

The number of worker fatalities has not changed markedly in the past five years, according to TDI.

TEXAS FIREFIGHTERS DEPLOYED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Texas Division of Emergency Management and Texas A&M

Forest Service have deployed firefighters, emergency management and medical personnel, fire engines, and equipment to assist with wildfire response efforts in California.

More than 135 firefighters and other emergency personnel, as well as more than 45 fire engines, ambulances, command vehicles, and equipment, have been sent to California.

"I thank all the brave firefighters and first responders who are answering the call to help Californians in need as these fires continue to burn," Abbott said.

AIR IN 12 COUNTIES EXCEEDED FEDERAL SOOT STANDARDS

A dozen Texas counties have recently exceeded federal air quality standards for particulate matter, also called soot, The Texas Tribune reported.

However, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is recommending that eight of those counties be excluded from stricter federal pollution rules because of either faulty air monitoring data or "exceptional events," such as wildfires and dust storms.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last year cut the permitted level of particulate matter from 12 to 9 micrograms per cubic meter annually. It is considered the deadliest form of air pollution.

TCEQ has proposed that four counties — Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Bowie — be declared out of attainment. The other eight counties that exceed the new limit would be allowed to avoid the tougher standards.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Clean Ankles



I don't normally tackle controversial issues, but today I'm going out on a limb.

Baths are better than showers.

I don't care what my husband, Peter, or my mother and father have to say on the subject. I don't care about those people who take samples of bathwater and look at them under microscopes and tell you that you are bathing in miniscule amounts of dirt and micro-organisms.

I looked at my ankles.

When Peter and I stay in Mexico, I do not have a bathtub. I will admit, when the sun is shining and we are eating outside in February surrounded by the friendly staff at our hotel, I am not exactly hankering to get back to the gloom of the Midwest.

I love a hot bath. And baths are better. I have proof. The proof is on my ankles.

When I get home after a long stay in Mexico, I sit in the bathtub and give myself a good scrub, and the things that need scrubbing the most are my ankles. It would be only a slight exaggeration to say that they are filthy.

Anyone who has tried to properly scrub their ankles while standing in a shower should save their skills and become a yoga instructor. Or a stork. It is not physically possible. There are creative ways to get one's feet clean, but the ankles suffer in a shower.

Baths are also much more relaxing. I don't have to be worried about how much water is running down the drain while I wash.

I can be concerned about the environment and the cleanliness of my ankles and my need to relax all at the same time. I can simply lie still in hot water and enjoy the sensation of nothing to do (other than wash my ankles, of course) and breathe in steamy air.

I realize I will not win this debate. There are houses that don't even have bathtubs these days. I hear people say they are dangerous and take up space and no one has the time.

My feeling is that, if I run out of time for a hot bath, I need to reorder my schedule. I will always have time for a hot bath. I will have time on good days and bad. I will have time when I'm actually dirty and on days when I just need to feel warm and relaxed.

And I have remarkably clean ankles. Till next time, Carrie

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Houston Rodeo announces Star-Studded 2025 Lineup,

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<p>STAR ENTERTAINMENT The following entertainers will perform on the RODEO-HOUSTON stage in NRG Stadium, March 4 – 23.</p> <p>Tuesday, March 4 - REBA McENTIRE Opening Day, presented by Shell Federal Credit Union</p> <p>Wednesday, March 5 - Riley Green Armed Forces Appreciation Day, presented by Crown Royal</p> <p>Thursday, March 6 - AJR</p> <p>Friday, March 7 - Bun B's Birthday Bonanza Black Heritage Day, presented by Kroger</p>	<p>Saturday, March 8 - Bailey Zimmerman</p> <p>Sunday, March 9 - Carin León</p> <p>Monday, March 10 - Brad Paisley First Responders Day, presented by BP America</p> <p>Tuesday, March 11 - Zach Top</p> <p>Wednesday, March 12 - Lauren Daigle Community Day, presented by TC Energy</p> <p>Thursday, March 13 - Jon Pardi Volunteer Appreciation Day, presented Phillips 66</p> <p>Friday, March 14 - Journey</p> <p>Saturday, March 15 - Warren Zeiders</p>	<p>Sunday, March 16 - Grupo Frontera Go Tejano Day, presented by Fiesta Mart</p> <p>Monday, March 17 - Charley Crockett</p> <p>Tuesday, March 18 - Post Malone</p> <p>Wednesday, March 19 - Old Dominion</p> <p>Thursday, March 20 - Cody Jinks</p> <p>Friday, March 21 - Parker McCollum</p> <p>Saturday, March 22 - Brooks & Dunn</p> <p>Sunday, March 23 - Luke Bryan</p>
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anza. Stay tuned for details about who will join his performance on Black Heritage Day, presented by Kroger, as March 7 inches closer.

Together, the 20 acts have a total of 67 Academy of Country Music Awards, 51 Country Music Association Awards, 34 American Music Awards, 26 Billboard Music Awards and 10 GRAMMY Awards and 5 Latin GRAMMY Awards.

INDIVIDUAL RODEO TICKETS

Tickets will go on sale at rodeohouston.com/tickets Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, in two waves, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Wave 1 tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. for March 4 – March 13 performances.

Wave 2 tickets go on sale at 2 p.m. for March 14 – 23 performances.

(The Online Waiting

Rooms will open at 9:30 a.m. for Wave 1 and 1:30 p.m. for Wave 2. Customers in the Waiting Room will be randomly selected to enter the store to purchase tickets at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)

A place in the Waiting Room does not guarantee tickets.

Ticket prices start at \$25, plus a \$4 convenience fee.

Individual Rodeo tickets can be purchased online.

All tickets will be delivered electronically via AXS Mobile ID Delivery; please allow 48 hours for delivery.

To access your purchased tickets, download the RODEOHOUSTON app and login with the email used to purchase tickets.

About the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

The Houston Livestock

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For more information, visit rodeohouston.com, download the RODEOHOUSTON app and follow RODEO-HOUSTON online via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube for all the latest news.

Texas Budget Writers Will be Helped Again by a Large Budget Surplus

By Rahul Sreenivasan

Earlier this week, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he expects \$194.6 billion of state revenue to be available for general-purpose spending in the fiscal 2026-27 biennium. This biennial revenue estimate is an important step in the continuous two-year state budget process and gives initial funding parameters to House and Senate budget writers for the legislative session now underway.

Here are some initial takeaways on what the numbers could mean for Texas:

Expected Fund Balance and Steady Revenue Collections Drive Projections

The \$194.6 billion in available revenue is, for the second straight budget cycle, substantially boosted by a fund balance, or “budget surplus,” of \$23.8 billion carried over from the previous biennium.

A fund balance of this magnitude is possible due in part to a combination of supplemental COVID-related federal aid as well as legislators’ discipline in allocating resources for maintaining state government operations that leaves a sizable portion of the increased revenue from the current and previous budget cycles.

Also, Texas’ consistently robust economy has driven growth in recent years in the largest source of state tax revenue — sales tax collections.

Opportunity to Address Big Issues

This large “surplus” and strong anticipated revenue outlook gives budget writers more flexibility. Similar to last session, this outlook presents an opportunity to strategically and more comprehensively address difficult, long-term challenges like looming water infrastructure and supply issues.

Lawmakers can also address workforce readiness by continuing the work begun in previous sessions on school finance, coordination of education and workforce agencies and community college funding reform to ensure Texas’ educational and workforce systems can meet rapidly evolving labor force needs.

Legislative leaders have signaled interest in pursuing more funding for the Texas Energy Fund, additional property tax relief, as well as for public education. The revenue outlook likely makes these priorities more viable.

Economic Stabilization Fund is Expected to Reach its Cap

Hegar also announced that Texas is expected to reach the \$26.5 billion cap on the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) more commonly referred to as the Rainy Day Fund, at the beginning of fiscal year 2026. This would mark the first time the Rainy Day Fund has hit its fund balance limit in its nearly 40-year history.

In response to hitting the cap, oil and gas severance tax revenues that would have been transferred to the ESF would go to the general revenue fund instead.

What’s Next

The release of the revenue estimate kicks off the part of the two-year state budget cycle where lawmakers weigh in on finalized budget requests from state agencies. Initial drafts of the state budget should be filed in the House and Senate in upcoming weeks, and legislators will begin hearings shortly after on their 1,000-plus page state budget.

At Texas 2036, we will continue to analyze and keep you up to speed on the state budget as it progresses and the implications for Texas in the days and months ahead. Follow us at www.texas2036.org for the latest updates.

Rahul Sreenivasan is director of government performance and fiscal policy for Texas 2036, a nonprofit public policy organization building data-driven strategies to improve opportunities for all Texans.

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By Wilson Casey

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2. Who led the Israelites over the River Jordan after they set out from Shittim? Moses, Joshua, Aaron, Elijah
3. Which Psalm begins, "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee"? 60, 63, 74, 117
4. From Proverbs 22, what is foolishness bound in

5. the heart of? Wicked, Poor, Child, Foolish
6. Who wrote the book of Proverbs? Jude, Moses, Solomon, Isaac

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Joshua, 3) 63, 4) Child, 5) Manoah, 6) Solomon
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Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — All eyes are on the Blake Lively/Justin Baldoni lawsuits!

Lively and husband Ryan Reynolds skipped the Golden Globes because they were unhappy that neither of them were nominated.

Meanwhile, Reynolds recently wrapped the live-action animated comedy "Animal Friends" in April 2024, as well as the action-adventure film "Mayday" with Kenneth Branagh and Maria Bakalova.

People are still talking about Demi Moore's wonderful speech at the Golden Globes after she won for "The Substance."

During her speech for "The Substance" (which cost \$17.5 million and grossed \$76.5 million), she said "I've been doing this a long time — over 45 years."

Sebastian Stan was another Globe winner for "A Different Man" (which he also produced), but the film only grossed \$1.3



Justin Baldoni and Blake Lively in "It Ends with Us"

million. He fared better with "The Apprentice" (yes, as TV host Donald Trump), which cost \$16 million and grossed \$17.3 million.

His next film should fare even better. It's the Marvel superhero film "Thunderbolts*" with Florence Pugh, Wyatt Russell (Kurt Russell's son), David Harbour, and Julia Louis-Dreyfus. It's due on May 2.

Imagine when I met George Clooney on the set of "The Facts of Life" in 1985 and talked him into an at-home photo shoot for TV Radio Mirror Magazine (because he was handsome, a nice guy, and had "TV star" written all over him).

Who better to help "Jay Kelly" come of age than Clooney, who had four young girls teach him "The Facts of Life"?

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Q: Is Mark Wahlberg really bald in his new movie "Flight Risk," or is he wearing a bald cap?

A: That's no bald cap or special effects. Mark Wahlberg really did shave off the top of his hair for his latest movie role as a pilot who transports a prisoner (Topher Grace) cross-country to testify against a mafia group.

Wahlberg told People magazine that the best part about his temporary look was seeing his wife's face the first time he took off his hat. The movie, which was directed by Mel Gibson and also stars Michelle Dockery ("Downton Abbey"), was originally set for release in 2024 but got moved back to Jan. 25.



Mark Wahlberg star in Mel Gibson's "Flight Risk" (1973)

Q: I saw an ad for a new show that looks really good. It's about prisoners breaking free, but I can't recall the name of it. When does it come out? — B.F.

A: You're thinking of the upcoming NBC drama "The Hunting Party," which premiered on Jan. 19. The premise follows a group of prisoners who escape after their underground top-secret prison (known as The Pit) blows up.

The search team includes a former FBI profiler played by Melissa Roxburgh ("Manifest"), a prison guard played by Josh McKenzie ("La Brea"), and a CIA agent played by Patrick Sabongui ("The Flash").

JJ Bailey, one of the show's creators, explains that there's enough plot besides escaped prisoners to engage viewers for several seasons. He claims that by the end of the season, it "turns out there's much more going on."

He further explains, "We talk a lot about what was going on at the Pit as being sort of ... this octopus with many tentacles. In the end of season 1, we sort of chop one off only to realize there's more, and there definitely is someone behind the explosion at the Pit with an ulterior motive that we'll uncover hopefully seasons ... down the road."

Q: Will there be some kind of benefit concert to help the victims of the California wildfires? — K.K.

A: Yes, there is a concert in the works that is expected to air live on Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. PT (3 p.m. ET) from two different venues: the Kia Forum and the Intuit Dome.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWs, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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King Crossword Answers section.

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Representative Walle's First Day of the 89th Legislative Session

By Armando Walle
 Today (January 14th) I was sworn-in to our 9th term in the Texas Legislature. I love serving my community and grateful HD140 residents have faith in me to represent them.

Over the years I have gained experience that has benefited our communities. Thank you for this honor. Blessing to have my family with me every step of the way.

Congratulations to Dustin Burrows on becoming the next Speaker of the Texas. I look forward to working with you.



State Representative Armando Walle, Debbie Walle and family pose on the First Day of the Legislature, in the House of Representatives chambers.



Family and Friends pose with State Representative Armando Walle on the steps of the Texas State Capitol building, on the First Day of the 89th Legislature.



State Representative Armando Walle poses at the Texas State Capitol with his mother, on the first day of the 89th Legislative session.

East Aldine Civic Association looks ahead to a promising year for the District



By Ruben Salazar
A Heartfelt Thank You and a Bright Look Ahead for East Aldine in 2025

As we turn the page on 2024 and look forward to 2025, the East Aldine Civic Association Board of Directors would like to express our deepest gratitude to the residents, community leaders, community partners, and elected officials who have joined us in making the past year a resounding success. Your unwavering dedication and commitment to the betterment of our community are what drive our shared achievements.

Reflecting on 2024, we take great pride in the strides we've made together. One of the most significant accomplishments this year was our advocacy for much-needed infrastructure improvements throughout the East Aldine area. From road repairs and drainage projects to lighting enhancements and park upgrades, these efforts have been pivotal in improving the quality of life for all residents. We thank everyone who lent their voices to these initiatives, proving once again the

power of community advocacy.

We also recognize the ongoing concerns our residents have expressed, particularly around public safety. As an association, we've worked tirelessly to address these issues by partnering with local law enforcement agencies and community watch groups. Together, we've facilitated open dialogues, helped organize safety workshops, and advocated for increased resources to ensure a safer neighborhood for everyone. While there is still work to be done, we remain committed to making public safety a top priority in 2025.

The East Aldine Civic Association exists to empower residents to advocate for their neighborhoods while connecting them to vital district resources. Our mission is to serve as a bridge between the community and the many organizations, leaders, and officials working to support our area. We bring residents' voices to the table and work collaboratively to develop actionable solutions to the challenges we face.

Whether it's through advocating for infrastructure, addressing public safety, or fostering community engagement, our purpose is rooted in ensuring East Aldine continues to thrive.

As we enter 2025, we are filled with optimism and determination. The year ahead presents opportunities to build on our successes, tackle new challenges, and continue fostering a sense of unity and pride in our community. We encourage every resident to stay engaged, attend our meetings, and share their ideas and concerns. Together, we can accomplish even more.

Once again, thank you for your support, your dedication, and your trust in the East Aldine Civic Association. Here's to another successful year of collaboration, growth, and progress in 2025.

We look forward to working alongside all of you to make East Aldine an even better place to call home.

Warm regards,
 The East Aldine Civic Association Board of Directors

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