

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- EAMD Open Board Seat . 2
- Library News 2
- HC Homeless Outreach .. 2
- AISD Superintendent 3
- AISD MD Parents Night .. 3
- Lottery Probe 4
- Pct 3 Ramsey 5
- Walle Town Hall 2/27 5
- EAD Community-Bolling . 8
- EAD Westfield Sewer .. 1,8
- EAD Presidents Day 1,8

NORTHEAST NEWS



A Birthday Cake for the Presidents
Bonding Against Adversity had a birthday cake as a treat for everyone attending the Presidents Day Event on Tuesday, Feb. 18 in East Aldine.

Serving the Neighborhoods of Aldine, Greenspoint, US59 Eastex, Beltway 8 and North Forest for over 49 Years
VOL. 49, NO. 7 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 HOUSTON, TEXAS www.nenewsroom.com

NEWS NOTES

Small Business Seminar Feb. 27

East Aldine District Small Business Free Seminar Luncheon Series continues, with the subject 2025 Tax Updates. Speaker: Keilth Cothral, Houston Tax Attorney. The Seminar this month is cosponsored by the Greater Northside Chamber. Thursday, Feb. 27 from 12pm to 1:30pm at the East Aldine Offices, 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive, off Aldine Mail Route.

Aldine ISD School Board Meeting Feb. 25 to discuss Closings

The Aldine ISD School Board Trustees will meet on Tuesday, February 25 at the Administration Building, 2520 W.W.Thorne Blvd. Houston 77073 at 7pm. The Agenda includes possible school closings and low performing schools.

East Aldine District seeks two new board members

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the East Aldine Management District seeks qualified candidates to fill the vacancies that exists in Director Position 4 & 5 of the board. See Complete details inside this issue.

East Aldine celebrates Presidents Day

Sponsors include Bonding Against Adversity, Art in the Heart, East Aldine District

EAST ALDINE – Presidents Day was celebrated in a big way last Tuesday, Feb. 17 when many area residents, and new citizens, gathered for a party at the statue of President John F. Kennedy on JFK Boulevard in East Aldine.

The event was hosted by Carlos Silva, chairman of the East Aldine District board, and Mariana Sanchez, CEO of Bonding Against Adversity. Sanchez had the following remarks:

The Presidents Day event is going from good to great every year; this year, 20 students worked on art pieces celebrating President's Day. Bonding Against Adversity presented them with prizes so the students can buy art materials to continue with their dreams. The 1st prize was \$ 100, the second Prize 50, and 3rd prize 25 dollars. Winners were: Aaron Cebrian 1st place, Hannah Aguilar 2nd place, and Sydney Cid 3rd place

BAA Citizenship program is a small but significant event like this one, where new sworn-in Citizens can learn more about

Continued. See PRESIDENTS DAY, Page 8



PRESIDENTS DAY CELEBRATION at the JFK Statue on JFK Boulevard in East Aldine. Lots of Flag Waving, as the crowd celebrates the Day. Photos by Sal Praderio.



Attendees received cake, prizes, and listened to music by Victor Raymond as they viewed the entries in the Art Contest.



Sponsor Tables had lots of free Patriotic gifts for the attendees.

NIMITZ HS GRADUATE: Brittney Griner honored at Texas Sports Hall of Fame

WACO, Texas — The Texas Sports Hall of Fame honored its 2025 class. Included in this class is Brittney Griner.

Griner is a Baylor legend who has created countless moments during her time with the Bears.

“Winning the national championship, of course, but there was a game senior night. I’m sure coach probably remembers this one, but I had two dunks already and we were going in halftime and I think I may have said I need to get the fans one more dunk — and I mean I stood on my business and I got them the last dunk so I got three in that game,” Griner said.

Griner also reflected on advice to give to young athletes looking to follow Griner’s path.

“One, staying grounded. Something that my parents taught me, growing up in Houston, my whole life they taught me to stay grounded and that honestly helped me out through



BRITTNEY GRINER

my whole career and then just being true to yourself,” Griner said.

Also, part of the 2025 class is Ed “Too Tall” Jones. Jones is a Dallas Cowboys legend who was part of the 1977 Super Bowl team. Jones was asked about his relationship with Tom Landry.

“The thing that stood out most to me about Coach Landry was when he said number one, you

had a very good coaching staff at Tennessee State. Number two, If you stay out of trouble, If you study, because if you make mistakes, you can’t play my defense. I have the utmost respect for Coach Landry and to this day. I thank him for making me the number one overall pick back in 1974,” Jones said.

Here is the full list of the Class of 2025:

- Brittney Griner
- Ed “Too Tall” Jones
- Todd Dodge
- Cedric Benson
- Biz Mackey
- Carla Overbeck
- Chris Plonsky
- Richmond Webb

Westfield Estates Sewer Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking for a Sanitary Sewer line, Force Main, and Lift Station to replace old septic systems



Harris County Precinct 2 held a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday Feb. 19 for the Westfield Estates Sanitary Sewer Project in East Aldine. This is a huge step forward towards getting even more residents off of septic systems and connected to the public sewer system.

This project was decades in the making and a result of the continued partnership between East Aldine District, Precinct 2, and other partners to bring clean and safe water service to our communities.

—Ruben Salazar, EACA



Westfield residents with Elizabeth Garcia Santiago and Ruben Salazar at Groundbreaking. MORE on Page 8

NORTHEAST NEWS – Send News Tips and Ad Inquiries to 713-266-3444 or nenewsroom@aol.com

Unlimited Possibilities

EAST ALDINE DISTRICT

improving public safety
mejorando la seguridad pública

advancing commerce
avanzando el comercio

beautifying the area
embelleciendo el area

EAST ALDINE DISTRICT OFFICE
2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Dr. #200 - 77039
713-595-1232 | info@aldinedistrict.org

posibilidades ilimitadas AldineDistrict.org

ARMANDO L. WALLE
Attorney at Law

Legal Services to the Community

GENERAL PRACTICE
PERSONAL INJURY
WORKPLACE
ACCIDENTS
18-WHEELER
ACCIDENTS

Se Habla Español

4101 Washington Ave., Houston, TX 77007
281-898-3823 aw@wallelaw.com

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Report Suspicious:

- * Vehicles
- * Activities
- * Groups of People
- * Persons
- * Locations

HARRIS COUNTY HCSO SHERIFFS OFFICE

PLEASE JOIN THE HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN CRIME REDUCTION EFFORTS

WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING YOU CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS

EMERGENCIES: ALWAYS CALL **9-1-1**

NON-EMERGENCIES: **713-221-6000**

East Aldine District seeks candidates for two vacant board positions

Board Seeks Candidates for Vacant Positions No. 4 and 5

January 31st, 2025 | About the District, Community

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of the East Aldine Management District seeks qualified candidates to fill the vacancies that exist in Director Positions No. 4 and 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, employee, 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 Com-

missioners 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 your resume and the application to the Nominating Committee by Friday, February 28, 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)

Harris Health Adds Three New Mobile Units to its Homeless Outreach Fleet



HOUSTON — Three new 35-foot mobile health units will soon roll out across Harris County streets as part of Harris Health System's Health Care for the Homeless Program. The mobile units will allow Harris Health to visit more homeless individuals who gather in encampments and locations outside of Loop 610.

A ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony was held recently for new mobile units adding to the existing four units that include a self-contained dental unit. The ceremony was attended by about 75 people that included city of Houston and Harris County elected officials, as well as staff and community supporters.

The homeless mobile fleet enables Harris Health to expand its homeless services and projected to provide up to 12,000 additional patient visits a year for homeless individuals. An initial focus for the team will be individuals living in the Greenspoint and FM 1960 areas, says Tracey Burdine, director, Health Care for the Homeless, Harris Health.

"The homeless population, not just here in Houston, is a very vulnerable population, and they have a host of needs and challenges," she adds. "With our mobile health units, we'll be able to not only assess them, screen them for diseases like diabetes or heart disease, but also provide them with medical care and treatment in one stop that has laboratory, medications and other social services."

Each unit is equipped with either a one- or two-exam room configuration within a comfy 300-square-foot space. The units offer primary, pediatric and maternal health care and include child/adult immunizations, HIV/Hepatitis C testing, sexual trauma care, diabetes screening, mental health counseling and prenatal/postnatal maternal care.

"Our goal is to be wherever our patients are, either in person or virtually," says Jennifer Small, AuD, executive vice president and administrator, Ambulatory Care Services, Harris Health. "With the expansion of our program, we're enhancing the medical, dental and a host of wrap-around services for our homeless population. Now, we're able to reach these individuals across more areas of Harris County."

During the dedication, Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones praised Harris Health's effort to coordinate services for those in need with 'a sense of urgency' to support all patients including the homeless.

"You have made substantial progress in your work serving the homeless for the past 37 years, and it's been remarkable, and I thank you," she told the crowd during the dedication ceremony. "But what I love about Harris Health is the constant hustle. The constant asking, 'Are we doing enough? Are we doing it as effectively as possible? What more can we be doing? And how can we leverage technology, new ideas, new outreach, to reach those who need us the most?'"

The mobile units cost \$1.2 million and are funded by Harris Health and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The units are expected to hit the roads in the next couple of weeks.

Ribbon-cutting photo: Harris Health President and CEO Esmaeil Porsa, MD, and Jennifer Small, AuD, executive vice president and administrator, Ambulatory Care Services, Harris Health, lead a group of staff, elected officials and supporters in cutting a ceremonial ribbon on Jan. 25 to dedicate three new mobile health units for Harris Health's Health Care for the Homeless Program.

Harris Health System is the public healthcare safety-net provider established in 1966 to serve the residents of Harris County, Texas. As an essential healthcare system, Harris Health champions better health for the entire community, with a focus on low-income uninsured and underinsured patients, through acute and primary care, wellness, disease management and population health services. Ben Taub Hospital (Level I Trauma Center) and Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital (Level III Trauma Center) anchor Harris Health's robust network of 37 clinics, health centers, specialty locations and virtual (telemedicine) technology. Harris Health is among an elite list of health systems in the U.S. achieving Magnet® nursing excellence designation for its hospitals, the prestigious National Committee for Quality Assurance designation for its patient-centered clinics and health centers and its strong partnership with nationally recognized physician faculty, residents and researchers from Baylor College of Medicine; McGovern Medical School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth); The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center; and the Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine at the University of Houston.

Aldine ISD substitute teacher accused of having inappropriate relationship with high school student

HOUSTON – According to media reports, a substitute teacher with Aldine ISD is under investigation after reports of an inappropriate relationship with a teenage student.

Court records said the allegations go back to September 2024, Chasity Houston, 25, a substitute at Nimitz Senior High School engaged in sexual contact with a 17-year-old student.

In late January 2025, however, witnesses came forward to the principal when they learned Houston went to the student's neighborhood and together, drove to Lewis Middle School. Court documents claim the two drove to a remote part of the school, where they wouldn't be seen.

Witnesses also told investigators Houston had "formed multiple friendships with male

students at Nimitz High School... during this time, she has allowed multiple students to use her vehicle without her being present and has driven them around to buy food and refreshments before games at the high school."

Houston admitted to speaking with several male students but claimed "it's not an inappropriate way" and denied the allegations.

According to court records, Houston first was employed with Aldine ISD as a secretary in 2016 before she became a substitute in August 2023, before she was "dismissed" as a result of the allegations.

Houston is now facing felony charges for an alleged improper relationship with a student, and at last check, bonded out of jail. Media has reached out to Aldine ISD for comment.

--KPRC

H.U.D. Efficiency/One Bedroom Housing for the Elderly and Disabled

• UTILITIES & APPLIANCES FURNISHED

ELIGIBILITY:

- Age 62 or older
- Disabled
- Very Low Income

To schedule an appointment

CALL
713-692-8541

APPLY TO:
**W. Leo Daniels Tower
8826 Harrell**
Off Jensen between
Berry Road & Aldine
Westfield

DENTAL Insurance

Great coverage for retirees.

Coverage for **cleanings, fillings, crowns** – even **dentures!** Get dental insurance from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company.

Go to any dentist, but save more with one in our network

Helps cover over 400 procedures

No deductible, no annual maximum

100% preventive care when you see in-network provider

Get your **FREE** Information Kit

It's easy! Call today

1-866-603-1174

Dental50Plus.com/Starcourier

Product/features not available in all states. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. To find a network provider, go to physiciansmutual.com/find-dentist. This specific offer not available in CO, NV, NY, VA – call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for a similar offer in your state. Certificate C254/B465, C250A/B438 (ID: C254ID; PA: C254PA); Insurance Policy P154/B469, P150/B439 (GA: P154GA; OK: P154OK; TN: P154TN).

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

Echoes of Resilience: The Story of Freedmen's Town
The Freedmen's Town Conservancy is proud to present **Echoes of Resilience: The Story of Freedmen's Town**, on view at Aldine Branch Library from February 1, 2025 - February 28, 2025. Coinciding with the National Black History Month theme of 'African Americans and Labor', Echoes of Resilience: The Story of Freedmen's Town highlights the history and legacy of Houston Freedmen's Town, with emphasis on the power of community and collective labor. Visit Echoes of Resilience: The Story of Freedmen's Town at Aldine Branch Library at 1131 Airline Dr, Houston, Texas, 77037.

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, Feb. 24 - 11:45am.**
¡Sal y muévete! Únase a nosotros el lunes y prepárese para hacer ejercicios por su mente y cuerpo. Estaremos bailando, leyendo, cantando y moviéndonos. Este programa no solo se enfoca en mejorar la salud física sino que también mejora las habilidades de alfabetización temprana de una manera divertida e interactiva. El programa está en inglés y español. se recomienda traer su propia agua.

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! **Acompañemos 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!

Bright Star Theatre Presents: Meet Dr. King
Meet Dr. King is a wonderful introduction to the life and work of one of America's most influential men. This show is perfect for younger audiences, introducing children to major concepts of Black History like freedom, integration, and equality. *Meet Dr. King* helps young people begin to understand the importance of Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement. This program is best for grades K-5, but all families are welcome. **Tuesday, Feb. 25, 12:30pm - 1:30pm.**

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 teléfono celular no será disponible.

Lone Star Legal Aid Record Clearing and Re-Entry Fair
Do you have an arrest record that needs to be cleared? Have you been impacted by the criminal justice system? Come to the Aldine library on **Tuesday, February 25 from 5 - 6:30pm** and speak to a Lone Star Legal Aid attorney who will be there to help. Bring any necessary documents with you for review. Those registered will be seen before drop-ins. **Register here: <https://tiny.cc/lsia>.**

Pajama Jam Story Time
Come join us in your pajamas for a special story time at night. We have songs, stories, and crafts for Black History Month! 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 February lineup:
Feb. 5 - Yoga Stretch & Flow & Guided Meditation
Feb. 12 - Twist and Stretch Yoga & Tapping Meditation
Feb. 19 - Indoor Walking & Guided Meditation
Feb. 26 - Qi Gong & Guided Meditation
This program is for adults 18 and over. No registration required.
Tween Spark: Zine Scene
What's a zine you ask? It's a pocket-size booklet made from one (1) piece of paper. Your zine can be about anything you want: dinosaurs, things you'd name a cat, constellations, or anything else you can think of. Join Ms. Gage to learn how to make your own zine about anything your heart desires! Snacks will be provided. This program is best for 6th-9th graders. **Wednesday, Feb. 26, 4:30-5:30pm.**

Ology: Rocks
What can dirt and rocks tell you about the earth? Well, a lot actually! Discover how and what scientists can learn by joining Ms. Gage to take your very own core samples of candy (yes, you will get to eat some, too!) **Thursday, Feb. 27, 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.**

Michelle Pichon
Library Program Specialist
Harris County Public Library
Aldine Branch Library
11331 Airline Dr.
Houston, TX 77037
832-927-5410

SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

AUGUST 18, 2023

ALDINE
Independent School District

GOFFNEY CHRONICLES
The Official Newsletter of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent of Schools

With Aldine Pride!

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



Dear Aldine ISD Community,

It was great to see everyone back at work and in our schools this week. I hope everyone had a restful and rejuvenating spring intersession. As we step into the second half of our semester, I want to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students and staff.

Celebrating Excellence

Our academic achievements continue to shine. Five Aldine ISD schools earned top spots in Children at Risk's 2023-2024 Houston rankings. This recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to academic excellence and student success. Furthermore, MacArthur High School's Academic Decathlon team is heading to the state competition for the first time in 10 years — an outstanding accomplishment!

We are incredibly proud of our student-athletes who participated in National Signing Day, committing to continue their education and athletic careers at the next level. Congratulations to Aldine High School football athlete Samuel Saravia for being named a Houston Touchdown Club Scholar-Athlete Award finalist! This is such an honor! Five high schools also made it to regionals in

their respective sports; Aldine High School boys' basketball earned the Bi-District Champion Title. What an accomplishment for our talented student-athletes and dedicated coaches.

Black History Month

We are nearing the end of Black History Month, and we have enjoyed hearing students sing and perform and celebrating culture in our buildings and campuses. I loved seeing our families, students, and staff at our inaugural Black Excellence Expo at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center before our spring intersession. It was amazing to see our talented students' artwork and outstanding performances. Thank you to everyone who organized and our community for supporting our students.

Upcoming Events

Looking ahead, we invite job seekers to our Aldine ISD Spring Job Fair on March 1, where we will recruit top talent to join our incredible team, shaping the future of our district. Also, middle school campuses will host Parent Night for course selection on February 26 to help families navigate students' academic journeys, a crucial step in their educational path.

For our youngest learners, don't forget to join us at the PreK Expo and Enrollment Fair on April 5. Early education is a vital foundation for lifelong success, and

we are committed to providing high-quality learning experiences for our students from the very start.

Advocating for Public Education

Earlier this month, I had the privilege of joining our board members, district leaders, and student ambassadors in Austin to advocate for the needs of our nearly 57,000 students. Ensuring that every student receives a quality education requires strong leadership and collaboration. I am proud of the work we are doing together to shape the future of public education in Texas.

Before I close, click on the latest newsletter, Aldine Connection, to read about the national observance and from a few of our counselors. They will undoubtedly inspire you. Read about this and so many other stories.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Aldine. Your contributions are invaluable, and we are grateful for your commitment to our district. Let's keep the momentum going and continue making an #AldineImpact!

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent Aldine ISD



5 Aldine ISD Schools Earn Top Spots in 2023-2024 Houston School Rankings

Several Aldine Independent School District (ISD) schools — Young Women's Leadership Academy, Avalos P-TECH School, Blanson CTE High School, Impact Leadership Academy, and Thompson Elementary School — have earned top spots in the 2023-2024 Annual Houston School Rankings released by Children at Risk on February 12, 2025. The rankings highlight significant achievements across various educational levels within the district.

In the Top 6 Houston Area Middle Schools category, the district Choice School option Aldine Young Women's Leadership Academy secured the 5th position, underscoring its commitment to excellence in STEM education at the all-girls campus.

Two Aldine ISD Choice School high school options also received notable recognition in the Gold Ribbon category, which honors high-performing, high-poverty schools. Avalos P-TECH School achieved second place, while Blanson CTE High School was ranked third among Houston Area Gold Ribbon High Schools.

Impact Leadership Academy, an AISD Choice School campus, was distinguished as the third Top Houston Area Gold Ribbon Middle School, reflecting its dedication to fostering academic success among its students.

Thompson Elementary School, an AISD neighborhood campus, earned fifth in the Top Houston Area Gold Ribbon Elementary Schools category at the elementary level, highlighting its effective educational programs and student support initiatives.

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney emphasized that these recognitions demonstrate Aldine ISD's commitment to offering diverse, high-quality educational opportunities for all families.

"Aldine ISD is proud to provide families with a variety of excellent school options, whether through our outstanding neighborhood schools like Thompson Elementary or our Choice School campuses like Avalos P-TECH, Blanson CTE, Impact Leadership Academy, and Young Women's Leadership Academy. Our goal is to ensure every student has access to a high-quality education that fits their interests and aspirations," said Goffney. "These rankings are a testament to the hard work of our educators and families who are up to the challenge of discovering what is possible and transforming the lives of our students."

Children at Risk, a research and advocacy nonprofit, conducts a comprehensive evaluation of school performance across the state. Their annual school rankings, which assess various factors including student achievement, campus performance, and student growth, provide a reliable and thorough assessment of school quality.

Click here to learn more about Aldine ISD's over 30 Choice School programs, or visit the district Schools' webpage to obtain links to campus websites.

Join Us at the PreK Expo and Enrollment Fair on April 5

Ignite a passion for learning early!

ALDINE
Independent School District

Enroll now online for prekindergarten or kindergarten Programs for students aged 3, 4, and 5!

AldineISD.org/EarlyLearning

Aldine ISD PreK Expo and Enrollment Fair
Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dr. Wanda Bamberg Professional Development and Resource Center 9999 Veterans Memorial Dr. • Houston, TX 77038

The district offers Head Start and early childhood learning programs — prekindergarten (PreK) and kindergarten (K) — for children ages 3, 4, and 5. Early enrollment allows your child to secure a spot in our highly sought-after programs for the 2025-2026 school year.

Enroll now online for PreK3, PreK4, or kindergarten!
Click here to pre-enroll eligible prekindergarten for three-year-olds (PreK3), four-year-olds (PreK4), and kindergarten students.

Why attend the PreK Expo and Enrollment Fair?
Meet with teachers and school leaders from all 12 AISD early childhood education schools.

Learn about district resources like special education, English language learners, student transportation, gifted and talented, and more!

Connect with our community resource partners, who will provide a wide range of free support services, ensuring your child's educational journey is supported from all angles.

What else can families expect?
On-site assistance with online registration and interpretation services (English to Spanish)

Free food, games, activities, and music
A free backpack, books, and school supplies for each PreK child
There will be a big yellow school bus and public safety vehicles, such as a police car and a fire truck, at the event for young and old to see up close and learn more about our community.

In addition to school representatives, district teams and community partners will be at the expo to connect with families about their services.

Do you have questions or need support? We're here to listen and help.
Visit AldineISD.org/EarlyLearning for more information, eligibility requirements, and documents to finalize enrollment. Families can contact an early childhood learning school or submit questions to the Early Learning Department or the district's Let's Talk online two-way communication platform.

We Look Forward to Seeing You on April 5 at the PreK Enrollment Expo!

Middle School Campuses to Host Parent Night Course Selection on Wednesday, February 26

MIDDLE School COURSE selection PARENT NIGHT

ALDINE
Independent School District

Families of Incoming 6th Graders in 2025-2026 School Year

Chart YOUR Course

February 26 at 6 p.m. at Your Student's Future Middle School

The school district invites parents of fifth-grade students to attend Parent Night Course Selection on February 26 at 6 p.m. at their child's future middle school.

Event Details
Parent Night: Wednesday, February 26, at 6 p.m. Where: Attend the Parent Night event at your child's zoned or assigned middle school campus for the 2025-2026 school year. Deadline to Complete the Online Form: Friday, March 14, 2025 Click the Link to the Online Form: bit.ly/4aJExEo

The event will provide families with important information about the transition to sixth grade for the 2025-2026 school year. Parents and students can learn about course options, meet the school's administration and counseling team, foster a sense of connection and involvement, and ask questions about the upcoming school year.

Josefina "Josie" Treviño-García, Aldine ISD's director of counseling, encourages families to come prepared to explore course offerings and actively participate in making informed decisions about their child's academic path.

Parents can contact the school counselor for more information at their child's zoned or assigned middle school campus for the 2025-2026 school year.



MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION

Fifth graders, it's time to choose your sixth-grade courses! Join us for Parent Night on February 26, 2025.

COURSE SELECTION FORMS ARE DUE BY MARCH 14, 2025.

Complete the form at bit.ly/4aJExEo

If you would like more information, you can contact your campus administration.

ALDINE
Independent School District

OPINION PAGE

OPINION

By BILL KING



Another City of Houston Fiscal Chicken Comes Home to Roost

When Sylvester Turner left the Mayor's office at the end of 2023, he boasted of a supposed surplus in the City finances. Indeed, as of December 31, 2023, the general fund showed a healthy \$485 million balance. However, the fund balance was built up by kicking several problematic fiscal issues down the road to the next administration.

The first was the firefighters' lawsuit, claiming they were owed over \$1.2 billion in back pay. Turner had successfully delayed that suit until just after he left office. When Whitmire was sworn in, the trial date was ten weeks out. He was able to settle the suit for about half of what the firefighters were suing for. While some City officials have complained that the settlement was too high, it was clearly going to be substantial in any event.

A second chicken came home to roost recently when the Texas Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal from a lower court ruling that City officials had not been allocating the amount of money to the City's street and drainage fund required by a charter amendment twice approved by the voters.

The math on this is a little complicated, so let me give you the "Reader's Digest" version. The charter amendment specifies that several revenue sources must be set aside in a "Dedicated Street and Drainage Fund" (DSDf) and how those funds would be used. Generally, the amendment requires the funds to be spent on street and drainage improvements and repairs.

The amendment also prohibited the City from borrowing any more money for street and drainage improvements, adopting instead a pay-as-you-go model. At that time, it took 11.8¢ of the City's tax rate to make the payments on the existing bonds related to street and drainage improvements. The amendment provided that as the debt was paid down, the savings from the reduction in debt service would go to the DSDf. When voters approved the amendment, the City tax rate was about 63¢. So, once the debt was completely paid off, about 18% of the property taxes collected would go to the DSDf if the property tax rate stayed the same.

However, in 2016, the voter-approved property tax cap, for the first time, forced the City to begin lowering its tax rate because inflation was low, and its population had begun to flatline. So, thereafter, the 11.8¢ started to become an increasingly higher percentage of the total property taxes collected by the City, making it harder for the City to balance its General Fund budget.

The Truner administration's solution to this problem was to re-interpret the amendment to suggest the voters had intended a fixed percentage would apply and the percentage contributed would not increase when the tax rate was reduced. So, beginning in 2016, the City began reducing the amount contributed to the DSDf by an amount proportional to the amount the tax rate was decreased.

This change made a big difference in the amount the City would contribute to the DSDf. As soon as the Turner administration began using this new formula, the transfers to the City's capital improvement program dropped by a quarter. Instead of increasing each year as the referendum anticipated, the amount generated for capital projects has been lower than 2015 in every year except one.

By my calculations in 2018, the City was short-changing the fund by around \$100 million per year. City officials have recently confirmed that the annual difference is in this range. As a result, the anticipated General Fund shortfall of something north of \$200 million has ballooned to something over \$300 million.

In the coming weeks, as the budget season for FY2025-2026 kicks off, we will hear more about the City's plans to address the shortfall. I will follow those deliberations and make some suggestions.

However, this episode is another lesson that it is better to bite the bullet than kick the can. The Turner administration was faced with the dilemma that it could not continue spending at the level it wanted and comply with both the property tax cap and the street and drainage fund charter amendments. Of course, there was a very simple solution. It could have gone to the voters under the property tax cap amendment and asked their permission to raise more property taxes than the cap allowed. Ironically, the voters likely would have allowed the City to do so. It did so by a wide margin in 2006, when then mayor Bill White asked for an increase to fund more police officers.

Sadly, the Turner administration did not have the intestinal fortitude or the respect for the will of the voters to do so. As a result, we are left with another mess to clean up and millions of dollars wasted in legal fees on frivolous litigation. But worst of all, Houston lost another eight years of attempting to repair decrepit infrastructure.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Opinions expressed here are not necessarily that of this newspaper or its staff. YOUR OPINION is welcome. Send a letter for possible publication to Grafikpress Newspapers, 5906 Star Lane, Houston TX 77057 or an email to GRAFIKSTAR@aol.com. Please limit your words to about 200. Letters will be subject to editing. Thank you.

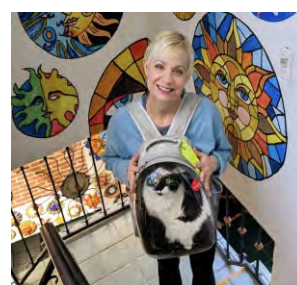
MARGULIES



THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Traveling with Felix



Our cat, Felix, has turned into an excellent little traveler.

"What do you do with your cat?" we are invariably asked when we tell people we are headed off to Mexico to spend the second half of the winter.

"Oh! Felix is from Mexico," my husband, Peter, tells them. "He's just coming back with us!" And it is true. Felix enjoys his international status.

We worried, when we first brought him from our tiny apartment in Mexico, that he would feel lost and afraid in our much larger condo in the U.S. To our surprise, Felix loved it. Felix learned that if he got up enough traction in the carpeted bedroom, he could skid down the polished wooden floors in the hall, zoom across the living room, ricochet off the wall and land on the couch, all in a matter of seconds. Our entire condo became a giant cat race-course.

"Oh," Peter then said, "he's never going to be happy going back to that little apartment in Mexico!"

On the contrary, Felix was over-the-moon to discover that he knew exactly where he was when we returned to our little Mexican apartment. He jumped up on his little brushing table (aka the coffee table) and demanded an immediate brushing. He seems to like that Peter and I are forced to be in the same room all the time, and he can sit between us on the couch and keep an eye on us at all times.

Felix also loves Lulu, who comes to clean our apartment twice a week. She plays with him and speaks Spanish to him while she cleans. And he is constantly occupied by the guests and employees coming up and down the stairs outside the screen door of our apartment. They are all very interesting and a little scary (except Lulu), so he watches through the screen and dashes away whenever they get too close, only to come out and spy again as soon as they have passed.

And traveling back and forth with Felix is not bad either.

I had been out of the cat-owning business for a while and was amazed to see how many new options in cat carriers were available.

We ended up with a kitty backpack that I wear with Felix in front. The entire front wall of it is curved plastic, so Felix can watch everything, and I have both hands free for luggage and tickets. The first day I went out walking with it, a couple of small girls called out, "Taylor Swift!"

Since I knew that, unfortunately, I bear no resemblance to Ms. Swift, I googled when I got home and learned that Ms. Swift often travels with one of her cats and has popularized the cat backpack with the domed plastic window. The little girls who spotted Felix in his carrier knew this, and I certainly felt a lot cooler and more au courant once I did.

It is fun traveling with Felix. People in both countries are pleased to see him, a black-and-white ambassador to and from the U.S. and Mexico. He is welcomed by children in both English and Spanish who call out either "Gatito!" or "Kitty!" and he seems quite content with his jet-setting lifestyle.

If the inconveniences of travel ever start to make me anxious or annoyed, I look at Felix, watching the world like a minor celebrity through the window of his Taylor Swift carrier. I'm sure he doesn't know what will happen next, but like every good mini-celebrity, he is always open to the next adventure.

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Lawmaker wants Probe of \$95M lottery Jackpot

The Texas Lottery Commission and its former director are under scrutiny after they allegedly helped a single entity win a \$95 million Lotto Texas Jackpot, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Written testimony at a state legislative hearing last week from an attorney indicated an entity called Rook TX guaranteed it would win the jackpot by buying virtually every one of the nearly 26 million possible six-number combinations in the drawing, held in April 2023.

Houston lawyer Manfred Sternberg said that he represented clients victimized by a conspiracy between the lottery commission, former head Gary Grief, and online ticket vendor Lottery.com. He sent a 22-page letter outlining the allegations to multiple state officials, including Gov. Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton.

"Our clients have been ignored by the State of Texas, and the State of Texas has been silent on investigating and prosecuting those responsible for serious crimes," Sternberg wrote.

The allegations raised concern among members of the Senate Finance Committee, gathered to consider the commission's budget.

"We just need to call in the Texas Rangers immediately," said Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham.

NYSE AND NASDAQ MOVE NEXT DOOR TO 'Y'ALL STREET'

The Texas Stock Exchange, which debuted in Dallas last June, has new neighbors: branches of the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq, which have moved from Chicago to the Dallas metroplex. The Dallas Morning News reported the two venerable exchanges apparently feel the heat of competition from the upstart stock exchange.

The TXSE began with \$120 million in backing, a fraction of those of the two older exchanges. The upstart exchange has clearly "rattled NYSE and NASDAQ," said Kirti Sinha, a University of Texas-Dallas assistant professor of accounting.

The Texas exchange sees a major opportunity in the 10-state Southeast providing a potential pipeline of 14,000 sponsor-backed private companies. Texas is already home to more than 50 Fortune 500 companies. The state has the largest number of NYSE listings, and more than 200 Tex-



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

as-based companies are listed on Nasdaq, which caters to tech companies.

All of this indicates the emergence of the Dallas-Fort Worth area as a major player on the financial stage, The News reported.

LAWMAKER PROPOSES SEAT BELTS ON ALL SCHOOL BUSES

A bill in the Texas Legislature would require Texas school districts to install seat belts on all school buses, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The measure comes after a collision between a concrete pump truck and a Hays County school bus last March killed a 5-year-old boy and a man driving behind the bus.

"We just believe that having them physically restrained in their seats would help minimize - mitigate - any potential harm to the children," state Sen. José Menéndez, D-San Antonio, said. "It is just some common sense."

A 2017 law requires seat belts on all newly purchased buses but not on buses purchased before that and still in service. District officials have blamed a lack of funding for not being able to retrofit seat belts on older buses.

ABBOTT BACK IN D.C. SEEKING BORDER REIMBURSEMENT

The governor returned to Capitol Hill for the second time in eight days in his pursuit of \$11 billion from the federal government to cover the costs of Operation Lone Star along the Texas-Mexico border.

The News reported Abbott met with most of the Texas Republican congressional delegation as well as House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La.

Abbott's initiatives include sending state troopers and the Texas National Guard to the border, stringing buoys in the Rio Grande and razor wire along the banks, and busing

more than 100,000 migrants to Democratic-run cities over the past four years.

At least one Texas GOP congressman agrees.

"We think the people of Texas should be reimbursed for the money they've already spent and are spending to secure our borders," Lance Gooden, R-Terrell, said.

TEXAS HHS EMPLOYEES FIRED FOR ACCESSING SENSITIVE DATA

Nine employees of the Texas Health and Human Services have been fired for accessing restricted data of Texans applying for programs offered by the agency, the Texas Standard reported. The employees were accessing the private information of people seeking to apply for Medicaid or assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

About 60,000 people who applied or received assistance from June 2021 and December 2024 were affected. No arrests have been made to this point.

HHS Commissioner Cecile Young was asked at a Senate finance committee hearing if it was true that more than 8,000 HHS employees had access to private information, according to The Texas Tribune.

"One thing I wanted to make clear is oftentimes when you hear someone breaching privacy it's coming from the outside," she said. "And in this case, sadly, it was actually coming from our employees."

TEXAS LEADS NATION IN TOP-TIER UNIVERSITIES

A new report from the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching indicates 16 universities in Texas have reached Tier 1 designation, the most coveted level. That means the state is home to more such institutions than any other state.

In the report, California has 14 and New York 12 top-tier universities. To reach that designation, a university must spend at least \$50 million and award at least 70 research doctorates on average each year.

The five new additions in Texas since the last release of university classifications in 2022 are Baylor College of Medicine, Southern Methodist University, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The news is "a testament to the quality of our higher learning institutions and the investment the state has made into education," Andrew Mahaleris, the governor's press secretary, said.

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. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

NORTHEAST NEWS
5906 Star Lane, Houston, TX 77057
(713) 266-3444 • FAX (713) 977-1188
email: nenewsroom@aol.com
website: www.nenewsroom.com
Founded in 1977 by Vic & Donna Mauldin
Gilbert Hoffman.....Editor & Publisher
Mei-Ing Hoffman.....Associate Publisher
David Taylor.....Managing Editor
Kristan Hoffman.....Website Editor
Julieta Paita.....Assignment Editor
Gerardo Hernandez.....Production Manager
Contributing Writers: Mike Keeney, Charlotte Jackson, Allan Jamail, Kristan Hoffman, Marina Flores Sugg
Published each Tuesday by GrafikPress Corp. Any erroneous statement which may appear will be corrected when brought to the attention of the publisher. Liability for errors is limited to the reprinting of the corrected version. Submissions are encouraged, in person, by mail, by Fax, or by email, to nenewsroom@aol.com
Founding Member North Houston Chamber (now Houston Intercontinental) Member Texas Press Association

Commissioner Ramsey: Precinct 3 accounts for 75% of Harris County population: views future growth

18,000 new homes coming to east of Lake Houston

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Harris County Pct. 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey spoke to the Highlands-Lynchburg Area Chamber of Commerce recently and announced 18,000 new homes will be built on the east side of Lake Houston in the next 10 years.

“We’re not ready,” he told chamber members.

Ramsey reminded chamber members that 75 percent of the unincorporated area of Harris County is in Precinct Three.

“The fastest growing part of Harris County is in Precinct Three. Did you know that there’s more people living in the unincorporated area of Harris County than in the city of Houston?” the commissioner asked. He’s responsible for more people than Houston Mayor John Whitmire.

“We have 15 school districts in the precinct, and I think they’re all special,” he said. “People live in the unincorporated area of Harris County because of school districts.”

Growing up in Crockett, Texas, a small community in southeast Texas, Ramsey said he



Pct. 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey

ran on three things: keep it simple, safe neighborhoods, and infrastructure.

“Two years ago, there were 600 murders in Harris County—485 of them were in the city of Houston while 115 were in the unincorporated area. Crime in Houston is five times more than the unincorporated area of Harris County,” he said.

“We need more officers because we have more people moving into the precinct and we need to continue to invest in that.”

Highlands, Crosby, and now Huffman have all endured the painful expansion of Main Street and FM 2100 and the construction delays. When finished, that stretch will boast at least four lanes from Interstate 10 straight through to SH 99. The

famous line from the movie Field of Dreams, “If you build it, they will come” is becoming a reality as homebuilders and businesses have begun populating the I-10 to SH 99 corridor over the last two years.

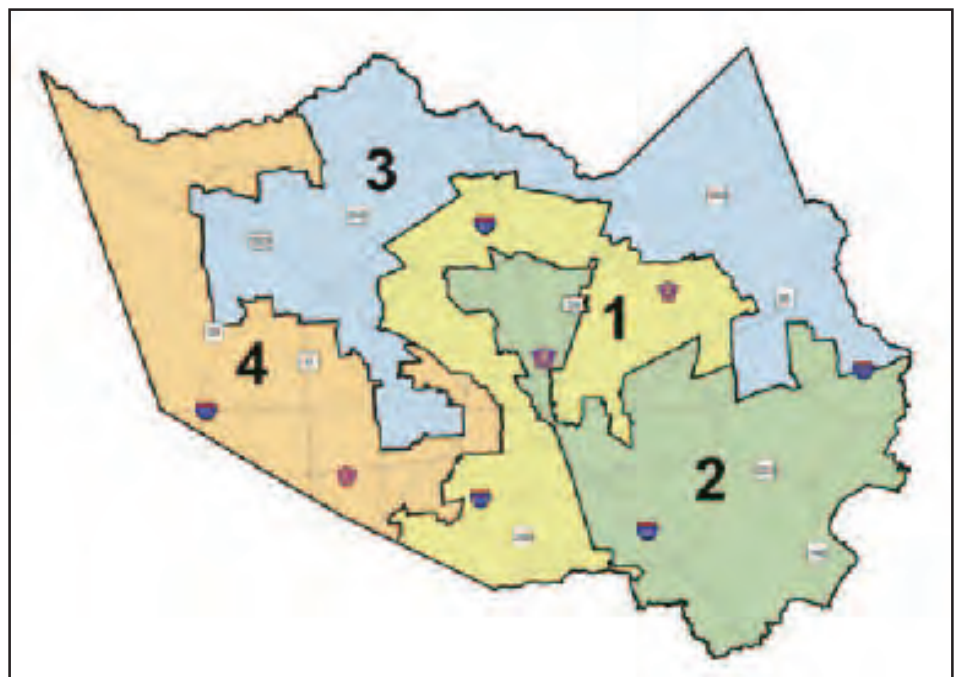
“We need more investments in roads,” he said. “One of our biggest problems is we need a surface water supply.”

Ramsey pointed to the city of Baytown being the only source of surface water on the eastside of the county.

“There’s plenty of water. You can see that with all the canals all over the east side, but there’s no surface water,” he said.

Ramsey explained why that was so important.

“We could go and tour the Brownwood subdivision tomorrow,”



he told chamber members, “but we would need a boat or submarine.”

He explained the beautiful subdivision in Baytown sunk into the bay.

“Subsidence,” he said. “If we let developers completely develop, unmitigated in terms of surface water and allow them to pump that water out of the ground, I promise you, we don’t have a lot of elevation from Huffman to Crosby to Baytown. We need to be sure that we get surface water here,” he said.

Ramsey’s office is working hard engaging with the subsidence district and making sure they hold the developer’s feet to the fire in

terms of that issue.

He also announced that they are preparing to do an asphalt package from I-10 to Thorn Street beginning soon in the spring of 2025.

“There will also be \$108,000 spent on an outfall and roadway failure near West Houston Street,” he said.

His crews will also be grading and cleaning out over 100,000 linear feet of roadway drainage south of Highway 90.

There will be sidewalk and drainage improvements around Highlands Park and the Highlands Community Center.

“We have planned some Garth Road improvements Phases 1 and 2 will widen Garth

Road from FM 1942 to Asheville Cove. We’ll also be realigning some curves along there as well,” he said.

His favorite project, however, is a new baseball field in Gene Russell Park.

“I’ve talked with former Baytown Mayor Stephen Don Carlos, and we’ve got the final details worked out. It’s about a \$10 million investment and it will be one of the nicest, Triple A kind of ball fields,” he said. Ramsey said he believed the area high school teams will want to play there and will also try to host some Little League events as well.

The investment is a combined effort of the county, city of Baytown, and private donor.

ARMANDO WALLE ★★ ★

89th Legislative Session

TOWN HALL

HD 140

THURSDAY, FEB. 27TH
6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH
501 Tidwell Road
Houston, TX 77022

smallBusiness
FREE SEMINAR LUNCHEON SERIES
unlimited possibilities AldineDistrict.org

JOIN US
THURSDAY | JUEVES

Feb 27

12PM-1:30PM

EAST ALDINE DISTRICT OFFICE
2909 EAST ALDINE AMPHITHEATRE DR.

ENGLISH + ESPAÑOL
Spanish interpretation available
Habrá servicios de interpretación en español disponibles.

AldineDistrict.org/R5VP
RSVP REQUIRED + RSVP REQUERIDO

Be prepared before the next power outage.

It’s not just a generator. It’s a power move.™

Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase* – valued at \$535.

Call 713-496-1933 to schedule your free quote!

GENERAC

*Terms and Conditions apply.

2025 TAX UPDATES
with Keith Cothroll HOUSTON TAX ATTORNEY
“ what every small business should know

Join us to learn about this years tax updates for small businesses including, what to do if your business gets a letter from the IRS, EIC credits, Corporate Transparency Act/BOI and additional tax law changes for 2025.

“ lo que toda pequeña negocio debe saber

2025 impuestos actualizados
PRESENTADO POR Keith Cothroll ABOGADO FISCAL DE HOUSTON

Únase a nosotros para aprender sobre las actualizaciones de impuestos de este año para su negocio, incluyendo, qué hacer si su negocio recibe una carta del IRS, créditos EIC, Ley de Transparencia Corporativa/BOI y cambios adicionales de leyes para 2025.

GRATIS - ACOMPÁÑENOS

info@AldineDistrict.org
713.595.1232

GREATER NORTHSIDE CHAMBER

CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey


1. Is the book of Acts (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In 1 Kings 20, who besieged and made war against Samaria after gathering his forces? Ben-Hadad, Menahem, Rezin, Omri
3. What king asked for the help of a woman who was a medium? Jehu, Amaziah, Saul, Neco

4. From 1 Samuel 19, whose life was saved when his wife put an image of a man into his bed? Samson, David, Amon, Cyrus
5. Who was the father of Elkanah? Jeremiah, Philip, Esau, Jeroham
6. From Esther 1, how many days did Ahasuerus' feast last? 2, 4, 7, 10

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Ben-Hadad, 3) Saul, 4) David, 5) Jeroham, 6) Seven
Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

An evil man seeks only rebellion; therefore a cruel messenger will be sent against him.



Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, rather than a fool in his folly.

PROVERBS 17: 11, 12

© 2025 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

Bonding Against Adversity

Helping Others Help Themselves
Our "Immigration, Integration, Education" Programs

Citizenship Classes, Free Citizenship Workshops, Beyond Citizenship/Civic Engagement

Mariana Sanchez, Director
Call: 281-799-9076
Text: 832-906-4214
marianas@baatexas.org

BAA offers online citizenship applications & virtual review.
Start your citizenship application @ WWW.CITIZENSHIPWORKS.ORG/PORTAL/BAA

Church Page Sponsors
If you would like to be a Church Page Sponsor, please call 713-266-3444

ALDINE FAMILY HOPE CENTER
4700 Aldine Mail Rt., Houston, 77039
(Next to Hambrick Middle School)

After School Program Summer Program GED & ESL
Resource Center Resale Shop Counseling
Senior Program Food Pantry Computer Classes
Family Activities Teen Job Training Sports

281-449-4828 www.aldineyouth.org

First Baptist Church North Houston
Where Jesus Has the Priority And Everyone is Welcome


Sunday Service Schedule: Bible Study - 9:45 a.m.
AM Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Children's Church - 10:50 a.m.
PM Worship - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: All Ages - 7:00 p.m.

4422 Lauder Road, Houston, TX. 77039 281-449-7201

CLASSIFIED THE FRUGAL FROG CLASSIFIED

CALL 713-266-3444 TO REACH 10,000 READERS

HELP KEEP EAST ALDINE CLEAN... TOSS IT INTO THE CAN. IT'S A NEAT IDEA.



SERVICES SERVICES

TEJAS TRANSMISSIONS
Houston's Only Standard & Automatic Specialists

FREE Computer Diagnostics
Quality Work! Since 1997 BBB Rating A+

Full 12 Mo. Or 12,000 Mile Warranty
"We Will Honor Other Shops Coupons"
Se Habla Español
225 Aldine Mail Route, 77037
281-931-9300

HELP WANTED HELP WANTED

INTERN AT A NEWSPAPER

Part Time Position available for person interested in learning all phases of the news business. Will experience writing, interviewing, sourcing, computer layout, ad sales, record keeping, promotions. Send letter of interest to grafikstar@aol.com

HELP WANTED HELP WANTED

NEWSPAPER MARKETING/SALES PERSON

Position available for AD SALES representative. Experience helpful but not necessary. Possible to work from home. Suitable for Part Time, or Full Time. Commission plus. Send letter of interest to grafikstar@aol.com or call 713-252-8000

Donate Your Vehicle
Call (855) 833-2924 to donate your car, truck, boat, RV, and more today!

How it Works:

1. Contact Us
Call (855) 833-2924
2. Schedule Pickup
We'll pick up your vehicle for FREE - at a time and place convenient for you.
3. Receive Top Tax Deduction
You may qualify for a tax deduction.

- Support Veteran Nonprofits.
- Free Pickup & Towing.
- Top Tax Deduction.

Donate Your Vehicle Today
855-833-2924
www.veterancardonations.org/dnt33

Veteran Car Donations

While we appreciate every donation, in some cases, we find that we are unable to accept certain vehicles, watercraft, and/or recreational vehicles due to the prohibitive costs of acquisition. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (855) 833-2924

AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL HEATING & COOLING

The Season for Big Savings Is Now!

Schedule Soon & Save Up to \$2000

- Free Estimates and Second Opinions for New Heating and Cooling Systems
- Many Payment Options to choose from
- Service Available Seven Days a Week
- Licensed and Professional Technicians

Call today! (855) 241-1293

\$49
Cooling or Heating System Tune Up

SAVE UP TO \$2000
on a New Cooling and Heating System with our Buy Back Program!

Price valid for one working unit. Excludes oil fired systems. Valid at participating ARS® Network locations. Not valid for third party, new construction, or commercial customers, with any other offers, discounts, or on prior sales. Call service center for details. Coupon required at time of service. Void if copied or transferred and where prohibited. Any other use may constitute fraud. Cash value \$0.01. Offer expires 3/31/2024.

License numbers available at americanresidential.com/licenses

CLASSIFIED WORD AD FORM NORTHEAST NEWS
Call 713-266-3444

DEADLINE 12:00 NOON THURSDAY

\$18.00 (20 WORDS) 2 WEEKS

Place one word per box				
				18.00
18.50	19.00	19.50	20.00	20.50

GREAT VALUE • GREAT RESULTS

NO. OF WORDS IN AD: _____ NO. OF WEEKS TO RUN: _____
\$ AMOUNT PER WEEK: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT: _____
DESIRED CLASSIFICATION HEADING: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

CHECK or VISA MASTERCARD AM EX

CREDIT CARD NO.: _____ EXP. _____
NAME ON CARD: _____ SEC. NO. _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE: _____

MAIL TO 5906 STAR LANE, HOUSTON, TX 77057, or EMAIL: nenewsroom@aol.com, or FAX TO 713-977-1188 or CALL 713-266-3444

LEGAL NOTICES APPEAR IN THE NORTHEAST NEWS, HIGHLANDS STAR CROSBY COURIER, AND THE NORTH CHANNEL STAR.
CALL 713-266-3444

Business Directory
SHOP LOCALLY -- Save Time & Money

SCREENS AND SHADES
Beat the Heat!
Exterior Solar Screens and Insect Shades
Free Estimates
832-247-4581

UPHOLSTERY & AWNING
Tapiceria PRAT
Upholstery & Awning
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
RAPHAEL PRAT
2021 Aldine Mail Rt. Suite 902
Houston, TX 77039
281-590-7562

VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION
House Vehicle Inspection Station
Monday-Friday 8am-6pm
Gladys House-El
3621 Hurley St. Houston, TX 77093
713-742-6995 gladys.house@gmail.com

CAR SERVICE
MOBILE MECHANIC+
IMPORT or DOMESTIC CARS & TRUCKS SINCE 1981
24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK
WE COME TO YOU
• General Repairs
• Computer Equipped Cars & Trucks
• Electrical Specialists
• Fuel Injection/ Diesel • Engine Repairs
• A/C • Brakes • Tune-Ups
• Industrial Machinery & Motorized Equipment & Refrigerated Trucks
• Transmissions
• Pre-Buy Inspection for Cars - Trucks - RVs & SUVs
• Repair of Recreational Vehicles & Big Trucks & Buses
713-465-7300
3515 Hillcroft
www.mobilemechanicofhouston.com
Houses Calls By Professional Mechanics

CALL 713-266-3444 to place your Business Card in our Directory. Thousands of Readers in this area will see your message.



Adrien Brody, left, and Felicity Jones star in "The Brutalist."

"The Brutalist"

"A Complete Unknown" (R) — Hollywood's golden boy Timothee Chalamet ("Dune: Part Two") transforms into singer-songwriter Bob Dylan in this biopic, which will be available to rent starting Feb. 25. The film begins in 1961, when an unknown 19-year-old Bob Dylan makes his trek to New York from Minnesota and becomes part of the emerging folk music scene. On his way to becoming the artist we now know today, Dylan meets a handful of musicians like his idol Woody Guthrie (Scoot McNairy), Pete Seeger (Edward Norton), and Joan Baez (Monica Barbaro), who all play significant roles in his development as an artist. While the film barely made up its budget at the box office despite Chalamet's ingenious marketing tactics, it received

eight Academy Award and three Golden Globe nominations. (Amazon Prime Video)
"The Brutalist" (R) — This A24 film led by Adrien Brody ("Asteroid City") was also a critical darling, snagging 10 Academy Award nominations and giving Brody another shot to land a Best Actor award. The epic period drama follows the heartbreaking story of Hungarian-Jewish Holocaust survivor Laszlo Toth (Brody), who immigrates to the United States after surviving the Buchenwald concentration camp and being separated from his wife and daughter. While he was a respected architect in Europe, Laszlo's first years in the U.S. are anything but respectable, until a wealthy client hires him for a luxurious construction project. Now with the promise of the American

Dream and a chance to be reunited with his family, Laszlo assumes that his struggles have finally been rewarded ... but they've only just begun. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

"The 31st Screen Actors Guild Awards" (TV-14) — While the Golden Globes and Oscars are buzzy and glamorous, the SAG Award ceremony gives off a more laidback tone, and they also allow the lesser-known names in the award season space to receive recognition for their work during the past year. For the second time, actress Kristen Bell ("Nobody Wants This") hosted the ceremony, which is out now to stream if you couldn't catch it live. The casts of "Wicked" and "Shogun" received the most nominations for film and television, respectively, and Jane Fonda was this year's Life Achievement Award recipient. (Netflix)

"Matthew Perry: A Hollywood Tragedy" (TV-MA) — Best known as Chandler Bing from the iconic TV series "Friends," Matthew Perry shocked the world when he was found dead at only 54 inside of his Los Angeles home on Oct. 28, 2023. Since Perry was always open about his struggle with drug addiction, many suspected that an overdose was at play. It was later confirmed to be from a high dose of ketamine that was obtained illegally from two doctors. This documentary, out on Feb. 25, discusses the final days leading up to his tragic death, while also explaining his incredible rise to fame. (Peacock) (c) 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.



Q: What ever happened to the character of Daphne who was so central to the first season of "Bridgerton"? Is she ever coming back? — A.W.

A: Phoebe Dynevor, who starred in the first season of "Bridgerton" as Daphne and continued into season two, chose not to sign a new contract once her obligation was fulfilled. Her character was glaringly absent in the third season at the wedding ceremonies of her siblings, but the show chose not to explain the whereabouts of her character.

Season four of the series will focus on Benedict Bridgerton's (Luke Thompson) pursuit of Sophie Baek (Yerin Ha) with a storyline that is "a bit of a twist on 'Cinderella,'" according to Netflix's companion website Tudum. The story is from "An Offer from a Gentleman," which is the third novel of author Julia Quinn's "Bridgerton" series. Filming isn't expected to wrap until April 2025. Netflix did release a sneak peek of the upcoming season, but a release date hasn't been announced.

Q: I'm excited that Heidi Klum is returning to "Project Runway," but what about Tim Gunn? I want to see them both together onscreen again. — Y.B.

A: The fashion design competitive reality series "Project Runway" is returning, but it'll be on a different network — Freeform. When it premiered on Bravo in 2004, Tim Gunn and Heidi Klum hosted the show together. The two left the series in 2017 to start another show on Amazon Prime Video called "Making the Cut." They said the bigger budget allowed them to have more creative freedom, but it lasted for just three seasons.

This past January, it was announced that Klum was returning to "Project Runway" at its new network home, Freeform. Shockingly, Gunn wasn't asked back. He told People magazine that Klum reached out to him to ask if he was interested in returning. He said, "Of course," but was never given an offer from Freeform. His agent contacted the producers, who said, "We don't want him." Gunn, understandably, is hurt, and his fans are outraged. He doesn't blame Klum, though, saying, "I have her back, and I'm with her in spirit always."



Sarah Michelle Gellar as Buffy in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."

The new "Project Runway" will debut later this year, but the judges and premiere date have yet to be announced.

Q: Is there really going to be a "Legally Blonde" series? Will Reese Witherspoon star in it? — K.S.

A: Yes, there is a "Legally Blonde" project in the development stages at Amazon MGM Studios. Reese Witherspoon's production company Hello Sunshine is behind the project, but it's not known what kind of on-screen presence, if any, she'll have since originating the role of Elle Woods in 2001. The series is actually a prequel, and another actress will play young Elle. Lexi Minnetree ("The Murdaugh Murders") recently secured the role.

There were plans for a "Legally Blonde 3" starring Witherspoon, but it's been delayed since 2022. No word on whether it will see the light of day or if they'll just focus on the prequel series.

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

(c) 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU

8		3		1				
		3		4	5	8	7	
	4	5		1	9			
	5	6	4	3	2			
3	2	8	7	5	4			
		1	6	9	3	5		
				9	1			
5	8	1				2		
	6	5		3	4			

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

© 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Sign is lower; 2. Log is moved; 3. Thumb is moved; 4. Jacket is longer; 5. Sign is different; 6. Cap is different; 7. Log is moved; 8. Thumb is moved; 9. Jacket is longer; 10. Sign is different; 11. Log is moved; 12. Thumb is moved; 13. Jacket is longer; 14. Sign is different; 15. Log is moved; 16. Thumb is moved; 17. Jacket is longer; 18. Sign is different; 19. Log is moved; 20. Thumb is moved; 21. Jacket is longer; 22. Sign is different; 23. Log is moved; 24. Thumb is moved; 25. Jacket is longer; 26. Sign is different; 27. Log is moved; 28. Thumb is moved; 29. Jacket is longer; 30. Sign is different; 31. Log is moved; 32. Thumb is moved; 33. Jacket is longer; 34. Sign is different; 35. Log is moved; 36. Thumb is moved; 37. Jacket is longer; 38. Sign is different; 39. Log is moved; 40. Thumb is moved; 41. Jacket is longer; 42. Sign is different; 43. Log is moved; 44. Thumb is moved; 45. Jacket is longer; 46. Sign is different; 47. Log is moved; 48. Thumb is moved; 49. Jacket is longer; 50. Sign is different; 51. Log is moved; 52. Thumb is moved; 53. Jacket is longer; 54. Sign is different; 55. Log is moved; 56. Thumb is moved; 57. Jacket is longer; 58. Sign is different; 59. Log is moved; 60. Thumb is moved; 61. Jacket is longer; 62. Sign is different; 63. Log is moved; 64. Thumb is moved; 65. Jacket is longer; 66. Sign is different; 67. Log is moved; 68. Thumb is moved; 69. Jacket is longer; 70. Sign is different; 71. Log is moved; 72. Thumb is moved; 73. Jacket is longer; 74. Sign is different; 75. Log is moved; 76. Thumb is moved; 77. Jacket is longer; 78. Sign is different; 79. Log is moved; 80. Thumb is moved; 81. Jacket is longer; 82. Sign is different; 83. Log is moved; 84. Thumb is moved; 85. Jacket is longer; 86. Sign is different; 87. Log is moved; 88. Thumb is moved; 89. Jacket is longer; 90. Sign is different; 91. Log is moved; 92. Thumb is moved; 93. Jacket is longer; 94. Sign is different; 95. Log is moved; 96. Thumb is moved; 97. Jacket is longer; 98. Sign is different; 99. Log is moved; 100. Thumb is moved; 101. Jacket is longer; 102. Sign is different; 103. Log is moved; 104. Thumb is moved; 105. Jacket is longer; 106. Sign is different; 107. Log is moved; 108. Thumb is moved; 109. Jacket is longer; 110. Sign is different; 111. Log is moved; 112. Thumb is moved; 113. Jacket is longer; 114. Sign is different; 115. Log is moved; 116. Thumb is moved; 117. Jacket is longer; 118. Sign is different; 119. Log is moved; 120. Thumb is moved; 121. Jacket is longer; 122. Sign is different; 123. Log is moved; 124. Thumb is moved; 125. Jacket is longer; 126. Sign is different; 127. Log is moved; 128. Thumb is moved; 129. Jacket is longer; 130. Sign is different; 131. Log is moved; 132. Thumb is moved; 133. Jacket is longer; 134. Sign is different; 135. Log is moved; 136. Thumb is moved; 137. Jacket is longer; 138. Sign is different; 139. Log is moved; 140. Thumb is moved; 141. Jacket is longer; 142. Sign is different; 143. Log is moved; 144. Thumb is moved; 145. Jacket is longer; 146. Sign is different; 147. Log is moved; 148. Thumb is moved; 149. Jacket is longer; 150. Sign is different; 151. Log is moved; 152. Thumb is moved; 153. Jacket is longer; 154. Sign is different; 155. Log is moved; 156. Thumb is moved; 157. Jacket is longer; 158. Sign is different; 159. Log is moved; 160. Thumb is moved; 161. Jacket is longer; 162. Sign is different; 163. Log is moved; 164. Thumb is moved; 165. Jacket is longer; 166. Sign is different; 167. Log is moved; 168. Thumb is moved; 169. Jacket is longer; 170. Sign is different; 171. Log is moved; 172. Thumb is moved; 173. Jacket is longer; 174. Sign is different; 175. Log is moved; 176. Thumb is moved; 177. Jacket is longer; 178. Sign is different; 179. Log is moved; 180. Thumb is moved; 181. Jacket is longer; 182. Sign is different; 183. Log is moved; 184. Thumb is moved; 185. Jacket is longer; 186. Sign is different; 187. Log is moved; 188. Thumb is moved; 189. Jacket is longer; 190. Sign is different; 191. Log is moved; 192. Thumb is moved; 193. Jacket is longer; 194. Sign is different; 195. Log is moved; 196. Thumb is moved; 197. Jacket is longer; 198. Sign is different; 199. Log is moved; 200. Thumb is moved; 201. Jacket is longer; 202. Sign is different; 203. Log is moved; 204. Thumb is moved; 205. Jacket is longer; 206. Sign is different; 207. Log is moved; 208. Thumb is moved; 209. Jacket is longer; 210. Sign is different; 211. Log is moved; 212. Thumb is moved; 213. Jacket is longer; 214. Sign is different; 215. Log is moved; 216. Thumb is moved; 217. Jacket is longer; 218. Sign is different; 219. Log is moved; 220. Thumb is moved; 221. Jacket is longer; 222. Sign is different; 223. Log is moved; 224. Thumb is moved; 225. Jacket is longer; 226. Sign is different; 227. Log is moved; 228. Thumb is moved; 229. Jacket is longer; 230. Sign is different; 231. Log is moved; 232. Thumb is moved; 233. Jacket is longer; 234. Sign is different; 235. Log is moved; 236. Thumb is moved; 237. Jacket is longer; 238. Sign is different; 239. Log is moved; 240. Thumb is moved; 241. Jacket is longer; 242. Sign is different; 243. Log is moved; 244. Thumb is moved; 245. Jacket is longer; 246. Sign is different; 247. Log is moved; 248. Thumb is moved; 249. Jacket is longer; 250. Sign is different; 251. Log is moved; 252. Thumb is moved; 253. Jacket is longer; 254. Sign is different; 255. Log is moved; 256. Thumb is moved; 257. Jacket is longer; 258. Sign is different; 259. Log is moved; 260. Thumb is moved; 261. Jacket is longer; 262. Sign is different; 263. Log is moved; 264. Thumb is moved; 265. Jacket is longer; 266. Sign is different; 267. Log is moved; 268. Thumb is moved; 269. Jacket is longer; 270. Sign is different; 271. Log is moved; 272. Thumb is moved; 273. Jacket is longer; 274. Sign is different; 275. Log is moved; 276. Thumb is moved; 277. Jacket is longer; 278. Sign is different; 279. Log is moved; 280. Thumb is moved; 281. Jacket is longer; 282. Sign is different; 283. Log is moved; 284. Thumb is moved; 285. Jacket is longer; 286. Sign is different; 287. Log is moved; 288. Thumb is moved; 289. Jacket is longer; 290. Sign is different; 291. Log is moved; 292. Thumb is moved; 293. Jacket is longer; 294. Sign is different; 295. Log is moved; 296. Thumb is moved; 297. Jacket is longer; 298. Sign is different; 299. Log is moved; 300. Thumb is moved; 301. Jacket is longer; 302. Sign is different; 303. Log is moved; 304. Thumb is moved; 305. Jacket is longer; 306. Sign is different; 307. Log is moved; 308. Thumb is moved; 309. Jacket is longer; 310. Sign is different; 311. Log is moved; 312. Thumb is moved; 313. Jacket is longer; 314. Sign is different; 315. Log is moved; 316. Thumb is moved; 317. Jacket is longer; 318. Sign is different; 319. Log is moved; 320. Thumb is moved; 321. Jacket is longer; 322. Sign is different; 323. Log is moved; 324. Thumb is moved; 325. Jacket is longer; 326. Sign is different; 327. Log is moved; 328. Thumb is moved; 329. Jacket is longer; 330. Sign is different; 331. Log is moved; 332. Thumb is moved; 333. Jacket is longer; 334. Sign is different; 335. Log is moved; 336. Thumb is moved; 337. Jacket is longer; 338. Sign is different; 339. Log is moved; 340. Thumb is moved; 341. Jacket is longer; 342. Sign is different; 343. Log is moved; 344. Thumb is moved; 345. Jacket is longer; 346. Sign is different; 347. Log is moved; 348. Thumb is moved; 349. Jacket is longer; 350. Sign is different; 351. Log is moved; 352. Thumb is moved; 353. Jacket is longer; 354. Sign is different; 355. Log is moved; 356. Thumb is moved; 357. Jacket is longer; 358. Sign is different; 359. Log is moved; 360. Thumb is moved; 361. Jacket is longer; 362. Sign is different; 363. Log is moved; 364. Thumb is moved; 365. Jacket is longer; 366. Sign is different; 367. Log is moved; 368. Thumb is moved; 369. Jacket is longer; 370. Sign is different; 371. Log is moved; 372. Thumb is moved; 373. Jacket is longer; 374. Sign is different; 375. Log is moved; 376. Thumb is moved; 377. Jacket is longer; 378. Sign is different; 379. Log is moved; 380. Thumb is moved; 381. Jacket is longer; 382. Sign is different; 383. Log is moved; 384. Thumb is moved; 385. Jacket is longer; 386. Sign is different; 387. Log is moved; 388. Thumb is moved; 389. Jacket is longer; 390. Sign is different; 391. Log is moved; 392. Thumb is moved; 393. Jacket is longer; 394. Sign is different; 395. Log is moved; 396. Thumb is moved; 397. Jacket is longer; 398. Sign is different; 399. Log is moved; 400. Thumb is moved; 401. Jacket is longer; 402. Sign is different; 403. Log is moved; 404. Thumb is moved; 405. Jacket is longer; 406. Sign is different; 407. Log is moved; 408. Thumb is moved; 409. Jacket is longer; 410. Sign is different; 411. Log is moved; 412. Thumb is moved; 413. Jacket is longer; 414. Sign is different; 415. Log is moved; 416. Thumb is moved; 417. Jacket is longer; 418. Sign is different; 419. Log is moved; 420. Thumb is moved; 421. Jacket is longer; 422. Sign is different; 423. Log is moved; 424. Thumb is moved; 425. Jacket is longer; 426. Sign is different; 427. Log is moved; 428. Thumb is moved; 429. Jacket is longer; 430. Sign is different; 431. Log is moved; 432. Thumb is moved; 433. Jacket is longer; 434. Sign is different; 435. Log is moved; 436. Thumb is moved; 437. Jacket is longer; 438. Sign is different; 439. Log is moved; 440. Thumb is moved; 441. Jacket is longer; 442. Sign is different; 443. Log is moved; 444. Thumb is moved; 445. Jacket is longer; 446. Sign is different; 447. Log is moved; 448. Thumb is moved; 449. Jacket is longer; 450. Sign is different; 451. Log is moved; 452. Thumb is moved; 453. Jacket is longer; 454. Sign is different; 455. Log is moved; 456. Thumb is moved; 457. Jacket is longer; 458. Sign is different; 459. Log is moved; 460. Thumb is moved; 461. Jacket is longer; 462. Sign is different; 463. Log is moved; 464. Thumb is moved; 465. Jacket is longer; 466. Sign is different; 467. Log is moved; 468. Thumb is moved; 469. Jacket is longer; 470. Sign is different; 471. Log is moved; 472. Thumb is moved; 473. Jacket is longer; 474. Sign is different; 475. Log is moved; 476. Thumb is moved; 477. Jacket is longer; 478. Sign is different; 479. Log is moved; 480. Thumb is moved; 481. Jacket is longer; 482. Sign is different; 483. Log is moved; 484. Thumb is moved; 485. Jacket is longer; 486. Sign is different; 487. Log is moved; 488. Thumb is moved; 489. Jacket is longer; 490. Sign is different; 491. Log is moved; 492. Thumb is moved; 493. Jacket is longer; 494. Sign is different; 495. Log is moved; 496. Thumb is moved; 497. Jacket is longer; 498. Sign is different; 499. Log is moved; 500. Thumb is moved; 501. Jacket is longer; 502. Sign is different; 503. Log is moved; 504. Thumb is moved; 505. Jacket is longer; 506. Sign is different; 507. Log is moved; 508. Thumb is moved; 509. Jacket is longer; 510. Sign is different; 511. Log is moved; 512. Thumb is moved; 513. Jacket is longer; 514. Sign is different; 515. Log is moved; 516. Thumb is moved; 517. Jacket is longer; 518. Sign is different; 519. Log is moved; 520. Thumb is moved; 521. Jacket is longer; 522. Sign is different; 523. Log is moved; 524. Thumb is moved; 525. Jacket is longer; 526. Sign is different; 527. Log is moved; 528. Thumb is moved; 529. Jacket is longer; 530. Sign is different; 531. Log is moved; 532. Thumb is moved; 533. Jacket is longer; 534. Sign is different; 535. Log is moved; 536. Thumb is moved; 537. Jacket is longer; 538. Sign is different; 539. Log is moved; 540. Thumb is moved; 541. Jacket is longer; 542. Sign is different; 543. Log is moved; 544. Thumb is moved; 545. Jacket is longer; 546. Sign is different; 547. Log is moved; 548. Thumb is moved; 549. Jacket is longer; 550. Sign is different; 551. Log is moved; 552. Thumb is moved; 553. Jacket is longer; 554. Sign is different; 555. Log is moved; 556. Thumb is moved; 557. Jacket is longer; 558. Sign is different; 559. Log is moved; 560. Thumb is moved; 561. Jacket is longer; 562. Sign is different; 563. Log is moved; 564. Thumb is moved; 565. Jacket is longer; 566. Sign is different; 567. Log is moved; 568. Thumb is moved; 569. Jacket is longer; 570. Sign is different; 571. Log is moved; 572. Thumb is moved; 573. Jacket is longer; 574. Sign is different; 575. Log is moved; 576. Thumb is moved; 577. Jacket is longer; 578. Sign is different; 579. Log is moved; 580. Thumb is moved; 581. Jacket is longer; 582. Sign is different; 583. Log is moved; 584. Thumb is moved; 585. Jacket is longer; 586. Sign is different; 587. Log is moved; 588. Thumb is moved; 589. Jacket is longer; 590. Sign is different; 591. Log is moved; 592. Thumb is moved; 593. Jacket is longer; 594. Sign is different; 595. Log is moved; 596. Thumb is moved; 597. Jacket is longer; 598. Sign is different; 599. Log is moved; 600. Thumb is moved; 601. Jacket is longer; 602. Sign is different; 603. Log is moved; 604. Thumb is moved; 605. Jacket is longer; 606. Sign is different; 607. Log is moved; 608. Thumb is moved; 609. Jacket is longer; 610. Sign is different; 611. Log is moved; 612. Thumb is moved; 613. Jacket is longer; 614. Sign is different; 615. Log is moved; 616. Thumb is moved; 617. Jacket is longer; 618. Sign is different; 619. Log is moved; 620. Thumb is moved; 621. Jacket is longer; 622. Sign is different; 623. Log is moved; 624. Thumb is moved; 625. Jacket is longer; 626. Sign is different; 627. Log is moved; 628. Thumb is moved; 629. Jacket is longer; 630. Sign is different; 631. Log is moved; 632. Thumb is moved; 633. Jacket is longer; 634. Sign is different; 635. Log is moved; 636. Thumb is moved; 637. Jacket is longer; 638. Sign is different; 639. Log is moved; 640. Thumb is moved; 641. Jacket is longer; 642. Sign is different; 643. Log is moved; 644. Thumb is moved; 645. Jacket is longer; 646. Sign is different; 647. Log is moved; 648. Thumb is moved; 649. Jacket is longer; 650. Sign is different; 651. Log is moved; 652. Thumb is moved; 653. Jacket is longer; 654. Sign is different; 655. Log is moved; 656. Thumb is moved; 657. Jacket is longer; 658. Sign is different; 659. Log is moved; 660. Thumb is moved; 661. Jacket is longer; 662. Sign is different; 663. Log is moved; 664. Thumb is moved; 665. Jacket is longer; 666. Sign is different; 667. Log is moved; 668. Thumb is moved; 669. Jacket is longer; 670. Sign is different; 671. Log is moved; 672. Thumb is moved; 673. Jacket is longer; 674. Sign is different; 675. Log is moved; 676. Thumb is moved; 677. Jacket is longer; 678. Sign is different; 679. Log is moved; 680. Thumb is moved; 681. Jacket is longer; 682. Sign is different; 683. Log is moved; 684. Thumb is moved; 685. Jacket is longer; 686. Sign is different; 687. Log is moved; 688. Thumb is moved; 689. Jacket is longer; 690. Sign is different; 691. Log is moved; 692. Thumb is moved; 693. Jacket is longer; 694. Sign is different; 695. Log is moved; 696. Thumb is moved; 697. Jacket is longer; 698. Sign is different; 699. Log is moved; 700. Thumb is moved; 701. Jacket is longer; 702. Sign is different; 703. Log is moved; 704. Thumb is moved; 705. Jacket is longer; 706. Sign is different; 707. Log is moved; 708. Thumb is moved; 709. Jacket is longer; 710. Sign is different; 711. Log is moved; 712. Thumb is moved; 713. Jacket is longer; 714. Sign is different; 715. Log is moved; 716. Thumb is moved; 717. Jacket is longer; 718. Sign is different; 719. Log is moved; 720. Thumb is moved; 721. Jacket is longer; 722. Sign is different; 723. Log is moved; 724. Thumb is moved; 725. Jacket is longer; 726. Sign is different; 727. Log is moved; 728. Thumb is moved; 729. Jacket is longer; 730. Sign is different; 731. Log is moved; 732. Thumb is moved; 733. Jacket is longer; 734. Sign is different; 735. Log is moved; 736. Thumb is moved; 737. Jacket is longer; 738. Sign is different; 739. Log is moved; 740. Thumb is moved; 741. Jacket is longer; 742. Sign is different; 743. Log is moved; 744. Thumb is moved; 745. Jacket is longer; 746. Sign is different; 747. Log is moved; 748. Thumb is moved; 749. Jacket is longer; 750. Sign is different; 751. Log is moved; 752. Thumb is moved; 753. Jacket is longer; 754. Sign is different; 755. Log is moved; 756. Thumb is moved; 757. Jacket is longer; 758. Sign is different; 759. Log is moved; 760. Thumb is moved; 761. Jacket is longer; 762. Sign is different; 763. Log is moved; 764. Thumb is moved; 765. Jacket is longer; 766. Sign is different; 767. Log is moved; 768. Thumb is moved; 769. Jacket is longer; 770. Sign is different; 771. Log is moved; 772. Thumb is moved; 773. Jacket is longer; 774. Sign is different; 775. Log is moved; 776. Thumb is moved; 777. Jacket is longer; 778. Sign is different; 779. Log is moved; 780. Thumb is moved; 781. Jacket is longer; 782. Sign is different; 783. Log is moved; 784. Thumb is moved; 785. Jacket is longer; 786. Sign is different; 787. Log is moved; 788. Thumb is moved; 789. Jacket is longer; 790. Sign is different; 791. Log is moved; 792. Thumb is moved; 793. Jacket is longer; 794. Sign is different; 795. Log is moved; 796. Thumb is moved; 797. Jacket is longer; 798. Sign is different; 799. Log is moved; 800. Thumb is moved; 801. Jacket is longer; 802. Sign is different; 803. Log is moved; 804. Thumb is moved; 805. Jacket is longer; 806. Sign is different; 807. Log is moved; 808. Thumb is moved; 809. Jacket is longer; 810. Sign is different; 811. Log is moved; 812. Thumb is moved; 813. Jacket is longer; 814. Sign is different; 815. Log is moved; 816. Thumb is moved; 817. Jacket is longer; 818. Sign is different; 819. Log is moved; 820. Thumb is moved; 821. Jacket is longer; 822. Sign is different; 823. Log is moved; 824. Thumb is moved; 825. Jacket is longer; 826. Sign is different; 827. Log is moved; 828. Thumb is moved; 829. Jacket is longer; 830. Sign is different; 831. Log is moved; 832. Thumb is moved; 833. Jacket is longer; 834. Sign is different; 835. Log is moved; 836. Thumb is moved; 837. Jacket is longer; 838. Sign is different; 839. Log is moved; 840. Thumb is moved; 841. Jacket is longer; 842. Sign is different; 843. Log is moved; 844. Thumb is moved; 845. Jacket is longer; 846. Sign is different; 847. Log is moved; 848. Thumb is moved; 849. Jacket is longer; 850. Sign is different; 851. Log is moved; 852. Thumb is moved; 853. Jacket is longer; 854. Sign is different; 855. Log is moved; 856. Thumb is moved; 857. Jacket is longer; 858. Sign is different; 859. Log is moved; 860. Thumb is moved; 861. Jacket is longer; 862. Sign is different; 863. Log is moved; 864. Thumb is moved; 865. Jacket is longer; 866. Sign is different; 867. Log is moved; 868. Thumb is moved; 869. Jacket is longer; 870. Sign is different; 871. Log is moved; 872. Thumb is moved; 873. Jacket is longer; 874. Sign is different; 875. Log is moved; 876. Thumb is moved; 877. Jacket is longer; 878. Sign is different; 879. Log is moved; 880. Thumb is moved; 881. Jacket is longer; 882. Sign is different; 883. Log is moved; 884. Thumb is moved; 885. Jacket is longer; 886. Sign is different; 887. Log is moved; 888. Thumb is moved; 889. Jacket is longer; 890. Sign is different; 891. Log is moved; 892. Thumb is moved; 893. Jacket is longer; 894. Sign is different; 895. Log is moved; 896. Thumb is moved; 897. Jacket is longer; 898. Sign is different; 899. Log is moved; 900. Thumb is moved; 901. Jacket is longer; 902. Sign is different; 903. Log is moved; 904. Thumb is moved; 905. Jacket is longer; 906. Sign is different; 907. Log is moved; 908. Thumb is moved; 909. Jacket is longer; 910. Sign is different; 911. Log is moved; 912. Thumb is moved; 913. Jacket is longer; 914. Sign is different; 915. Log is moved; 916. Thumb is moved; 917. Jacket is longer; 918. Sign is different; 919. Log is moved; 920. Thumb is moved; 921. Jacket is longer; 922. Sign is different; 923. Log is moved; 924. Thumb is moved; 925. Jacket is longer; 926. Sign is different; 927. Log is moved; 928. Thumb is moved; 929. Jacket is longer; 930. Sign is different; 931. Log is moved; 932. Thumb is moved; 933. Jacket is longer; 934. Sign is different; 935. Log is moved; 936. Thumb is moved; 937. Jacket is longer; 938. Sign is different; 939. Log is moved; 940. Thumb is moved; 941. Jacket is longer; 942. Sign is different; 943. Log is moved; 944. Thumb is moved; 945. Jacket is longer; 946. Sign is different; 947. Log is moved; 948. Thumb is moved; 949. Jacket is longer; 950. Sign is different; 951. Log is moved; 952. Thumb is moved; 953. Jacket is longer; 954. Sign is different; 955. Log is moved; 956. Thumb is moved; 957. Jacket is longer; 958. Sign is different; 959. Log is moved; 960. Thumb is moved; 961. Jacket is longer; 962. Sign is different; 963. Log is moved; 964. Thumb is moved; 965. Jacket is longer; 966. Sign is different; 967. Log is moved; 968. Thumb is moved; 969. Jacket is longer; 970. Sign is different; 971. Log is moved; 972. Thumb is moved; 973. Jacket is longer; 974. Sign is different; 975. Log is moved; 976. Thumb is moved; 977. Jacket is longer; 978. Sign is different; 979. Log is moved; 980. Thumb is moved; 981. Jacket is longer; 982. Sign is different; 983. Log is moved; 984. Thumb is moved; 985. Jacket is longer; 986. Sign is different; 987. Log is moved; 988. Thumb is moved; 989. Jacket is longer; 990. Sign is different; 991. Log is moved; 992. Thumb is moved; 993. Jacket is longer; 994. Sign is different; 995. Log is moved; 996. Thumb is moved; 9

Westfield Estates Sewer Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking for a Sanitary Sewer line, Force Main, and Lift Station to replace old septic systems



Harris County Pct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia makes welcoming remarks at the Westfield Estates Groundbreaking.



Presidents Day Celebration,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



East Aldine Chairman Carlos Silva speaks to the crowd about our Presidents. Also, ART CONTEST WINNERS were on Display. Winners were: Aaron Cebrian 1st place, Hannah Aguilar 2nd place, and Sydney Cid 3rd place

USA history and be good citizens by getting involved in the community, activities, and events. JFK Blvd. crosses the East Aldine District, and in Houston, Bonding Against Adversity has, over the past 15 years, helped more than 10,000 Legal Residents obtain their citizenship.

Bonding Against Adversity has been serving the Community for more than 15 years to the North Community of Houston with the program Beyond Citizenship. Bonding Against Adversity in partnership with East Aldine District and Art in the Heart cele-

brated President's Day at the massive sculpture of the bust of the late President John F Kennedy which is located at the JFK boulevard in Aldine Bend-

er. Carlos Silva III is the EAMD Chairman and a great leader in the Aldine Community. He attends this event year after year and supports this effort to bring the message to everyone in the community. In his remarks about the JFK presidency, Silva recalled the JFK speech at Rice University back in 1962.

"We chose to go to the moon and do the other

things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard," JFK proclaimed.

In the same way, becoming a naturalized US Citizen is not easy, and you choose to do it.

Becoming a USA Citizen means being a great Citizen and getting involved in the community. BAA is an organization where everyone is welcome. Our Mission is "Helping Others Help Themselves."

You can be the next to join us on this Mission as a Volunteer teacher or at our events. Sign in at www.baatexas.org.

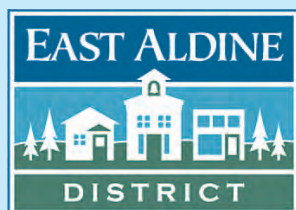


Sponsor Table: Bonding Against Adversity



Sponsor Table: East Aldine District

PHOTOS by Sal Praderio



East Aldine District COMMUNITY NEWS

Sylvia Bolling: A Legacy of Empowering Families and Transforming Communities

For more than three decades, Sylvia Bolling has been a beacon of hope for families in the Aldine community. As the founder and former executive director of Aldine YOUTH and the Buckner Family Hope Center, she has dedicated her life to uplifting children, strengthening families, and fostering opportunities for growth and self-sufficiency.

Bolling's journey in community service began with a simple yet powerful mission: to provide a safe, supportive environment where young people and their families could thrive. What started as an initiative to support at-risk youth evolved into a comprehensive network of services, offering educational programs, mentorship, and family assistance to thousands in the Aldine area.



SYLVIA BOLLING (RIGHT) WITH DAUGHTER

A Vision for Change

In 1995, Bolling's passion for service led to the establishment of what is now the Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine, formerly known as Aldine YOUTH. Under her leadership, the center became a vital resource for families facing economic and social challenges. From job training and parenting classes to after-school programs and food assistance, the center provided critical support to the community.

Bolling attributes much of the organization's success to faith and strong partnerships. "When operating on such a small budget, partnerships were vital. That was the strong foundation of our years of success," she said. "Of course, money was necessary to operate, but our partnerships and relationships were the real cornerstone of Aldine YOUTH. We give God all the glory!"

The impact of Bolling's work is reflected not only in data but in the lives she has touched. "Not only did we take surveys and keep statis-

SYLVIA BOLLING IN THE COMMUNITY



tics, but more importantly, the people we served constantly showered us with grateful accolades, and we were able to witness the positive impact on their lives," she said. "Many of the children, now adults, bring their children to participate in our programs. That truly speaks to our positive impact!"

Continuing the Mission

Although she stepped down as the center's executive director in 2014, Bolling's influence continues to shape the programs and services that help families in Aldine today. The recent relocation of the Buckner Family Hope Center to a new, expanded campus is a testament to the foundation she built — one that remains dedicated to breaking cycles of poverty and fostering long-term stability for families.

"I am so grateful to see our vision seed grow and continue to bear good fruit and still make a positive difference," Bolling said. "I have no doubt that God had the perfect plan for Buckner to acquire Aldine YOUTH and grow and expand it to the next level."

While she hoped Buckner could remain in Aldine, Bolling remains optimistic about the community's future. "It's a blessing that Baker Ripley is now serving our community. My faith is strong, and I know God is in control, so it's all good."

Bolling has also witnessed significant changes in the Aldine area over the years. "There are an increasing number of small and larger businesses," she said. "Because of the poverty levels, challenges will remain. With Aldine ISD, EAMD, government programs, and support, we can look forward to continued positive changes and improvements."

A Lasting Legacy

Even in retirement, Bolling's mission endures in the lives she has touched and the programs that continue to serve the Aldine community. She encourages others to take up the call to service with faith and perseverance.

"Pray, have faith, develop relationships with the people you desire to serve, and invite as many partners as possible to walk the journey with you," she advised. "Stay consistent through the ups and downs. Always give God the glory!"

When asked what message she would share with the Aldine community, Bolling's words reflect the heart of her lifelong work: "Together, you can and will make a positive difference!"