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NEWS NOTES

EGGSTRAVAGANZA at East Aldine

East Aldine Small Business Lunch April 24

East Aldine District will hold its Free Small Business Seminar Luncheon on Thursday, April 24 from 12pm to 1:30pm at its offices on 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive. RSVP required, info@aldinedistrict.org or 713-595-1232.

Subject will be "2025 BIZLOAN Ready." Speaker: Alexis Rios, BakerRipley.

Fresh Start 4/14: Clear your Arrest Record

Worried a criminal record from your past might be holding you back? Trying to get connected to community resources but struggling to navigate the network of services? Need help with a civil legal matter but don't know where to go for guidance?

Mark your calendar for Fresh Start on **Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Harris County Jury Plaza, 1201 Congress St.** in downtown Houston. Pre-registration is required, starting April 14.

"Fresh Start directly helps individuals participating in the program, but its benefits ripple throughout our community," Harris County Criminal Courts at Law Presiding Judge Erika Ramirez said. "When we help people meet their basic needs and become productive citizens, it helps to reduce

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The Eggstravaganza was held at the East Aldine Town Center on Saturday, April 5th!

Activities included an epic egg hunt, kite flying, arts & crafts, sports games, chalk art, Fab Lab paper rocket launch, face painting, henna, bubble station, door prizes & more.

There was also a family photo station. Great Family Fun was held by a large crowd on the lawn of the Town Center.

The EGGstravaganza was sponsored by East Aldine District, BakerRipley, Lone Star College-East Aldine Center, Avalos P-Tech School Volunteers, and Harris County Sheriff's Office PAL.

This is the third year of this EGG-cellent Event of the Year.



Naina Magon new leader of Hawes Hill consultants

Editor's Note: Hawes Hill is the consulting firm for the East Aldine Management District. The following article is by David Hawes.

For nearly three decades, Hawes Hill & Associates has been dedicated to delivering exceptional service and value to our clients. As we approach our 30th anniversary on July 6, 2026, we recognize that growth brings with it important transitions. It is



with great pride and enthusiasm that, on behalf of the Partners, I announce the appointment of Ms. Naina Magon as Managing Principal. I will be stepping down as Managing Partner and transitioning into the role of Senior Partner, continuing to serve on the Firm's Management Team with Naina providing overall leadership. In her new role, Naina will assume full responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Firm, as well as lead the advancement of our long-term strategic vision—ensuring we continue to exceed the expectations of our cli-

ents and stakeholders. Those who have had the pleasure of working with Naina know firsthand her exceptional work ethic, deep industry expertise, and natural leadership. Her personal integrity and professional acumen have earned her the respect and admiration of clients, colleagues, and partners alike. Please join us in congratulating Naina on this well-deserved achievement. We are confident that with her at the helm, Hawes Hill & Associates is poised for continued success and impactful growth.

--Dave Hawes
Senior Partner

Trash is "Bashed" at Crowley Park

Community Volunteers "Clean It Like You Mean It"



East Aldine District

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers! Your dedication during the Trash Bash cleanup event of Greens Bayou in Crowley Park was remarkable. With 98 of you joining forces, we collected 42 bags of trash, making a real difference for our environment. MORE PHOTOS on Page 8.

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

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Fatal Shooting at 12300 North Freeway

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a male found at 12300 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) service road about 10:40 a.m. on Thursday (March 27).

The identity of the victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant C. Duncan and Detective W. Elliot reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a report of a deceased male in the parking lot of an abandoned business at the above address. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the male deceased. He had suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

At this time, there is no known motive or suspect(s).

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

House Fire in The East Little York / Homestead Area

Houston Fire Department reports a House fire on March 29, 2025, at 10:25 a.m. in the 12400 block of River Trail Dr. 77050.

There were No reported injuries.

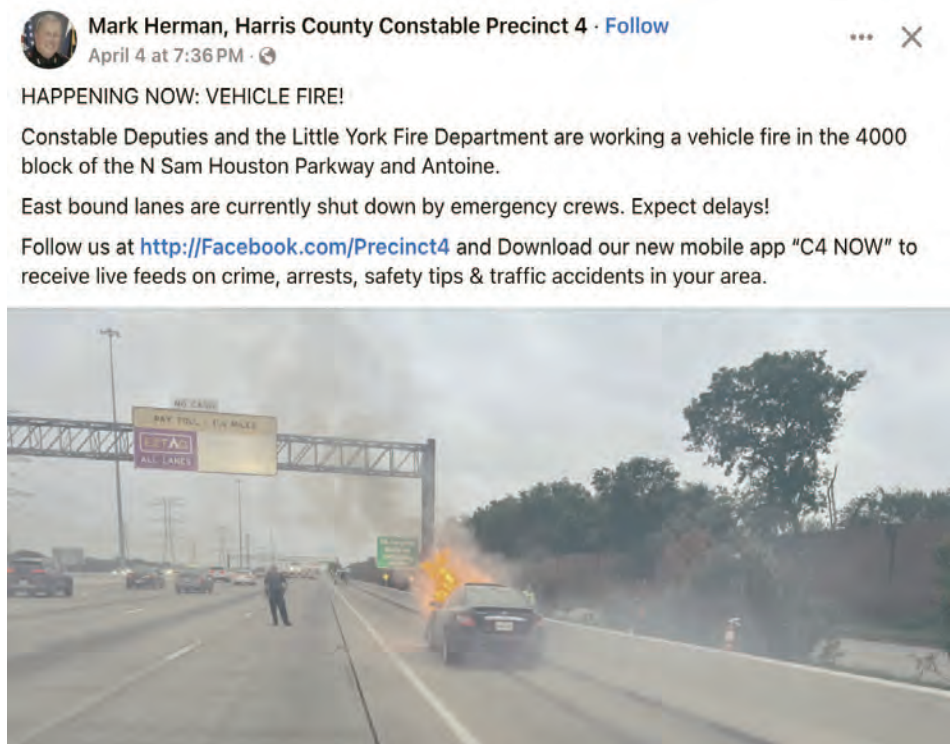
Property saved amounted to \$87,000 in estimated property saved but the house sustained \$110,000 in estimated damage.

The cause of the fire was ruled Unintentional (electrical).

Firefighters arrived on scene to find smoke coming from a 1-story house and made an offensive attack. They ventilated the roof and performed a primary search.

Crews extinguished the fire and determined that while a tree cutting company was cutting a tree, an electrical line was broken, causing sparks and an electrical surge to occur.

CenterPoint arrived on scene and disconnected the electricity. 39 personnel responded to this incident, including firefighters from Stations 56, 15, 34, 64, 32, 30 and Rescue 42.



Mark Herman, Harris County Constable Precinct 4 · Follow
April 4 at 7:36 PM ·

HAPPENING NOW: VEHICLE FIRE!
Constable Deputies and the Little York Fire Department are working a vehicle fire in the 4000 block of the N Sam Houston Parkway and Antoine.
East bound lanes are currently shut down by emergency crews. Expect delays!
Follow us at <http://Facebook.com/Precinct4> and Download our new mobile app "C4 NOW" to receive live feeds on crime, arrests, safety tips & traffic accidents in your area.

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

ART & POETRY EXHIBITION
Monday, April 14, 2025
All Day
Come see a unique Art & Poetry Exhibition produced by the gifted students of Impact Leadership Academy at Wilson at the Aldine Library.

As part of Poetry Month, we're focusing on the theme of community. The student artists will write a poem for each piece of art. Visitors to the exhibit this year will also be able to scan QR codes to access the animated version of the students' poetry readings. Impact Leadership Academy students studying digital animation art produced the animated films.

Movement Monday- Lunes de Movimiento
Monday, April 14, 2025 11:00am-11:45am
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. ¡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.

Tuesday Bilingual Story Time & Craft/Hora de cuento con manualidades
Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 11:00am-12:00pm
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. The 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*

Dungeons and Donuts
Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Join us for role-playing and board games, no experience needed! Come and try out some games in a beginner-friendly environment. Donuts will be provided!

Pajama Jam Story Time (Bilingual)
Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:00pm-6:45pm
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.**

ESL Registration
Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 12:00pm-1:30pm
Join us for registration for Beginner or Advance ESL classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays! **REGISTRATION will be held in person on the following days and times: April 15, 17, 22, and 24 from 12pm - 1:30pm. You must register and take the assessment before you can attend classes.**
Advance beginner classes begin April 28 and will go through July 2nd. Classes will meet twice per week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12pm - 1pm.
Beginner classes begin April 29 and will go through July 3rd. Classes will meet twice per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12pm - 1:30pm.
These classes are designed for students who are interested in learning and/or practicing speaking, listening, writing, and reading skills in English. Classes are free and all materials are provided.

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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.**

Bert Barron
Adult Program Specialist
Aldine Branch Library
11331 Airline Dr.
Houston, TX 77037
Phone: 832-927-5410

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!

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Fresh Start,

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recidivism and make our communities safer.”

Online pre-registration for criminal record screening and sealing is required and starts at **noon on Monday, April 14**. Space is limited to 300 people, and slots fill quickly: www.ccl.hctx.net/FreshStart.htm.

In addition to record sealing, the May Fresh Start will feature:

Know Your Rights Housing Workshop* for Landlords and Tenants: Learn about contracts, expectations, landlord and tenant rights, and the eviction process.

South Texas College of Law Legal Clinics: Apply to determine your eligibility for assistance with civil legal matters, including debt relief and estate planning.

Consulate General of Mexico in Houston: Access support for Mexican citizens in need of legal documents or legal services, including criminal, civil, immigration, labor, and administrative matters.

Harris County Public Health ACCESS Harris County: Register for wraparound support and resource assistance related to education, food security, job placement, counseling, peer support, healthcare and insurance, housing, and transportation.

Harris County Voter Registrar: Register to vote.

Fresh Start is offered by Harris County Criminal Courts at Law and their community outreach arm, BAYOU City Community Court, in partnership with Harris County Public Defender's Office, Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Harris County State District Criminal Courts, Harris County Civil Courts at Law, Neighborhood Defender Service of Texas, Houston Apartment Association, and Harris County Constable Precinct One.

For more information about Fresh Start or to pre-register, go to www.ccl.hctx.net/FreshStart.htm.

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UPCOMING EVENTS .APR 8- APR 12TH

- 8 APR 11 AM TODDLER TIME**
- 3 PM POKEMON CLUB**
- 9 APR 1 PM CONVERSATIONAL ESL**
- 3:30 PM KRAFTY KIDS**
- 5 PM READING WONDERLAND**
- 5:30 PM MAGIC OF COLOUR**
- 10 APR 11AM CITIZENSHIP**
- 3:30 PM GAME ZONE**
- 12 APR 10 AM WORLD OF WORDCRAFT**

IMPORTANT NEWS

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DE-STRESS, UNWIND, AND ENJOY THE ALMOST-MAGICAL CALM THAT COMES FROM PAINTING WITH WATERCOLORS.

SCHOOL NEWS PAGE



Carver High School Earns Multiple Nominations for 2025 Tommy Tune Awards



Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) has named Carver High School a finalist in multiple categories for the 2025 Tommy Tune Awards, recognizing the school's production of Dreamgirls.

Dreamgirls follows a 1960s Supremes-like girl group as they go from obscurity to international fame, while finding the road to success can be thornier than expected.

Multiple Nominations, Including Outstanding Musical

Carver High School's theatre program continues to shine on the Houston stage, earning 28 nominations and 15 finalist nominations, including Outstanding Musical, Outstanding Ensemble, and Outstanding Technical Achievement. Over the years, the program has consistently garnered recognition at prestigious awards celebrating excellence in high school musical theatre across Greater Houston.

Under the direction of Roshunda Jones-Koumba, Jabari Collins, and Jamar Hawkins, Carver's theatre program has built a long tradition of excellence. It consistently produces high-caliber performances and earns local, state, and national accolades. Her dedication to fostering young talent has helped establish Carver as a powerhouse in high school musical theatre, inspiring students to pursue careers in the performing arts. The Carver HS theater began to compete in the Tommy Tune Awards program in 2008. To date, Carver has earned over 160 nominations.

This year marks Carver's ninth time being named an Outstanding Musical finalist. Carver is a Choice School in AISD. Click here to read the list of all the finalists.

Carver High School Finalists Nominations for Dreamgirls(15)
Outstanding Musical: Dreamgirls

Outstanding Ensemble
Outstanding Technical Achievement

Outstanding Director: Roshunda Jones-Koumba

Outstanding Music Director: Donte Wright

Outstanding Choreographer: Denzel Taylor

Outstanding Stage Management: Niya Kelly

Outstanding Scenic Design: Jabari Collins

Outstanding Costume Design: Jamar Hawkins

Outstanding Sound Design: Za'Riah Tatum

Outstanding Lead: Alyssa Dorsey

Outstanding Lead: Ivan Davidson

Outstanding Lead: Reagan Wilson

Outstanding Supporting Role: Ka'Sean Francis

Outstanding Supporting Role: David Gipson

Tommy Tune Nominations 1st Round (28)
Outstanding Musical: Dreamgirls

Outstanding Ensemble
Outstanding Orchestra
Outstanding Technical Achievement

Outstanding Leads (4): Ivan Davidson, Alyssa Dorsey, Nazanine Graves, and Reagan Wilson

Outstanding Supporting Roles (3): Ka'Sean Francis, David Gipson, Treveon Green

Outstanding Singer (3): Alyssa Dorsey, Ka'Sean

Francis, and David Gipson
Outstanding Dancer (2): Ka'Sean Francis and Reagan Wilson

Outstanding Actor (3): Alyssa Dorsey, Ka'Sean Francis, and David Gipson

Outstanding Director: Roshunda Jones-Koumba

Outstanding Music Director: Donte Wright

Outstanding Choreographer: Denzel Taylor

Outstanding Sound Designer: Za'Riah Tatum

Outstanding Scenic Design: Jabari Collins

Outstanding Costume Design: Jamar Hawkins

Outstanding Stage Management: Niya Kelly

Honorable Mention (2): Faith Bumper and Nazanine Graves

The Tommy Tune Awards, named after Broadway legend and Houston native Tommy Tune, celebrate high school musical theatre excellence. This year, a panel of more than 40 theatre professionals evaluated 66 productions from schools across the Houston area. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on June 6 at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts.

Tickets for the event go on sale to the public on April 21 and will be available online, by phone, or at the TUTS Box Office.

Carver High School's continued success at the Tommy Tune Awards underscores its commitment to fostering young talent in the performing arts. As the school awaits the final results, its students, educators, and supporters celebrate another year of outstanding achievements on and off the stage.

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

Dear Aldine Community,
As we continue our journey through this school year, I am constantly inspired by the dedication, talent, and resilience of our students, staff, and community. The past few weeks have been filled with moments that showcase the heart of Aldine ISD — academic excellence, student achievement, and community engagement. Your support and involvement are integral to these achievements.

Our commitment to innovation was fully displayed as Aldine ISD hosted the FIRST Robotics Competition at M.O. Campbell Educational Center. Students showcased their creativity, teamwork, and engineering excellence, proving that the future is being built here in Aldine ISD! Their achievements bring pride and connection to our community. Our young scholars at Marcella and Worsham Elementary Schools represented us well at the State Destination Imagination Competition, with Worsham earning top honors in the Technical Challenge.

In academics, over 100 Aldine ISD students were invited to join Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges — the most in a given year in district history. I am so proud of their hard work and the excellence of our dual credit programs.

Literacy continues to be a cornerstone of our mission, and I was thrilled to join discussions during our Literacy Matters Conference. The conversations in literacy reinforce the importance of the science of reading and how storytelling shapes young minds.

Beyond the classroom and

the field, our students continue to shine in unique and creative ways. Aldine High School students are gearing up for the 38th Annual Houston Art Car Parade, bringing their artistic talents to one of Houston's most iconic events. Meanwhile, our Career and Technical Education students at Hall Success Academy had the opportunity to network and explore career paths in banking, thanks to a partnership with Stellar Bank.

Upcoming Events

April is Autism Acceptance Month, a time to embrace neurodiversity and create spaces where all students and families feel supported. Next week, Aldine ISD will co-sponsor Community Fun Day in the Park for families of children with autism. This event is especially meaningful to me because my eldest son was born with disabilities. Throughout his life, the support of his teachers, schools, and community made all the difference. Although he is no longer with us, I know firsthand how critical these resources are for families. If you or someone you know could benefit from this event, please join us on April 12.

PreK registration is in full swing for our youngest learners! We invite families to our PreK Expo and Enrollment Fair on April 5, where they can explore program options and secure their child's spot for the upcoming school year.

Later this month, we are excited to host our Virtual Festival de Primavera on April 26, a special event designed to connect with and support our Spanish-speaking families. Aldine ISD is committed to fostering an inclusive, multilingual environment where every student and family feels at home.

Honoring Our Dedicated Staff and Volunteers

April is also a time to recognize the incredible staff who keep our schools running smoothly and our students thriving. A huge thank you to our paraprofessionals, librarians, assistant principals, and gifted and talented educators being celebrated this month! We also honor our school bus drivers, administrative professionals, and volunteers — you are the heart of our schools, and we appreciate you!

STAAR Testing is Here — We Believe in You!

Aldine scholars, it's that time of year — the STAAR testing window begins on April 8. We know how hard you've worked, and we believe in you! Parents, please check with your child's school for testing details and help ensure your student is prepared, well-rested, and ready to shine.

Before I close, click on the latest newsletter, Aldine Connection. And follow us on social media. The achievements I've shared in this message remind us why we do what we do — to create opportunities, inspire learning, and empower our students to reach their fullest potential.

Keep the Momentum Going! From our classrooms to our athletic fields, from the arts to STEM, Aldine ISD is a district of champions, learners, and leaders. Thank you for making a difference every day. Keep striving, dreaming, and believing in the power of education to change lives! We are grateful for your unwavering dedication to our students and community. Together, we are making an #Aldine-Impact!

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

Over 100 Aldine ISD Students Invited to Join Phi Theta Kappa



Over 100 Aldine ISD students have been invited to join Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. This year marks the largest number of invitations in the district's history, a true reflection of the students' excellence, dedication, and hard work in their dual credit coursework at Lone Star College.

To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), students must complete at least 12 college credit hours and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5. This year's group includes sophomores, juniors, and seniors from multiple Aldine ISD high schools.

Among the invitees, Davis High School had the highest number, with 38

students receiving invitations, followed by Avalos P-TECH with 37. Other schools with recognized students include Eisenhower High School (12), Victory Early College High School (12), Aldine High School (7), Carver High School (4), and Blanson CTE High School (3). Additional numbers from other campuses are pending confirmation.

"We are incredibly proud of these students for their hard work and dedication," said Susan Pelezo, executive director of advanced academics. "Earning an invitation to Phi Theta Kappa is a testament to their commitment to academic success and their bright futures ahead."

While Aldine ISD will

not host a districtwide ceremony, each campus will hold its own recognition event in the spring to celebrate its students' achievements.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa recognizes academic excellence and provides a gateway to numerous benefits. These include access to scholarship opportunities, leadership development programs, and community service initiatives. Students' hard work and academic dedication open doors to a bright future. Invitations to PTK are extended twice a year, providing students with regular opportunities to excel.

For more information about Phi Theta Kappa and its membership requirements, visit the PTK website.

Aldine ISD Choice Schools to Host Annual Collaborative Student Art Show, on April 24



Aldine ISD's Choice High Schools are again coming together to celebrate student creativity and talent at the third annual Creative Pursuit art show!

This special event will showcase the best student artwork across Aldine ISD's Choice Schools high school campuses. It will give students a platform to display their creativity and share their artistic voice with the community.

Creative Pursuit: A Choice High School's Art Event
Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 5– 7 p.m. Baker Ripley — Reunion Hall 3000 Aldine Mail Rt. Rd., Houston, TX 77039

Students from the following campuses will have their artwork featured:
*Avalos Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School
*Blanson Career and Technical Education (CTE) High School
*Carver High School for Applied Technology, Engineering & The Arts
*Hall Success Academy
*La Promesa
*Victory Early College High School

Guests will enjoy an evening filled with creativity and community, including:
*Stunning student artwork
*A People's Choice contest where attendees can vote for their favorite artwork
*A Family Fun Table with hands-on creative activities for all ages.

Questions
Contact Kaileigh Newman, AISD visual arts director, at karosplhowski@aldineisd.org if you have any questions.

OPINION PAGE

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
By Lt. Governor Dan Patrick



Texas Senate Strongly Advances into April

AUSTIN – Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement today:

“The Texas Senate is in overdrive, working hard to complete the people’s business.

“Texans expect us to pass more property tax relief and border security funding. They expect us to pass legislation to reduce crime on our streets, keep criminals behind bars with strong bail reform, protect our children, enact school choice, put prayer and the 10 Commandments back in our schools, pay our teachers like the professionals they are, stop illegal immigrants from voting, address the healthcare of Texans, address our water and power needs, create new jobs, continue our strong business climate, and so many other important issues.

“I am proud to say the Texas Senate has already, with lightning-fast speed, passed bills on all these issues, and more.

“As the Senate advances into April, we have already passed an amazing 29 of the voters’, the Senate’s, and my top 40 priority bills over to the House. My goal is to pass most, if not all, of the 40 Senate priority bills and other major bills by April 15, as I have done every session since I have been Lt. Governor. I do not let the clock kill important, must-pass bills.

“Last week alone, the Texas Senate passed 84 bills over to the Texas House. The Senate has now passed 205 bills in total. The Texas House has passed only 10 bills total to date.

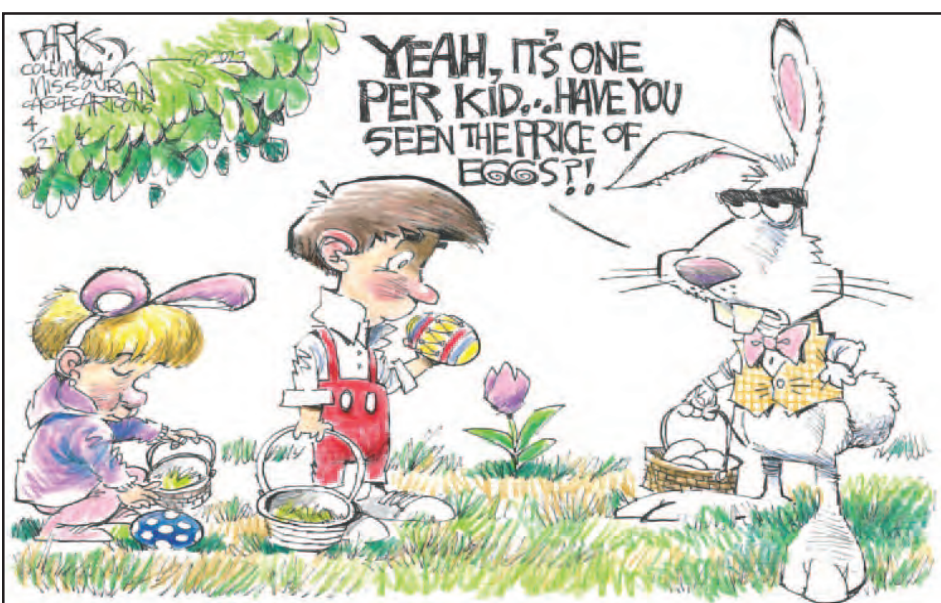
“The Speaker is saying all the right things privately and publicly. Communication is good, and we are working on major issues together, but the clock is ticking each day towards the end of session deadline on June 2. I look forward to their swift action on the 205 Senate bills we have passed over to them.

“This can be one of the most conservative sessions in history. The Senate has done its work and will continue to do whatever it takes to deliver what the voters of Texas expect from us.”

- The 29 priority bills passed so far:**
- Senate Bill 1 – Senate’s Budget for Texas
 - Senate Bill 2 – Providing School Choice
 - Senate Bill 3 – Banning THC in Texas
 - Senate Bill 4 – Increasing the Homestead Exemption to \$140,000 (\$150,000 for Seniors)
 - Senate Bill 5 – Combatting Dementia and Alzheimer’s – Establishing DPRIT (Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas)
 - Senate Bill 6 – Increasing Texas’ Electric Grid Reliability
 - Senate Bill 7 – Increasing Investments in Texas’ Water Supply
 - *Senate Bill 8 – Requiring Local Law Enforcement to Assist the Federal Government’s Deportation Efforts
 - *Senate Bill 9 – Reforming Bail – Keeping Violent Criminals Off Our Streets
 - Senate Bill 10 – Placing the Ten Commandments in School
 - Senate Bill 11 – Protecting the Freedom to Pray in School
 - Senate Bill 12 – Establishing a Parental Bill of Rights in Public Education
 - Senate Bill 13 – Guarding Against Inappropriate Books in Public Schools
 - Senate Bill 14 – Texas DOGE – Improving Government Efficiency
 - Senate Bill 15 – Removing Barriers to Housing Affordability
 - Senate Bill 16 – Stopping Non-Citizens from Voting
 - *Senate Bill 17 – Stopping Foreign Adversary Land Grabs
 - Senate Bill 18 – Stopping Drag Time Story Hour
 - Senate Bill 19 – Stopping Taxpayer Dollars for Lobbyists
 - Senate Bill 20 – Stopping AI-Generated Child Pornography
 - Senate Bill 21 – Establishing the Texas Bitcoin Reserve
 - Senate Bill 24 – Educating Texas Students on the Horrors of Communism
 - Senate Bill 25 – Making Texas Healthy Again
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Appeals Court: TEA Can Release A-F School Ratings

A judge with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week that the Texas Education Agency can release its 2023 A-F school accountability ratings, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The ruling overturned a district judge’s injunction after more than 120 school districts sued to stop TEA from releasing the ratings. Those districts argued that the agency did not provide enough advance notice about changes to the formula used to calculate the rating.

The A-F ratings assigned to each district and campus are based on standardized test performance, though the COVID-19 pandemic slowed the process. The appeals court ruled that TEA Commissioner Mike Morath had the authority to postpone their issuance or to change the standards after the 2022-2023 school year was over.

“We agree that after a race is over not everyone can be declared the winner,” the court’s opinion read. “But it is not our role as judges to decide whether the Commissioner’s decisions were necessary or fair. The Districts’ burden ... was to show the Commissioner acted ‘without legal authority,’ not that he should have exercised his discretion another way.”

DUELING PROPERTY TAX PROPOSALS COMPARED

The Texas House and Senate have agreed to spend at least \$6 billion to cut property taxes but are taking different approaches, The Texas Tribune reported. The most significant difference that must be reconciled is whether businesses or homeowners get the larger tax break.

The House measure gives more relief to businesses. It would exempt up to \$250,000 of business inventory from all property taxes, up from \$2,500. House Speaker Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, backs the bill.

“Raising the personal property tax exemption ... would be a monumental win for Texas businesses, freeing up funds for business owners to reinvest in the growth of their companies on top of the potential savings provided by buying down property tax rates for all property owners statewide,” Burrows said in February.

The Senate version focuses on bigger tax breaks for homeowners, largely by raising the homestead exemption once again, this time from \$100,000 to \$140,000.

“I have made increasing the



homestead exemption my mission because it is the best way to deliver meaningful property tax reductions for homeowners,” Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who leads the Senate, said in February. That bill passed unanimously in February. It contains an increase in personal property tax exemption from \$2,500 to \$25,000 – much lower than the House version.

PAXTON CLEARED BY DOJ, ATTACKS CORNYN

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is no longer being investigated by the U.S. Justice Department, which quietly declined to prosecute him in the final weeks of the Biden presidency, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Paxton took the opportunity to get a dig in at U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, whom he may challenge in next year’s GOP primary. Cornyn, in an online exchange in 2024 while the investigation was ongoing, told Paxton it would be “hard to run from prison.” Last week, Paxton replied.

“This former TX Supreme Court Justice and TX Attorney General ignored the rule of law, the Constitution, and innocent until proven guilty while standing with the corrupt Biden DOJ cheering on the bogus witch hunts against both me and President Trump,” Paxton wrote on X. “Care to comment now, John?”

Cornyn retorted that Paxton has agreed not to contest a civil suit filed by whistleblowers’ suit, which seeks millions in damages.

“Is this the same person that had a \$6.6 million judgment entered in Travis County based on the whistleblower complaints, and he didn’t contest any of the allegations? I’m confused,” Cornyn wrote.

MEASLES OUTBREAK NOW AT 481 CASES

The outbreak of measles cases in the South Plains and Panhandle regions of Texas has jumped to 481, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Fifty-six people have been hospitalized and one fatality recorded, in an unvaccinated school-age child. DSHS says more cases are likely given the highly contagious nature of measles. Most of the cases are in Gaines County, on the New Mexico border. That state has reported 54 cases as of Friday, while 10 have been reported in Oklahoma.

Texas has reported more measles cases in 2025 than in any full year since 1992, according to The News.

BILL ENACTS NEW REGULATIONS ON LARGE ELECTRICITY USERS

A bill passed unanimously in the Senate and now pending in the House would enact new regulations on data centers and other major electricity users, the Chronicle reported.

The bill’s primary goal is to prevent a repeat of the deadly outages in February 2021 during Winter Storm Uri. It directs state regulators to figure out how to protect everyday residents and small businesses from huge rate hikes during weather emergencies, which is what happened to some users in 2021.

The growth of artificial intelligence is one factor in the boom in power demand. For example, Open AI’s first Stargate project being built in Abilene would require 1.2 gigawatts of electricity – enough to power a million homes for a year.

“It’s not an oil boom. It’s an economic boom led by big technology and their corresponding need for big electricity,” state Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, said on the Senate floor.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST DISTRACTED DRIVING UNDERWAY

The Texas Department of Transportation has launched a new campaign to combat accidents caused by distracted driving. The Talk. Text. Crash. campaign is aimed to remind Texans that when driving, nothing matters more than the road ahead.

“Everyone knows they should focus while driving, but too many people still take their eyes off the road to check a text, fiddle with their dashboard or grab a bite to eat,” TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. “We want to make it clear: no text or call is worth a life.”

Last year, distracted driving contributed to more than 91,000 crashes in the state and more than 370 deaths, according to TxDOT.

Correction: The headline over last week’s story about the state’s measles headline contained the incorrect total number. The number of cases reported inside the story – then at 400 – was correct. We regret the error.

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Nervous as a Cat



“She was nervous as a cat!” is how the saying goes. I have decided this expression makes no sense. Our cat, Felix, is the least nervous creature I have ever lived with.

My old Newfoundland dog, Moxie, with her saggy jowls and lumbering gait, was much more nervous than Felix. Moxie was nervous about strange noises and things she couldn’t see clearly (which was most everything) and loud voices. She was very well-behaved, but sometimes would pull a butter wrapper out of the garbage—oh, so carefully—and proceed to lick every trace of remaining butter off that wrapper. Then, knowing she had done a truly wicked thing, she would wait for the inevitable reckoning when I would return to the kitchen, see the wrapper splayed out flat on the rug and say to her, “Moxie, do you know anything about this?”

At that point, her legs would visibly quiver, she would press her face against the wall, and she would look as if she expected the beating of her life.

I never once hit that dog. She was just nervous. And she had a conscience. She knew she was not supposed to remove trash from the trashcan—and despite many reprimands—she had done it. Again.

My cat, Felix, does not have these problems.

He regularly helps himself to the trash. He hauls out whatever he likes to see if there is anything tasty. Usually, it is stale bread or an empty package. (He has perfectly fine cat food in his bowl the entire time.) If there is nothing interesting in the trash, he will look further afield. We had some leftover cookies of various types in a plastic bag on the counter, and Felix hauled the bag onto the floor and took one bite from each type of cookie. None of them were any good, apparently, but he did a very thorough test.

When, in the morning, my husband, Peter, or I discover his wickedness and yell at him, Felix looks at us, bored.

“People are ridiculous,” Felix seems to say, “They get worked up about the stupidest things.” Then he falls asleep.

I googled the expression “nervous as a cat,” and it comes from the idea that a cat moves very quickly and suddenly. It is used when a person is uneasy or overly alert. I don’t think Felix is uneasy in the least. But he is very alert. He can spring into action from complete stillness, zoom down the hall, bounce off the wall at the far end, return to hit the back of the sofa and land on a chair—all in a moment. He has a lot of fun doing this.

On the other hand, I am nervous. I worry about telephone conversations that happen and those that don’t. I worry about the things I say and the things I forget to say. I stew over what I should have done after I’ve done something and what I should do before I’ve done anything at all. I am in a more-or-less permanent condition of nervousness, and I’ve been watching my cat with interest because I think being nervous as a cat would be a big improvement.

I would love to be utterly relaxed and then spring into action when the situation seemed to warrant it. I would love to bounce off the walls just because it was fun to do. I think that will be my next goal.

The next time Peter asks me if I am worried, I’ll assure him, “Not at all. I’m nervous as a cat!”

Till next time,
Carrie

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Easter is an important Christian holiday. It is a time for joy and new beginnings. It is a time of fun surprises too!

"HOPPY" EASTER!

Whew! Almost done hiding eggs!

Connect the dots to see a shining light:

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Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle and to see the hidden word.

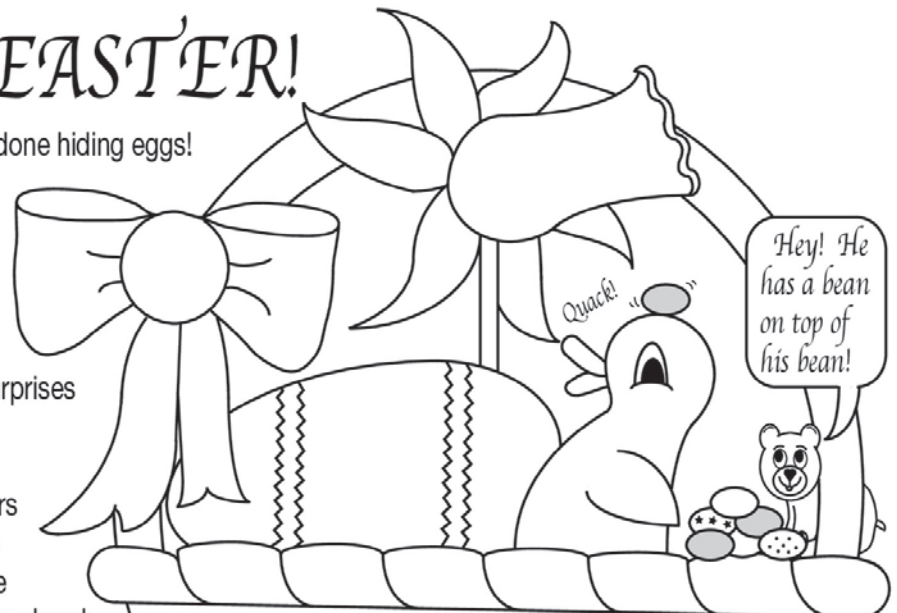
1. colored and hidden
2. hops by to deliver surprises
3. filled with treats
4. hat (with ties)
5. beautiful white flowers that grow from bulbs
6. bells ring out to invite people to these at the church

Surprise someone special and give them a little joy by coloring in this basket, cutting it out and delivering it. If you want to be fancy, add some sparkles.

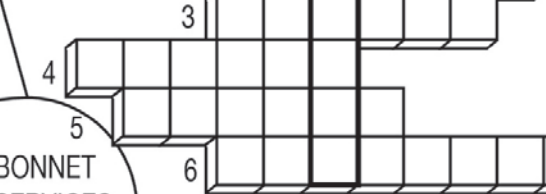
Easter is a time of...

Can you find and circle these words in the candle?

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| family | egg hunts | joy |
| prayer | hot cross buns | bells |
| lambs | new clothes | song |
| light | sunrises | lilies |



Find and circle 8 words on this page that begin with "h"!



- LILIES
- EGG
- RABBIT
- BONNET
- SERVICES
- BASKET

Happy Easter!

"Eggs"-citement!

These eggs have bounced out of the basket! They are beginning to break open. Legs are poking out through the shells. Can you tell what animals are being born? Draw lines to match the eggs with the names.

What the heck! What is going on? !!!

ostrich chick
alligator kangaroo
pig turtle
pony

Some of the animals shown hatch from eggs, some do not! Color the four eggs that have animals that hatch from eggs.

I'm so hungry!

Rabbit is hungry after delivering baskets! Help him make his way through the grass to find 3 carrots for lunch and then one cookie for dessert. No backtracking allowed!



What Can These Easter Symbols Do?

Chicks, flowers, rabbits and eggs are all symbols of Easter.

Can you find and circle the three things each symbol can do? (The other ideas are silly.)

1. chicks can ...

- peep
- scratch
- hop
- moo
- tell jokes

2. flowers can ...

- run
- blossom
- grow
- attract bees
- dance

3. rabbits can ...

- hop
- nibble
- lay eggs
- plant gardens
- wiggle ears

4. eggs can ...

- roll
- write
- sing
- hatch
- crack

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What the heck! What is going on? !!!

Whew! Almost done hiding eggs!

Easter is a time of...

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family lilies
prayer light
lambs song
surprises new clothes
egg hunts hot cross buns

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gethsemane (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What's the only book of the Bible that mentions Christ's tomb being sealed? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came

upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers

5. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus


6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Matthew, 3) An angel, 4) Disciples, 5) Thomas (called Didymus), 6) 40 days

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...He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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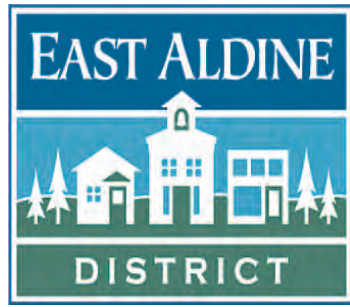
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JOB DESCRIPTION
Essential Duties & Responsibilities:

- Manage operations related to district functions, events, and services, at the Town Center and throughout the district, under the guidance of and in coordination with the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director.
- Oversee the Facility Use Request process, scheduling and logistics (set-up/preparation) for district community meetings, committee/board meetings and any other events or functions.
- Manage the efficient operations and maintenance of district assets (property, buildings, vehicles, equipment and other amenities) including scheduling and coordinating inspections, routine maintenance, and repairs with contractors, vendors, partners, and constituents to provide efficient district services. (IT, HVAC, housekeeping/landscaping, etc.).
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- Assist with the preparation of committee and board meeting agenda material, including committee reports, agenda item back-up documents, invoices, proposals, contracts, and marketing material (including the preparation, binding, and delivery of the district's board agenda books).
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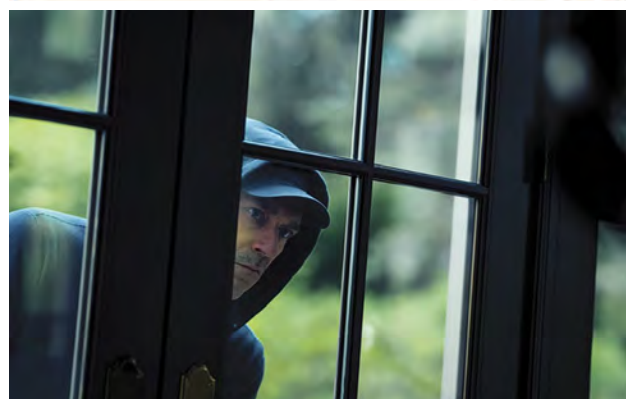
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Jon Hamm stars in "Your Friends & Neighbors."

"Your Friends & Neighbors"

"Mickey 17" (R) — Everyone's been looking forward to director Bong Joon Ho's follow-up film to his 2019 masterpiece "Parasite." For his new sci-fi black comedy, he employed the acting talents of Robert Pattinson — who got to take a break from being "The Batman" — as well as Naomi Ackie ("Blink Twice"), Steven Yeun ("Nope"), Toni Collette ("Juror #2") and Mark Ruffalo ("Poor Things"). Pattinson plays expendable Mickey Barnes in the year 2050, and as an expendable, Mickey is tasked with deadly missions. Luckily, a new clone of him regenerates with his restored memories after each death. That is until the 17th version of Mickey survives an accident, only to find Mickey 18 alive and well. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

Jon Hamm ("The Morning Show") leads this new drama series that has already been renewed for a second season! Hamm stars as Andrew Cooper, a hedge fund manager in New York who gets fired from his job. Andrew has also recently divorced his wife, Mel (Amanda Peet), and feels the pressure to maintain his family's wealth amid his firing. So, as he's looking around at the riches that surround his friends and neighbors, Andrew concludes that a little looting never hurt anyone. Surely, these affluent people wouldn't miss a diamond bracelet here or a Chanel bag there, right? If you don't want to miss the shenanigans that will inevitably follow Andrew's flawed plan, the first two episodes of this nine-episode season are out now for you to give a try! (Apple TV+)

"Your Friends & Neighbors" (TV-MA) —

"The Carters: Hurts to Love You" (TV-MA) — Another documentary is releasing about the tortured Carter family, their music careers in Hollywood, and the tragic deaths that some of the Carter siblings continue to meet. In the doc, the only two living siblings, Nick (of the Backstreet Boys) and model Angel (Aaron's twin), discuss their rollercoaster childhoods and the effect these deaths have had on their family. Of course, never-before-seen home videos are interspersed throughout the doc, and interviews with celebrity friends like Melissa Joan Hart and Scout Willis are included. Check it out on April 15. (Paramount+)

In Case You Missed It

"Aftersun" (R) — Before Paul Mescal ever suited up to play Lucius Verus in "Gladiator II," he gave an incredible performance as a young father in this coming-of-age drama film from the production company A24. Calum (Mescal), who's approaching his 31st birthday, takes his 11-year-old daughter Sophie on a vacation to Turkey. While Sophie records her resort experience through a video camera and enjoys reaching teenage milestones during her vacation, Calum feigns to be an easygoing happy dad but suffers deeply from depression, anxiety and trauma. Viewers watch as he inwardly battles depressive episodes that hang like a dark cloud over the memorable events of Sophie's holiday. Watch now. (Hulu)

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Q: Is it true that Woody Harrelson was supposed to play Walton Goggins' role in "The White Lotus"? — A.S.

A: Yes, the Emmy-winning actor Woody Harrelson ("Cheers") was set to play Rick in the third season of HBO's "The White Lotus" but had to turn it down when their filming schedule shifted. He was later asked to play the smaller role of Rick's friend Frank, but this didn't come to fruition either and went to Sam Rockwell instead.

While Harrelson likely regrets the chance of adding another Emmy to his shelf, he's excited about his upcoming comedy series on Apple TV+ with his buddy Matthew McConaughey. "Brother From Another Mother" is still in development, but judging by their hilarious Salesforce commercials, the show will likely be a hit.

Q: When will the new spin-off with the sons of "The Neighborhood" begin airing? Does this mean that the original series is ending soon, like "Young Sheldon"? — A.T.

A: The hit CBS sitcom "The Neighborhood," starring Cedric the Entertainer, will begin airing its eighth and final season in the fall, with its current season's finale set for May 5. During this episode, oldest son Malcolm will move from the south of Los Angeles to Venice Beach, California, which is the setting of the proposed spin-off.

If the pilot gets picked up by the network as it's expected to be, both Sheاون McKinney and Marcel Spears will reprise their roles as Malcolm and Marty Butler. Cedric the Entertainer, who plays their dad, will continue on "The Neighborhood" for its last season. Rounding out the cast are Angeliqe Cabral and Hunter King from "Life in Pieces," Justin Long ("Goosebumps"), and Kara Royster ("Dynasty").

However, this isn't the only "Neighborhood" offshoot in development. You might remember Tracy Morgan's ("30 Rock") appearance as Cedric's rich younger brother, Calvin, in season four. Well, he won't be playing Calvin in the proposed spin-off that is expected to stream on Paramount+ but instead a cousin named Crutch. No official word on when this series will begin airing.



Actor Woody Harrelson.

Q: Who plays Doug in the Liberty Mutual commercials? Has he acted in anything else? I don't think I'd recognize him without his mustache and sunglasses. — N.I.

A: Actor David Hoffman has starred in Liberty Mutual's LiMu Emu & Doug ad campaign since 2019. In an interview published in the New York Post in 2021, Hoffman said that he's never once been recognized on the street as Doug.

When he was offered the role, he told his agent that he didn't want to look like himself in the ads for fear of being pigeonholed as "the guy in the commercial." Smart move! The commercials pay the bills, and he can do other projects like voiceover work and guest-starring on sitcoms such as "Modern Family" and films like "Bridesmaids."

Stephanie Courtney, who stars as Progressive Insurance's pitchwoman in their campaign, has a similar resume to Hoffman's. Both are alumni of The Groundlings, the improv comedy school that has served as the launching pad for many "Saturday Night Live" cast members, including Kristen Wiig and Will Forte.

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Trash Bash in East Aldine,

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For 31 years, the River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash® has gathered hundreds of volunteers scattered out across the Houston and bay area to clean up trash.

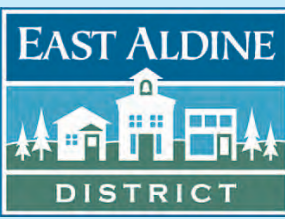
This year the theme is, "Clean It Like You Mean It!"® on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Trash Bash® is proud of its heritage as the largest, single-day, waterway cleanup in Texas. Over three decades, more

than 121,000 volunteers have removed over 2,500 tons of trash, and 12,410 tires from the Galveston Bay watershed.

"Our goal is to pick up zero bags of trash, not more and more bags of trash every year," said Lori Traweek, president of the nonprofit Texas Conservation Fund, which manages Trash Bash® with administrative support by the Houston-Galveston

Area Council, Gulf Coast Authority, and a volunteer steering committee.

Founded in 1994 by the Houston-Galveston Area Council and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality with seven sites and 3,000 volunteers, Trash Bash® has grown up to 16 sites across the Galveston Bay Watershed with an average of 4,000+ volunteers annually.

East Aldine District COMMUNITY NEWS

East Aldine Management District appoints two new Board Members: Sherry Curl, and Ruben Salazar

Sherry Curl Appointed to East Aldine Management District Board

Sherry Curl, a longtime educator and community advocate, has been selected to serve in Position 5 of the East Aldine Management District (EAMD) Board. She was sworn in during the district's meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

A Deep Connection to East Aldine

Curl, a teacher for the visually impaired, brings over 20 years of experience working with students with visual impairments from birth to age 22. A proud graduate of MacArthur High School, she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Houston before pursuing a master's in special education from Texas Tech University. She is currently working toward a doctorate in educational leadership.



Her motivation to serve on the board stemmed from attending multiple board meetings and gaining insight into the community's objectives.

"As a resident of the area, I find the goals set by East Aldine Management District to be truly inspiring. However, I recognize that significant work still exists to realize these ambitions. I believe I can contribute positively toward this effort," Curl said.

Priorities as a Board Member

As a board member, Curl aims to increase community attendance at board meetings and help residents stay informed about issues impacting them.

"One of my primary objectives is to gain a comprehensive understanding of how I can effectively contribute alongside the exceptional members of the board," she said. "Additionally, I aim to enhance community attendance at board meetings and facilitate direct

education on issues that will impact them."

One of the projects Curl is particularly excited about is improving public safety. She believes that the community must feel safe to enjoy positive improvements such as enhanced biking trails and renovated parks.

Curl's experience as an educator has shaped her approach to community development. When she assists a student with a significant sensory disability, she perceives them as a puzzle, requiring her to devise strategies that enable them to access as much information from their surroundings as possible. She explained that she intends to apply this approach to her role as a board member. She stated that it is essential to recognize that although the community the EAMD Board members serve is the same, individual needs are distinct.

"My responsibility will be to listen to these needs and provide support to the best of my ability," said Curl.

Her leadership in the CrimeWatch program in the Fairgreen Community has also influenced her perspective. She stated that some of her neighbors prefer to contact Curl before contacting law enforcement. Curl often finds herself acting as a representative for those in need.

Beyond her professional and civic roles, Curl appreciates the vibrancy of the East Aldine community. "The variety of food and entertainment options reflects a culturally rich atmosphere. I also admire the newly constructed sidewalks, seating areas, and the improvements made to the parks. Additionally, the warmth and friendliness of my neighbors and local business owners enhance the community experience," she said.

A Legacy of Service and Advocacy

Curl attributes her passion for service to her grandmother, Dorthy Dorsey, who truly embodied the essence of a remarkable woman. According to Curl, she was an extraordinary woman who served as a pastor's wife and dedicated herself to community service. At 62, Dorsey returned to school to earn her GED while continuing her work as a maid. Curl said her grandmother always said, "Do good, and good will follow you."

A Vision for the Future

Looking ahead, Curl envisions a bright future for East Aldine. In the next five to 10 years, she sees herself holding a doctoral degree and actively participating on various boards dedicated to enhancing community welfare. Additionally, she will continue collaborating with students with disabilities to develop programs that provide rich, multi-sensory learning experiences during their early childhood.

Curl has a simple but heartfelt message for her fellow residents.

"I experience the same challenges and opportunities that you do," said Curl. "I aspire to foster a better community that thrives on genuine transformation from within. Every decision I participate in will consistently aim to enhance the well-being of East Aldine."

The East Aldine Management District promotes economic development, public safety, and infrastructure improvements to enhance the quality of life for area residents.

NEXT WEEK: RUBEN SALAZAR