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Music Legends and Rising Stars Collide: The 2026 RODEOHOUSTON® Unveils Epic Entertainment Lineup

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

RODEOHOUSTON® has announced its highly anticipated 2026 entertainer lineup, promising an electrifying mix of world-renowned stars and breakout acts to light up NRG Stadium from March 2 to March 22.

“We strive to bring Houston the very best in live entertainment, and the 2026 lineup raises that standard once again,” said Chris Boleman, president and CEO of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

“From chart-topping newcomers to artists making their long-awaited return after nearly 20 years, this year’s lineup is truly a reflection of both our Western roots and the vibrant footprint of the Houston community.”

The festivities kick off on March 2 with Riley Green, followed by J Balvin on March 3. Rascal Flatts will take the stage on March 4, coinciding with Armed Forces Appreciation Day. Russell Dick-

erson, who recently wowed fans with a surprise Times Square performance, is set for March 5, while Lizzo headlines Black Heritage Day on March 6. The weekend brings Dwight Yoakam on March 7 and Forrest Frank on March 8. Luke Bryan, a Star Trail of Fame inductee, returns for his 13th performance on March 9, and Megan Moroney appears on March 10. Creed joins the lineup on March 11 for Community Day, with Chris Stapleton following on March 12 for Volunteer Appreciation Day. Shaboozey performs on March 13, and Kelly Clarkson, returning after last appearing in 2004, takes the stage on March 14.

Pepe Aguilar, a new addition and influential figure in regional Mexican music, will perform on March 15 for Go Tejano Day, immediately after the Go Tejano Mariachi Invitational Championship. Cross Canadian Ragweed

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NEWS NOTES

Houston Rodeo Art Reception Jan. 23

Over 500 student art projects on display. Reception and Awards Friday Jan. 23 at MO Campbell 5pm to 7pm.

Aldine FFA Show & Sale Friday Jan. 30

FFA Livestock Show and Sale, Friday January 30. Buyers Lunch at 11am, Livestock Sale begins at 1:00pm. MO Campbell Center, Aldine-Bender Rd.

ReCap: East Aldine December Board Meeting

East Aldine Management District Advances Major Community Projects, Celebrates Strong Fiscal Position at December Board Meeting

The board hears gratitude from community members, reviews financial strength, and approves progress on mobility, safety, and East Aldine Town Center improvements.

The East Aldine Management District (EAMD) Board met on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, for its November meeting, rescheduled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. It advanced several projects



Avalos P-TECH Soccer: Avalos P-TECH School students, families, and staff attend the East Aldine Management District Board meeting as trustees approve a \$10,000 grant to launch the school’s first-ever soccer program—supporting safe play, teamwork, and new opportunities for student athletes. Avalos P-Tech received a \$10,000 grant for their soccer program.

aimed at strengthening safety, mobility, and quality of life across the community. The Board also received updates showing the District is entering 2026 with strong reserves and year-to-date revenues exceeding expectations.

Board Chairman Carlos Silva opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and noting the District’s continued momentum heading into the new year.

Community Members Share Apprecia-

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KEENEY'S KORNER

Nimitz big-play wideout Malachi Augustus named 2025 NE News' Offensive Player of the Year

By Mike Keeney
Contributing Writer

Nimitz High School wide receiver Malachi Augustus is a young man of many talents on the football field.

According to Nimitz head football coach Cornelius Harmon, Augustus, a senior, not only was the team’s star wide receiver, but he also served as the Wildcat quarterback, and he also returned punts and



kickoffs. But he excelled as a wide receiver. The three-year starter had a huge senior season, catching 64 passes for 1,128 yards (18 yards per catch) and scored 18 touchdowns to help the Cougars finish 8-3 and win the District 14-6A title.

Augustus’ big senior campaign earned him the Northeast News’ Offensive Player of the Year honors.

In addition to starring on the gridiron, Augustus also starts on the Nimitz basketball team and runs track in the spring, where he is a member of the 400-meter and 1600-meter relay teams.

The 6-11/2, 175-pounder is also gaining notice from college recruiters. He has at least 15 offers from such schools at Memphis, UTSA, Washington, UNLV, Alcorn and others.

Harmon said whoever Augustus signs with, will be getting a special young man who strives to improve each and every day.

“Malachi has a great work ethic,” Harmon said. “He’s a talented kid. He works hard to become a better player.”

Augustus said he was happy with his senior season because the team succeeded. He is looking forward to picking a college (he will probably sign in early February on National Signing Day) and taking his talents to the next level.

“I think I had a decent season,” the likeable Augustus said. “It was the kind of season I wanted to have.”

When asked where he would like to play next year,

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ReCap: East Aldine December Board Meeting,

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tion
Community members expressed heartfelt appreciation for the District's positive impact.

Judy Rodríguez, speaking on behalf of the High Meadows Branch Library Friends, thanked the Board for supporting what she called "the Grinch Grant" provided by EAMD, which will bring a special holiday story time and book distribution to children on December 10. She also looked forward to the tree-lighting ceremony at East Aldine Town Center. Rodríguez said she and her husband "are very much looking forward to the second drone show of the year."

Coco Martínez, resident service coordinator of Pilgrim Place senior housing, thanked the Board for its support of senior residents. "If it wasn't for your support, the seniors under my care would not be driving the way that they are," she said, adding that she felt compelled to attend the meeting because of the "amazing work" happening in the community.

Financial Report Shows Strong Reserves and Responsible Spending

Cindy Craig of Governmental Financial Reporting presented financials for October and the first 10 months of 2025. Year-to-date, the District reported **\$12.99 million in total sources of funds**, exceeding budget projections by **\$1.3 million**.

Across all categories, expenditures totaled **\$7.37 million**, coming in **\$768,034 under budget**. Most departments reported savings, including community development, staffing and project management, public safety, and administration.

Craig reported the District holds **\$14.89 million in unrestricted reserves** and a **General Fund total of \$16.84 million** across accounts as of December 2. Capital



project activity continued with expenditures for art trail development, performing arts student grants, mobility planning, public safety equipment, and the Gateway design project — all enhancing the quality of life and directly benefiting residents.

Board members approved the financial reports and ratified the invoices.

Executive Director Highlights Record Recycling, Major New Grants, and Safety Partnerships

Executive Director **Richard Cantú** reported continued sales-tax strength, with revenues **up 11% year-to-date** compared with 2024 and 11% above budget for October. Expenditures remain nearly **10% under budget**.

Cantú noted several major developments:

Residential Recycling Program Grant: The District received a \$50,000 Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) grant to launch a new residential recycling program in 2026. Residents who use the East Aldine Neighborhood Recycling Center will be eligible to receive a recycling bin for at-home use.

Record Recycling Year: The District is on pace to recycle more than 3 million pounds of materials and heavy trash by year's end.

Castlewood Sewer Project Funding: The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) approved \$20 million for the project, including \$10 million in forgivable loan funding.

New Environmental Crimes Partnership: The Harris County District Attorney's Office will partner with the District at no cost to prosecute illegal dumping and nuisance violations and will also contribute resources to neighborhood cleanup events.

Avalos P-TECH Soccer: Avalos P-TECH School students, families, and staff attend the East Aldine Management District Board meeting as trustees approve a \$10,000 grant to launch the school's first-ever soccer program—supporting safe play, teamwork, and new opportunities for student athletes. [bm-12-2025-3-e1765377856773.jpg](https://www.bm-12-2025-3-e1765377856773.jpg) -Avalos P-Tech received a \$10,000 grant for their soccer program.

Aldine ISD Police Department: The East Aldine Management District Board approves a \$10,000 grant to the Aldine ISD Police Department to support the annual Shop with a Cop program, including assistance for a local family who lost everything in a recent fire.

Regarding the remaining storm debris mentioned by Board Vice Chairman **Reyes García** during the meet-

ing, Cantú clarified that the current heavy trash piles will be assessed individually. Elderly or disabled residents may receive assistance through an upcoming District program.

The Board authorized Cantú to approve the remaining invoices needed to close out Fiscal Year 2025.

Town Center Phase 3 Moves Forward

Town Center Phase 3 is progressing, with design and community engagement efforts underway, promising growth and improvements. Deputy Executive Director **Veronica Sanches** provided updates on Town Center Phase 3, including the Board's approval of **Invoice #9 from Asakura Robinson** for \$21,781.35. The firm continues its design and community engagement work, including results from October's town hall held during the District's Día de los Muertos celebration. A draft report and architectural concepts will be reviewed by the committee on December 16.

Buildings & Properties: Improvements to Facilities and Public Spaces Approved

The Board approved several recommendations from the Buildings and Properties Committee, including:

Lease with Aldine ISD for the agricultural barns at 2402 Aldine Mail

Route Rd. through April 30, 2027, ensuring FFA students can continue safely housing their animals during the transition to a new facility.

Renewal of Lake Management Services for maintenance of the Town Center detention pond (\$12,150).

Chain-link fencing installation for the new dumpster enclosure at Town Center by Advance Fences (\$10,300).

Purchase of new and replacement metal trash and recycling bins for outdoor spaces at Town Center (up to \$15,000).

Mobility & Environmental Design: New Entryway Designs, Landscaping, and Lighting Expansion

The Board approved several enhancements to mobility, beautification, and safety:

Entryway and Median Improvements — \$100,000

Buckson Landscape Architecture will design improvements for **11 key District entryways**, including new signage, landscaping, and wayfinding. Cantú highlighted the importance of investing in eastside entryways, especially with new housing development and ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which will bring visitors through the area.

Town Center Landscape Enhancements — \$11,099

Monarch Landscape will replace declining plants and refresh Town Center landscaping with new shrubs, roses, mulch, and irrigation improvements.

Lighting Up East Aldine, Phase 4 — \$1.06 million

The Board approved CenterPoint Energy's invoice for the installation of **328 new LED streetlights** in High Meadows north and south, Castlewood north, Western Homes, and Magnolia Gardens. The project includes new poles, under-

ground wiring, and long-term maintenance.

Grant Consulting Renewal — \$155,000

The Goodman Corporation's (TGC) contract was renewed for FY 2026. Over the past two years, TGC has helped secure **nearly \$10 million in grants** for sidewalks, parks, and the residential recycling program. The District currently awaits decisions on more than **\$6 million** in additional funding.

Water & Sewer Committee Approves Change Order

The Board approved **Change Order No. 2** from ISJ Underground Utilities LLC, for the Hartwick Sanitary Sewer Project (\$3,960.50) to smooth sewer manhole channels per the City of Houston inspector's recommendation.

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High Meadows Branch Library

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19 JAN 11:30 AM FABLES AND FUN

19 JAN 4 PM CREATION STATION

20 DEC 11:30 AM TODDLER TIME

20 DEC 1PM 1:1 TECH HELP

20 DEC 3 PM GAME ZONE

21 DEC 12 PM FUTURE U

21 DEC 3 PM KRAFTY KIDS

21 DEC 3:30 PM TOON CAFE

21 DEC 5PM AVENTURAS EN LECTURA

22 DEC 11:30 AM CITIZENSHIP

22 DEC 12:45 PM ESL WINTER WORKSHOP

22 DEC 3:00PM TEEN LOUNGE

22 DEC 4 PM MICROSOFT WORD BASIC

23 DEC 3:00PM TOON CAFE

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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

BILINGUAL STORY TIME & CRAFT / HORA DE CUENTO Y MANUALIDADES
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Description
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.

Están invitados a nuestro 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.

RESUME WORKSHOP BEGINNERS
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Description
Ready to Enhance your Resume? and Cover Letter? Take your resume and cover letter to the next level with a Future U advisor who can help you with great insight on how to attract top-notch employers and get their attention. Get great tips on crafting your resume and cover letter to be tailor-made with your skills, qualifications, and experiences. Have one on one talks with Future U advisor about today's job market and how to prepare and what to look for.

TWEEN SPARK CARTOON MARATHON
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Join us at Aldine for a cartoon marathon! Talk about your favorite series and characters with others who like the same shows and check out a show you haven't seen before. This program is best for 6th-9th graders

HOMEWORK HELP/AYUDA CON TAREA
Thursday, January 22, 2026
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Description
Looking for homework help? Come on in to your local library to find the resources you need for success! Aldine Library will offer a quiet space for teens and kids on Thursdays @ 5:30 PM. Librarians will be on hand to provide assistance. Harris County Public Library offers a variety of free resources, including computers, printers, and access to special research websites available with your library card. *Note: Librarians will not do the homework nor can we guarantee any grades; this program is here to offer assistance answering questions.*

¿Necesitas ayuda con las tareas? ¡Ven a tu biblioteca local y encuentra los recursos que necesitas para triunfar! La Biblioteca Aldine ofrecerá un espacio tranquilo para adolescentes y niños los jueves a las 5:30 p. m. Los bibliotecarios estarán disponibles para brindar asistencia. *Nota: Los bibliotecarios no harán los deberes ni pueden garantizar ninguna calificación; este programa está aquí para ofrecer ayuda respondiendo preguntas.*

PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP
Saturday, January 24, 2026
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Description
Join us for a free class to help you prepare for your naturalization interview and civics test. You must complete an English placement assessment to join the class. Taking

this class will not grant citizenship or pay for any application fees. Registration is required as space is limited.

SPARK 5 STORY TIME W/ THE MICHELLE PROJECT
Saturday, January 24, 2026
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Description
Join the library and The Michelle Project for a special Saturday story time! These interactive story times are suitable for all ages and abilities. We'll explore the world of early literacy through singing, talking, writing, playing, and reading! Each super fun educational adventure is inspired by celebrations and traditions from that month. There's always a free book waiting for you at every session!
PASSPORTS

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

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Aldine ISD Awarded \$28,000 from MD Anderson to Sustain the Active Kids Program



By John Hickman,

Aldine Independent School District has received a \$28,000 grant from MD Anderson to continue its Active Kids after-school program. The program aims to reduce the risk of cancer by enhancing fitness through exercise, nutrition education, and sun safety education within the Acres Homes community.

This is the fourth grant awarded to Aldine ISD from MD Anderson. The funding will enable fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students at Aldine ISD schools in the Acres Homes area to participate in after-school activities once a week from January 2026 through May 2026. The program will focus on providing high-quality physical activity in a sun-safe environment.

Participating campuses will receive physical education equipment to ensure the program is engaging, rigorous, and safe.

The five campuses benefiting from the program

are:

- Anderson Academy
- Caraway Elementary
- Goodman ACE
- Harris Academy
- Houston Academy
- Kenneth Hernandez, co-

ordinator of health and physical education and program manager of the grant, reported that a 2023 study found higher rates of obesity and poverty in the Acres Homes area. These factors contribute to increased sedentary behavior and a higher risk of cancer within the community. The study also found that a lack of opportunities for physical activity at a young age contributes to negative health outcomes.

“Part of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model is physical activity,” Hernandez said. “The Active Kids program is another way Aldine ISD is ensuring students have opportunities to be physically active, accelerating their path to being healthy, lifelong learners.”

The Aldine ISD Child

Nutrition Department will provide nutritious snacks to students who participate at the end of each session.

Goodman Elementary Principal LaDon Ward spoke about the program’s impact and how it’s encouraging the campus and community to learn more about the importance of physical fitness while providing a safe space for students.

“This program has provided much-needed resources and snacks for our students while helping them develop healthy habits,” Ward said. “It has been instrumental in teaching our scholars the importance of physical fitness and helping them become well-rounded individuals. Students are building positive relationships with both peers and staff, and they truly look forward to participating in Active Kids. We continue to see meaningful connections being formed, and this program is vital in providing enriching, safe after-school opportunities for our students.”

Carver Mariachi Student Earns Spot in Prestigious Region Ensemble; Mariachi Acero to Compete at UIL Area Contest

By Leticia Fehling,

Carver High School senior Anamaria López has been selected to perform with the Philharmonic Region Mariachi Ensemble, earning one of the top competitive spots among student musicians across the Houston area.

Anamaria, a member of Carver’s Mariachi Acero program, auditioned on Oct. 18, 2025, alongside students from multiple Houston-area school districts for placement in the Houston Mariachi Philharmonic and Symphonic ensembles. The auditions are widely considered among the most competitive mariachi contests in the area because students from all regional programs vie for limited positions.

The 12th grader placed 14th overall among 37 violin students who auditioned. Her selection earns her a position in the Philharmonic ensemble and the opportunity to represent Aldine ISD, Region 33, and the Carver Mariachi program.

“Anamaria has worked incredibly hard and truly earned this accomplishment,” said Carver Mariachi Director Jaime Alanis. “She is dedicated, talented, and represents the very best of our students and our mariachi program. Students from across Houston audition for only a limited number of spots. For Anamaria to place among the



top violinists and perform with the Philharmonic ensemble is something we are very proud of at Carver.”

Alanis said the highly competitive audition process makes Anamaria’s accomplishment especially meaningful.

The Region Mariachi concert is scheduled for March 7, 2026, at Klein Collins High School. The performance is free and open to the public.

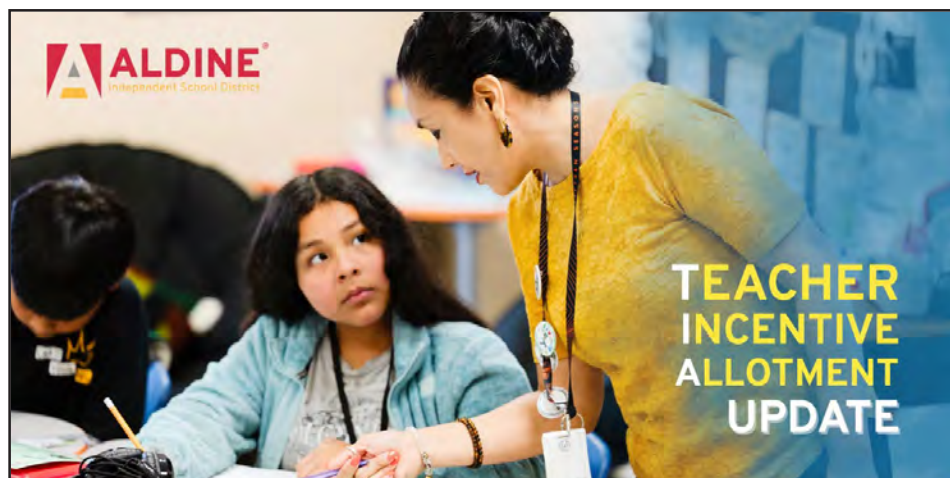
In addition to Anamaria’s achievement, Carver’s Mariachi Acero will compete in the UIL Area contest on Jan. 24, 2026, in Robstown, a community in Nueces County near Corpus Christi. The group will compete for the opportunity to

earn a Sweepstakes rating.

“Mariachi Acero has been working hard and is excited for the opportunity to compete at the UIL Area contest,” Alanis said. “Our students have shown tremendous growth, discipline, and heart. The UIL Area contest is another chance for them to showcase that commitment on a big stage. No matter the outcome, I am proud of the musicians they are becoming.”

Carver High School’s mariachi program continues to build on a strong tradition of performance and competition success as students showcase their musical talent and commitment to the fine arts.

Aldine ISD Highlights New ‘Acknowledged’ Teacher Incentive Allotment Category



Aldine ISD teachers will soon have another way to earn recognition and extra pay through the state’s Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA). The new Acknowledged designation will honor highly effective educators who are in the top 50% of teachers statewide.

House Bill 2 created this new category, making it accessible for more teachers to join the TIA program. It expands eligibility beyond the current Recognized, Exemplary, and Master levels. The first year of data for the Acknowledged designation will be 2025–2026, and districts can submit teachers for validation in October 2026.

Starting in 2025-2026

- Increased TEA Technical Support
- Increased Regional Support
- Enhanced TIA
- SBEC Review of NBCT

Starting in 2026-2027

- Acknowledged Teachers
- Increased Allotment Payouts

“We thank the state for adding the Acknowledged category, which makes Teacher Incentive Allotment funding accessible to more Aldine ISD educators,” said Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. “TIA is a tool that recognizes excellence in teaching. The magic happens in our classrooms — strong teaching leads to student growth, and that work has a meaningful impact on our students.”

What the Acknowledged Designation Means for Teachers
Teachers who earn the Acknowledged designation may receive a state allotment of \$3,000 to \$9,000 each year, starting in the 2026–2027 school year. The exact amount depends on the campus’s socioeconomic and rural status. After the Texas Education Agency (TEA) validates the designation, which will last for five consecutive years, it will be printed on the teacher’s SBEC educator certificate.

The Acknowledged level is now part of the existing TIA designation system:
Recognized — top 33% of teachers statewide

Exemplary — top 20%
Master — top 5%
All four levels reward teachers for strong instruction and measurable student growth.

TIA Allotment Ranges Through 2026									
Base + (Multiplier x (Average student enrolled Eco-Dis Tier + 2 for rural schools Max 4))									
Designation	Performance Standards	Base	Multiplier	Non Eco-Dis	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
				0	.5	1	2	3	4
Recognized	Top 33%	3,000	1,500	3,000	3,750	4,500	6,000	7,500	9,000
Exemplary	Top 20%	6,000	3,000	6,000	7,500	9,000	12,000	15,000	18,000
Master	Top 5%	12,000	5,000	12,000	14,500	17,000	22,000	27,000	32,000

TIA Allotment Ranges Beginning in Summer 2027									
Designation	Performance Standards	Base	Multiplier	0	.5	1	2	3	4
				Acknowledged	Top 50%	3,000	1,500	3,000	3,750
Recognized	Top 33%	5,000	2,500	5,000	6,250	7,000	10,000	12,500	15,000
Exemplary	Top 20%	9,000	4,000	9,000	11,000	13,000	17,000	21,000	25,000
Master	Top 5%	12,000	6,000	12,000	15,000	18,000	24,000	30,000	36,000

How Teachers Qualify
To qualify for Acknowledged, teachers must meet the same state-approved metrics already used in Aldine ISD:
T-TESS classroom observation ratings
Student Growth Measures (SGM)
Teachers must also meet these local requirements for the Acknowledged level:
earn an average T-TESS score of at least 3.5 across Domains 2 and 3
earn no lower than 3.0 on every dimension across Domains 1–4
have a valid student growth measure
meet at least 90% attendance during the 2025–2026 data capture year.

Designation Level	Teacher Observation Performance Standards*	Student Growth Performance Standards**
Acknowledged	3.5 or 70% of possible points	50%
Recognized	3.7 or 74% of possible points	55%
Exemplary	3.9 or 78% of possible points	60%
Master	4.5 or 90% of possible points	70%

* Please note that the district will use these performance standards as minimum requirements for designation across both student growth measures and the T-TESS appraisal tool.

What Teachers Should Do Now
The 2025–2026 school year will be the Data Capture Year for Acknowledged. District officials recommend that teachers:
maintain consistent attendance (90% attendance required for new designations)
monitor their absence records in Frontline
verify student rosters during roster verification windows
continue focusing on strong instruction and measurable student growth
Educators will receive more information as TEA provides updates about House Bill 2. Campus TIA Support Teams will remain the first point of contact for questions and support.

OPINION PAGE



Don't Annex Greenland

China, Russia and Iran had to be alarmed by the display of U.S. power in Venezuela, but so did Denmark, a NATO ally of the United States.

In the aftermath of the snatch-and-grab of Nicolas Maduro, Trump spoke to The Atlantic about his other foreign-policy priorities: "We do need Greenland, absolutely."

It might have been easy not too long ago to dismiss this as bluster. Not anymore — not after the strikes on the Iran nuclear program and the Venezuelan operation. We've gone from "Trump always chickens out" when he was backing off his Liberation Day tariffs to "dismiss Trump's threats at your own peril."

Trump doesn't do everything he says, but almost everything he does do, he talks about openly beforehand. In this respect, enemies of the United States can never complain that they weren't warned — and perhaps allies, too.

Denmark controls Greenland as a semi-autonomous territory. It colonized the sparsely populated island several hundred years ago. Mostly within the Arctic Circle, Greenland is not desirable real estate by any typical metric, but has outsized strategic significance.

As more waters become navigable in the Arctic Ocean, the top of the world opens up for greater geopolitical contention. Greenland occupies a crucial spot. It sits on a key naval lane between the Atlantic and the Arctic, and it has prodigious reserves of critical minerals, and maybe fossil fuels, as well.

If it fell into our lap, it'd be an excellent addition to our territorial holdings. There's a reason that American statesmen have long coveted the island.

The problem is that it's not currently available. What are other options? A lightly armed contingent of U.S. crossing guards could probably take it over in a couple of days. The challenge, though, is political and diplomatic, not military.

A NATO ally seizing the territory of another NATO ally would obviously be a grave threat to the integrity of the alliance. Would Denmark invoke Article 5 against the United States? It has the makings of a good spoof musical, but it's not something anyone should want to experience in reality.

Although Trump has said in the past that he doesn't take military force off the table — an amazing statement in and of itself — he's also talked of buying Greenland. The Danes, though, say it's not for sale, and the Greenlanders don't want to be bought.

If Trump really pushes the issue and forces Denmark and NATO into a corner with the 82nd Airborne ready to go on an airstrip somewhere, he could probably compel a sale, but it'd be courting a diplomatic crisis and damage the reputation of the United States without enough upside.

We can almost certainly get whatever we need from Greenland without violating a friendly country's sovereignty or straining a world-historical alliance to the breaking point. We already have a missile-defense base there. The 1951 Greenland Defense Agreement between Denmark and the U.S. allowing us to keep bases could presumably be updated and extended. Given the national security importance of rare earths to the U.S. and NATO, it should be possible to unlock Greenland's minerals.

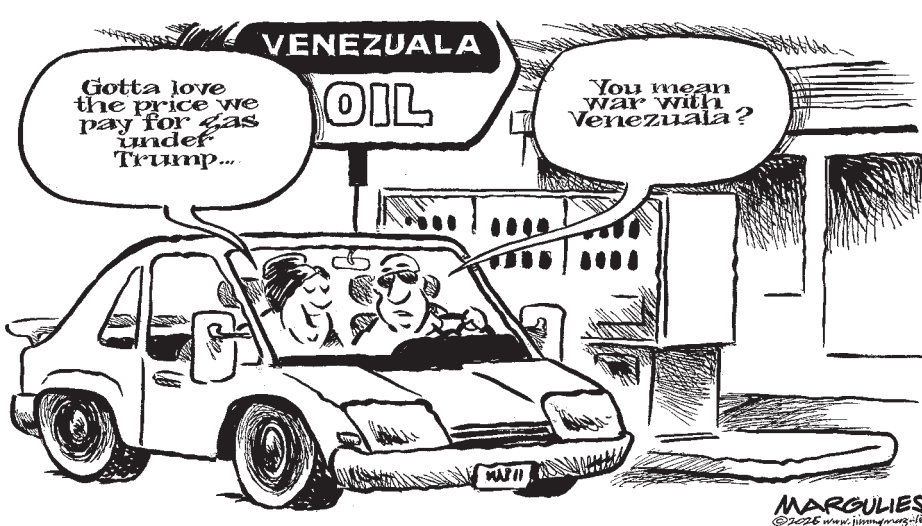
Instead of clapping back at Trump, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen should be reaching out for a steak dinner at Mar-a-Lago and offering a deal. While public pressure gets Trump's back up, private persuasion — and a warm relationship — goes a long way. The Panamanians managed to get Trump to stop talking about taking back the Canal (for now) with prudent concessions.

For his part, Trump should realize that making everyone in a friendly nation hate him doesn't help his cause. His talk of annexing Canada last year helped Justin Trudeau's party survive a national election that it should have lost. His Greenland saber-rattling is presumably making it harder for Denmark to work with him on sensible cooperation.

If Nicolas Maduro got what he deserved, Denmark is a different matter. Even the unsentimental, results-oriented Trump foreign policy needs to distinguish between friend and foe.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Democrats Talarico, Crockett Set First Debate

The first debate in the state's Democratic primary for U.S. Senate is set for Jan. 24 in Georgetown, The Dallas Morning News reported. U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett of Dallas and state Rep. James Talarico of Round Rock are vying for the nomination.

The seat is now held by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, who faces two major opponents in the GOP primary: Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and U.S. Rep. Wesley Hunt of Houston. Cornyn is seeking his fifth term.

The Georgetown debate is sponsored by the Texas AFL-CIO. Crockett is stressing her standing as the race's progressive and hopes to inspire left-leaning voters to turn out in November if she wins the nomination. Talarico is emphasizing electability, noting he flipped a Republican district to get elected state representative and saying Democrats need a nominee able to compete statewide.

Early voting in the March 3 Democratic primary begins Feb. 17.

WHITE DROPS BID TO TAKE ON ABBOTT

Andrew White has dropped his bid for the Democratic nomination for governor and has thrown his support behind state Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, who is widely seen as the frontrunner, according to the Houston Chronicle. The crowded Democratic primary has 10 candidates vying to take on Gov. Greg Abbott, who is seeking an unprecedented fourth term.

Abbott has \$90 million in his campaign war chest and faces only token opposition in his party's primary.

Besides Hinojosa, who has served in the Legislature since 2017, the primary field also includes Chris Bell, a former Houston congressman and gubernatorial nominee, and Bobby Cole, a rancher and retired firefighter.

White is the son of former Gov. Mark White. He ran for governor in 2018, coming up six percentage points short in his Democratic primary race against former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez. She lost handily to Abbott that year in the general election.

500 MILES OF BUOYS TO BE ADDED TO RIO GRANDE

In a move to increase border security, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security plans to add floating buoys along more than 500 miles of the Rio Grande, The Texas Tribune reported. Secretary



Kristi Noem announced the deployment last week while visiting Rio Grande Valley.

The state of Texas deployed 1,000 feet of the water barrier along the Rio Grande near Eagle Pass in 2023 and added another 1,000 feet in January 2025.

"Texas finally has a partner in the White House," Andrew Mahaleris, press secretary for Abbott, said in a statement Wednesday. "The floating marine barriers deployed by Texas have been a resounding success, and Gov. Abbott is proud to work with the Trump Administration and Border Patrol to expand the program."

Under the Biden administration, the federal government sued Texas over the buoys, citing migrant safety and saying that they violated water treaties between U.S. and Mexico. That case is still before the courts.

"They'll create a safer environment for agents on patrol, and securing our waterways not only protects Americans, it saves the lives of illegal aliens by deterring them from daring to attempt to cross through this treacherous water," Noem said.

TEXAS FLU LEVELS 'VERY HIGH' WITH NEW STRAIN

Flu activity in Texas has reached a "very high" level, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Austin American-Statesman reported that in the last week of December, the state recorded 25,000 flu-related emergency room visits, with children ages 5 to 11 accounting for more than a quarter of all ER visits statewide.

"It's been really, really startling," said Dr. Jeff Shilt, president of Texas Children's Hospital in Austin. "What's most startling to us is the number and the severity."

The surge is fueled by a rapidly spreading H3N2 subtype of influenza A. Although the flu vaccine has been less effective against this strain,

doctors emphasize that vaccination still helps protect against severe illness.

Other respiratory illnesses, such as COVID-19 and RSV, remain at low levels in Texas, according to the CDC.

TEACHERS' UNION SUES TEA OVER KIRK PROBES

One of the state's leading teachers unions has sued the Texas Education Agency in an effort to block investigations into public educators who commented negatively about conservative activist Charlie Kirk after his assassination, the Chronicle reported. The lawsuit said the probe has "unleashed a wave of retaliation and disciplinary actions against teachers" by their local school districts.

TEA launched the inquiry last fall and has yet to issue any disciplinary action. AFT represents about 66,000 educators in Texas. The agency said in December that it received more than 350 complaints from the public, of which 95 are "open and undergoing further investigation and review." The remainder have been dismissed.

TEA Commissioner Mike Morath warned soon after Kirk's death that educators who posted or shared "vile content" would be investigated for possibly violating the educator's code of ethics.

At a press conference last week, Randi Weingarten, the president of AFT, called the TEA investigations a "state-sponsored attack on teachers." She noted only Texas and Florida launched probes of this type.

"Mr. Morath decided to exploit the strategy of Mr. Kirk's senseless murder," Weingarten said. "His actions were a transparent effort to smear and shame educators, divide our communities and deny our kids opportunities to learn and thrive."

NEW WORLD SCREWORM CASE REPORTED IN TAMAUlipAS

A new case of New World screwworm was identified in December in a six-day-old calf in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, less than 200 miles from the border. The Texas Standard reported this is the northernmost active detection of the flesh-eating larval parasite.

"The continued detections of New World Screwworm near the Texas border are grim reminders of the serious threat this pest poses to our state," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller said in a statement.

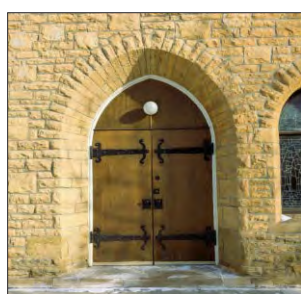
The U.S. Department of Agriculture has developed a five-point plan to address the issue, including building a sterile fly production facility in Edinburg. The parasite was eliminated from the United States decades ago through similar efforts.

"This proven strategy is key to the long-term eradication of New World Screwworm," Miller said.

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Judy Keeps the Door Open



Last summer, Judy approached me one day when I was walking by an old church.

"I see you walking by here every day!" she said.

"Oh, yes. I need to walk!" I told her.

Judy is an associate pastor at this Episcopal church. She did not appear intent on getting me to church, but she was excited because they were having silent meditation in the chapel. She wondered if I might like to join.

"It's open to anyone?" I asked. "Every Tuesday night from 6:00 to 7:00. Stay as long as you want!" Judy said.

So I came the next Tuesday. Judy keeps the door open, and she puts a little sign on the sidewalk, inviting anyone to come in. I arrived a little late, after others had come, and I quietly took a seat, imagining I might sit there for 20 minutes or so.

But there was quiet music playing, and the chapel was so peaceful. It was old and small, and the pews were dark oak. There was an altar with round, golden icons over it and candles burning on it. The windows were stained glass. It smelled like old churches do, at least ones where they occasionally burn incense. The sun was still up, and the afternoon light made patterns on the stained glass. Before I knew it, Judy rang a large singing bowl, which made a resonant sound that hung in the air, and the hour was up.

"I hope you come again," Judy said. And I did.

All summer, the attendance varied. Some people came in for only a few minutes. Some stayed the entire hour. Every week, I arrived promptly at 6:00 and took a seat in the front.

And the hour became important to me. It's hard to say why, because meditation is not so much a thing I do, as a thing I don't do. My busy brain quiets for a time. Thoughts come and float away, and very slowly I feel emotions floating to the top, things that are important, things I should have noticed, things I might have forgotten.

And at the end, Judy rings the bell.

Then I left for Mexico. I told Judy I'd be gone for a while. But the first Tuesday we were back, I went to meditation. There was no one there but Judy.

"Is meditation happening?" I asked.

"Of course," she said. "Sometimes we get more people than other times. Last week, I was here by myself."

So Judy sat quietly, and so did I. And no one joined us that cold winter night. And that is how it has been ever since. The sidewalk is cleared of snow. The little sign sits by the open door so anyone walking by will know they are welcome. But this winter, it has just been Judy and me, sitting at opposite sides of the tiny chapel for an hour in silence.

"Does it bother you to open the chapel for just one person?" I asked. I felt bad about Judy lighting the candles and sitting for an hour with only me in attendance — when I'm not even an Episcopalian.

"No," Judy said. "I need it, too."

And the next week it was the same. The quiet was the same. The same dark outside. The same smell of burning candles and a sense of peace that seemed to settle right into my bones.

"Thank you," I told Judy again. "Thank you for doing this."

"It's my pleasure," she said. "And my people say that, you know. But I wondered if Judy wasn't telling the truth."

Till next time, Carrie

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Texas rings in 2026 with sweeping new laws Immigration, AI, and property taxes lead new changes in Texas law



By David Taylor
Managing Editor

As the sun rose on January 1, 2026, Texans woke up to a slate of 33 new laws reshaping everything from immigration enforcement to artificial intelligence and property taxes. Passed during the 89th Legislative Session, these measures are poised to impact residents and businesses statewide.

Some laws have minor changes while others cleanup existing laws. Lawmakers seemed to target taxes, AI, and immigration.

Immigration Enforcement Tightens

One of the most significant changes is Senate Bill 8, which requires sheriffs in counties operating jails to formally cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement under the federal 287(g) program. Supporters say the law will improve public safety, while critics warn of increased racial profiling and overpolicing.

Counties participating in the program can apply for state grants ranging from \$80,000 to \$140,000 to help cover costs. However, groups like the ACLU argue the program won't fully cover the associated expenses.

AI Regulation Arrives

Texas is also stepping into the future with House Bill 149, the Texas Responsible Artificial Intelligence Governance Act. The law establishes a state framework for AI, bans certain uses—including AI-driven pornography bots and impersonation of minors—and creates the Texas Artificial Intelligence Council to study the impact of regulation.

The law also prohibits AI systems that could encourage self-harm, criminal activity, discrimination, or unauthorized biometric surveillance, giving the Texas Attorney General enforcement authority.

Property Tax Relief and Housing Changes

Homeowners and businesses will see notable tax changes. House Bill 9 raises the business inventory tax exemption from \$2,500 to \$125,000, a move hailed as a win for Texas businesses but expected to reduce local tax revenues by about \$442 million in fiscal year 2027.

Homestead exemptions are also increasing, with up to \$200,000 for those who are disabled or 65 and over. Livestock feed and border-security infrastructure built on private property are now tax exempt. Additionally, new laws limit how cities can raise taxes after natural disasters, requiring the governor's approval—a direct response to Houston's tax hike after Hurricane Beryl.

Senate Bill 38 targets squatters, streamlining eviction procedures and allowing justice courts to schedule hearings within 10 to 21 days. The law restricts courts to ruling strictly on unlawful occupation, tightening notice requirements and enabling summary judgments in clear cases.

"These are commonsense reforms to keep bad things [from] happening to people's homes, and more importantly, to keep people out of property they don't own and they don't have any legitimate right to through a lease," according to bill sponsor Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston in an interview.

However, housing advocates warn the changes could reduce protections for tenants and increase the risk of wrongful evictions.

Digital and Insurance Reforms

Other notable laws include requirements for app stores to verify age and obtain parental consent for minors (though enforcement is currently paused by a federal judge), new insurance transparency rules, and simplified unemployment claims.

As Texas steps into 2026, residents and businesses alike will be navigating a new legal landscape—one shaped by lawmakers' push for safety, innovation, and economic relief.

Below is the full list of the 33 pieces of legislation now in effect as of January 1, 2026:

- HB 22 — Exempts intangible personal property from property (ad valorem) taxes.
- HB 30 — Limits how taxing entities calculate tax rates and raise taxes following a declared disaster.
- HB 149 — Regulates the use of artificial intelligence in Texas and allows civil penalties for violations.
- HB 851 — Changes how residence homesteads receiving tax benefits are counted and reported.
- HB 1244 — Allows land to keep its open-space tax appraisal after ownership transfers if use stays the same.
- HB 1392 — Extends tax payment deadlines if a tax office is closed on the delinquency date.
- HB 2067 — Addresses when insurance policies may be declined, canceled, or not renewed.
- HB 2525 — Exempts certain senior housing owned by charitable organizations from property taxes.
- HB 2723 — Requires an application for property tax exemptions on land used for human burial.
- HB 2742 — Allows property owners to split property tax payments into installments.
- HB 3159 — Creates a severance tax exemption for oil and gas from certain restimulated wells.
- HB 3370 — Allows late timber land tax appraisal applications after a landowner's death.
- HB 3424 — Changes how dealer-owned heavy equipment inventory is taxed.
- HB 3699 — Modifies how initial unemployment compensation claims are handled.
- HB 4395 — Allows electronic filing and delivery of public securities and related records.
- HB 4738 — Eliminates the requirement to send a portion of certain loan fees to the state comptroller.
- HB 4739 — Ends the requirement to remit part of retail charge delinquency fees to the comptroller.
- HB 5654 — Creates Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 263 with taxing and bonding authority.
- SB 8 — Requires certain sheriffs to partner with ICE for immigration enforcement and creates state grants.
- SB 1023 — Changes how certain property tax rates are calculated.
- SB 1058 — Excludes certain securities transaction payments from taxable revenue.
- SB 1106 — Requires public improvement district plans and assessments to be posted online.
- SB 1453 — Revises how taxing units calculate debt and property tax rates.
- SB 1455 — Changes how workers' compensation regulation is funded, including new surcharges.
- SB 1502 — Allows school boards to adopt tax rates above voter-approved limits under certain conditions.
- SB 1522 — Updates regulations for continuing care retirement facilities.
- SB 1951 — Imposes penalties for failing to timely file required property tax reports.
- SB 1968 — Updates licensing and regulation of certain real estate professionals.
- SB 2206 — Creates tax credits and sales tax changes for research and development expenses.
- SB 2420 — Regulates mobile app marketplaces, including age verification and parental consent.
- SB 2520 — Adjusts school property tax limits for elderly and disabled homeowners.

KEENEY'S KORNER

Nimitz' Malachi Augustus named Offensive Player of the Year

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Augustus said he'd like to go somewhere where he can contribute as a freshman.

"I want to go somewhere where I can get playing time as a freshman. I'll be willing to play wherever my team needs me to play."

Harmon said whoever lands Augustus will be getting a team-first player who will work hard to improve on his game.

"Malachi loves to play football and he loves to compete at a high level," Harmon said. "He's just a good all-around athlete and once he gets to college, he will be able to concen-



trate only on football."

Harmon said Augustus has special talent, especially when it comes to focusing on the football when it's in the air..

"He has a great ability to track the football," Harmon said. "He has really good hands and running ability after he makes the catch."

In addition to bringing pass-catching ability and a

strong work ethic to his new team, Harmon said Augustus will also bring a quiet demeanor to his new home.

"Malachi is a very humble young man," Harmon said. "He's a team guy. We will miss him to say the least. He was definitely one of our leaders around here for the last couple of years. He's a great kid and he's very respectful."

East Aldine Civic Association holds first meeting of year; appoints board

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Genesis 21: 17,18



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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Nahum (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Man and woman came into being on what day of creation? First, Second, Third, Sixth
3. How many windows were in Noah's Ark? Zero, 1, 52, 100
4. From Proverbs 15, what does a soft answer turneth away? Wisdom, Scorn, Wrath, Fear
5. Which apostle was shipwrecked three different times? Paul, Peter, Philip, James
6. Who was the father of David? Moses, Noah, Abraham, Jesse

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Emilia Clarke, left and Haley Lu Richardson star in "Ponies."

"Ponies" (TV-MA) — Emilia Clarke ("Game of Thrones") and Haley Lu Richardson ("The White Lotus") are the leading ladies of this new spy thriller series premiering on Jan. 15. Set in Moscow in 1977, Bea (Clarke) and Twila (Richardson) are two women working as secretaries at the American embassy, and both of their husbands are undercover CIA operatives. When they receive news that their husbands have died in a mysterious plane crash, both women are desperate for answers and agree to start working in intelligence. As the women are gently integrated into the world of espionage, they get closer to figuring out a large-scale conspiracy involving the Cold War. All eight episodes are out now to stream. (Peacock)

"Ponies"

"83rd Golden Globe Awards" (TV-PG) — Nikki Glaser is back to host another round of the Golden Globes, and the ceremony is already available to stream in its entirety. Leading the pack in the film category is "One Battle After Another," while "The White Lotus" inched past the rest with six total nominations to top the TV category. Dame Helen Mirren, who has extensive credits in film and television but won her Academy Award for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II in "The Queen," will be honored with the Cecil B. DeMille Award. Meanwhile, for the Carol Burnett Award, the recipient is none other than our Carrie Bradshaw, Sarah Jessica Parker ("Sex and the City"). If there's any award show that'll keep you watching this season, it's this one, so don't miss it! (Paramount+)

The sequel to Walt Disney Animation Studios' "Zootopia" (2016) not only brought in more money at the box office than its predecessor, but it also became the highest-grossing film that the company has ever produced. Ginnifer Goodwin reprises her role as lovable bunny cop Judy Hopps, and the satisfyingly sarcastic Jason Bateman is back as fox Nick Wilde. Officially partners now at the Zootopia Police Department, Judy and Nick begin working on a case where they must pursue Gary De'Snake (Ke Huy Quan), a viper who is the first snake to appear in Zootopia in years. During their investigation, they get mixed up with the Lynxley family, a powerful pack of Canada lynxes, and must also prove their innocence to clear their names and avoid becoming fugitives. Out now to rent! (Amazon Prime Video)

"People We Meet on Vacation" (PG-13) — Scoot over, "The Kissing Booth" and "To All the Boys I've Loved Before"! I have a feeling this new rom-com that is out now to stream will be Netflix's next success in the genre. Based on the novel by Emily Henry, it follows best friends Poppy (Emily Bader) and Alex (Tom Blyth), who live far apart from each other but agree to go on one week of summer vacation together for a decade. Although the two couldn't be more different from each other, one always encourages the other to step out of their comfort zone, all while exploring different parts of the world together. But with the promise of vacations together for 10 years straight, will it be possible to keep the relationship platonic? Watch and see! (Netflix)

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Walle Greet 1,000 Seniors at Kujawa Community Gala

Houston, TX — More than 1,000 seniors gathered at the Nadine Kujawa Senior Citizen Gala at the M.O. Campbell Center in Aldine ISD. The event, organized by longtime supporters Shirley Portier Reed, Sydney Santiago, and Aldine leaders, brought the community together in celebration. Blessings were offered for all seniors and volunteers, wishing them continued health, support, and favor.



ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps, Tiger by Bud Blake, The Spats by Jeff Pickering. Includes comic strips and a 'HOCUS-FOCUS' puzzle.

January 12, 2026 Posting Date King Crossword. Includes crossword grid, clues (ACROSS, DOWN), and a Trivia test section.

Weekly SUDOKU. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty instructions.

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Includes a cartoon and a 'Find at least six differences' puzzle.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. Includes a list of 10 trivia questions and a crossword grid.

1. One of the earliest and most complete written legal codes established by the Babylonian King Hammurabi; 2. Q and Z; 3. Mr. Bigglesworth; 4. Sleepwalking; 5. Neptune, California; 6. "A Raisin in the Sun," by Lorraine Hansberry, 1959; 7. German; 8. 2; 9. Maine; 10. Asgard



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Houston Rodeo announces Star-Studded 2026 Lineup,

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returns on March 16, and The Red Clay Strays debut on March 17. Koe Wetzel is scheduled for March 18, with Lainey Wilson performing on March 19. Parker McCollum appears on March 20, and Tim McGraw, marking his 11th RODEOHOUSTON performance, headlines the finals on March 21. The grand finale on March 22 features Cody Johnson, joined by openers Jon Pardi and Randy Houser, in a special concert-only event with all NRG Park attractions open to the public.

This year's lineup includes nine new artists making their RODEOHOUSTON debut, such as Russell Dickerson, Lizzo, Forrest Frank, Megan Moroney, Creed, Shaboozey, Pepe Aguilar, Red Clay Strays, and Koe Wetzel. Four female artists—Lizzo, Megan Moroney, Kelly Clarkson, and Lainey Wilson—will take the stage, and for the third consecu-

tive year, two Latin artists, J Balvin and Pepe Aguilar, are featured. Tickets for individual performances go on sale in two waves on January 15, 2026, with Cody Johnson's concert-only tickets available now. RODEOHOUSTON@2026 promises a celebration of music, culture, and community, bringing together legendary performers and exciting newcomers for an unforgettable experience in Houston.

INDIVIDUAL RODEO TICKETS

Tickets will go on sale at rodeohouston.com/tickets/ Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, in two waves, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Wave 1 tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. for March 2–March 11 performances.

Wave 2 tickets go on sale at 2 p.m. for March 12–21 performances.

Individual tickets for Cody Johnson's concert-only performance on March 22, 2026 are on sale

now. Learn about how to purchase Cody Johnson tickets, Here.

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

A spot in the Waiting Room does not guarantee tickets.

Standard ticket prices start at \$35. Ticket pricing includes a \$5 convenience fee.

Individual Rodeo tickets can be purchased online through rodeohouston.com.

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

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

Lone Star College System recognized for veteran services



Lone Star College System's Veteran Services team offers holistic support to help veteran students stay on track as they pursue their goals. The college system recently earned the 2025 Veteran Education Excellence Recognition Gold Award.

HOUSTON (Aug. 29, 2025) – Lone Star College System has been recognized as a higher education leader for veteran services with the 2025 Veteran Education Excellence Recognition Gold Award.

“This award reflects Lone Star College System’s dedication to the brave men and women who have served our nation,” said Vickie Johnson, LSCS executive director, Veteran Services. “From helping navigate the admissions process to securing educational benefits through certification to providing mental health services and work-study opportunities, these individualized resources make all the difference in helping students complete their education and find gainful employment after graduation.”

Established by the Texas Legislature and administered by the Texas Veterans Commission since 2021, this award recognizes higher education institutions that demonstrate excellence in supporting veteran and military-connected students and their families. A total of 33 Texas institutions were honored this year with gold, silver and bronze designations based on the existence and quality of:

- A centralized place for veteran students to meet and get assistance
- An institution employee who is a central point of contact for veteran students
- A U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs work-study program
- Admissions and enrollment policies for veterans
- New student orientation and courses for veterans
- A student organization for veterans
- Academic support services for veteran students
- Mental health and disability services
- Faculty and staff training on issues affecting veteran students
- Career services for veteran students

Thousands of veteran students enroll annually at Lone Star College System, where they can learn how to translate valuable skills acquired during their military service to the workforce. A dedicat-

ed team of experts sets students up for success by guiding them through educational benefits, academic advising and seamless career transitions.

Additionally, veteran lounges and student organizations help foster community among peers in a supportive environment outside of the classroom. Partnerships with community organizations expand access to resources, including housing, employment and health care for veterans beyond campus.

“Transitioning from the military to civilian life and returning to school comes with unique challenges. Our Veteran Services team works diligently to support these students with compassion, connecting them to the quality education, resources and services needed to achieve their goals,” said Melissa N. Gonzalez, Ph.D., LSC-Kingwood president.

This is the first year LSCS has applied for the award in a collaborative effort between LSC-System Office and LSC-Kingwood Veteran Services with support from Vickie Johnson, LSCS executive director, Veteran Services and Siara McMahon, LSCS director, Veteran Services.

Learn more about services available to veterans at LoneStar.edu/Veterans.

Lone Star College System enrolls over 90,000 students each semester providing high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education. LSCS is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Mario K. Castillo, J.D., serves as Chancellor of LSCS, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and has been named a 2024 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education. LSCS consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

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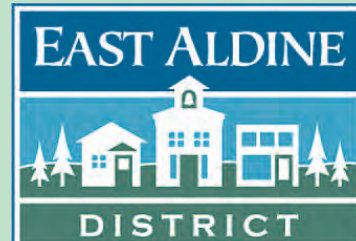
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