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Aldine ISD Board Recognizes Student Achievement, Athletics and Staff Excellence at May Board Meeting

By Ashley Brown
Aldine ISD,

Texas History Day Student Participants Recognized

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Faviola Cantu recognized several students who participated in the 42nd Annual Texas History Day event on April 11 in Austin.

Students from across Texas competed for the opportunity to advance to National History Day, a yearlong academic competition that encourages students to conduct historical research and present their findings through exhibits, websites, documentaries, performances and papers.



The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees recognized student achievement, athletic accomplishments and employee excellence during its May 19 board meeting. Students advancing to National History Day, district championship athletic teams, Aldine Impact Award recipients and dedicated employees were among those highlighted throughout the meeting.

To advance, students were required to place first or second at the campus, district and regional levels before competing at the state contest. This year's theme, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History," challenged students to analyze pivotal moments that transformed society and inspired lasting change.

Aldine ISD will have three projects represented at the national competition in June at the University of Maryland, College Park, where students will join approximately 3,000 participants from across the

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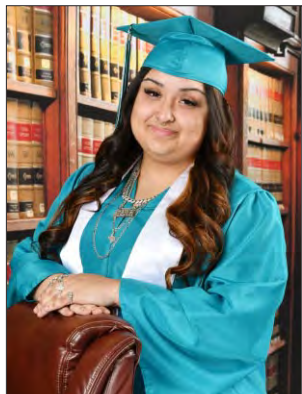
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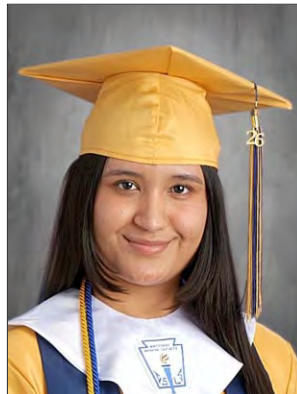
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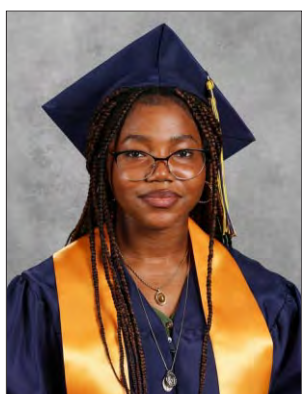
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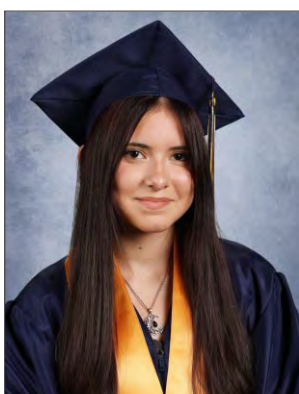
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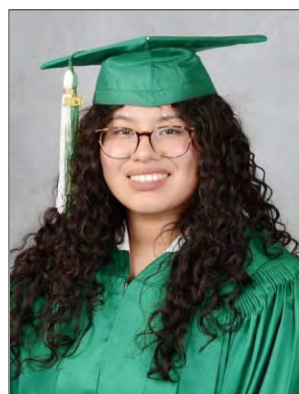
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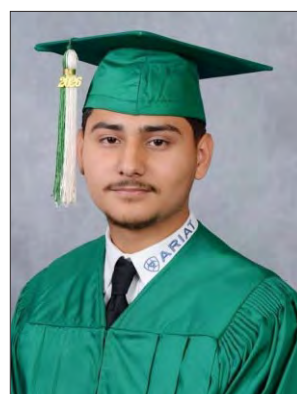
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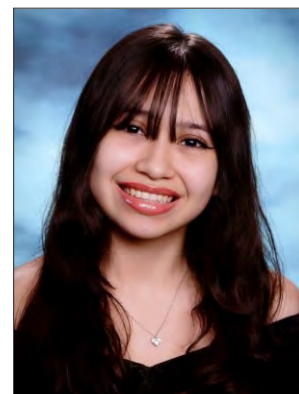
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Questions: Mark.H.Vogel@lonestar.edu

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NORTH HOUSTON – Lone Star College-North Harris will host its 2026 All State Choir Camp July 20-23 in the college's Fine Arts Building, providing area high school choir students with an intensive four-day experience designed to prepare them for Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) auditions.

Directed by Prof. Mark Vogel, choral director at LSC-North Harris, the camp will focus on vocal technique, musicianship, and audition preparation. Camp activities include full choir rehearsals, sectionals, sight singing, diction study, and audition preparation.

"I know we are all looking forward to another year of exceptional music-making," Vogel said. "Our camp is designed as an intensive four-day experience to give students a significant head start on the audition music."

Students attending the camp will also have the opportunity to be mentored by college students in the LSC-North Harris music department while preparing for the rigorous standards of the TMEA.

The camp schedule runs Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. until the noon concert finale. Daily activities include

vocal warm-ups, sectionals, musicianship instruction, and full choir rehearsals. Lunch will be provided each day.

Tuition for the camp is \$90 and includes lunch and a camp T-shirt. Students who need a TMEA music packet may purchase one through the college for an additional \$25. The camp will take place at Lone Star College-North Harris, 2700 W.W. Thorne Drive in Houston. Registration is open through June 15.

For more information or to register, visit bit.ly/LSCChoirCamp2026 or contact Vogel at Mark.H.Vogel@lonestar.edu.

Pedestrian Struck and Killed by 18-Wheeler on North Freeway; HPD Investigating



NORTH HOUSTON - Houston police are investigating the fatal auto-pedestrian crash at 4800 North Freeway (North interstate Highway 45) about 3:20 a.m. on Saturday (May 23). The identity of the deceased individual is pending notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant M. Barrow and Officer R. Guzman

reported: A pedestrian was on the main lanes of the freeway near the above address when they were struck by a white Freightliner 18 wheeler. The male driver, 51, exited and called 911. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the pedestrian deceased. The 18 wheeler driver was determined not to be impaired and was questioned and released.

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Aldine ISD Hearing to Focus on Next Year's Budget, Tax Rate

By David Taylor,

HOUSTON — The Aldine Independent School District will hold a public meeting June 9 to discuss its proposed budget for the 2026-27 school year and the tax rate that will be adopted for the coming year.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at 2520 W.W. Thorne Blvd. in Houston, according to a public notice posted by Aldine ISD. The district said the session will focus on the budget that will guide the tax rate for next year, and members of the public are invited to participate in the discussion.

District materials indicate the proposed tax rate for 2026 would remain at \$1.034 per \$100 of assessed value, unchanged from the prior year. Even so, homeowners could still see higher tax bills if their property appraisals in-

crease, according to the district's taxpayer impact statement.

The public meeting is part of the annual process Texas school districts follow before adopting a budget and tax rate. Final property values used in tax calculations are typically certified later in the summer, meaning the district may formally adopt the tax rate at a separate meeting after appraisal data are finalized.

For residents, the hearing offers an early look at how the district plans to fund operations for the next school year and a chance to weigh in before trustees take final action. Budget and tax discussions are closely watched because they affect both campus spending and the property tax burden on local homeowners and businesses.

Here is a general timeline

for how tax rates and budgets are assembled for each year:

January 1 – Property is appraised as of this date.

April-May – Appraisal notices are mailed.

May-July – Property owners file protests and the Appraisal Review Board hears cases.

By July 25 – The appraisal roll is certified and delivered to taxing entities.

August-September – Harris County, cities, school districts, and other taxing units adopt their tax rates.

October-November – Tax bills are generated and mailed using the certified roll and adopted tax rates.

One caveat: If some protests are still pending, the appraisal district can certify an estimate of taxable values by July 25 and later make adjustments as cases are resolved.

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CLASE DE INGLÉS (INTRODUCCIÓN A ESL) | ENGLISH CLASS (ESL INTRODUCTION)

Wednesday, June 03, 11:30am-12:30pm

Description
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THE MAGIC OF COLOR: WATERCOLOR PAINTING FOR ADULTS

Wednesday, June 03, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Description
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Each week features a different theme — we'll have some inspiration and supplies ready for you! But feel free to create something else if you'd like.

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This program promotes cultural awareness and a love of reading in two languages.

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Wednesday, June 03, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Description
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Thursday, June 04, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Description
 Excavate some excitement this summer at this weekly arts and crafts program! Each week we'll create a new work of art and learn about archaeology, dinosaurs, and history along the way.

This program is designed for tweens and teens ages 12 to 18. Registration is not required, but supplies and space may be limited.

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Aldine ISD Students Named Semifinalists in 2026 I Am Texas Art Contest

Finalists will be announced in late August, with winners announced in November. Ten Aldine ISD students are semifinalists in the 2026 I Am Texas writing and art contest, hosted by The Bryan Museum.

The statewide contest recognizes student writers and artists from across Texas. Semifinalists were announced this month. Finalists will be revealed on August 24, 2026, on the contest website, www.iamtx.org. Winners will be recognized at the awards reception in November.

These talented students were recognized as 2026 art semifinalists for their outstanding artistry and creative vision:

- Hannah Akatugba**, 8th grade, Aldine Young Women's Leadership Academy
- Génesis López Alvarado**, 10th grade, Blanson CTE High School
- Abrina Galván**, 10th grade, Blanson CTE High School
- Lemay Cacheiro García**, 10th grade, Blanson CTE High School
- Kelly Martínez**, 11th grade, Blanson CTE High School
- Karen Mejía**, 10th grade, Aldine Young Women's Leadership Academy
- Allisson Orozco**, 10th grade, Blanson CTE High School
- Martha Ramírez**, 11th grade, Blanson CTE High School
- Thalía Rivera Rodríguez**, 12th grade, La Promesa
- Iza Ruiz**, 9th grade, Blanson CTE High School

The I Am Texas contest began in 2022, when The Bryan Museum in Galveston partnered with the Houston-based literacy organization *iWrite* to publish 1,000 student writers and artists in the Guinness World Record-breaking largest book. Since then, the contest has continued to grow statewide, with winning students earning cash awards; finalists will be published and have their work displayed at The Bryan Museum.

For more information about the contest, visit iamtx.org or contact education@thebryanmuseum.org.



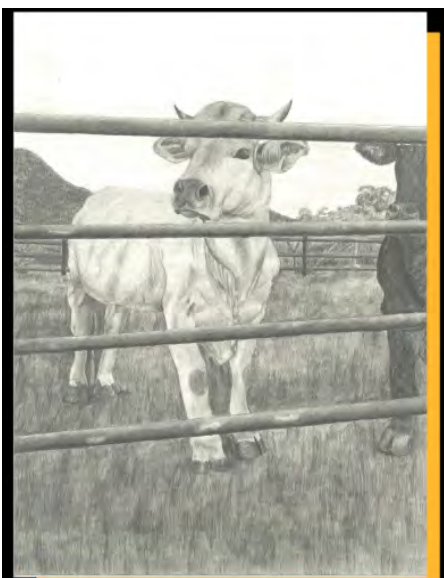
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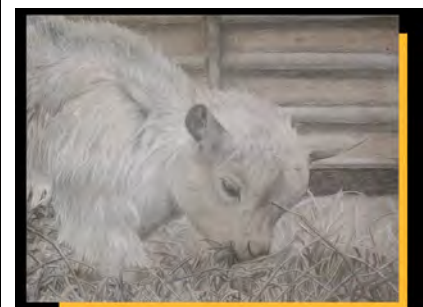
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FREEKICKS Soccer Clinic Brings FIFA World Cup Excitement to Impact

By John Hickman,

Rainy weather did not dampen the spirit of soccer at Impact Leadership Academy, where nearly 400 students kicked, blocked and celebrated their way through a FREEKICKS Soccer clinic hosted by the FIFA World Cup 2026™ Houston Host Committee on Thursday, May 20.

The event was part of an effort to increase youth soccer involvement in the Aldine community and Houston area. Students took part in skill-building activities, games and instruction from professional coaches while also building excitement for the FIFA World Cup 2026.

FREEKICKS Soccer is a "Grow the Game" initiative under Impact Houston 26, the Houston Host Committee's legacy program. The initiative is a collaborative effort among the FIFA World Cup 2026™ Houston Host Committee, the City of Houston, Harris County Precincts 1-4, and the local youth soccer community.

It aims to expand access to soccer and inspire future generations through community engagement and infrastructure improvements. As part of the initiative, 23 soccer pitches will be constructed or refurbished across six Houston-area parks, including two in Aldine: Alabonson Park, 9652 N. Houston Rosslyn Road, and Keith-Wiess Park, 12300 Aldine Westfield Road.

Despite steady rain that limited outdoor access and left fields muddy, Impact Leadership Academy Principal Marcus Pruitt and campus staff adapted quickly to ensure students did not miss the experience.

The event was relocated to the campus gymnasium and breezeway areas to create space for students to participate.

The result was a lively afternoon of competition and teamwork as students kicked, slid and blocked soccer balls in spirited games marked by loud celebrations and nonstop energy.

Third-grader Edison Robles, an avid soccer fan, said the clinic gave him an opportunity to compete with friends while learning from professionals.

"We learn how players get better and improve their skills," Robles said. "It's amazing to see people come to our campus and pour resources into us. It's unbelievable."

Robles, whose favorite player is Argentine soccer star Lionel Messi, said confidence plays a major role in learning the sport and hopes to one day play soccer competitively.

Among the coaches leading the clinic was South Texas Youth Soccer Association coach Luis Mara, who emphasized that enjoyment and development go hand in hand.

"We want to grow the game of soccer as much as we can in the community, and events like this really show

how the game brings everybody together," Mara said. "Partnering with the FIFA World Cup and teaching nearly 400 kids helps the goal on a widespread level, while helping promote the World Cup. The students have been respectful, shown commitment, and most importantly, having a blast!"


Houston Dynamo FC and Houston Dash are collaborating with FREEKICKS Soccer, providing professional expertise and local insights to help shape initiatives for "Growing the Game." Additionally, Aramco, a Major Worldwide Partner and the exclusive energy category sponsor for the FIFA World Cup 2026, supported the clinic. Through their global partnership with FIFA, Aramco offers substantial financial and logistical assistance aimed at expanding youth access to soccer and supporting grassroots development.

Organizers said the program reflects a long-term commitment to breaking down barriers to participation, expanding access to soccer and strengthening community ties through sport.

Even with rain threatening the day's plans, the clinic showcased the unifying power of soccer — and the determination of a school community committed to ensuring students had the chance to play.

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OPINION
By **BILL KING**



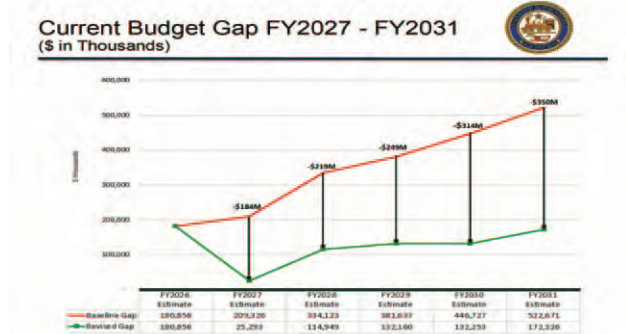
Whitmire's Budget Proposal Buys the City Time

You may have seen my op-ed in the Houston Chronicle, regarding my views on Mayor Whitmire's budget proposal for the upcoming year. Because the paper has limited space for an op-ed, I wanted to provide my regular readers with some additional details and context.

My basic takeaway is that it buys us a couple of years to address the City's more fundamental financial challenges. It is not a permanent fix.

The City's finances are wickedly complex and involve several different funds. Its largest and most pressing challenge for the last two decades has been the General Fund. The General Fund pays for most of the services the City provides, such as police, fire, parks, etc. Importantly, it does not fund the water and sewer system, which in City lingo, is the Combined Utility System ("CUS"). State law requires that utilities, such as water and sewer, be accounted for and operated separately. Think of it as a separate entity or subsidiary of the City.

The City entered the current budget cycle, needing a little over \$200 million to balance its General Fund. Its five-year projection shows that number ramping up to over \$500 million by 2030 (see p. 51).



Of course, a structural deficit in the General Fund is nothing new. Since the City's ill-fated decision to dramatically increase its pension benefits in the early 2000s, a succession of City Controllers have been warning that the deficits would ultimately become unsustainable, either requiring massive property tax increases or a reduction in expenditures.

The plan that the Whitmire administration laid out involves three basic elements. The one that has gotten the most attention, but is by far the least consequential, is an entry-level garbage fee of \$5 per month. The City currently has only 393,000 garbage customers, so at \$60 per year, the fee will only bring in about \$23-24 million. After collection losses and exemptions that Council will likely add for seniors and potentially others, the real number will probably be closer to \$20 million.

The real General Fund relief comes from transferring all garbage collection to the CUS and imposing a fee on the CUS for use of the City's rights-of-way. Transferring the Solid Waste Department to the CUS will transfer about \$100 million in expenses from the General Fund to the CUS.

State law dictates that a municipality cannot make a "profit" from its utilities to use for other purposes. However, it does allow municipalities to charge a utility for various items. Specifically, cities are allowed to charge a utility for the right-of-way it uses to run its lines. Every major city in Texas imposes such a charge on its water and sewer utility, and other utilities, such as Comcast and CenterPoint, pay similar fees. They are generally set as a percentage of the utilities' revenues. Whitmire's budget proposal calls for a 5% charge, which is toward the lower end of what other Texas cities charge their utilities (see p. 19). This will move about \$100 million from the CUS to the General Fund.

So, moving the Solid Waste expenses to the CUS and charging it for the rights-of-way will generate about \$200 million in relief for the General Fund. Because this is a permanent change and not a one-time fix, it reduces the projected General Fund deficit in 2031 to under \$200 million.

The principal question that this proposal raises is whether the CUS can afford this \$200 million hit. My judgment is that it can in the short- to medium-term, but whether it can in the longer term is an open question.

There was a time when the CUS was in dire straits. During the early 2000s, it was technically insolvent as its liabilities exceeded its assets. However, since then, water and sewer increases under Mayors Parker and Turner in 2010 and 2021, respectively, have dramatically improved the CUS's finances. From being insolvent in the early 2000s, it reached a fund balance of \$4.4 billion last year, with almost \$2 billion in liquidity. In addition, over the last three years, it has invested \$2.4 billion in capital improvements to the system and reduced its bond debt by almost \$1 billion.

Also, last year the City obtained a **\$1 billion loan from the Texas Water Development Board** on favorable terms to repair the dilapidated East End Water Plant. According to my sources, more help from the State may be on the way. Which, by the way, is one of the reasons that poking the Governor in the eye over 33 people being turned over to ICE was such a stupid idea.

So, the CUS is flush for now. However, in the longer term, it faces significant challenges. Our wastewater system leaks like a sieve, which means we regularly dump untreated sewage into our bays and streams. The City has been under a series of consent decrees with the EPA since the 1980s for violating the Clean Water Act. And, of course, we have all heard reports that the freshwater system loses billions of gallons each year through leaks. So, there is still a lot of work to be done. Some estimates put the amount of investment needed in the \$14 billion range.

Although not officially part of this year's budget, the Whitmire administration has signaled its intent to begin to increase the garbage fee in 2028 by \$5 per year, eventually raising it to \$25 per month. If that were to happen, it would take about half of the burden off the CUS.

The Whitmire administration is also promising to use the new resources to improve garbage pickup. You will have to excuse me for being skeptical. I have heard a similar promise from every mayor in my lifetime. None has succeeded.

This is primarily because the City's operations do not operate on a viable economic scale. The City picks up only a relatively small portion of the total garbage. It does not service apartments or businesses, and about a quarter of households have already fled the City's abysmal service in favor of private haulers. I suspect that many others will follow suit as the fee begins to ramp up.

This leaves the City with a patchwork of fewer than 400,000 customers spread over 600 square miles. That means routes are impossibly long and inefficient. The only logical solution is to outsource the entire thing, which I suspect will ultimately be the case. Indeed, the imposition of the garbage fee may accelerate that day. But if the City insists on continuing to operate a fundamentally inefficient garbage model, it will ultimately need to ramp up the garbage to keep from impairing the CUS fund.

On balance, I think the proposal is a reasonable stopgap. But make no mistake, this is not a permanent solution to the City's financial woes. And they are not problems we can tax our way out of. To cover the currently projected General Fund deficit, not to mention catching up on our woefully antiquated infrastructure, would require nearly a 60% increase in property taxes over the next five years. That would violate the city charter and state law and prompt a taxpayer revolt.

We will eventually have to face some difficult choices. I do not believe that dramatically increasing property taxes is the answer, and that it would only serve to drive more Houstonians to the suburbs.

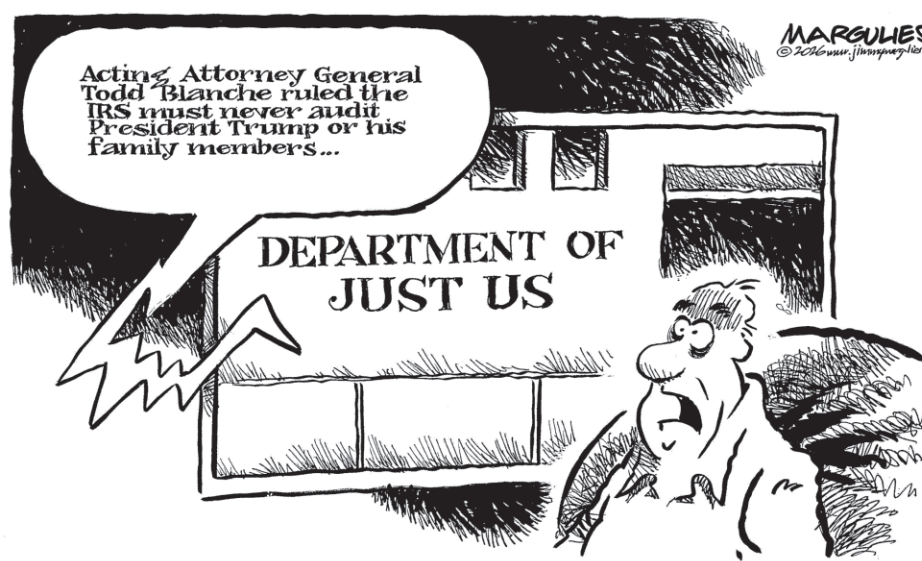
Instead, we need to reconsider giving away half of our sales tax (~\$1 billion) to a transit agency that carries fewer riders than it did in 2004 and giving away \$200 million in our property taxes to TIRZs that mostly lavish projects on wealthy neighborhoods.

Whitmire should come down hard on overtime. Large recurring overtime is a management failure. Whitmire should make it clear to the managers of the departments where this has been a problem for years that their jobs are on the line if it continues.

In fact, we need to completely rethink our models for public safety. For years, we have just thrown more money at HPD and HFD, with little to show for it. Those departments are still about the same size today as they were 20 years ago. No "boots on the ground" has been added. HPD's clearance rates remain at abysmal levels. The Ernest & Young efficiency study indicated that HPD and HFD were, by far, the most top-heavy departments in the City.

These will be the real challenges. Hopefully, the City will use the time this proposal buys to do the hard, and sometimes unpopular work, to actually address the City's long-term financial viability.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By **Gary Borders**



Texas Oil Industry at War with Itself

The GOP runoff race for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission is pitting oil industry leaders against each other. Many small-scale oil companies are supporting former Tarrant County Republican Party chair Bo French because of incumbent Jim Wright's efforts to lead reforms at the

Commission, the Houston Chronicle reported.

"I can't support Jim Wright, because Jim Wright makes rules that are silly for lots and lots and lots of operators," said Lance Thomas, manager of Albany-based Stasney Well Service. His company is suing the Railroad Commission over new rules about how oil operators manage onsite waste pits.

A political action committee associated with oil billionaire Tim Dunn, a conservative megadonor, has contributed at least \$350,000 to French's campaign. On the flip side, Chevron, Exxon Mobil, and other major oil companies have contributed to PACs backing Wright.

French has drawn controversy for public comments he has made about Muslims and DEI.

PAXTON STEPS UP INVESTIGATIONS AS RUNOFF NEARS

Attorney General Ken Paxton has steadily increased his lawsuits, investigations, and public threats around many of the conservative causes that energize Republicans, The Dallas Morning News reported. More than 100 news releases announcing such actions have been issued since early January.

Critics say he is using the attorney general's office for political gain rather than enforcement. Supporters say Paxton is pursuing the issues Texas conservatives elected him to champion.

"He's been suing the pants off people. I like that," said Laura Oakley, president of the Grapevine Republican Club.

The topics since the March primary included immigration, Islam, China, visa fraud, election maps, birthright citizenship and foreign influence,



according to The News report. A spokesman for Paxton's campaign called the review of Paxton's investigations "garbage" and not "worth printing."

LOTTERY COMMISSION, EX-DIRECTOR FACES CRIMINAL CHARGES

Former Texas lottery director Gary Grief and the Texas Lottery Commission have been charged with misusing their positions in a 2023 Lotto Texas drawing worth \$95 million, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The criminal charges assert the agency helped international gamblers engineer a guaranteed win.

Agency officials helped professional bettors purchase nearly every possible six-number combination — more than 25 million tickets — assuring they would win the \$95 million jackpot, according to the charges. However, Grief's attorney issued a statement saying, in part, "When all facts are revealed in court, the public will see that Gary's leadership at the Lottery Commission generated millions of dollars for Texas schools and veterans and there was no crime."

Grief and the commission are charged with abuse of official capacity, a broadly worded offense alleging "intent to harm or defraud another" by misusing "government property, services, personnel or any other thing of value belonging to the government," the Statesman reported.

TEXAS' MIGRANT DEPORTATION LAW LIKELY TO BE BLOCKED

A new law allowing state officials to arrest and deport undocumented im-

migrants took effect last week, but it appears likely a federal judge will soon move to block it, according to the Houston Chronicle. U.S. District Judge David A. Ezra has previously called the law "patently unconstitutional," but delayed making a ruling.

Senate Bill 4 has been stymied since its passage by legal challenges arguing that immigration enforcement is under the purview of the federal government, not state governments.

"Gov. Abbott is the sovereign governor of the state of Texas. He is not the president of the United States," Ezra said. "DPS officers are not ICE agents."

The GOP majority in the Texas Legislature passed the law during an immigration surge during the Biden administration. That surge has since receded, and few GOP lawmakers have been pushing for the law to be implemented, according to the Chronicle.

GRIMES COUNTY RESIDENTS QUESTION PROPOSED CHIP FACILITY

Elon Musk's bid to build what he calls the world's largest computer chip manufacturing facility in Grimes County, southeast of College Station, is drawing opposition from some residents, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Musk is seeking tax breaks to build the facility, dubbed Terafab.

Supporters say the initial \$55 billion investment would later double in subsequent phases, which is too good to pass up. Opponents question the track record of Musk's businesses, such as SpaceX, and whether the huge company needs tax breaks.

"I believe it would be immoral to give this company tax abatement when we have serious concerns about health issues and safety issues," county resident Jacqueline Ross told Grimes County commissioners.

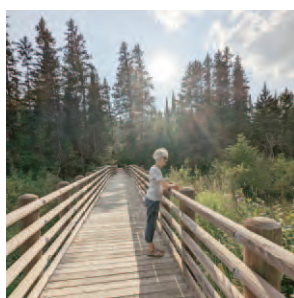
SpaceX was fined nearly \$150,000 in 2024 for breaking clean water laws after a fuel spill at its South Texas launch site. It also was cited for illegally discharging wastewater into wetlands near its Boca Chica facilities.

The company is seeking a \$1.75 trillion valuation when it goes public in a few months, prompting some residents to question why it needs a tax break.

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By **Carrie Classon**

A Mother who reads



"I had a mother who read to me Sagas of pirates who scoured the sea, Cutlasses clenched in their yellow teeth,

'Blackbirds' stowed in the hold beneath."

I am "up north," as people say, spending time with my parents at their cabin. My parents are spending more time in town, especially in the winter. But now it is spring, and to hear them tell it, being a nonagenarian is no reason to stay away from the place they love best.

I help out a little with things that are getting harder for them to do, but honestly, I don't do much more than enjoy their company and fold into their life for a few days, talking and running errands and sharing thoughts about the news of the day and memories of the past.

And I listen to my mom reading.

My mom has always read aloud. Reading was a daily habit for my mother, and she made it clear from the time I was small that there was nothing unusual about reading aloud — a children's story, an editorial or the Bible. My mom read aloud to us nearly every day, as I recall.

The stories left an indelible mark. I remember the sweetness of Laura Ingalls Wilder describing Pa playing the fiddle by firelight in the middle of the Wisconsin woods, and I remember the horror of Hans Christian Andersen describing the house where the witch lived at the bottom of the sea, built with the bones of drowned sailors. My mom took me to all these places, my sister and I, and my father was listening, more often than not.

Perhaps for a while my mother read a little less. I honestly don't know if she read aloud as much when they were busy building their cabin in the woods. But not long after, perhaps even before my father's eyesight began to fade, my mother began reading aloud again every day.

My mother complains, "I read it, but your father remembers it!" And it's true, my dad listens carefully and has an excellent memory.

She reads a daily devotional aloud. She reads an essay by a nature writer. She reads a chapter in a book they are working through. She reads a meme she thinks is funny. She reads an article from the local paper. She reads to my dad, and when I visit, I hear her read.

Yesterday, I went to my mother's book club. There were nearly 20 women reading the poems of a local poet. And I realized that my beliefs about writing and the value I place on books come almost entirely from my mom.

She felt that books should be shared. She let me know that stories brought people together. She was honest if she didn't understand what a writer was trying to say or if they used a word she didn't know. There was no shame in that. Read the passage aloud. Talk about it. Look up the word. How else can you learn? Years ago, I helped organize a reading for Mother's Day. There were short stories about mothers and poems about a mother's love. I honestly don't remember what all we read. But one poem, "The Reading Mother," by Strickland Gillilan, stayed with me. Even though the poem was old and a little sentimental, it stuck in my mind because it was still so deeply true for me.

"You may have tangible wealth untold; Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.

— Richer than I you can never be

I had a Mother who read to me."

Till next time,
Carrie

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District and Harris County Precinct 2 Strengthen Local Collaboration

HOUSTON - The North Houston District has recently welcomed a new partner into its offices. Sheena Childs is a new Community Relations Liaison for Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia focusing on West Aldine, which includes the North Houston District. Harris County Precinct 2 joins the Greens Bayou Coalition and N. Houston Development Corp/TIRZ 11 as partners in the District's offices.



Sheena Childs
New Community Relations Liaison for Harris County Precinct 2

Childs recently discussed her role and how community partnerships benefit local constituents.

Partner Spotlight: Community Relations Liaison Leads Boots-On-the-Ground Outreach

Sheena Childs is new to Precinct 2, but she's no stranger to public service. She recently joined Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office after a 15-year career in public service at the City of Houston.

As the Precinct 2 Community Relations Liaison-West Aldine, Childs oversees community outreach and helps support constituents by connecting them with available resources from the county and its partners. "My role is to bridge the gap between local government and the community," she

says.

Childs graduated from the University of Houston-Downtown with a Communications degree and quickly began her career in public affairs and local government after being hired by now-Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, who was then running for Houston City Council to represent District H. She accepted a position as a council aide, where she quickly gained experience engaging with community leaders and stakeholders.

Building Trust & Bridging the Gap

In her position at Precinct 2, Childs is laser-focused on providing accessibility and responsiveness, in addition to being a familiar face in the community.

"We can't do what we do without the community—



they see the areas with speeding, the weeded lots, the dilapidated housing, and they report concerns to Precinct 2," she shares, adding, "It's important that community leaders know they can come to me with issues, and we'll address them in a timely manner."

But Precinct 2's work extends beyond responsiveness to proactive, boots-on-the-ground outreach. The Community Relations Liaison spends two to three nights a week at local civic meetings, gathering public feedback on specific County projects or interfacing with key com-

munity leaders.

"Right now, there are only a handful of community stakeholders identified within the Aldine-West area. So one of my primary goals is to connect with new community leaders in the area," Childs explains. This includes faith-based leaders, local school districts, civic clubs and neighborhood groups, and local nonprofits serving the area.

"It is fulfilling and meaningful work. I love being a resource to people," Sheena Childs, Precinct 2 Community Relations Liaison-West Aldine



Month-long LyondellBasell water leak finally stopped in Northeast Harris County

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

A water leak from a LyondellBasell pipeline in northeast Harris County that had been spewing thousands of gallons for more than a month was finally shut off this week, according to what company representatives told ABC-13 and local fire officials. The leak, spotted near Beltway 8 and Uvalde, not far from Gene Green Park, was traced to a failed safety relief valve on an industrial surface water line that feeds the company's Channelview complex.

"This piping brings water from a canal connected to Lake Houston to our Channelview Complex,"



said Susan Scott, spokesperson for LyondellBasell.

"The water leaked intermittently over several weeks directly into Carpenter's Bayou and did not reach any roads, business-

es or homes."

Once determining the source, the company formulated plans to isolate the pipe.

"Given where it was located, our team had to build

a scaffold to reach the valve before we could begin the investigation. The leak was fixed May 19," Scott said.

Sheldon Fire Chief Sidney Webb said his depart-

ment first learned of the problem after receiving calls from concerned residents on 9-1-1 calls. "It's been blowing for over a month," Webb said. "They were worried about the flooding and not having water or so many hundreds of thousands of gallons of water being wasted."

Webb said he went to the site himself to inspect the line. "I came over here and investigated myself," he said. "I actually walked all the way down the pipeline." Based on what he saw, Webb said the damaged line appeared to be "about a 48-inch surface water line" with a failed relief valve or gate valve.

For days, residents and responders struggled to

determine who owned the pipeline. Webb said "everybody denied it was theirs" before the line was finally identified as belonging to LyondellBasell. "That line belongs to them," Webb said. "They took ownership and went out there and fixed it after the news got involved."

The exact amount of water lost has not been publicly disclosed. Even so, the sight of water gushing for weeks raised concerns among residents and firefighters during a time when water conservation remains a sensitive issue across Texas. By late Tuesday, however, the leak had been stopped, ending a month-long waste of industrial water that had drawn growing public attention.

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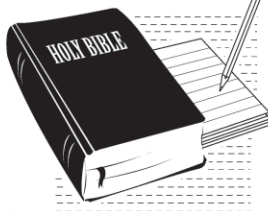
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JEREMIAH 15:15,16

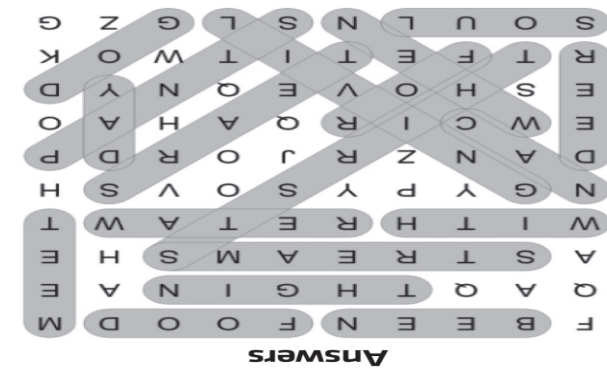
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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Balaam in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 8, what was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark? Burned the ark, Built an altar, Performed a marriage, Hiked to mountains
3. What group did John the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers
4. From Genesis 17, who said, "Shall a child be born unto him that is a 100 years old"? Adam, Abraham, Aaron, Agrippa
5. Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver? Joash, Jehoash, Jehu, Jeremiah
6. Whose biblical name means "eagle"? Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriam

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Built an altar; 3) Soldiers; 4) Abraham; 5) Jehu; 6) Aquila
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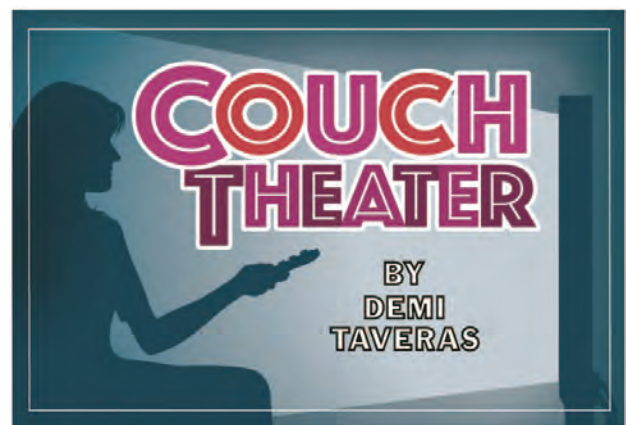
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"The Roses" (R) — This black-comedy film, led by Oscar winner Olivia Colman ("The Favourite") and Oscar nominee Benedict Cumberbatch ("The Phoenician Scheme"), is a reimagining of the 1989 film called "The War of the Roses." The original film starred Michael Douglas, Danny DeVito and Kathleen Turner and was directed by DeVito; but the remake went under the radar during its theatrical release this past August. Colman and Cumberbatch, respectively, play Ivy and Theo Rose, an ambitious married couple whose marriage begins to collapse after Theo loses his job. Tension and resentment between the spouses build due to their different parenting styles and Theo's jealousy of Ivy's success, leaving viewers watching between their fingers as the Roses duke

it out in their own personal war. Out now. (Hulu)
"Off Campus" (TV-MA) — This romantic-drama series, based on Elle Kennedy's books, premiered in May and has already generated a huge fan following online. Ella Bright, who once played a young Kate Middleton in "The Crown," portrays music student Hannah at the fictional Briar University. When hockey team captain Garrett (Belmont Cameli) needs help studying, Hannah volunteers to help him under the guise that he pretends to be her fake boyfriend so she can impress the guy she truly likes. (Ah, young love!) Of course, anyone who's seen anything with a similar plot knows where this is going. Steve Howey ("Shameless") and Antonio Cipriano ("The Alto Knights") co-star in the series, and all eight episodes are out now with a second

season already in the works! (Amazon Prime Video)
"Margo's Got Money Troubles" (TV-MA) — This comedy-drama series has quite the cast to carry its interesting plot off the ground: Elle Fanning ("A Complete Unknown") leads the series with Nick Offerman ("Parks and Recreation"), Michelle Pfeiffer ("The Madisons"), and Nicole Kidman ("Scarpetta") rounding out the rest of the main cast. Fanning plays the titular character — 20-year-old Margo — an aspiring writer and new mom who turns to OnlyFans for financial support after the birth of her baby. Although some people don't approve of her stream of income, Margo is successful and suspends all logic of what she "should be" doing in life so that she can figure out who she really is inside. All eight episodes are out now to stream. (Apple TV+)
"Office Romance" (R) — This sexy rom-com hitting Netflix on June 5 stars Jennifer Lopez ("Kiss of the Spider-Woman") and Brett Goldstein ("Shrinking"), who also co-wrote the screenplay. Lopez plays Jackie Cruz, president and CEO of the airline Air Cruz, and she's a no-nonsense type of executive with most of her employees fearing her, a la Miranda Priestly. When new lawyer Daniel (Goldstein) starts working at the company, his warm, kind energy pierces the chilly ice queen in an impactful way. Because of this new relationship with Daniel, Jackie's finally able to turn over a new leaf in life and learn that there's more to it than work and financial success. (Netflix)
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Q:What ever happened to actress Brooke Burns? I saw her hosting a game show recently, but I don't know if it's a new or old show. — M.G.
A: Actress Brooke Burns went from "Baywatch" and "North Shore" to starring in a series of Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Originals, like "Gourmet Detective" and its sequels. The last of these TV films was in 2020, and she has since transitioned to a very successful career as a game-show host. You can find her hosting episodes of "Master Minds" and "Tic-Tac-Dough" on the GSN (Game Show Network) channel.

Q:Is it true that there's going to be a "Real Housewives of Austin" on Bravo? What ever happened to the one in Dallas? — K.L.
A: Most "Real Housewives" franchises have been successful. For example, "Orange County" will be celebrating its 20th season on the Bravo network this year. Others just never really caught on like "Dubai," which was canceled after two seasons, and "Dallas," which was placed on "indefinite hiatus" in 2021 after five seasons.
There have been rumblings of a possible franchise based in Austin, Texas, but nothing has officially been announced. Ronnie Karam, co-host of the podcast "Watch What Crappens" and resident of Austin, was asked about it at this year's iHeart Podcast Awards. He believes that the show would excel if they simply cast housewives who've recently relocated from California with old-school Austinites and "just watch the sparks fly."
Someone's ears must have been burning because Bravo recently announced an upcoming reality show titled "Secrets, Lies, Texas Wives," which will be set in the Texas Hill Country town of Boerne and follow its wealthy inhabitants. However, a big chunk of the population is opposed to seeing their town being given the Bravo treatment. In fact, there's already a petition on Change.org from those who fear that it'll harm the small town's reputation.
As for "Dallas," I don't see it returning. Bravo has a new hit on its hands with



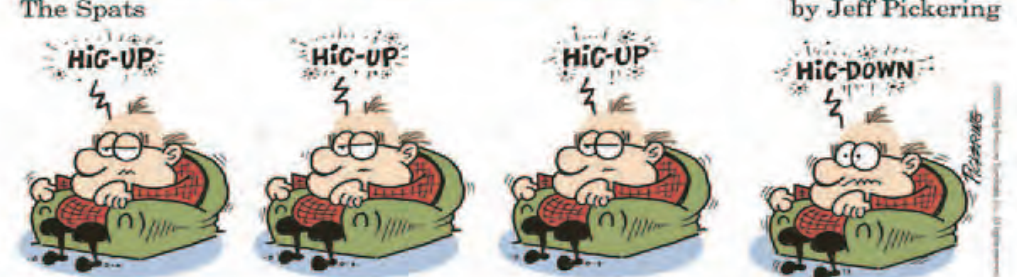
Brooke Burns in "Roux the Day: A Gourmet Detective Mystery"

"Rhode Island" and is also redeveloping its "New York" franchise again.

Q: Is the "Yellowstone" spin-off "Marshals" coming back for a second season, or has it been canceled? I didn't hear much talk about it when it was on. — B.E.
A:Yes, despite season one ending in a cliffhanger for several of its characters, "Marshals" will be back on CBS this fall on Sundays at 8 p.m. ET. Its series premiere this past March was "the most-watched CBS original series debut without a football lead-in since 'Young Sheldon' premiered in 2017," according to CBS Entertainment.
I'm not sure why you didn't hear much buzz about the series throughout the season, but it finished just as strongly as its debut in terms of ratings. While it's certainly not Emmy-worthy, "Marshals" has performed quite well for CBS and doesn't appear to be in danger of a cancellation.
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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU grid and instructions

HOCUS-FOCUS comic strip by Henry Boltinoff

June 1, 2026 Posting Date King Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid and clues (ACROSS, DOWN)

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez with 10 questions

King Crossword solution time: 23 mins. Answers

Board celebrates student success, athletic excellence,

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United States and overseas. The following students advanced to nationals: Orlean Antoinette Macalalad of Young Women's Leadership Academy; Dominic Hernandez, Jonathan Ogeniz, Dante Tamez and Erick Vicente of Hambrick Middle School; and Brielle Howard of Jones Middle School.

Aldine ISD Athletes and Coaches Recognized

Executive Director of Athletics Dre Thompson recognized several Aldine ISD student-athletes, teams and coaches for outstanding achievements during the 2025-26 school year.

Multiple athletic teams advanced to district playoffs and regional and state competitions. Aldine ISD athletics programs captured 16 of 20 district championships in District 14-6A.

Aldine High School

Baseball — District 14-6A champions; Coach Johnny Toups named Co-Coach of the Year

Boys and girls tennis — District 14-6A champions; Coach Floyd Mayne named Coach of the Year

Girls spring tennis — District 14-6A champions and regional qualifiers

Girls golf — District 14-6A champions and regional qualifiers; Coach George Rhoden

Boys and girls cross country — District 14-6A champions and regional qualifiers; Jacqueline Garcia qualified for state; Coach Kerry Bowie

Girls track and field — Porsha Daniels qualified for state in shot put; Coach Mildred Smith

MacArthur High School

Boys and girls cross country — District 14-6A champions; Coach Patrick James named Coach of the Year

Baseball — District 14-6A champions; Coach Ryan Dufrene named Coach of the Year

Boys spring tennis —

District 14-6A champions; Coach Mike Scurto named Coach of the Year

Girls spring tennis — District 14-6A champions and regional qualifiers; Coach Matthew Geisel

Team tennis — District 14-6A co-champions; Coach Matthew Geisel

Boys and girls soccer — District 14-6A champions and regional qualifiers; Coach Salvador Fernandez

Eisenhower High School

Girls tennis — Regional qualifiers; Coach Jeffrey Brush

Boys cross country — Regional qualifiers; Coach Dan Bui

Boys track — Regional qualifiers; Coach Reginald Durden

Girls track — Regional qualifiers; Coach Krystal Washington

Nimitz High School

Football — District 14-6A co-champions; Coach Cornelius Harmon named Coach of the Year

Girls soccer — District 14-6A champions and regional qualifiers; Coach Kim Borten named Coach of the Year

Girls track — District 14-6A champions and regional qualifiers; Coach Jarryd Gray named Coach of the Year

Boys track and field — Albert "AJ" Brown qualified for state; Coach Jarryd Gray

Boys golf — Landon Dodd named District 14-6A champion and regional qualifier; Coach Adam Apodaca

Girls golf — Regional qualifiers; Coach Jarryd Gray

Boys cross country — Regional qualifiers; Coach Dennis Brazy

Davis High School

Boys and girls water polo — District 14-6A champions and regional qualifiers; Coach Camillo Orellana named Coach of the Year

Boys and girls swimming — District 14-6A champions



and regional qualifiers; Coach Camillo Orellana

Boys soccer — Coach Robert Jones named Coach of the Year

Girls golf — District 14-6A champions and regional qualifiers; Coach Kavin Green named Coach of the Year

Powerlifting — Nehemiah Jenkins qualified for state; Coach Ray Metoyer named Coach of the Year

Boys track and field — District 14-6A champions and regional qualifiers; Coach Tremayne Evans named Coach of the Year

Team tennis — District 14-6A co-champions and regional qualifiers; Coach Steven Hawkins

Girls cross country — Regional qualifiers; Coach Tramisha McGrew

Football — District 14-6A co-champions; Coach Kelvin Cha

Unified Sports

MacArthur High School basketball placed fourth in the area. The track and field team placed third in the area and sixth at regionals. Coaches: Brandon Morgan and Kelli Hodgkinson.

Nimitz High School basketball placed first in the area and fourth at regionals. The track and field team ranked first in the area, first at regionals and fourth in the state. Coaches: Kendra Venzant, Julie Grutzmacher and Rodney Robinson.

Esports Highlight

Chief Information Officer Adam Galvan recognized the Aldine ISD esports league for its performance at the 2026 TEXSEF Esports State Championship at Baylor University.

This marked the second consecutive year student-athletes from six Aldine campuses competed against 154 schools across Texas. The league secured two top-10 finishes statewide, with several students placing in their respective tournaments.

Recognition of Students, Staff, and Patrons

Chief Communications Officer Sheila Adams highlighted May events and accomplishments across the district.

Aldine ISD held its Employee Service Awards ceremony, recognizing nearly 300 employees for 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of dedicated service to the district.

The Family and Community Engagement Department held its Family and Community University graduation, where 150 parents and caregivers completed the program equipped with knowledge, skills and confidence they can use at home.

The annual Seal of Bilingualism celebration recognized students across multiple grade levels who are developing bilingualism and bilingu-

uality through Aldine ISD multilingual programs.

The district also celebrated the Class of 2026 during graduation season with 11 graduation ceremonies and more than 3,000 graduates.

Aldine Impact Award Winners

The Board of Trustees recognized recipients of the Aldine Impact Award, which honors employees and community members who go above and beyond the call of duty in their respective roles within the district.

Vice President Randy Bates nominated Dana Wiltz-Tillis, inclusion teacher at Eisenhower High School, and Refugio Rodriguez, director of performing arts.

Assistant Board Secretary Angela Williams recognized Danielle Jones, FACE district liaison; Lori Gray, executive assistant to the Assistant Superintendent of Government Relations and Constituent Services; and Alberta Franklin, the energy and utility clerk in the Energy and Utility Department.

Board Member Dr. Viola Garcia nominated Josefina Trevino-Garcia, director of guidance and counseling service in the Student Support Services Department.

Board President Dr. Kimberley Booker recognized Rashad Angel and Glenn

Samuels, Aldine ISD police officers; Jeffrey McGowen, Aldine ISD police sergeant; Dr. Kathy Tatum, founder and executive director of Collaborating Voices Foundation; Anaya Matthews, first-grade teacher at Kuja-wa Elementary School; and Daniela Correa, sixth-grade teacher at Aldine Middle School

Board Action Items Approved

The Board of Trustees approved the following action items:

Minutes from previous meeting(s)

Upcoming professional development opportunities

Clinic affiliation agreement with West Coast University and Aldine ISD for the 2025-26 school year

Administrator contracts for outside services with vendors

Teacher Apprenticeship Center collaborative partner agreement by Dallas College on behalf of the teacher apprenticeship center and the Aldine Independent School District

District educational professional services agreement between Teach for America, Inc. and Aldine ISD

Memorandum agreement between Baylor University and Aldine ISD

Single contracts and purchases for \$100,000 and greater

Quarterly Investment Report

Prior to the start of the May 19 board meeting, the Drew Academy LOTC presented the colors and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Flag and the Stovall Middle School honors band performed.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, at 7 p.m. in the boardroom at the Donaldson Administration Building.

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