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NORTHEAST NEWS

Dia De Los Muertos at East Aldine



The East Aldine Community celebrated Dia De Los Muertos last Saturday at the Town Center.

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NEWS NOTES

Dia de Los Muertos celebrated at East Aldine

VetFest at East Aldine Nov. 11

East Aldine District hosts a Free VETFEST on Saturday, November 11 from 10am to 1pm at the East Aldine Amphitheatre, 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive, HONORING OUR HEROES.

Celebrate Your Veteran on Our Wall of Honor. (email photos by Nov. 3 to: info@aldinedistrict.org.)

SPEAKER: Dr. Elias Sanchez-Perez, Vietnam War Veteran. Director, Gathering of Eagles Veterans Group.

Event includes Rockwall, Entertainment, Food, Patriotic Quilts, Army Truck & More.

Esteemed Euphonium Artist Performs Live Nov. 11 at LSC-NH, Offers Free Master Classes

Houston, Texas (October 31, 2023) – If you are a musician or know a musician who is interested in improving your chances of advancing in the all-state auditions, Lone Star College-North Harris has the answer. On Saturday, Nov. 11, esteemed euphonium artist, Dr. Gail Robertson, and several talented



musicians will be joining together to offer a free master class and clinic to
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The East Aldine District hosted a Fall Festival and DIA DE LOS MUERTOS last Saturday, October 28 from 11am to 3pm at the East Aldine Amphitheatre. Families came to pay their respect and celebrate memories of their departed relatives.

The event included Music, Live Entertainment, Food, Hay Ride, Pumpkin Patch, Haunted House, and a Costume Contest.

Local groups decorated altars in memory of those departed.

The Day of the Dead is a holiday traditionally celebrated on November 1 and 2, though other days may be included depending on the locality. It is widely observed in Mexico, where it largely developed, and is also observed in other places, especially by people of Mexican heritage.

Celebrations: Creation Continued. See DIA DE LOS MUERTOS on Page 7



An Altar in memory of the Dead. Deputy Garza in a mask, with a lady in an elaborate dress.



A skeleton stilt man watches over the crowds.



Traditional Mexican costumes on the Dancers.



A musician dressed as a ghost.

Jeds Hardware marks 50th Anniversary

EAST ALDINE – Jed's Hardware Store is one of the oldest merchants in Northeast Houston, and to celebrate their 50th anniversary they held a special celebration party and sales event last Friday, Oct. 27.

Jed's Co-founder is Clyde Bailey, who also was the first chairman of the East Aldine Management District. The party was held at the parking lot and store on Aldine Mail Route, and included five hours of giveaways, food and drinks, games, music, product demonstrations, sales items, and a Dunk Tank!



JED'S Co-Founder and East Aldine Founder Clyde Bailey was joined by Marina Sugg, Flor Zarzoza, and Patti Acosta at the Celebration.



The Dunk Tank was kept busy by sharpshooters enjoying the chance to dunk a Jed's employee.



Food, Games, and Door Prizes as well as shopping specials kept everyone busy and happy at the 50th Anniversary Event.

10th Annual Golf Tournament Raises Funds for Aldine Ed. Fdtn.

ALDINE – The Aldine Education Foundation proudly hosted its sold-out M.B. "Sonny" Donaldson Golf Tournament at Tour 18 in Humble, Texas on Thursday, October 26. This well-attended event served as a vital fundraiser, generating much-needed support for Aldine Independent School District (AISD) student scholarships and educator grants.

Former Aldine ISD Superintendent and the event's namesake, M.B. Sonny Donaldson, played a crucial role in welcoming Title Sponsor GFL Environmental, along with a multitude of returning and new sponsors. The M.B. "Sonny" Donaldson Golf Tournament has a storied history of supporting educational opportunities for



On hand for the Golf Tournament were Sonny Donaldson, AISD Superintendent LaTonya Goffney, and AEF board president Craig Brast.

Aldine ISD students, with this year's contributions pushing the total raised to over \$725,000.

A unique aspect of this year's tournament was the presentation of one-of-a-kind art pieces, professionally framed, created by budding AISD artists from Cypresswood Elementary.

These students were skillfully guided by Kaileigh Newman, Director of Visual Arts, and Yvonne Lopez-Taylor, the 20-21 Region 4 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Innovating to enhance

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SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 11

Longhorns looking to take care of business at TCU: Texans face tough road test against hot Bengals

As the college football season enters its final three weeks, things are starting to heat up in a number of conferences.

In the Big 12, Texas will hit the road to Fort Worth to take on a TCU team that has struggled this year. Last year, Sonny Dyke's Horned Frogs made it to the College Football Playoff title game, where they were routed by Georgia (65-7). It's been a tough year for the Frogs this year, but an upset win over No. 7-ranked UT would make their season.

Texas head coach Steve Sarkisian is well aware his team needs to win out to have a shot at playing in the Big 12 title game in Arlington on Dec. 2. Two weeks ago, Texas dominated BYU with back-up Maalik Murphy who filled in admirably for starter Quinn Ewers, who missed the game with a shoulder injury. Murphy tossed two TD passes and led the UT offense to 35 points. If Ewers is out again this weekend, the UT offense should be in solid hands with Murphy under center.

KEENEY'S KORNER

By
MIKE KEENEY

Other key games this weekend has Miami visiting No. 4-ranked Florida State as the two long-time and bitter rivals meet in Tallahassee. The Seminoles won their first eight games and have their sights set on not only an ACC title, but a spot in the CFP playoffs.

No. 8-ranked Alabama hits the road to take on a Kentucky team that could prove to be a thorn in Nick Saban's side. The Crimson Tide will be coming off an emotional and physical game against LSU the previous week, so it will be interesting to see what they have left in the tank.

There's a big one in the Big 10

as No. 2-ranked Michigan visits No. 9-ranked Penn State. PSU head coach James Franklin is 4-15 against Ohio State and Michigan, and the Nittany Lion faithful are sick and tired of losing to the two premiere teams in the conference. Michigan has been embroiled in a bit of controversy as the NCAA and the federal government are investigating charges that the Wolverines have been stealing signs from opponents over the last couple of seasons.

In the SEC, No. 11-ranked

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LSC-NH Music Performance,

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all who register. The day of music will be capped off with a recital featuring Dr. Robertson and Dr. Kazuo Murakami in the Performing Arts Theater. Dr. Robertson is visiting from the University of Central Arkansas where she serves as an Associate Professor of Music, with a focus on tuba and euphonium. She was a musical supervisor/chief arranger and produced a highly acclaimed CD, *Tubas Under the Boardwalk*. Dr. Robertson is also the Past President of the International Tuba and Euphonium Association (ITEA). Musicians are invited to bring their horns and get ready to learn amazing

techniques. The event is open to musicians who play flute/piccolo, soprano clarinet, saxophone (alto/tenor/baritone), trumpet, trombone (bass and tenor), euphonium, and tuba. LSC-North Harris 2023 TMEA All-State Masterclasses November 11 1:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Fine Arts Building 2700 W.W. Thorne Dr. Houston, TX 77073 ### Lone Star College enrolls over 80,000 students each semester providing high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today

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Suspect Arrested, Charged in Stabbing at 9530 Jensen Drive

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the stabbing of a male at 9530 Jensen Drive that occurred about 2:45 a.m. on Thursday (October 19). The suspect, Ronald Wayne James, 59, is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the 351st State District Court. A booking photo of James is attached to this news release. The victim was transported to an area hospital in critical condition and is expected to survive his injuries. HPD Major Assaults

& Family Violence Division Detectives C. Brown and J. Windham reported: HPD patrol officers responded to a stabbing in the 2800 block of Turner Street, where they located James and detained him without incident. Officers also located the victim who had suffered a stab wound to the abdomen. Houston Fire Department paramedics transported the victim to the hospital. Further investigation and evidence from the scene identified James as the suspect and determined the stabbing occurred in



Ronald Wayne James

the parking lot of a convenience store at 9530 Jensen Drive. The Harris County District Attorney's Office was consulted and James was subsequently charged for his role in the incident.

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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

Bilingual Toddler Time
We'll read stories, sing songs, and use our hands (for fingerplays) to help toddlers build their early literacy skills. This program is appropriate for children ages 18 months to 3 years old. **Monday, Nov. 6, 11-11:45am.**
Leeremos historias, cantaremos canciones y usaremos nuestras manos (para juegos con los dedos) para ayudar a los niños pequeños a desarrollar sus habilidades de alfabetización temprana. Este programa es apropiado para niños de 25 meses a 3 años.
Bilingual Story Time/Tiempo de cuentos Bilingue
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. Children of all ages are welcome!
¡Estás invitado a asistir a tiempo de cuentos cada martes a las 11 am. Tiempo de cuentos es una excelente manera para que los niños desarrollen habilidades de alfabetización temprana con libros, rimas y canciones. Animamos a los padres a sentarse con los niños y canten las canciones con nosotros. ¡Los niños de todas las edades son bienvenidos!
Kids Indoor Obstacle Course
Come on by and race to the finish line! We'll transform our meeting room into an obstacle course that's safe for children 5 + up to complete. Parents are welcome to cheer their kids on! Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2-3pm. Open to kids of all ages. No registration required.
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Pre-regístrate aquí: <https://forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy>
* Important- Instructions are in Spanish language; Software (Windows OS, Office 365, Google) apps are all in English language.
Nivel -1 Habilidades Esenciales- **Martes- 5:00 a 6:45 PM:** Computer Essential Skills (Spanish computer class)
- Aprenderá a como obtener las habilidades esenciales sobre: Navegación con Windows, navegación por Internet e interface, tipos de navegadores, consejos de seguridad, correo electrónico e interface, y otros temas relacionados a la tecnología con enfoque para empleos y uso personal en un nivel para principiantes
Nami Family & Friends: Mental Health Seminar

informs people who have loved ones with a mental health condition how to best support them. It's an opportunity for participants to meet other people in similar situations and gain community support. It also educates the community about mental health conditions and is open to the public. **Wednesday, Nov. 8, 4-5:30pm.**

The seminar is led by trained people with lived experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. They walk participants through the following topics: Understanding diagnoses, treatment and recovery
Effective communication strategies
The importance of self-care
Crisis preparation strategies
NAMI and community resources
There is a free NAMI Family & Friends companion eBook available that provides important information about mental health conditions including: conditions and diagnoses, treatment and recovery, crisis planning, resources and more.

Teen Thursday
Teen Thursdays at Aldine Branch Library are a fun, safe environment for teens ages (12-18) to hang out after school! Join us as we play games, watch anime, and hang out! **Thursday, Nov. 9, 3:30 - 5:30pm.**

Kids Club: Crafts!
Let's get creative! Join us at 5 pm every Thursday for our weekly crafts at Aldine! (Don't forget, this is a great opportunity for kids to work on essential life skills like sharing, reading instructions, cutting, gluing, and working in a group.) **Thursday, Nov. 9, 5-7pm.**
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Nivel 2- Intermedio-**Jueves- 5:00 a 6:45 PM:** Cloud Computing-Google workspace + Office 365 (Spanish computer class)- Computación en la nube- Aprenderá sobre los servicios de Google (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms), Microsoft Office 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint). Además, cubriremos otras aplicaciones como: Adobe Sparks, Canva, Box y otras apps. El enfoque general de de las practicas de computación serán para su uso en empleos y uso personal. Importante: * Se determinará sus habilidades y el nivel de su clase con una evaluación de habilidades en la computadora durante su primer día de su asistencia
* requerirá una cuenta de [google.com](https://www.google.com) y [outlook.com](https://www.outlook.com) para acceder a las aplicaciones y programas gratuitos de la internet
Formato de la clase: Instrucciones son en Español y las aplicaciones (Windows, Office 365, Google apps) son todas en Inglés

Diabetes Workshop
Join Molina Healthcare for free informative sessions on Diabetes! Discover the ins and outs of Type 1 and 2 diabetes, and how it impacts our well-being. Don't miss out on the nutrition segment and a delightful healthy snacks food demonstration. **Saturday, Nov 11th at 11 am & Monday, Nov 13th at 12 pm.**
Coffee & Conversation
Are you learning to speak English as a second (or third or fourth, etc.) language and would like to practice speaking English in a casual, low-stress environment? Join us for Coffee & Conversation where you can have conversations with native English speakers as we do fun activities. **Saturday, Nov. 11, 2-3pm.**

Adult Volunteers
Would you like to be a part of making an impact on people's lives? Are you looking for a meaningful way to spend your time? We are looking for adult volunteers to help with tasks and programs at the library as well as volunteers to teach English language classes, citizenship classes, or computer classes in person and virtually. Pick up an application at the Aldine Branch Library, call 832-927-5410, or click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/qSzMSpi-aTL>.

Passport Services
Do have plans to travel out of the country for the holidays? You need to get your passport in order NOW! Current routine processing is estimated at 10 weeks and expedited processing time is estimated at 7 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 Fridays on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to get a passport executed must have all necessary documents, photos, copies, and required people present with them to be added on the list to be seen. Sign-in starts at 1pm.

Michelle Pichon
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NAMI Family & Friends is a free 90-minute presentation that

SCHOOL NEWS PAGE



Message From the Superintendent, November 3, 2023

Dear Aldine Community,

Each year, our high schools hold voter registrations, and my office sets out to remind staff members, students, and families that if they are eligible to vote, to go out and vote. When it comes to making a difference in the world, our state, or our communities, there are two ways to do it: through your voice and your vote.

Voting is something important to me. Each election cycle reminds me of the importance of casting our vote. It reminds me of people like my grandmother and those who came before her and fought for the right to vote. It is why I vote every year in every election and am involved in our future as a community, a city, a state, and a nation. And I hope you will vote this election cycle.

Your vote is your voice — su voto es su voz. Find the power in your voice. Make a plan to vote.

Early Voting runs through Friday, November 3, and Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. Check out the voting information and active links in this newsletter edition.

Also on my mind is the future. I have mentioned in previous editions that we are in the last year of the five-year strategic plan, A New Way Forward. We have been working on developing a new strategic plan as we continue the work to ensure all students have access to high-quality school and learning experiences and graduate with choices and opportunities. A part of that work involves developing a Portrait of a Graduate. In this work, we would appreciate your feedback.

We need to know what is important to you and what you want for our students. I would like you to take the survey. You can find the link in this edition, too, by looking for the short post about it. The survey closes at midnight on Sunday, November 5.

I would love to see every registered voter hitting the polls. Share your “I Voted” sticker images. And I want to learn what ya’ll want for the Portrait of a Graduate. Let’s show everyone that the Aldine ISD community votes and is helping shape the future of our students!

In this issue, you will also find hyperlinks to new district stories, information about Bond 2023, bond projects, voting resources, and more!

With Aldine Pride!
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent of Schools Aldine ISD

Aldine ISD Hosts Fall Family Conference

On Saturday, Oct. 21, Aldine ISD’s Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Department hosted its annual Fall Family Conference at Davis High School. Approximately 230 families from across the district attended the event to learn more about what FACE has to offer.

The families were joined by 28 district partners who attended the event. Each partner shared valuable information about their organization. There were several health exhibitors, all providing information about services, including blood pressure checks by UT physicians.

The event was divided into two breakout sessions for families. During the breakout sessions, families were able to learn about financial aid for college, sessions such as: “Your Home Buying Journey,” “Diabetes Patient Resources,” and “The Head Start Way.” The sessions were offered in both Spanish and English, and families were able to participate in their preferred language.

After attending the breakout sessions, families



returned to the main welcome area where they could interact with various community partners and district leaders, including the Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and members of the Aldine Police Department.

It was a fun morning at Davis High School, students and their families enjoyed the breakout sessions, balloon making, a 360° photo booth, and a

performance by Ballet Folklorico Citlalli. In addition, families who attended the conference were given weighted blankets, stencil kits, and personal planners.

Aldine ISD is committed to strengthening families in the district, and FACE events such as these are ways in which AISD is able to uphold those values. For more information about FACE, and any upcoming events they are having.



District Administrative Staff Hold ‘Día de los Muertos’ Celebration

On November 2, the district’s Donaldson Administrative Building staff celebrated Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). This festive, social occasion developed from ancient traditions of the Aztecs and welcomes the return of those who have died and recognizes the cycles of life and death. The holiday was developed mainly in Mexico. However, it is observed in other places. Día de los Muertos focuses on remembering deceased family members and friends.



The Family and Community Engagement Department coordinated to create an ofrenda or altar with images of family and friends who have died. Traditionally, the ofrenda includes the main elements — earth, wind, water, and fire. The ofrendas also have offerings like the deceased’s favorite foods, beverages, and memorabilia. They also provided Mexican pastries and coffee for the staff to enjoy. Each year, staff who want to participate are encouraged to bring photos to the Family and Community Engagement Office by November 1. FACE includes the pictures to create an ofrenda to showcase on November 2.

Origins of Day of the Dead

The idea of celebrating loved ones who have passed comes from the traditions of the native peoples, such as the Aztecs, Mayans, Olmecs, and Toltecs, of what is now Mexico and Central America. Traditions among different groups varied, but all shared the concept of an afterlife. They believed that life and death were part of nature’s cycle.

When Spanish conquistadors arrived in Mexico in the 16th century, they brought their faith, including All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrations. Day of the Dead celebrations developed from intermingling indigenous and Spanish priests’ traditions.

Day of the Dead Today

Today, November 1, is dedicated to honoring the children who have died and is often called Día de los angelitos or Day of the Little Angels. November 2 is reserved to honor the adults who have passed.

Key Words

Ofrenda — altar; ofrendas light the way home
Calaveras — skulls; symbolize death and rebirth
Calacas — skeletal figurines
La catrina — a stately female skeleton in a flowered hat and long dress
Cempasuchil — a type of marigold flower
Papel picado — colorful, artfully cut pieces of crepe paper
Pan de muertos — special bread representing the souls of the dead
Incense (copal) = represents the changing of the physical to the spiritual
Salt and water represent ongoing life
Candles represent light, faith, and hope
Fresh flowers, especially marigolds, represent the fleetingness of life
Monarch butterflies were believed to be the souls of the departed journeying back to the land of the living.

Alebríjes are brightly colored Mexican folk art sculptures of fantastical (fantasy/mythical) creatures.
Comparsa — It is a carnival-like celebration where people dress up in costumes and dance.

Tapete de arena — In some regions of Mexico, sand sculptures or tapestries (tapetes de arena) are a vital part of the celebration. These are created with sand and pigment and sometimes other elements such as seeds, beans, flower petals, and sawdust. They may depict religious themes, but more often, they playfully represent death.
Xoloitzcuintli dog — Is an ancient hairless dog breed (that Frida Kahlo once had as a pet) is associated with Día de los Muertos because the dog breed was known to accompany spirits into the underworld, so the figurine of the dog is placed on altars as a spirit guide.

Families gather to prepare for the holiday several days in advance in Mexico, Central America, South America, and places where the Día de los Muertos is observed. Preparations first include cleaning the gravesite of loved ones and cleaning the home. They will then prepare their favorite foods, such as pan de muertos or bread of the dead. There is an ofrenda decorated with flowers, photos of deceased family members, and offerings for the dead in many homes. Family members will also decorate and place offerings for the dead at their gravesites. They believe that the spirits of their deceased relatives will visit on the Day of the Dead because the offerings entice them to return. Some families will spend most of the night in the cemetery singing and eating to celebrate the spiritual return of their loved ones.

Most festivals feature calaveras, which once symbolized death and rebirth to the ancient people. Calaveras are often made of sugar or clay. In towns and cities throughout Mexico, revelers don makeup and costumes to look like calaveras or skeletons in fancy dresses called catrinas and hold parades and parties. In some Día De Los Muertos regional celebrations, people wear wooden skull masks called calacas and dance to honor their deceased relatives.

Día de los Muertos is an explosion of color and life-affirming joy. It is about remembering loved ones — family members and friends — who have passed and demonstrating love and respect for them.



Staff celebrate the Day of the Dead at the Donaldson Administration Building on November 2, 2023

OPINION PAGE

COUNTY MATTERS
Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo




Judge Lina Hidalgo reading letters of support on her return to work.

Glad to be Back

Harris County, it feels so wonderful to be home! I've been living with depression for a very long time, and this summer I finally sought the treatment that I needed. Right now I am feeling so lucky — lucky that I had the doctors to help me pinpoint what was wrong, lucky that I had the support system to help me get the care I needed, and lucky that you, the constituents that elected me as County Judge, have shown me so much support and understanding. The messages and calls I have received were so incredibly powerful and encouraging.

I know I'm not alone in facing depression. In our country, there's a perfect storm brewing when it comes to mental health. Even before the pandemic, mental illness was one of the most common health problems among adults in the U.S. As a result of COVID, in Harris County we saw an increase in substance abuse, and many residents reported heightened stress and anxiety. Two years into the pandemic, the Texas Children's Hospital recorded an 800% jump in children and youth intakes related to behavioral health. And in Texas, 62% of people living with a mental illness do not receive any treatment.

I am coming forward and speaking about my experience because I don't want other people to feel like they have to suffer in silence. I was fortunate enough to be able to get treatment, and I want to demystify mental health care so that others feel comfortable getting treatment as well. This month is National Depression and Health Screening Month, and there is never a better time than the present to seek help. If you are in need of mental health resources, please contact the Harris Center or your health provider. Below are some resources you can reach out to:

The Harris Center: You can call Harris County's 24/7 crisis line at 713-970-7000 or visit www.theharriscenter.org.

The National 988 Suicide and Crisis Line: If you know someone outside of Harris County who needs help, encourage them to call the National Crisis Lifeline at 9-8-8.

I know that my story won't singlehandedly change the way we think about mental health, but I hope it does bring us one step closer to ending the stigma. My journey fighting depression isn't over, but now I have the tools I need for the road ahead. I am dedicated to making those tools accessible to everyone in Harris County who needs them.

Sincerely,
Lina Hidalgo

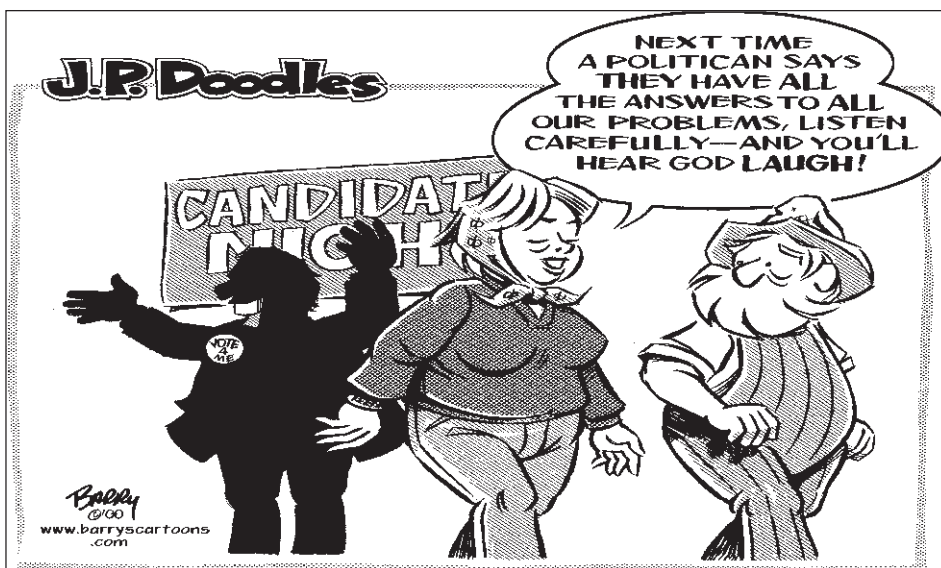
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Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo



New Childcare openings created

Research shows us that kids who participate in a high-quality early childhood program are more likely to graduate from college and less likely to be involved in the criminal justice system, become homeless, or struggle with food insecurity. Despite this, there are not enough high-quality child care seats for kids in Harris County.

In October, Harris County Commissioners Court approved four awards totaling \$15.5 million to community organizations Children at Risk, the East Harris County Empowerment Council, VN Teamwork, Inc., and the YMCA of Greater Houston to form the Early Learning Quality Network. Together, the organizations will support and connect child care providers in establishing guidelines for high quality care in the community. The initiative is another piece of Harris County's much larger strategy to invest in early childhood education and quality child care. Based on other cities who have implemented similar programs, an estimated 4,000 children in Harris County will receive a higher-quality child care experience as a result of this program.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Special Session Likely to End with No Voucher Deal

As the clock ran down on the Legislature's third special session, Texas House and Senate leaders exchanged barbs over Gov. Greg Abbott's school choice bill and border security proposals, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

In a social media post, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said House Speaker Dade Phelan "wasted another special session" as that chamber failed to even consider Abbott's measure to use public money for private tuition, commonly known as vouchers.

The Senate early in the session passed a school choice measure that has gone nowhere in the House, where a combination of Democrats and rural Republican lawmakers have stood firm in opposition to vouchers since the regular session began in January.

Caught in the rift between the two chambers' leaders is a House border security bill that originally allowed law enforcement officers to expel anyone who illegally crosses the border. Patrick led efforts in the Senate to change the bill to require officers to hand over illegal migrants to federal authorities.

"The Speaker is desperate to improve his border credentials with conservatives and sent the House version of HB4 over to the Senate," Patrick said. "The bill's author claimed it's the toughest border bill ever, but it is simply a Texas-sized catch-and-release bill."

Phelan called the Senate's revamped version "a long-term, state-funded hospitality program for illegal immigrants" and said the House would not accept the Senate's version, the Statesman reported.

Abbott is considered likely soon to call a fourth special session.

PAXTON'S SECURITIES FRAUD TRIAL SET FOR APRIL 15

More than eight years after being charged with securities fraud, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton will go to trial in Houston on April 15, according to the Texas Tribune. State District Judge Andrea Beall scheduled the trial during a hearing last week. Paxton is accused of trying to solicit investors in a McKinney technology company without disclosing the com-



pany was paying him to promote its stock, a charge he has denied.

Paxton was acquitted in September in an impeachment trial in the Senate.

Beall also ruled last week that Collin County must pay special prosecutors \$300 an hour for their work in the case. The county had attempted to limit their pay to \$2,000 total, according to The Dallas Morning News. The judge called that amount "wholly unreasonable" and "arbitrary and capricious." The legal fees have been estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Paxton could face up to 99 in years in prison if convicted of the most serious charges.

TEXAS IS WORLD'S BITCOIN MINING CAPITAL

For better or worse, Texas is now the Bitcoin mining capital of the world, which could have an impact on the ERCOT-run power grid, according to The News.

Bitcoin mining requires vast amounts of electricity. Companies are also earning millions of dollars in energy credits by voluntarily shutting down when the grid is reaching capacity. For example, a large-scale Bitcoin operation in Rockdale received \$31.7 million in energy credits for powering down — nearly four times what it made actually mining Bitcoin that month, according to Texas Monthly.

Bitcoin mining companies in Texas now account for about half of all Bitcoin mining in the United States, which also makes it the world leader. Bitcoin mining accounts for up to 3% of industrial power usage in Texas, according to The News.

TEXAS JOB GROWTH FALLS BELOW NATIONAL RATE

For the first time since last November, Texas job growth fell below the national rate in August, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. However, from last December through August 2023, the state's job growth outpaced the U.S.

The state comptroller's office has pulled back from a January prediction of a mild recession for Texas.

"We anticipated slower growth in our revenue estimate, but we also know that Texas' economy is better positioned than other state economies and the national economy to absorb slower growth rates," Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

His office credits a diverse economy and relatively low taxes and regulation for the state's economic successes. Migration also plays a crucial role, according to Pia Orrenius with the Fed.

"Really, the secret sauce in Texas is the economic growth that is sustained by both firms and people moving to the state," she said.

STATE FUNDING DOESN'T COVER SCHOOL SECURITY MANDATES

New laws that require school districts to enact a number of safety measures in the wake of the Uvalde school shooting are costing school districts far more than the \$1.4 billion that was allocated, superintendents across the state told the Texas Tribune.

A measure that would have allocated an additional \$4.5 billion died because of squabbling over voucher programs, and the same appears to be likely in the latest special session.

Hearne ISD superintendent Adrain Johnson said his rural district has been forced to spend its own money on new safety measures.

"It's disappointing that we didn't get the funding to do it at a level that doesn't hurt the district and allows us to keep most of our funding dedicated to the education of children," he said.

TEXAS STILL TOP STATE FOR DOMESTIC MIGRATION

Texas in 2022 continued to be the leading destination for people moving to another state in the U.S., according to the Texas Demographic Center.

"Texas has consistently been one of the fastest-growing states in the country, and the flow of individuals and families moving to the Lone Star State has played a pivotal role in this growth," according to the TDC.

Most of the people moving to Texas came from California, Florida, Oklahoma and Colorado, the report said.

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Fancy New Gloves

My Auntie Jo gave me a beautiful pair of gloves yesterday. They are elegant, with embroidery on the top, and I immediately did what I usually do—I put them away for safekeeping.

"I'll wear these to something special!" I told myself.

I have a date to go with my niece to see "Peter Pan" in December. I decided I would wear those gloves when I go out with my beautiful 20-year-old niece before she heads out to Spain to study for a semester in Madrid. That will certainly be an occasion worthy of these gloves, I thought.

"I might need a hat to wear with these gloves," I got to thinking.

Winter hats, to be brutally honest, are usually one of two things. They are fashionable, or they are warm. I know there are a few that straddle the gap between the two, but it is rare. I went browsing online, looking for a hat that might be worthy of these gloves. I thought how nice it is to have things to look forward to.

My husband, Peter, and I will be returning to Mexico for a few weeks before Christmas, and I am looking forward to that. I look forward to seeing our friends down there and finding out what changes there have been at the hotel. Peter already has his suitcase out and is steadily popping things into it. I know he enjoys this. He enjoys the process of planning his trip, one item at a time. I usually wait until a day or two beforehand and stuff everything in at once.

But I have other things to look forward to as well.

Yesterday, I went to church with my Auntie Jo and my sister. My sister's husband is a newly ordained minister, and he just began work at his first church. It is a late-in-life new career, and he is very good at it. His congregation was warm and welcoming, and he preached a great sermon. Afterward, my sister and my aunt and I went out, had a cup of coffee and split a couple of pastries at a Mexican mercado. My sister told us about her gardening plans. I talked about our planned trip to Mexico. My aunt told us both how much she enjoyed spending time with us.

"We have to do this again!" Auntie Jo said.

"When I'm back in December, for sure!" I answered.

When they dropped me off at home, my aunt gave me the little gift bag with the gloves inside.

"What is this?" I asked. "It's for your birthday," she told me, which was surprising, since my birthday was three months ago.

Time passes so quickly. We will be in Mexico soon and back before we know it. Another Christmas will come, and a new year will be here.

I thought of how quickly the months go by. Then I went to the coat closet, reached up on the shelf, pulled down those beautiful gloves my aunt had just given me, and I put them on.

There is no need to save these gloves for a special day.

Because this day—this going to church together and having coffee and sharing pastries and plans day—was as special as any day could be. I don't know how many more days I will spend with my sister and Auntie Jo. I hope there will be many. But I don't know. None of us do.

So I put on my fancy new gloves with my jacket and my walking shoes, and I headed out the door.

Till next time,
Carrie

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SPORTS PAGE

SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 11

Longhorns looking to take care of business at TCU: Texans face tough road test against hot Bengals

Mississippi visits No. 1-ranked Georgia as Lane Kiffin's high-powered offense will take on the stingy Bulldog defense between the hedges on Saturday.

In the Pac 12, No. 24-ranked USC visits No. 6-ranked Oregon, in what should be an offensive shootout. The Trojans can score with any team in the country, their problem is their defense is horrendous. In their last five games, the USC defense has given up 213 points (47 points per game). That unit had better get better quickly if they hope to slow down the high-scoring Ducks.

In NFL action this weekend, Week 10 features some interesting matchups. Cleveland visits Baltimore in a key AFC North contest. The Browns hope to have starting QB Deshaun Watson back. Watson has missed much of the season dealing with an injured throwing shoulder.

The Texans, who two weeks ago dropped a tough 15-13 decision at Carolina, have a tough one this Sunday when they visit Cincinnati to take on a very hot Bengals team.

The Cowboys host the hapless Giants, while the struggling 49ers (losers of three straight games heading into last week's bye) take on the surging Jaguars in Jacksonville. Sunday Night Football features the Jets at the Raiders, and week 10 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Broncos visiting the Bills.

Before we take a look at those games, we need to give a shoutout to the Nimitz Cougars. Head coach Cornelius Harmon's young team won its eighth game of the season two weeks ago with a 44-24 thumping of Spring High School. The Cougars are playoff bound for the third straight season and have a young and explosive team. The future is indeed bright for Nimitz.

Let's review last week's record. A 9-3 week brought the season record to 63-35 (66%).

Now, onto this weekend's game.

NCAA

Miami at Florida State: This used to be one of the biggest games annually in college



KEENEY'S KORNER
By
MIKE KEENEY

football, but both programs have been down a bit over the last decade but it appears Florida State is on its way back, while Miami is still looking to regain that old magic form. FSU is ranked No. 4 in the country, while Miami has won six of its first eight games. The Seminoles have one of the top dual-threat QBs in Jordan Travis (2,109 passing yards, 18 TDs/205 rushing yards, 6 TDs), and he has plenty of weapons in running back Troy Benson (574 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receivers Keon Coleman (35 receptions, 538 yards, 9 TDs) and Johnny Wilson (25 receptions, 415 yards, 2 TDs). Miami is led by QB Tyler VanWinkle (1,884 yards, 16 TDs/8 interceptions). Look for FSU to roll over their in-state rivals on Saturday. My pick, Florida State 34, Miami 16

Alabama at Kentucky: The Crimson Tide visit Kentucky after coming off what should be an emotional and physical game against LSU. Saban will have his team ready to take on a Wildcats team that has a suspect defense. Look for Bama QB Jalen Milroe (1,617 yards, 13 TDs) running back Jase McClellan (569 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Jermaine Burton (23 receptions, 505 yards, 5 TDs) to carve up the Kentucky defense. My pick, Alabama 33, Kentucky 14

Michigan at Penn State: A big one in the Big 10 has the Wolverines visiting the Nittany Lions in a game PSU head coach James Franklin badly needs to win. As mentioned earlier, Franklin is just 4-15 against the league's top two teams, Ohio State and Michigan. His offense could be in for a long day as it will face a Wolverine defense that allows just 6 points per game (Michigan has allowed just 47 points in its first eight games). PSU has some weapons on offense led by QB Drew Aller

(1,655 yards, 16 TDs), running back Kaytron Allen (482 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Keandre Lambert-Smith (43 receptions, 550 yards, 4 TDs). Michigan is pretty good on offense as well led by QB J.J. McCarthy (1,789 yards, 18 TDs), running back Blake Corum (605 yards, 13 TDs) and wide receiver Roman Wilson (27 receptions, 446 yards, 10 TDs). Look for the Michigan defense to put the clamps down on the Penn State offense as the Wolverines set their sights on a showdown with No. 3-ranked Ohio State on Thanksgiving weekend. My pick, Michigan 26, Penn State 8

Mississippi at Georgia: Lane Kiffin and his No. 11-ranked Rebels will try to end Georgia's 26 game winning streak. Good luck with that. The Bulldogs lost a ton of talent from last year's national championship team, but head coach Kirby Smart has simply reloaded. First-year starting QB Carson Beck (2,462 yards, 14 TDs) has the offense humming. He has a solid running back in Dajun Edwards (555 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Dominic Lovett (35 receptions, 365 yards, 1 TD). Ole Miss has some offensive weapons of their own in QB Jaxon Dart (2,080 passing yards, 14 TDs/326 rushing yards, 7 TDs), speedy running back Quinshon Judkins (691 yards, 9 TDs) and big-play wideout Jordan Watkins (39 receptions, 580 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the Georgia defense to slow down the speedy Rebs as the 'Dogs look to wrap up the SEC East. My pick, Georgia 36, Mississippi 18

Texas at TCU: No. 7-ranked Texas visits TCU on Saturday looking to remain in the hunt for a spot in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 2. UT might still be without starting QB Quinn Ewers (1,915 passing yards, 13 TDs) who injured his shoulder on Oct. 21

and backup Maalik Murphy (217 yards, 2 TDs) took care of the 'Horns offense two weeks ago in a 35-6 win over BYU by throwing two touchdown passes. Head coach Steve Sarkisian said he's confident the UT offense will be fine with Murphy under center. Texas has one of the nation's best running backs in Jonathon Brooks (923 yards, 7 TDs) and an explosive wide receiver in Xavier Worthy (44 receptions, 572 yards, 4 TDs). TCU has struggled this year and is down to its second QB, but they have a solid running back in Emani Bailey (851 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the UT defense to bottle up Bailey and attack TCU early and often on offense. My pick, Texas 38, TCU 12

USC at Oregon: No. 24-ranked USC visits No. 6-ranked Oregon in a key Pac 12 game for both teams. USC had national title aspirations when the season began, and while they have a lot of talent on offense led by last year's Heisman Trophy winner in QB Caleb Williams (2,646 passing yards, 25 TDs/130 rushing yards, 9 TDs), running back MarShawn Lloyd (766 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Tahj Washington (35 receptions, 711 yards, 5 TDs), their defense has been dreadful in their last five games. That unit has given up 213 points (47 per game) and if they don't improve by Saturday, it could be another long day for Lincoln Riley's team. The Ducks are loaded on offense led by QB Bo Nix (2,337 yards, 21 TDs), running back Buckley Irving (732 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Troy Franklin (52 receptions, 867 yards, 9 TDs). Look for the Ducks offense to roll the USC defense as Oregon looks to land a spot in the Pac 12 title game. My pick, Oregon 41, USC 26

NFL

Cleveland at Baltimore: The Ravens host the Browns in an important AFC North game for both teams. The Browns have remained in the division race thanks to a stout defense, but they need to get Deshaun Watson (683 yards, 4 TDs) back under center if they hope to remain in playoff contention. Cleveland has found a capable replacement for the injured Nick Chubb at running back in Jerome Ford (381 yards, 2 TDs), but he will face a stout Ravens defense that will look to take him out of the game plan early. The Ravens appear to be putting things together on both

sides of the ball. The offense has put up 69 points in wins over Detroit and Arizona. QB Lamar Jackson (1,767 passing yards, 9 TDs/380 rushing yards, 5 TDs), has been playing well and has been getting help from running back Gus Edwards (426 yards, 5 TDs) and tight end Mark Andrews (32 receptions, 397 yards, 6 TDs). Look for the Baltimore defense to make some big plays in the fourth quarter to pull out the win. My pick, Baltimore 23, Cleveland 13

Houston at Cincinnati: Just when Texans fans thought they might have a playoff team, the hometown team lays an egg and loses to a winless Carolina team two weeks ago. Things get decidedly more difficult this week when Houston travels to Cincinnati to face a red hot Bengals team. Houston QB C.J. Stroud (1,800 yards, 9 TDs) and wide receiver Nico Collins (33 receptions, 577 yards, 3 TDs) will have their hands full against a pretty good Cincinnati defense. The Texans defense will also have its hands full taking on a hot Joe Burrow (1,513 yards, 10 TDs), running back Joe Mixon (453 yards, 2 TDs) and big-play wide receivers Ja'Marr Chase (60 receptions, 656 yards, 4 TDs) and Tyler Boyd (33 receptions, 244 yards, 2 TDs). Look for Burrow and Chase to have a big day to make it a long day for the Texans. My pick, Cincinnati 33, Houston 16

San Francisco at Jacksonville: The bye week could not have come at a better time for the struggling 49ers. After winning their first five games, the Niners dropped three straight heading into their bye week, while the Jags entered their bye week riding a five-game winning streak. SF QB Brock Purdy (2,033 yards, 12 TDs), running back Christian McCaffrey (652 rushing yards, 9 TDs/32 receptions, 292 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk (35 receptions, 620 yards, 2 TDs) need to get rolling again, but they will face a tough test against an underrated Jags defense. Jacksonville has a few offensive weapons of its own in QB Trevor Lawrence (1,935 yards, 9 TDs), running back Travis Etienne (583 yards, 8 total TDs) and wide receiver Christian Kirk (43 receptions, 520 yards, 3 TDs). Look for the Jags to continue the 49ers woes as they pick up a big home win on Sunday. My pick, Jacksonville 26, San Francisco 23

New York Giants at Dallas: These two teams met in Week 1 in New Jersey and the Cowboys defense dominated the Giants en route to a 40-0 victory. That game appeared to set the tone for the Giants who have been one of the more disappointing teams this year after making the playoffs in 2022. NY should have starting QB Daniel Jones back for this game after he missed three games with a neck injury, but it won't matter against a stout Dallas defense. Look for Micah Parsons and Co. to shut down NY running back Saquon Barkley (412 yards, 7 TDs) early and then go after Jones. The Dallas offense put up 43 points two weeks ago at home against the Rams and will be going after its 12th straight home win. Look for a big day from QB Dak Prescott (1,637 yards, 10 TDs) and wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (46 receptions, 633 yards, 3 TDs) as the Cowboys win another easy one over the Giants. My pick, Dallas 34, New York Giants 13

New York Jets at Las Vegas: Not a great one for Sunday Night Football, but the Jets are winning without Aaron Rodgers and with much maligned QB Zach Wilson (1,337 yards, 5 TDs), running back Breece Hall (443 yards, 3 TDs) and a stout defense. The Raiders appear to be going through the motions and two weeks ago in their 26-14 loss at Detroit. All Pro wide receiver Davanta Adams was held to one catch for just 11 yards. One day later, head coach Josh McDaniels was fired. Perhaps the coaching change will inspire the Raiders, but I doubt it. Look for the Jets defense to continue to frustrate Adams and the rest of the Vegas offense as they pick up a big road win. My pick, New York Jets 23, Las Vegas 13

Denver at Buffalo: Week 10 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Broncos visiting the Bills. Two weeks ago, Russell Wilson (1,613 yards, 16 TDs) and Denver upset the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs 24-9, while the Bill hung on to defeat Tampa Bay. Buffalo needs to get things going, so look for QB Josh Allen (2,165 passing yards, 17 TDs/189 rushing yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (64 receptions, 748 yards, 6 TDs) to have a big night as Buffalo looks to get on a roll. My pick, Buffalo 31, Denver 16

AEF Golf Tournament,

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fundraising efforts, a fabulous online silent auction was introduced, elegantly displayed in the dining room. The auction featured an array of unique items, such as "Whataburger for a year," a week-long retreat in a secluded and beautiful Kalispell, Montana home, a personalized guided tour of the Texas State Capitol by State Representative Armando Walle, and a host of other enticing offerings. Impressively, this inaugural auction raised nearly \$10,000, setting a high bar for future endeavors.

A key highlight of the event was the warm welcome and introductions by Craig Brast, President of the Aldine Education Foundation. He also took the opportunity to introduce fellow board members and express appreciation for all supporters. Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney acknowledged the foundation's relentless efforts in raising funds for Aldine ISD, discussed the upcoming bond election, and extended gratitude to the sponsors for their invaluable contributions.

The Golf Tournament Leadership Team, comprised of Bob Beasley, Craig Brast, Sidney Brewer, Jana Gonzales, Judy Hoya, Pastor David L. Smith, Lynette Sealy, and Mike Sosa, revealed this year's winners and distributed special awards, adding to the excitement of the day. Linda Flores Olson, Director of the Aldine Education Foundation, expressed her delight with the event, stating, "It is heartwarming to witness the unwavering support of our community for the young leaders of Aldine ISD."

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"BOOK CLUB: THE NEXT CHAPTER" (PG-13) — The sequel to the 2018 rom-com "Book Club," starring Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen, premieres Oct. 31 on streaming after bombing at the box office this May. Having continued their book club virtually through COVID-19, the four ladies reunite in person after the worst of the pandemic and decide to take a trip to Italy in celebration of Vivian's (Fonda) engagement. Of course, nothing goes as planned once their trip begins, but they use the current book that they're reading — Paolo Coelho's "The Alchemist" — as motivation for continuing their haphazard, yet surprisingly delightful adventure. Andy Garcia, Don Johnson and Craig T. Nelson also co-star. (Prime Video)



Bobby Cannavale, Bokeem Woodbine and Bill Burr star in "Old Dads."

"Old Dads"

"OLD DADS" (R) — In this comedy film out now, stand-up comedian and actor Bill Burr ("The Mandalorian") decides to take a seat in the director's chair for the first time. Burr, Bobby Cannavale ("The Watcher") and Bokeem Woodbine ("Ray") play a trio of out-of-touch Gen Xers struggling to find their place in the modern world after selling their vintage sports jersey business. Watching as their prized business gets gutted from the inside out and revamped by a younger boss, the three men are at a loss on how to find their way in a world that they barely recognize. Burr tied in many common grievances about political correctness that are often voiced by his generation, which might incite a laugh here and there, but doesn't necessarily make for great comedy. (Netflix)

"FELLOW TRAVELERS" (TV-MA) — Matt Bomer ("American Horror Story") and Jonathan Bailey ("Bridgerton") take on this steamy seven-episode miniseries that stretches from the 1950 Lavender Scare in the U.S. to the 1980 AIDS crisis. Bomer plays Hawkins Fuller, while Bailey portrays Tim Laughlin; the pair are political staffers who begin a forbidden and volatile relationship that starts in Washington, D.C. With Hawkins being a more serious and stoic man, the idealistic Tim divulges a different side to him, amid the fact that their political careers could be disintegrated in seconds if their affair was to be discovered. Allison Williams ("Get Out") and Jelani Alladin ("Tick, Tick... Boom!") also star in this political thriller series. The first episode is out now, with subsequent episodes releasing every Sunday. (Paramount+)

"NOCEBO" (NR) — As the Halloween season ends, so does the Halloween horror movie event. This year's event featured a handful of lesser-known movies, but it didn't mean that the horror was in short supply. This Filipino-Irish psychological thriller is no different. Eva Green ("Dark Shadows") plays children's fashion designer Christine, who viewers meet just as she develops a strange illness from a tick. Shortly thereafter, a woman named Diane (Chai Fonacier) appears at Christine's house to be her caretaker. While her unorthodox black magic practices turn off Christine and her family, Diane continues to miraculously treat Christine, but her appearing at Christine's house is far from a miracle — or a coincidence. Out now. (Hulu)

Dia de Los Muertos celebrated at East Aldine

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of home altars to remember the dead, traditional dishes for the Day of the Dead

Significance: Prayer and remembrance of friends and family members who have died.

The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pay respects and to remember friends and family members who have died. These celebrations can take a humorous

tone, as celebrants remember funny events and anecdotes about the departed.

Traditions connected with the holiday include honoring the deceased using calaveras and marigold flowers known as cempazúchitl, building home altars called ofrendas with the favorite foods and beverages of the departed, and visiting graves with these items as gifts for the de-

ceased. The celebration is not solely focused on the dead, as it is also common to give gifts to friends such as candy sugar skulls, to share traditional pan de muerto with family and friends, and to write light-hearted and often irreverent verses in the form of mock epitaphs dedicated to living friends and acquaintances, a literary form known as calaveras literarias.



Marina Sugg and Deputy Terry Garza with an Altar remembering many Officers who have given their life in Service to the Community.



These young performers take a bow after their show.



A Zombie makes his appearance at the Dia de Los Muertos.

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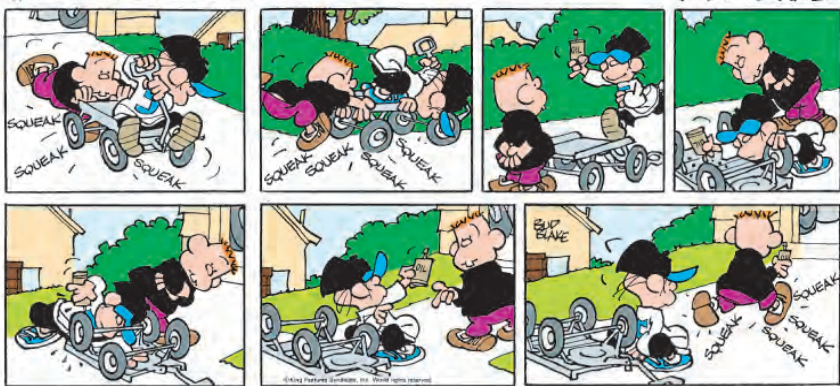
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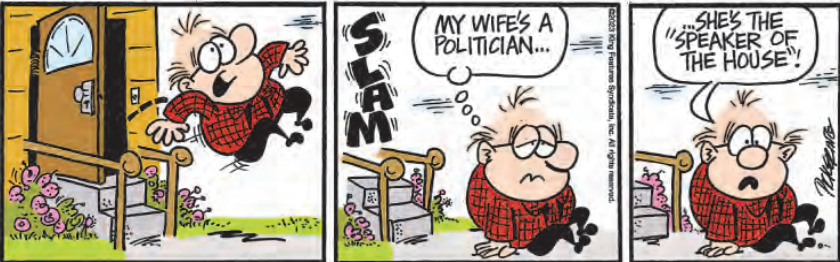
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 4, 5, 2, 1, 6, 7, 3, 9, 4, 7, 4, 8, 9, 1, 6, 8, 6, 5, 5, 7, 2, 2, 1, 6, 7, 3, 4, 8, 9

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is smaller; 2. Lunchbox is moved; 3. Jacket is open; 4. Hair bow is smaller; 5. Purple is missing; 6. Arm is lower

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King Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Angelic ring
5 Little rascal
8 Burlap fiber
12 Switchboard worker
14 Barak of Israel
15 Longtime CBS News anchor Walter
16 Chinese secret society
17 Aachen article
18 Glide
20 Long
23 Pack of cards
24 Wan
25 Wood eater
28 1959 Kingston Trio hit
29 Relinquish
30 Flamenco cheer
32 "Charlotte's Web" author
34 Boring
35 Unctuous
36 Test versions
37 Catch some Z's
40 Flow out
41 Young cow
42 Almost
47 Leer at
48 Acts altruistically
49 Despot
50 "Mayday!"
51 Phoenix cagers
10 Casserole base
11 Jittery
13 Related
19 Summit
20 Orange veggie
21 Noble Italian family
22 Pequod captain
23 God
25 Hindmost parts
26 Talk up
27 First lady of scat
29 Brainiac
31 Golfer Ernie
33 Stereo component
34 Fixes, as software
36 Cookouts, briefly
37 Highlander
38 Kvetches
39 Stewpot
40 Summers in Paris
43 Tic-tac-toe win
44 Debtor's note
45 Heavy weight
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King Crossword grid with numbers 1-51

- DOWN
1 Ad
2 Earth Day mo.
3 Zodiac cat
4 Cantankerous
5 "Don't rub —!"
6 Witticism
7 Keep from spoiling
8 Lakeside rental
9 "Oops!"
10 Casserole base
11 Jittery
13 Related
19 Summit
20 Orange veggie
21 Noble Italian family
22 Pequod captain
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. SCIENCE: What was Joseph Lister's main contribution to science?
2. HISTORY: Which pro football team won the very first Super Bowl?
3. MUSIC: What is the title of the Rolling Stones' 2023 album?
4. MOVIES: Who played the monster in Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein"?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How much of the popular vote did Abraham Lincoln receive when he was elected president in 1860?
6. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the ancient city of Petra located?
7. AD SLOGANS: What product was advertised by a man who kept saying, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing"?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is often called the national dish of Canada?
9. LANGUAGE: What does an oologist study?
10. TELEVISION: What does SVU stand for in "Law & Order: SVU"?

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FOOTBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

LAST WEEK'S SCORES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2
North Shore 55, Kingwood 7
Spring 40, Aldine Eisenhower 10
Spring Westfield 70, Aldine 0
Fort Bend Marshall 41, Dayton 7

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Porter 27, Barbers Hill 21 10T
Baytown Lee 28, Baytown Sterling 21
Port Neches-Groves 41, Galena Park 7
Crosby 61, Goose Creek Memorial 0

Little Cypress-Mauriceville 42, Huffman Hargrave 28
Davis 41, MacArthur 7
Dekaney 50, Nimitz 21
C. E. King 62, Beaumont West Brook 7

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Channelview 45, Pasadena Memorial 40

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
6A D1 PLAYOFFS
Deer Park (9-1) at Galena Park
North Shore (10-0) Thursday at 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium
Spring (5-5) at The Woodlands (7-3), Thursday at 7 p.m. at Shenandoah's Woodforest Bank Stadium
Conroe (5-5) at Spring Westfield (8-2), Friday 7 p.m. at Spring's Planet Ford Stadium

6A D2 PLAYOFFS
Aldine Nimitz (8-2) at Willis (10-0), Friday 7 p.m. at Willis Yates Stadium
Conroe Oak Ridge (7-3) at Spring DeKaney (8-2), Saturday 6 p.m. at Spring's Planet Ford Stadium
Sheldon C.E. King (7-3) at Channelview (5-5), Friday 7 p.m. at Channelview's Maddy Memorial Stadium

5A D1 PLAYOFFS
McKinney North (7-3) at Barbers Hill (8-2), Friday 7 p.m. at Mont Belvieu's Eagle Stadium

Trivia Test Answers
1. Argentina; 2. Mitchell; 3. Isaac Newton; 4. Stanley Kowalski; 5. White Russian; 6. "Cheers"; 7. The American Express card; 8. Distribution of light and dark in drawing and painting; 9. The Dakota apartment building; 10. Venus.

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Lone Star College to hold Student Career Readiness Series

HOUSTON (Oct. 9, 2023) – Entering the workforce is more than obtaining the required education or training; employees must also succeed in the job search process. Lone Star College Office of External and Employer Relations is holding several virtual Student Career Readiness Series events to prepare students for the jobs they want.

“Lone Star College offers students a well-rounded education, complete with competitive academic and workforce programming and career resources to help them gain entry into high-performing and lucrative career fields,” said Linda Leto Head, LSC senior associate vice chancellor, External and Employer Relations.

The LSC Student Career Readiness Series takes place this fall and spring 2024 via Zoom from 12-1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Attendees will learn crucial skills like resume writing and interviewing tips. Future events and topics are:

- Oct. 11: Resume Writing
- Nov. 8: One-on-One Assistance using Career Star
- Feb. 14: Interviewing Techniques
- March 20: Benefits of Working in Corporate America
- April 10: Starting or Growing Your Own Business

“Lone Star College knows that students will succeed in the workforce if they are properly prepared to get and ace the interview,” said Head. “Opportunities like the Student Career Readiness Series gives students a head start toward their career goals.”

The Lone Star College Student Career Coaching program works with students to explore career opportunities based on the student’s specific skills and talents. It also provides various resources and online seminars, like the Student Career Readiness Series, to help guide students through the job search process.

Visit LoneStar.edu/StudentCareer-Coaching to register for or join an upcoming LSC Student Career Readiness event or learn more about the LSC Student Career Coaching program.

Lone Star College adjusts Homestead Exemption rate to lower taxes for homeowners

HOUSTON – The Lone Star College Board of Trustees voted to approve an updated Homestead Exemption rate during its June meeting, resulting in homeowners paying less taxes for the 2023 tax year. The new Homestead Exemption will be \$5,000, or 8% of the assessed value of a home, whichever is greater. Homestead exemptions remove part of a home’s value from taxation thereby lowering the taxes owed.

“We heard from many citizens in our community asking Lone Star College to adopt these measures,” said Micheal Stoma, LSC Board of Trustees Chair. “We understand the hardships some homeowners face and feel this adjustment will provide some relief for them.”

The previous LSC Tax Exemption rate for an eligible homeowner was \$5,000 or 1% of market value, whichever was greater and provided them with a tax exemption of \$3,000 on a home valued at \$300,000. Under the new LSC Homestead Exemption, a homeowner will see a tax exemption of \$24,000.

“Lone Star College is committed to be-

ing good stewards to the community it serves,” said Mike Sullivan, LSC Board of Trustees Secretary. “Lone Star College continues to remain financially sound and will be able to continue to pay down its debt, saving even more money for the tax payers.”

In addition to adjusting the Homestead Exemption rate, the Trustees also voted to continue to provide an additional Homestead Exemption of \$75,000 for those on disability or over age 65.

“The 2023 proposed tax rate, scheduled for consideration in September 2023, will take into account the impact of these exemptions,” said Jim Cain, Ed.D., LSC Board of Trustee Assistant Secretary.” As a result, the proposed rate will ensure that the board generates adequate tax revenues to support the adopted budget.”

Texas Property Tax Code 11.13(n) mandates that any changes in the percentage homestead exemption must be adopted by the governing body of the taxing unit before July 1. The new exemptions will automatically renew for successive one-year terms until a change is needed.



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