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NEWS NOTES

East Aldine VET FEST Nov. 9th

We invite Veterans and their loved ones for our Veterans Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, November 9th 11 AM - 1 PM at the East Aldine Management District Office.

Don't miss the wonderful opportunity to express your gratitude to those who have served our country. Join us as we show our support and appreciation. Limited seating, Registration required: AldineDistrict.org/VF or call 713-595-1232.

*Military attire welcomed & encouraged!
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Fall Festival celebrates Dia de los Muertos

East Aldine held their annual Fall Festival last Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Town Center green. Hundreds of families came to see the Dia De Los Muertos displays, and to participate in the games and many vendors that were present.

The four hour event included music by Grupo Ace and Nico, food trucks and booths, prizes from the East Aldine District for best costume and best booth, a haunted house at BakerRipley, a moonwalk, a maze, and many games.

In spite of the heat, most folks had a great time. Marina Sugg said "Yesterday, I celebrated Dia de los Muertos at East Aldine Town Center with some of my fellow Green Forest Civic Club members. We built an awesome altar to honor some of our loved ones. It was such a happy day, beautiful, full of laughter, entertainment, dancing, a cool breeze, food, sunshine, and greetings from old friends and new. We even got to celebrate my daughter Denise Castillo Rath 's birthday! Thank you God for this blessed day, and thanks to all who put this day together."

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An Altar for Dia de Los Muertos



Westfield Fire Department and HC EMS had displays to view



Music by Grupo ACE and NICO



An Altar from Green Forest Civic Club members

Nine area Bars lose liquor permits; sex trafficking alleged

By Monroe Trombly
Houston Landing

HOUSTON – The permits of nine Houston-area bars and nightclubs have been temporarily suspended over allegations of human trafficking and promoting prostitution in hidden rooms with "deplorable" conditions, authorities announced Thursday.

Local, state, and federal officials staged simultaneous raids of the establishments on Oct. 18, finding evidence of what they say are illegal operations. Four people, whom authorities declined to immediately identify, were arrested, and more than 80

women were identified as possible survivors of human trafficking, said Ron Swenson, chief of law enforcement for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). Swenson added that the survivors are receiving services, like counseling, from both federal officials and non-governmental organizations.

Authorities found hidden rooms within the establishments, said TABC Chairman Kevin Lilly, who called the conditions "deplorable" and "horrific."

"They look on the outside like a regular bar or nightclub, with a bar, dance floor, and pool tables. But behind them is a



labyrinth of hidden rooms, cement floors, closet-sized with soiled mattresses," Lilly said. "An actual house of horrors, hiding within the trap doors and secret doors of these establishments."

Lilly said the operation reflected his agency's broader mission of "cutting off the lifeline for the cartels and the traffickers and the venues where these heinous crimes occur," though he and other officials at Thursday's press conference declined to name the cartels they believe operated out of the bars and restaurants raid-

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Texas Renaissance Festival now Enjoying its 50th Season

Nation's largest Renaissance festival debuts new attractions for 50th anniversary jubilee

TODD MISSION, Texas – The Texas Renaissance Festival (TRF) marks its 50th anniversary with an extraordinary celebration of magic, merriment and new attractions.

Located just one hour north of Houston, the nation's largest and most acclaimed Renaissance themed event spans eight uniquely themed weekends from Oct. 12 through Dec. 1, including Thanksgiving Friday.

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 10:

Texans host hot Lions on SNF: Eagles hope to extend Cowboys' miserable season

The Texans turnaround season in 2023 has been rewarded with a number of prime time games and DeMeco Ryan's team that won 11 games and a playoff game a year ago will be featured on Sunday Night Football this week when perhaps the hottest team in the NFL comes calling in the Detroit Lions.

The Texans will have their hands full against a Lions team that entered their Nov. 3 game at Green Bay averaging an eye-opening 43 points per game. The Houston defense will have its hands full against a Lions offense that is led by quarterback Jared Goff. Goff has a number of weapons to choose from to make plays on the ground in running backs Jahmyr Gibbs and David Montgomery and a plethora of big-play wide receivers led by Amon-Ra St. Brown and tight end Sam LaPorta. Detroit



KEENEY'S KORNER
BY
MIKE KEENEY

entered their NFC North showdown with the Packers with a 6-1 record. Head coach Dan Campbell has built a solid team that reached the NFC title game a year ago and this year, Detroit is thinking of taking the next step and earning the franchise's first trip to the Super Bowl.

They will face a tough test on Sunday against a Texans team that is tough to beat at home. Two weeks ago, the Houston defense came up with the big plays to help the Texans hold off the Colts, 23-20 and improve to

6-2 on the season. The win was Houston's third AFC South victory and it appears the locals have taken control of the division. Now it's time to see how they fare against one of the Big Boys of the NFL.

This weekend's schedule features a number of good matchups in the NFL, but not so much on the college schedule.

While the Texans host the Lions on Sunday night, the

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Man fatally shot by Task Force, serving domestic violence warrant on Luthe Road



HOUSTON – A man wanted for aggravated assault in a domestic violence case was shot and killed during a confrontation with the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force.

suspect multiple opportunities to surrender. "They gave the suspect every opportunity to come to the door and turn himself in," Gonzalez added.

day these young people, these police officers, are waking up, doing the hard stuff, keeping our community safe. And for their efforts, we're very grateful.

Bars' permits suspended

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ed. "These young women are run through an assembly line of horrific treatment and sexual abuse, some 30 times a day from four in the afternoon to two in the morning," Lilly said.

The permits of the nine establishments, all of which are on the east and northeast sides of Harris County, will be suspended for 90 days while officials continue their investigation.

The Oct. 18 operation, dubbed "Bad Traffic," was conducted by the TABC and the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance (HTRA) of the Southern District of Texas.

A 2016 University of Texas report estimated that 300,000 people in Texas, including 80,000 chil-



Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission Chief of Law Enforcement Ron Swenson speaks during a press conference (Photo by Annie Mulligan Houston Landing)

dren, are victims of human trafficking. Rachel Wellington, TABC victim services coordinator, said a team of professionals from YMCA International and area law enforcement agencies were on hand during the raids to provide support to the women they encountered.

"We know it may take time for them to ask for help, but when they do we're ready with safe shelter, basic needs, mental health and medical care," Wellington said.

Near the end of Thursday's press conference, held at the Houston Police Department's Midwest patrol station on the city's southwest side, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez gave a warning to criminal organizations that

engage in human trafficking.

"We're coming after you."

The bars and restaurants that have had their business licenses suspended are:

- El Flamingo Club, 3715 Aldine Mail Rd. Bora Bora Sports Bar, 11028 Aldine Westfield Rd. Las Margaritas Night Club, 210 E. Little York Rd. El Cruzero Sports Bar, 7715 W. Hardy La Condesa, 8810 Jensen Dr. Los Escorpiones #2, 1636 Federal Rd. Los Escorpiones #5, 2815 Luell St. El Rinconcito Night Club, 743 Freeport St. Koko Bongo, 955 Federal Rd. --Houston Landing

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High Meadows Branch Library UPCOMING EVENTS NOV 4 - NOV 9. Includes schedule for Nov 4-8 and 'COMING SOON...' section with various activities like Anime Club, Therapy Dogs, and Citizenship Class.

SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK 10. Includes weekly schedules for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for various football games at different venues.

H.U.D. Efficiency/One Bedroom Housing for the Elderly and Disabled. Includes eligibility criteria, contact information (713-692-8541), and address (8826 Harrell).

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS. Includes 'Movement Mondays' details, 'Teen Thursdays' information, and 'Passport Services' for library users.

SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

District Administrative Staff Hold 'Día de los Muertos' Celebration

On November 1, the district's Donaldson Administrative Building staff celebrated *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead). This festive social occasion developed from ancient Aztec traditions. It welcomes the return of those who have died and recognizes the cycles of life and death. The holiday was developed mainly in Mexico but is also 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 dead family and friends. 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. FACE includes the pictures to showcase on November 1.

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, as we know it today, developed from intermingling indigenous and Spanish traditions.

Day of the Dead Today

Today, November 1, is dedicated to honoring the children who have died. It is often called *Día de los angelitos* or Day of the Little Angels. November 2 is reserved for honoring all 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 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—This ancient hairless dog breed (which 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, hence why the dog figurine 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 muer-*

tos 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.



Carver High School students Jennifer Ramirez, Cynthia Coronado, and Lauren Jones pose with their and fellow students' artwork in 2014 at the Lawndale Art Center.



Performing Arts Students Shine at the 9th Annual AISD Theatre Festival

More than 500 theater students from elementary to high school, each demonstrating their young talent, participated in theater workshops, performances, and technical competitions. The 9th Annual Aldine ISD Theatre Festival was held at Carver High School in late October.

SUPERIOR RATING IN MUSICAL

- High School Level
- Carver HS
- Dance — F. Bumper
- Duet — S. Bell & T. Jones
- Group — Velado & Co
- Group — Watson & Co
- Solo — A. Dorsey
- Solo — D. Gipson
- Solo — K. Francis
- Solo — R. Velado
- Solo — C. Miller
- Majesty H
- John Kelly
- Eisenhower HS
- Duet — M. Ramos & L. Rouse
- Solo — P. Durán
- Middle School Level
- Jones MS
- Group — B. Washington, A. Lacerda & T. Doe
- Plummer MS
- Group — D. Griffin & Co.
- Young Women's Leadership Academy
- Duet — Verónica Montelongo & Kaylee Cox
- Group — Gabby Madrigal & Co.

SUPERIOR RATING IN GROUP ACTING

- High School Level
- Carver HS
- Tatum & Co.
- Middle School Level
- Aldine MS
- Camila Sánchez & Co.
- Lewis MS
- Alexa González
- Plummer MS
- González & Co.
- Shotwell MS
- S. Barailly & Co.
- Young Women's Leadership Academy
- Bhola & Co.
- SUPERIOR RATING IN DUET ACTING
- High School Level
- Davis Ninth Grade
- Crumie & iRicard
- Carver HS
- Barber & García
- Davidson & Green
- Day & González
- L. Herrera & A. Webb
- Kelley & Hampton
- J. Wilkes & NAME
- Davis HS
- Aguilera & Ware
- Arredondo & Guzmán
- Emilien & Young
- Fealins & Johnson
- Harrison & Williams
- Nimitz HS
- Bass & Johnson
- Benítez & Carreón
- Cabrera & Iniguez
- Haiduk & Shipmon
- Middle School Level
- Dew Academy
- Dellivon Fraizer & Lauren

- Jackson
- A. Cooper & J. Gregory
- Plummer MS
- Green & Jenkins
- Griffin & Solís-Juárez
- SUPERIOR RATING IN MONOLOGUE
- High School Level
- Aldine HS
- J. Rivera
- R. Sosa
- Carver HS
- T. Ashley
- K. Brant
- C. Frazier
- Q. Guillory
- A. Hampton
- K. Jordan
- K. King
- D. Smith
- D. Spradley
- L. White
- Davis HS
- C. Johnson
- J. Feagins
- Jessell Montiel
- B. Rittinghouse
- K. Singleton
- Eisenhower HS
- D. Eldridge
- D. Flores
- W. Sifuentes
- MacArthur HS
- Maya Flores
- Nimitz HS
- M. Gutiérrez
- R. Freed
- Middle School Level
- Drew Academy
- Dellivon Frazier
- Jeremy Gregory

- Jeremiah Jones
- Shotwell MS
- T. Jackson
- Jones MS
- Logahn Perkins
- Intermediate School Level
- Carter Academy
- Aiden Johnson
- Melody Montenegro
- Houston Academy
- Ja'Sha Bouldin
- Michael McCullar
- Arianna Mejia
- Aylen Nava
- Lakshmi Rodriguez
- Sophie Sánchez
- SUPERIOR RATING IN TECH
- High School Level
- Carver HS
- T. Ashley in Marketing
- E. Caston in Stage Management
- I. Escobar in Light Design
- Davis HS
- J. Gómez in Tech
- J. Gone in Marketing
- C. López in Costume
- J. Mendoza in Marketing
- E. Novo in Marketing
- A. Theun in Costume
- Eisenhower HS
- K. Rodriguez in Makeup/Hair Design
- M. Rodriguez in Makeup/Hair Design
- A. Smith in Costume Design
- Nimitz HS
- G. Velázquez in Marketing
- Middle School Level
- Aldine MS

- Cisneros
- Jones MS
- M. Santodomingo in Costume
- Lewis MS
- Angélica Jasso in Costume
- TOP RATING IN COSTUME
- High School Level
- Davis HS
- Tie — A. Theun & C. López
- Eisenhower HS
- A. Smith
- TOP RATING IN STAGE MANAGEMENT
- High School Level
- Carver HS
- E. Caston
- Nimitz HS
- S. Romero
- TOP RATING IN SCENIC DESIGN
- Carver HS
- Z. Tatum
- Davis HS
- A. Cortez
- TOP RATING IN MARKETING
- High School Level
- Carver HS
- T. Ashley
- Davis HS
- Tie — J. Gone & E. Novo
- Nimitz HS
- G. Velázquez
- TOP RATING IN LIGHTING
- High School Level
- Carver HS
- I. Escobar
- TOP RATING IN HAIR AND MAKEUP
- High School Level

- Eisenhower HS
- Tie — K. Rodríguez & M. Rodriguez
- TOP RATING IN TECH
- Middle School Level
- Aldine MS
- Cisneros
- Jones MS
- M. Santodomingo in Costume
- Lewis MS
- Angélica Jasso in Costume
- Shotwell MS
- A. Larios in Marketing
- D. Santos in Makeup
- TOP RATING IN PERFORMANCE EVENTS
- High School Level
- Carver HS
- A. Dorsey in Musical
- Tatum & Co. in Group Acting
- Davis HS
- K. Singleton in Monologue
- Nimitz HS
- Cabrera/Iniguez in Duet Acting
- Middle School Level
- Drew Academy
- A. Cooper and Gregory in Duet Acting
- D. Frazier in Monologue
- Plummer MS
- Dezyrn/Melany in Duet Acting
- D. Griffin & Co. in Lip Sync
- González & Co. in Group Acting
- Intermediate School Level
- Carter Academy
- Carter Troupe in Group Acting
- Houston Academy
- Ja'Sha Bouldin in Monologue

OPINION PAGE



Help shape the future of Precinct 2



Commissioner Adrian Garcia is dedicated to making Precinct 2 the best place to live, work, and play for everyone. Our Revive2Thrive initiative focuses on investments in infrastructure and economic opportunity that are guided by a dynamic community planning process. We want residents to help shape the future of their neighborhoods.

Ready to get involved? Join us for a community meeting. The next one is November 18 at 6:00 PM to discuss the construction of the public sanitary sewer lines in Westfield Estates. The meeting will be held at East Aldine Town Center, Room A (2909 E Aldine Amphitheatre Drive, Houston, TX 77039).

We invite you to attend this public meeting to learn more and talk about construction requirements for connecting to the sanitary sewer line and what to expect.

Revive2Thrive: More Affordable Housing



This month we joined the Harris County Housing & Community Development (HCD) to mark the beginning of two new affordable housing developments in Precinct 2. First is the exciting transformation on Hays Street. With the help of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, the former Yellow Cab building will become home to affordable housing units to provide families the opportunity to thrive in the Near Northside community. Click here to view more photos of the demolition.

Second, we celebrated the groundbreaking of the Meadowbrook Plaza Project with HCD. This will create 220 new multi-family housing affordable units. The Harris County Housing Finance Corporation will own the land and the project will enter a 99-year ground lease, which will keep the project affordable for 99-years.

Support for survivors of domestic violence

For Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October, we are spotlighting the impact of the Domestic Violence Assistance Fund (DVA) in Harris County. Established in 2022, this program helps provide immediate financial assistance for basic needs to those fleeing violence. In 2023, 1,331 households, with a total of 3,960 individuals within those households received this financial assistance.

We are also putting a spotlight on client advocate, Wendy Arias, from Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA). This organization provides legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence and their families.

Maintaining our infrastructure: Flood Control District Proposition A is on the Ballot

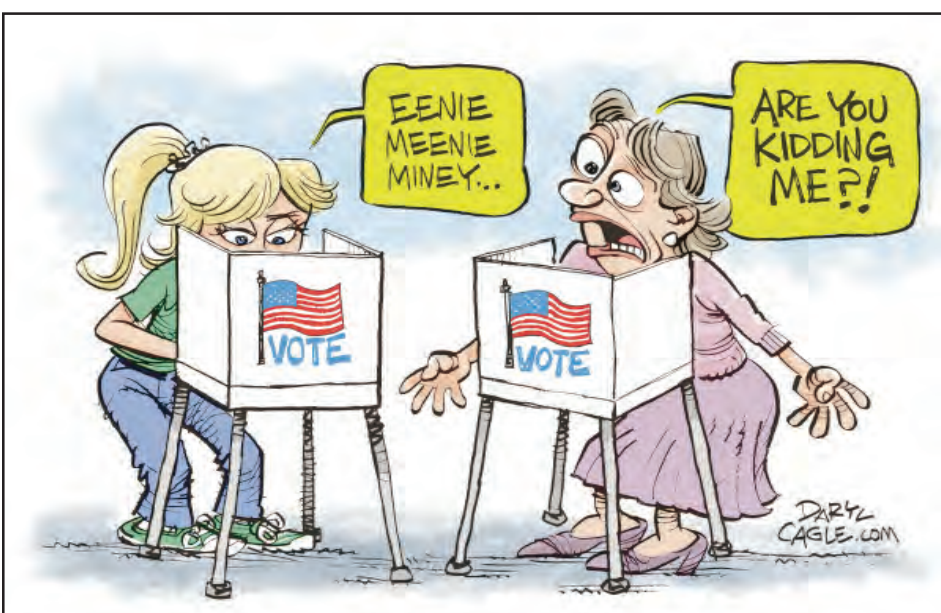


This year, Harris County Commissioners Court unanimously approved the adoption of a tax rate that is higher than the current Voter Approval Rate (VAR). This requires an election by Harris County voters to either approve or reject the adopted rate. The proposition will appear on the ballot during this election.

If approved by voters, Flood Control District Proposition A would increase the Flood Control District's dedicated ad valorem tax rate by 1.581 cents per \$100 – an average of about \$60 a year for the average homeowner in Harris County. This additional funding would be used for the maintenance of flood risk reduction infrastructure across Harris County.

The Harris County Flood Control District hosted in-person and virtual public meetings throughout October.

You can find FAQs on Proposition by visiting www.hcfcd.org/PropA



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



Early Voting Ends on Friday

Texans who wish to vote early in the Nov. 5 general election have until closing time Friday, Nov. 1 to do so. Secretary of State Jane Nelson is encouraging voters to double-check their precinct numbers and candidate selections before casting their ballots.

"Texas has more than 18 million registered voters, and we want to make sure every eligible vote counts. All voting systems in Texas are designed to give voters an opportunity to review their selections before casting their ballot," Nelson said. "I encourage Texas voters to use this built-in opportunity to double-check the selections." Voters can go to votetexas.gov to ensure they are registered, though the deadline to do so for the general election has passed. The site also lists polling places and what is on the ballot, depending on where you live.

Voting officials have taken steps to ensure ballots remain secret. Earlier this year, a conservative news site published what it claimed was a copy of then-GOP chair Matt Rinaldi's ballot, using public records released by election administrators.

The Houston Chronicle reported that Nelson and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton subsequently issued emergency guidelines to election officials to exercise caution about what type of information they release to the public. Voting records are public records, though who someone specifically voted for is not. Officials have noted identifying a voter's choices was only possible in very limited circumstances, such as a precinct with very few voters.

LAWMAKERS, PAXTON SPAR OVER INMATE EXECUTION

A bipartisan group of 84 Texas legislators earlier this month subpoenaed a man on Death Row in an effort to stop his execution for the death of his 2-year-old daughter. Atty. Gen. Ken Paxton took issue with the move, claiming that the lawmakers ignored glaring evidence of Robert Roberson's guilt, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The unique attempt came among increasing concern that Roberson was convicted of "shaken baby syndrome,"

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which is now widely discredited by science experts.

The case is now being reviewed by the Texas Supreme Court, which is considering the question of whether a legislative subpoena outweighs the executive branch's authority to conduct an execution.

Lawmakers heard from a number of experts, as well as the lead investigator and a juror.

Paxton "issued a stunningly misleading statement designed to quash a bipartisan group of lawmakers in their truth-seeking mission, which has riveted the world," Roberson's attorney, Gretchen Sween, said in a statement.

The House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee has held two hearings on Roberson's case. Roberson, who has been diagnosed with autism, did not testify after the attorney general's office said he could only do so by teleconference.

OPERATION LONE STAR COSTS REACH \$11 BILLION

In a little more than three-and-a-half years, Gov. Greg Abbott's Operation Lone Star has spent \$11 billion to make border crossings more difficult and to apprehend suspected undocumented migrants, The News reported. The effort began in March 2021 with National Guard soldiers and state troopers assigned to the border with Mexico. Since then, more than 100 miles of razor wire have been strung and 45 miles of state-built border wall is up, as well as a 1,000-foot buoy barrier on the Rio Grande. More than a half million migrants have been apprehended as of Oct. 3 under Operation Lone Star, resulting in 47,640 arrests – about one-fourth for trespassing.

Abbott is seeking another

\$2.9 billion during the upcoming legislative session for Operation Lone Star.

"Texas will not back down in our fight to secure the border from illegal immigration, dangerous criminals, and deadly drugs," he wrote in a September social media post.

OIL PATCH TRAFFIC DEATHS SPOTLIGHTED BY TXDOT

Traffic deaths in the state's five main energy sections accounted for nearly 25% of the state's total traffic fatalities last year, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. More than 80,000 traffic crashes in the Permian Basin, Eagle Ford Shale, Barnett Shale, Anadarko Basin, and the Haynesville/Bossier Shale resulted in 1,081 fatalities and 3,578 serious injuries.

"Our state's energy sector is vital to many communities throughout the state and the Texas economy, but oil and gas production activity can also bring challenges to our transportation system," the news release said. "These include an increase in traffic and the effects on our roads caused by large trucks and machinery sharing the road with passenger vehicles."

Drivers in those regions are urged to give large trucks plenty of space, drive at a safe speed, and avoid trucks' blind spots.

TxDOT continues to push to end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways. The last deathless day on state roads was Nov. 7, 2000.

TEXANS URGED NOT TO MOVE FIREWOOD TO PREVENT SPREAD OF DISEASES, PESTS

It isn't exactly fireplace weather just yet, but with November knocking on the door, Texans looking to stock up their firewood supply are urged to be cautious when collecting, transporting and buying firewood, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

"Many devastating, tree-killing pests present in Texas forests live and breed inside firewood," said Demian Gomez of the forest service. "The spread of wood borers, such as the invasive emerald ash borer, have been on the rise this year. These invasive insects have caused devastating impacts, practically wiping out entire tree species from some regions of the country."

Gomez said the best rule of thumb is to burn firewood near where it is bought or picked up. Moving it can easily introduce insects and diseases, since the pests do not travel extreme distances naturally. More information is available at dontmovefirewood.org.

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Little Luxuries



I am quick to criticize other people's luxuries.

"Buying a latte every day?" I say. "What a waste!"

But, of course, I have Peter making me coffee, and I can have it exactly the way I like it. (Lots of milk, not too much coffee.)

I think sailboats and horses are crazy expensive, but campers and RVs make sense—because that's what I grew up with.

"Economics don't count when you are talking about campers!" my father has repeatedly told me. My father is a frugal man. He lives simply and has no luxurious habits. But he has a very nice RV, and he has traded it in several times for slightly nicer models.

"This is the last one we will buy," he tells me, in a voice that makes it sound as if he means it. But then my parents see a new model that has some really nice features, and...

My husband, Peter, started flying business class when he turned 70. He said it was his gift to himself when he went on Social Security. He claims that shopping around as he does, he pays only a little more for business than he would for coach.

I am not yet 70, so I don't know that I deserve this special treatment, but I confess I've gotten used to being able to go into the club between flights and getting a free cup of coffee exactly the way I like it. (Lots of milk, not too much coffee.) Peter stretches out his long legs and enjoys every minute of it.

I cannot believe how much people spend on new clothes, and I buy all my clothes used. But I don't want to tell you how many dresses I own—and I can't, because I have no idea. I have far more dresses than any one person can reasonably wear.

But just when I say I need to stop buying dresses, I see a sleeveless burgundy dress with a swathe of velvet down the front and an asymmetrical hemline for less than \$30 (used, of course!) and the next thing I know, I'm having it shipped to my sister's house while I am in Mexico because, well, I cannot let it go.

And every week, I buy flowers for my desk. I could buy quite a few lattes with what I spend on the fresh flowers that sit on my desk. I justify the expense by saying that, as I sit here all day writing, I need something pleasant to rest my eyes on between sentences. I say it's something I need—and that is how all our luxuries are, I expect.

I know I am unfair to the people who need to go sailing and ride horses. I am unfair to the people whose day only starts out right when they have a pleasant professional prepare them a latte. (Although I still say Peter's is every bit as good, and just the way I like it—lots of milk and not too much coffee.)

I know there are people who would say having a closet full of dresses (however beautiful and deeply discounted) is ridiculous and buying fresh flowers is wasteful. I would say they are being unreasonable. But I suspect we are all a little unsympathetic to what others perceive as a need.

We all need a few luxuries, big or small, to make us feel we are treating ourselves well. I am going to try to enjoy my little luxuries without too much guilt—and allow everyone else to enjoy theirs.

Till next time, Carrie

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Castlewood holds Yard Sale for the whole neighborhood



Jose Gamez and Lovely Wife



"Weather was certainly perfect on October 26 to hold the long-awaited Castlewood Community Yard Sale. When Jose Gamez, a Castlewood resident, texted the President on Nextdoor and suggested having a community yard sale, Connie Esparza Castlewood Civic Club President, immediately welcomed the idea. Castlewood Civic Club would like to thank Jose and his family for their support in making the yard signs and posting them at the key entrances.

Before the yard sale was over, Connie drove around the subdivision to personally thank over 20 residents for participating and all shared they were interested in having another one in the Spring. Thank you Castlewood residents for being a part of community engagement.

True of the cliché "one person's trash is another person's treasure."

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 10: Texans host hot Lions on SNF: Eagles hope to extend Cowboys' miserable season

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reeling Dallas Cowboys host arch rival Philadelphia at 3:25 at AT&T Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Eagles picked up a huge road win with a 37-17 thumping of the Bengals in Cincinnati, while the Cowboys lost at San Francisco on Sunday Night Football, 30-24. At least Dak Prescott and the offense put up some points after struggling all season long to do so. Dallas fell to 3-4 with the SF loss and had another tough road game at Atlanta last week. There's a very good chance Dallas enters this must-win game with a 3-5 record. If that doesn't get owner Jerry Jones's attention, nothing will.

Week 10 begins with Thursday Night Football as the Bengals visit the Ravens in an AFC North contest. The Bengals have been one of the biggest disappointments this year. They entered the season with Super Bowl aspirations, but their loss to Philly left them with a 3-5 record heading into their game against Las Vegas last week. Two weeks ago, the Ravens saw their five-game winning streak come to an end with an unexplainable 29-24 loss at Cleveland.

Other top games in the NFL this weekend have the Bills visiting the Colts in a must-win game for Indy and its playoff chances. Pittsburgh visits the Commanders and electrifying rookie QB Jayden Daniels. Daniels shocked the NFL two weeks ago with his Hail Mary TD to Noah Brown with no time on the clock to pull victory from defeat against a stunned Chicago team. Daniels will get tested by one of the best defenses in the league. Let's see how the rook does.

Denver and KC go at it in a key AFC West battle in Kansas City as the much-improved Broncos will see how they match up against the defending Super Bowl champions. Head coach Sean Payton has done an amazing job of turning Denver into a playoff contender in just two years and with a rookie QB in Bo Nix. It will be interesting to see how Nix fares against the game's best QB in Patrick Mahomes.

On the college front, No. 2-ranked Georgia has a tough road test at No. 19-ranked Ole Miss, while No. 14 Alabama visits No. 16-ranked LSU. The winner of this game remains alive in the hunt for a College Football Playoff berth, while the loser can start making plans for a Citrus Bowl or some other Florida bowl



game during the holiday season. This will be the final weekend of the District 14-6A season and there is still much to be decided. It appears Westfield will win another league title, which means there are three other playoff spots up for grabs. Heading into Week 6, Westfield led the district with a 5-0 record, followed by Davis at 4-1, and Dekaney, Nimitz and Spring all with 3-2 record. A lot will be decided in these final two weeks. The final week of the league season will have Davis taking on MacArthur on Thursday at Thorne Stadium, while Nimitz and Dekaney play in a huge game on Thursday at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring. Westfield plays at Eisenhower on Friday, while Aldine plays at Spring.

Before we take a look at this week's schedule, let's review last week's record. A 9-3 rebound week upped the season record to 64-32 (66%). Now, onto this weekend's game.

HIGH SCHOOL

Davis vs. MacArthur - Kelvin Chatman's Falcons take on Blake Ware's Generals on Thursday night at Thorne Stadium. Davis will be looking for a big game from QB Andre Salazar (1,018 yards, 7 TDs) and District 14-6A leading rusher Nick Tramble (810 yards, 6 TDs). The Generals would like nothing more than to pull off the upset to conclude their season and will rely on QB Lance Nero (588 passing yards, 3 TDs) to get it done. Davis has a playoff spot in its grasp and won't let it go. My pick, Davis 31, MacArthur 23

Nimitz at Dekaney - Cornelius Harmon's Cougars travel to Spring to take on Dekaney with the winner having a good shot at earning one of the league's four playoff berths. Nimitz will need a big game from 14-6A passing leader Albert Brown (1,950 yards, 22 TDs). Brown should eclipse the 2,000-yard passing mark prior to this game. He will be looking to make big plays with his two talented wide receivers in Ke'Lyn Washom (34 receptions, 592 yards, 5 TDs) and Malachi

Augustus (31 receptions, 584 yards, 10 TDs). The Nimitz defense will need to contain Dekaney QB David Edmonson (783 yards, 9 TDs) and 14-6A's leading receiver Tanook Hines (37 receptions, 598 yards, 5 TDs). This should be an offensive shootout. My pick, Nimitz 36, Dekaney 34

Westfield at Eisenhower - Odell James's Eagles take on 14-6A leader Westfield on Friday night at Thorne Stadium. Ike will need a big game from running back Elijah Dixon (679 yards, 9 TDs) and wide receiver Rob Hawkins (31 receptions, 447 yards, 4 TDs), while the Eagles defense will need to contain Westfield's dual threat QB Miles Dent (1,108 passing yards, 12 TDs/768 rushing yards, 17 TDs), running back Damonte Ford (638 yards, 19 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Emmanuel Yancy (20 receptions, 462 yards, 14 TDs). My pick, Westfield 31, Eisenhower 22

Aldine at Spring - Cirilo Ojeda's Mustangs travel to Spring on Friday evening to take on the Spring Lions. Spring needs this game to remain in contention for a playoff spot. Look for Spring's offense to be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Spring 34, Aldine 17

NCAA

Georgia at Mississippi - Kirby Smart's No. 2-ranked Bulldogs hit the road for Oxford to take on Lane Kiffin's No. 19-ranked Rebels in what should be a good road test for the 'Dawgs. Georgia's 30-15 dominating win on Oct. 19 at Texas let the rest of the college football world know that the Dogs are serious national title contenders and a win at Ole Miss will only enhance their resume. QB Carson Beck (1,993 yards, 15 TDs) will look to carve up a suspect Rebel defense. He has a consistent runner in Trevor Etienne (422 yards, 7 TDs) and a big-play wideout in Arian Smith (29 receptions, 444 yards, 3 TDs). But the key to this Georgia team (once again) is its stifling defense. Georgia allows just 16 points per game and it will get a

good test from Ole Miss QB Jaxson Dart (2,695 passing yards, 15 TDs/207 rushing yards, 3 TDs), solid running back Henry Parrish Jr. (656 yards, 10 TDs) and big-play wideout Tre Harris (59 receptions, 987 yards, 6 TDs). Look for Smart to have his 'Dawgs focused for this one. My pick, Georgia 31, Mississippi 16

Alabama at LSU - This is a game for survival for both teams' CFP chances, so look for a tight, competitive game in Baton Rouge in what could be a prime time contest on ABC on Saturday night. Two weeks ago, the Crimson Tide rolled past Missouri 34-0 as the defense played its best game of the season and the offense was efficient behind QB Jalen Milroe (1,937 passing yards, 13 TDs/380 rushing yards, 12 TDs), running back Jam Miller (450 yards, 7 TDs) and big-play freshman wide receiver Ryan Williams (35 receptions, 702 yards (20.1 yards per catch), 7 TDs). While the Tide was rolling over Missouri, LSU had a second-half meltdown against the Aggies in College Station as they saw a 17-7 halftime lead devolve into a 38-23 loss. The Tigers will need a big game from QB Garrett Nussmeier (2,657 yards, 20 TDs), running back Caden Durham (397 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receivers Kyren Lacy (41 receptions, 618 yards, 6 TDs) and Aaron Anderson (36 receptions, 614 yards, 4 TDs). This will be an important game for first-year Alabama head coach Kalen DeBoer. He already has two losses on the season and a third would not sit well with Tide fans. Look for the 'Bama defense to be the difference maker late in this one. My pick, Alabama 26, LSU 23

NFL

Cincinnati at Baltimore - Week 10 of the NFL season kicks off with Thursday Night Football when the Bengals visit the Ravens in an AFC North battle. The Bengals have been one of the more disappointing (along with Dallas) teams in the NFL this season. Bengal fans thought their team was a Super Bowl contender entering the season, but after their 37-17 loss at home to Philadelphia two weeks ago, they were left with a 3-5 record. The Bengals need a big game from QB Joe Burrow (1,993 yards, 15 TDs) and wideout Ja'Marr Chase (48 receptions, 674 yards, 7 TDs), but that might not be enough to slow down the Ravens. Baltimore saw its five-game winning streak end two weeks ago with a 29-24 loss at Cleveland, so look for QB Lamar Jackson (2,099 passing yards, 17 TDs/501 rushing yards, 2 TDs), running back Derrick Henry (946 yards, 11 total TDs)

and wideout Zay Flowers (41 receptions, 527 yards, 1 TD) to put on a show in prime time on Thursday. My pick, Baltimore 33, Cincinnati 20

Buffalo at Indianapolis - This is an important game for the Colts playoff chances, but not so much for the Bills who have taken control of the AFC East. Two weeks ago, Indy fell to 5-3 and two games behind the Texans in the AFC South with their 23-20 loss at Houston, while the Bills dominated Seattle, 31-10 on the road. Look for another big day from Bills QB Josh Allen (1,766 passing yards, 14 TDs/204 rushing yards, 3 TDs), running back James Cook (452 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver Khalil Shakir (36 receptions, 421 yards, 2 TDs). Indy will need a big game from mistake prone QB Anthony Richardson (955 passing yards, 4 TDs/242 rushing yards, 1 TD) and running back Jonathan Taylor (454 yards, 3 TDs). Look for another big road win for the Bill. My pick, Buffalo 31, Indianapolis 23

Pittsburgh at Washington - Can the Commanders magical season continue? We shall see after they take on one of the league's top defenses on Sunday in the nation's capital. Rookie sensation QB Jayden Daniels (1,736 passing yards, 7 TDs/424 rushing yards, 4 TDs) pulled off a miracle win two weeks ago with a Hail Mary pass to Noah Brown with no time left on the clock. This week he takes on a Steeler defense that has 19 sacks in eight games and has one of the top pass rushers in the game in defensive end T.J. Watt (6.5 sacks). Daniels will need a big game from running back Brian Robinson (461 yards, 6 TDs) to slow down Watt and the Steeler rush. The Commander defense will get a big test when it takes on Russell Wilson (542 yards, 3 TDs in two starts), running back Najee Harris (592 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver George Pickens (35 receptions, 548 yards, 1 TD). Look for the Steeler defense to slow down Daniels as Pittsburgh picks up a big road win. My pick, Pittsburgh 23, Washington 18

Denver at Kansas City - The surprising Denver Broncos head to Kansas City to take on the Chiefs in a key AFC West game for both teams. Two weeks ago, Sean Payton's team improved to 5-3 on the season with a 28-14 win over Carolina. Rookie QB Bo Nix (1,530 passing yards, 8 TDs/259 rushing yards, 4 TDs) has proven he's capable of playing at the next level. He's received help from running back Joe Williams (345 yards, 2 TDs) and a defense that has a penchant for creating turnovers. The Broncos will see how far they have come when they take on the defending SB champs at

home. Two weeks ago, KC improved to 7-0 on the season and should be 8-0 (they hosted a beat up Tampa Bay team last Monday) when Denver comes calling on Sunday. QB Patrick Mahomes (1,651 yards, 8 TDs) has a new receiver in DeAndre Hopkins and tight end Travis Kelce (35 receptions, 335 yards, 1 TD) is starting to look like his old big-play self. Add in running back Kareem Hunt (308 yards, 4 TDs) and rookie wideout Xavier Worthy (19 receptions, 235 yards, 3 total TDs) and the Chiefs still look like the team to beat, which Denver will discover come Sunday. My pick, Kansas City 33, Denver 18

Philadelphia at Dallas - This could turn into a long day for Dallas fans as the potent Eagles offense looks to stick one more nail in the Cowboys coffin. Two weeks ago, Philly strolled to a 37-17 win at Cincinnati at QB Jalen Hurts (1,544 passing yards, 8 TDs/255 rushing yards, 7 TDs) scored three times on the ground and threw a TD pass. Hurts has a load of weapons on offense led by running back Saquon Barkley (766 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receivers A.J. Brown (21 receptions, 408 yards, 3 TDs) and DeVonta Smith (31 receptions, 386 yards, 3 TDs). The Dallas defense better hope Micah Parsons is back for this one, because if he isn't, the Eagles might be able to call their score. Dallas did put up 24 points two weeks ago, but the defense gave up 30 in a loss at San Francisco. Dak Prescott (1,845 yards, 8 TDs/9 interceptions) and wideout CeeDee Lamb (45 receptions, 876 yards, 4 TDs) will need to bring their "A" game if they hope to pull off the upset. I don't see that happening as Jerry Jones will have more to explain after this one. My pick, Philadelphia 34, Dallas 20

Detroit at Houston - The Texans will have their hands full when the high-flying Lions come calling on Sunday Night Football at NRG Stadium. The Lions offense is clicking behind QB Jared Goff (1,695 yards, 13 TDs), running back Jahmyr Gibbs (591 yards, 7 total TDs), and David Montgomery (415 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (41 receptions, 408 yards, 5 TDs). The defense is playing solid as well, which means Texans QB C.J. Stroud (1,948 yards, 11 TDs) will have his work cut out for him, especially if wide receiver Stefon Diggs (47 receptions, 496 yards, 3 TDs) is out with a knee injury he sustained two weeks ago against the Colts. Houston will need a big night from running back Joe Mixon (503 yards, 6 total TDs) to burn clock and keep Goff and Co. off of the field. I just think the Lions are playing better than any team in the NFL at the moment, and that includes KC. My pick, Detroit 31, Houston 26

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By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 3 Chronicles (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Job and which other Old Testament book mention the constellation of Orion? Psalms, Isaiah, Daniel, Amos
3. Which prophet took a wife of whoredoms named Gomer? Hosea, Jonah, Amos, Micah


4. From Judges 14, what did Samson eat from the carcass of a lion? Manna, Honey, Berries, Figs
5. What sin against the Holy Spirit results in eternal guilt? Blasphemy, Adultery, Murder, Non tithing
6. Who was the father of Joshua? Abraham, Aaron, Nun, Moses

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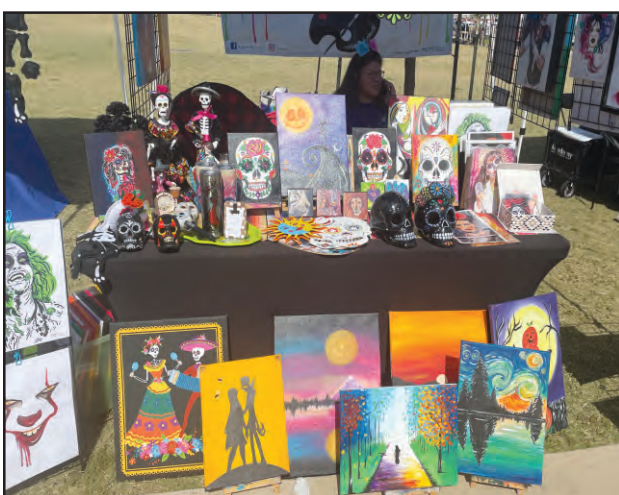
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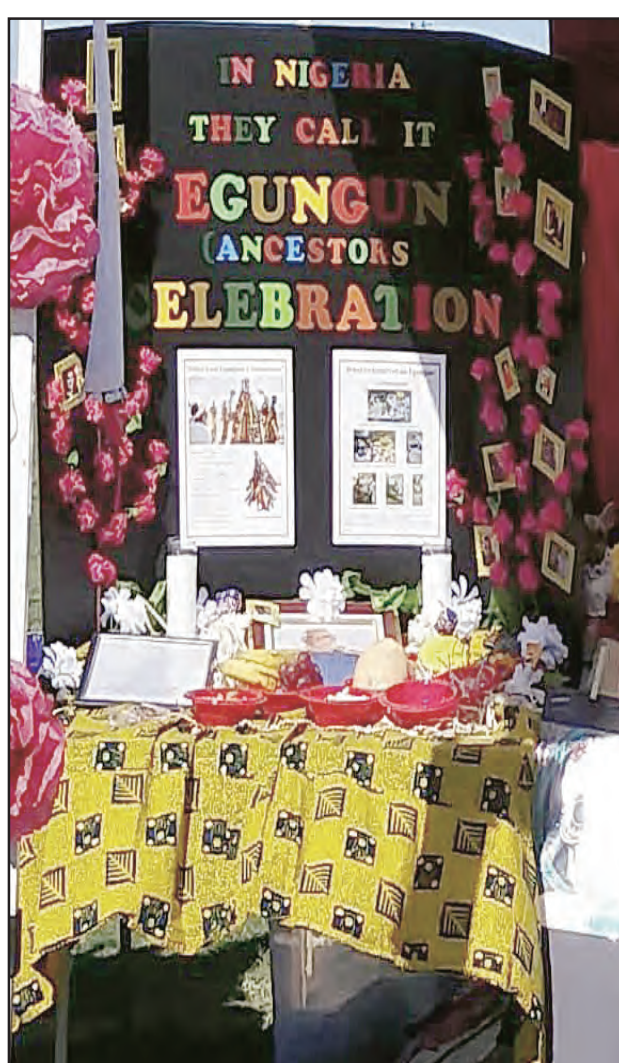
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East Aldine District's VET FEST Free Veterans Appreciation Luncheon November 9th

We invite Veterans and their loved ones for our Veterans Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, November 9th 11 AM - 1 PM at the East Aldine Management District Office.

Don't miss the wonderful opportunity to express your gratitude to those who have served our country. Join us as we show our support and appreciation. Limited seating, Registration required: AldineDistrict.org/VF or call 713-595-1232.

*Military attire welcomed & encouraged!

Invitamos a los Veteranos y sus seres queridos a nuestra comida de Agradecimiento a los Veteranos el sábado 9 de noviembre de 11 a.m. a 1 p.m. en la oficina del Distrito de East Aldine.

No pierdan la maravillosa oportunidad de expresar su gratitud a aquellos que han servido a nuestro país. Únase a nosotros para mostrar nuestro apoyo y agradecimiento. Asientos limitados, registro requerido: AldineDistrict.org/VF o llame al 713-595-1232.

*Traje militar bienvenido!

LSC-University Park Theatre presents dark comedy "The House of Blue Leaves"

HOUSTON (Nov. 1, 2024) - Lone Star College-University Park's (LSC-University Park) Drama Department will present John Guare's award-winning dark comedy "The House of Blue Leaves," a moving exploration of fame, family, and delusion.

Set against the backdrop of Pope Paul VI's 1965 visit to New York, the play follows Artie Shaughnessy, a zookeeper dreaming of Hollywood stardom, his girlfriend Bunny, and his schizophrenic wife Bananas. As Artie's world unravels, the play weaves together a dynamic blend of humor and heartbreak.

"The blend of humor and tragedy in 'The House of Blue Leaves' creates a deeply engaging experience," said LSC-University Park drama professor and director William Grayson. "This play captures the desperation people feel when chasing unattainable dreams and how it affects those around them. Audiences will find themselves reflecting on the fine line between fantasy and reality."

Parrish Ingoldsby stars as Artie, with Sarah Thornton portraying the girlfriend Bunny, and Ana Bane-gas taking on the role of the wife, Bananas.

Performances take place on November 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16 at 7:30 p.m., with matinee shows on November 10 and 17 at 2:30 p.m. All performances will take place in the Main Stage Theatre, located in the Visual and Performing Arts Building, 930 University Park Campus Dr., Houston, TX 77070. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students and LSC employees.

"Our students and faculty do an exceptional job of bringing productions to life," said Frank Rodriguez, inter-

im dean of Arts and Humanities at LSC-University Park. "The House of Blue Leaves' is a testament to their talent and dedication, as they make full use of our state-of-the-art visual and performing arts facility. This performance not only showcases their hard work but also highlights the vibrant arts program we've built here."

Event and ticket information is available at <https://www.lonestar.edu/UP-Events.htm>. Don't miss this chance to experience John Guare's acclaimed classic.

Established in 2012, Lone Star College-University Park has been recognized as one of the fastest-growing and most innovative higher education institutions in the country. The college is devoted to impacting the community's prosperity and upward mobility through student success. LSC-University Park's expert and passionate faculty and staff provide students with holistic and immersive education and training in disciplines and industries that meet current and future workforce needs.

Located on the grounds of the former Compaq Computer Corporation and Hewlett Packard's world headquarters, LSC-University Park's facilities include the Center for Science & Innovation, the Energy & Manufacturing Institute, Learning Innovation Labs, and the Geology Rock Wall. It is also home to the University of Houston-NW Downtown, Lone Star Corporate College, and iSchool. To learn more about LSC-University Park or register for classes, visit www.LoneStar.edu/StartUP, call 281-290-2600 or email UPAdvising@LoneStar.edu.



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