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Adrian Garcia Wins Third Term as Precinct 2 Commissioner

By Gerardo Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

HARRIS COUNTY — Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia has won reelection to a third term representing Precinct 2, defeating Republican challenger Richard Vega in the November 3, 2026, general election.

According to unofficial election results reported by the Harris County Clerk's Elections Department, Garcia received 172,739 votes, or 65.5% of the total. Vega received 90,817 votes, or 34.5%. Garcia won by a margin of 81,922 votes.

The victory allows Garcia to continue representing Precinct 2 on the Harris County Commissioners Court, where he has served since January 2019.

Garcia was first elected commissioner in 2018, defeating Republican incumbent Jack Morman. He won reelection in 2022 and will now begin his third four-year term.

Before becoming commissioner, Garcia served on Houston City Council and as Harris County sheriff. His public service career also includes 23 years as a Houston Police Department officer.

Decisions Affecting Local Communities

As Precinct 2 commissioner, Garcia represents residents in parts of east and southeast Harris County, including portions of the Houston area. His responsibilities include working with other county leaders on projects and services that affect residents throughout the precinct.


Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia won reelection to a third term representing Precinct 2 in the November 3 general election.

The five-member Harris County Commissioners Court consists of four elected commissioners and the county judge. Together, they make important decisions involving the county budget, property tax rates, public safety, road improvements, drainage, parks and other county services.

These decisions can directly affect families and neighborhoods, particularly communities that depend on county assistance for infrastructure improvements and flood protection.

During his reelection campaign, Garcia highlighted infrastructure, transportation, flood control and community improvements as important parts of his administration. He also pointed to efforts involving public safety, health care access and opportunities for small businesses.

According to Garcia's campaign, his office has delivered more than $1 billion in infrastructure, mobility, flood-control and community improvements during his time as commissioner.

Challenges Ahead

Garcia's new term comes as Harris County continues to face important financial and infrastructure decisions. Commissioners Court must balance the cost of county services with the financial responsibilities placed on taxpayers.

Property taxes, flood mitigation, road conditions, public safety and county spending will remain important issues for county officials.

Garcia will continue working alongside the other commissioners and the county judge to determine how county resources are distributed and which projects receive funding.

For residents of Precinct 2, the election means Gar-

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Lone Star College partners with five universities to expand bachelor's degree pathways



HOUSTON (Oct. 28, 2026) – For students like Jonas Wagner, Lone Star College System (LSCS) is a starting point for pursuing a bachelor's degree. Starting in fall 2027, Guaranteed Transfer Partnership Agreements between LSCS and five Texas universities give students clearer pathways to transfer their credits and continue their education.

"I chose Lone Star College System because it offers a great opportunity to explore my interests while preparing to transfer to a four-year university," said Wagner. "I'm pursuing an Associate of Science in electrical engineering because I want to apply my credits toward a bachelor's degree."

Through the agreements, students can follow one of 50 approved academic pathways that outline how their LSCS coursework applies toward a bachelor's degree at a partner university. For eligible students who remain continuously enrolled, the credit guarantee may extend for up to six years. High school students taking dual credit courses can also benefit from established transfer pathways.

"Thousands of students come to Lone Star College System each year with a particular plan in mind for themselves—they want to earn an associate degree with us, transfer to a four-year university to earn a

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Texas GOP Senators Could Limit New Lt. Governor's Power

By Gerardo Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

Texas voters made a historic change in state government during the November 3 election, choosing Democrat Vikki Goodwin as the state's next lieutenant governor. However, her victory could bring a political challenge when she takes office in January.

Although Goodwin defeated Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Republicans will maintain control of the Texas Senate, creating a divided government in Austin. Republican senators are now considering whether to change Senate rules that could significantly reduce the authority traditionally held by the lieutenant governor.

The Texas Senate has 31 members. Republicans are expected to hold 19 seats, compared with 12 Democrats. That majority gives Republicans enough votes to approve changes to the chamber's rules.


Vikki Goodwin, Texas' incoming lieutenant governor, faces a political challenge as Republican senators consider changes that could limit the authority of her office. (Photo credit Vikki Goodwin webpage)

Why does this matter?

The lieutenant governor is one of the most influential elected officials in Texas. The officeholder presides over the Texas Senate and has traditionally played a major role in deciding how legislation moves through the chamber.

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Nexstar, Mission to carry UIL football title games free across Texas

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Nexstar Media Group and Mission Broadcasting will provide free television and streaming coverage of all 12 University Interscholastic League state football championship games Dec. 16-19 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, the companies announced.

The arrangement will give fans access to the championship games through participating stations across Texas and their digital streaming platforms. Each game will be available on local broadcast television, a streaming platform or both, depending on the market, according to the companies' Oct. 29 announcement.

In Houston, the participating outlets are KIAH and CW39+. Viewers elsewhere also will be able to watch through participating stations' digital platforms, regardless of their location, the announcement said.

The championship coverage differs from video streaming arrangements for earlier playoff rounds, said Gerald Sanchez, owner of Legacy Sports Network, which broadcasts high school sports.

Legacy will switch to internet audio coverage when the playoffs begin, Sanchez said. The network can continue providing audio broadcasts at the state championships but cannot stream live video of those games.

"Once the playoffs begin, we transition to audio, an au-

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SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 11

Texans face for QB Watson when they visit Cleveland: Texas, LSU face off in elimination game in SEC



The calendar has turned to November, which means things are about to heat up in college football and the NFL.

There are a number of key games on the college schedule, highlighted by No. 10-ranked Texas visiting No. 15-ranked LSU in Baton Rouge on Saturday. Luckily for the Longhorns, this game will be played at 2:30 p.m. instead of at night, which Bayou Bengal fans love. They won't have all day to get juiced up for this one, but believe me, they will be at full throat when Steve Sarkisson's team comes calling.

There's another big one in the SEC, as No. Kentucky (aren't they a basketball school?) hosts No. 25 Florida, while No. 19 Missouri heads between the Hedges to take on No. 2-ranked Georgia.

There are two big ones in the Big 12 as well as No. 13 Texas Tech heads to Stillwater to take on a dangerous Oklahoma State team, which is coached by former Red Raider wide receiver Eric Morris. Also in the Big 12, No. 3-ranked Utah plays at No. 25 Arizona, a team that gave Tech all it could handle two weeks ago in Lubbock.

Week 10 of the NFL season begins with an NFC East contest featuring the Commanders against the

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Vikki Goodwin faces divided Texas government after lieutenant governor election,

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Under the Senate rules used during Patrick's administration, the lieutenant governor had considerable authority, including selecting committee chairpersons, assigning legislation to committees, and determining which bills could receive a vote before the full Senate.

These responsibilities give the lieutenant governor considerable influence over which proposals move forward and which ones may never receive a Senate vote.

However, much of that authority comes from rules adopted by senators, not directly from the Texas Constitution.

According to reporting by The Texas Tribune, Republican senators could use their majority to rewrite those rules before the next legislative session begins. One possibility would be transferring some of the lieutenant governor's responsibilities to a Republican senator selected by the Republican caucus.

If that happens, Goodwin could remain the Senate's presiding officer while having less control over important legislative decisions.

What powers would remain?

Even if Republicans change the Senate rules, they cannot simply eliminate the lieutenant governor's constitutional responsibilities.

The Texas Constitution identifies the lieutenant governor as the presiding officer of the Senate. The officeholder also serves as governor when the governor is temporarily unable to perform the duties of the office or when the position becomes vacant.

Goodwin would also retain a public platform and the ability to work with lawmakers from both parties.



The Texas Senate will face a new political arrangement in January as lawmakers prepare for a Democratic lieutenant governor and a Republican-controlled chamber. (Photo credit commons.wikimedia)

The possible changes would primarily affect how the Senate conducts its business and how much authority the lieutenant governor has over the legislative process.

A new political challenge for Texas

The situation represents an unusual political arrangement for Texas. A Democratic lieutenant governor will lead a Senate controlled by Republicans, while Democrats will also hold the majority in the Texas House following the election.

The 90th Texas Legislature is scheduled to begin January 12, 2027. The Senate's rules and organizational decisions could become some of the first major political battles of the new legislative session.

Goodwin has said she is prepared to work with Republican lawmakers, despite possible changes to her office's authority.

For Texans, the outcome could affect which proposals receive consideration, including legislation involving public education, healthcare, property taxes and other issues important to families and communities throughout the state.

Although voters have selected a new lieutenant governor, the coming weeks will help determine how much influence that office will have under the Republican-controlled Senate.

The question facing Texas lawmakers is whether they will maintain the traditional authority of the lieutenant governor or establish new rules that give the Republican majority greater control over the Senate's decisions.

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TEXAS ELECTION 2026: Voters' names, voting records available online

By David Taylor
Managing Editor



AUSTIN, Texas — As millions of Texans participate in Tuesday's general election, many may be unaware that their decision to cast a ballot becomes part of a public record that can be accessed online.

Under Texas election laws, the names of people who vote, their voting history and certain voter registration information are available to the public. Although the law protects the secrecy of individual ballots, it does not generally keep confidential whether a registered voter participated in an election.

The information is more accessible than many voters may realize.

Texas law requires election officials to make early voting rosters publicly available, with records generally posted by 11 a.m. the following day. Those records allow members of the public, political campaigns and other organizations to determine who has already cast a ballot.

The Texas Secretary of State maintains election information online, and county election officials also make voting records available.

According to the Texas Secretary of State, voter registration records contain information that is considered public under state law, including voters' names, dates of birth, voter identification numbers and the elections in which they participated.

Residential addresses may also be disclosed through public voter registration records, although certain voters qualify for legal protections that keep their addresses confidential.

Public early voting records can identify voters, their precincts and whether they voted in person or by mail.

The information can be downloaded and analyzed using computer software, making it possible to track voter participation across communities and elections.

However, there is an important distinction: The records do not reveal whether someone voted Republican or Democratic, or which candidates they supported in the general election.

Texas lawmakers have passed legislation over the years expanding public access to election records in the interest of transparency and election oversight.

In 2023, lawmakers approved House Bill 5180, making additional election materials available for public inspection, including voted ballots after a waiting period.

But the expansion also raised concerns about voter privacy.

In 2024, investigations by Votebeat and The Texas Tribune demonstrated that certain combinations of publicly available election records could be used to identify how some individuals voted.

State election officials subsequently issued guidance intended to protect ballot secrecy.

The issue illustrates the challenge facing lawmakers: providing public access to election information while preserving the constitutional right to a secret ballot.

Public voting records also serve another purpose: helping political campaigns identify voters who have already participated in an election.

Campaign organizations can use updated voter lists to concentrate their telephone calls, text messages, advertising and door-to-door efforts on registered voters who have not yet cast a ballot.

Modern computer technology allows political organizations to process thousands of records rapidly and compare participation with previous election histories.

While campaigns may use such information to estimate political preferences, those estimates do not establish how an individual actually voted.

Texas law provides certain protections for voter information, including confidential addresses for eligible victims of family violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking.

Voters can also request suppression of their information from certain online displays. However, that does not necessarily remove their information from records subject to disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.

For most Texans, participation in an election remains a matter of public record.

The public availability of voting records does not eliminate the legal protections surrounding individual ballots.

Texas election officials have emphasized that election transparency must be balanced against the right to vote privately.

As Texans prepared for the Nov. 3 general election, the distinction remains significant: The public may be able to determine whether a neighbor, coworker or family member voted, but the candidates and propositions that person selected are supposed to remain secret.

For voters, the message is straightforward: Your ballot is secret. The fact that you voted is not.









SCHOOL PAGE



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

Dear Aldine ISD Community,

One of the greatest gifts we can give a child is the belief that they can do something they have not yet imagined for themselves. Sometimes that belief begins with a teacher who sees a spark of talent. Sometimes it comes from a coach who pushes a student to go a little farther, a mentor who opens a door, or a community partner who steps up to help a family.

And sometimes, it begins with someone simply saying, "I believe in you."

I was reminded of that recently at the Texas Education Conference, when George Couros shared a thought that stayed with me: "We are all somebody's kid." Every student who walks through our doors is somebody's everything. They deserve our very best — on our best days and on the days when the work feels hard.

I have always believed that hope has to have hands. It cannot stop with what we wish for our children. It must show up in what we do for them, the opportunities we create and the people we encourage along the way.

Across Aldine ISD, I see that belief turning into action every day.

Look at our students. The future educators at La Promesa earned the 2026 Educators Rising National Grand Champion title, demonstrating what happens when young people are given opportunities to discover their gifts and develop as leaders. Our cross-country teams delivered outstanding performances at the District 14-6A meet, with MacArthur earning first place in both the boys' and girls' divisions. Our student artists also earned statewide recognition, reminding us that talent takes many forms and every child deserves opportunities to shine.

These accomplishments are worth celebrating. They also reflect the work happening long before the awards and finish lines — the instruction, encouragement, practice, and persistence that help students discover what they can do.

That same commitment to opening doors extends to our educators. Carter Academy music teacher Eun Sung Kim was selected for the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms Fellowship, while Aldine ISD art teacher Anitra Ashewood was selected for the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston Teacher Advisory Group. Their accomplishments reflect the curiosity, creativity, and professional dedication that enrich our classrooms and expand what students can experience.

When we invest in our teachers, we invest in the possibilities our students can see for themselves.

This is the heart of Accelerate, our strategic plan. Our focus on Students First, Instructional Excellence, Thriving Teams, and Aligned Systems is about making sure our commitments translate into meaningful experiences and opportunities for children. It is also reflected in our Portrait of a Graduate, which calls on us to help students reflect, learn, lead, and navigate the world around them.

We want our graduates to leave Aldine prepared not only for their next step, but also to meet new challenges, contribute to their communities, and believe in their ability to make a difference.

Of course, that work does not happen in classrooms alone.

At Calvert Elementary, a partnership between Operation Warm and United Airlines brought new coats to students, offering a tangible reminder that caring for children includes recognizing and responding to their needs. At Kujawa Elementary, students helped plant 27 trees, learning that they can make a difference in the world around them. And at Victory Early College, a showcase highlighted what student leadership looks like when young people are trusted to lead, serve, and use their voices.

The moments may look different, but the promise is the same: Our children deserve people who care about their well-being, encourage their curiosity and help them find their place in the world.

I see that spirit in our staff members, too. Phyllis Muhammad, a resource teacher at Avalos P-TECH School, recently received the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award of Excellence. Her recognition reminds us that an educator's impact often reaches far beyond a lesson or a school day. It lives in the relationships we build and in the care we show students, day after day.

I am grateful for the families, educators, volunteers, businesses, and community partners who understand that we cannot do this work alone. Our partnerships matter because our students matter. When we come together around their futures, we make more possible than any one of us could accomplish on our own.

That is what it means to #ChooseAldine. It means choosing to believe in our students, choosing to invest in their potential and choosing to show up for them — in big moments and in the everyday moments that shape who they become.

As we move toward November, I encourage each of us to consider the difference we can make simply by speaking life into someone else. Tell a student what you see in them. Encourage a colleague. Thank a teacher. Celebrate a child's progress, even when it's small. We may never know how much a few words or one act of kindness will mean to someone, but we can be certain that our encouragement is never wasted.

Hope is more than a feeling. It is a commitment we put into action. And when we turn that commitment into opportunities, relationships, and meaningful support for our children, we help build futures they can believe in.

Thank you for being part of the Aldine story and for continuing to choose our students, our schools, and one another.

With gratitude and hope,

Dr. LaTonya M. GoffneySuperintendent of Schools

Aldine ISD Choice Schools Expo Is Nov. 14



By Leticia Fehling
Director of Internal Communications

Aldine ISD families and students are invited to explore the district's Choice Schools programs at the Choice Schools Expo on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Choice Schools Expo

Saturday, Nov. 14, 20269 a.m.-1 p.m.Davis High School12525 Ella Blvd.Houston, TX 77067

With more than 20 Choice Schools serving students from prekindergarten through high school, Aldine ISD offers programs designed to match students' interests, learning styles and aspirations. Families can explore pathways in leadership, engineering, health sciences, fine arts, International Baccalaureate, two-way dual language (English/Spanish), specialty high schools, blended learning, and single-gender campuses.

"Choosing a school is about finding the place where your child can thrive," said Luz Gabriela "Gaby" Sierra, interim chief transformation officer in Aldine ISD's Office of Transformation. "At the Choice Schools Expo, families can meet school leaders, explore programs, ask questions and receive help with the application process so they can make an informed choice for their child. It's a great opportunity for families to see and hear why they should choose Aldine ISD."

Families living in Aldine ISD and outside the district are encouraged to apply. Transportation is available for eligible students who live within district boundaries. Expo staff will be available to answer questions and help families complete online applications for the 2027-28 school year.

Important Choice Schools Dates

-Oct. 1, 2026: Online applications open at Apply.AldineISD.org.

-Dec. 2, 2026: Application Help Centers, 4:30-6:30 p.m., at Drew Academy for Mathematics, Science & Fine Arts; La Promesa, and Avalos P-TECH School.

-Dec. 16, 2026: First Choice Schools lottery.

-Jan. 31, 2027: Deadline to accept offered seats.

-Spring 2027: Application Help Center (date and locations to be announced).

-April 3, 2027: Choice Schools Festival, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.

-April 7, 2027: Second Choice Schools lottery.

-April 28, 2027: Deadline to accept offered seats.

-April 29-Aug. 1, 2027: Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Families may also attend the Dec. 2 Application Help Centers and a spring Application Help Center for additional assistance. Staff will answer questions and guide families through the application process.

To learn more about Aldine ISD Choice Schools, search programs by school or program type at AldineISD.org/Choice. From early childhood education and advanced academics to college and career pathways, Choice Schools give students opportunities to discover their interests and prepare for success in school, college and life.

Explore. Discover. Choose a school where your child can thrive.

Aldine ISD Cross Country Teams Dominate District 14-6A Meet





By Leticia Fehling
Director of Internal Communications

Qualifying teams and individuals will compete in the Region 2 Cross Country Championships on Monday, Oct. 26, at the Rolling Hills Soccer Complex.

Aldine ISD cross country teams delivered an outstanding performance at the District 14-6A Meet, earning top finishes and securing five of the six regional qualifying team spots.

The MacArthur High School Generals, coached by Patrick James, captured first place in both the boys and girls team divisions. The Aldine High School Mustangs, coached by Kerry Bowie, finished second in the boys division, followed by the Eisenhower High School Eagles, coached by Dan Bui, in third place. In the girls division, the Davis High School Falcons, coached by Emil Clemons, earned third place.

The district also celebrated two individual varsity district champions. Janell Treviño, a senior at Davis High School, claimed the girls title, while Alexis Sifuentes, a sophomore at MacArthur High School, captured the boys championship.

Top Results for Boys

1st Place — MacArthur HS1st Place — Alexis Sifuentes, 10th Grade4th Place — Andrew Martínez, 11th Grade

2nd Place — Aldine HS

3rd Place — Eisenhower HS2nd Place — Nahum Ferrera, 12th Grade

Davis HS3rd Place — Alex Ríos, 12th Grade6th Place — Alfonso Ríos, 10th Grade

Nimitz HS8th Place — Aden Wilson, 12th Grade

Aldine HS10th Place — Alan Suarez, 11th Grade

Top Results for Girls

1st Place — MacArthur HS2nd Place — Gissel Hernández, 10th Grade6th Place — Angelique Fuentes, 10th Grade8th Place — Audrina Velez, 11th Grade10th Place — Kanberry Sauceda, 12th Grade

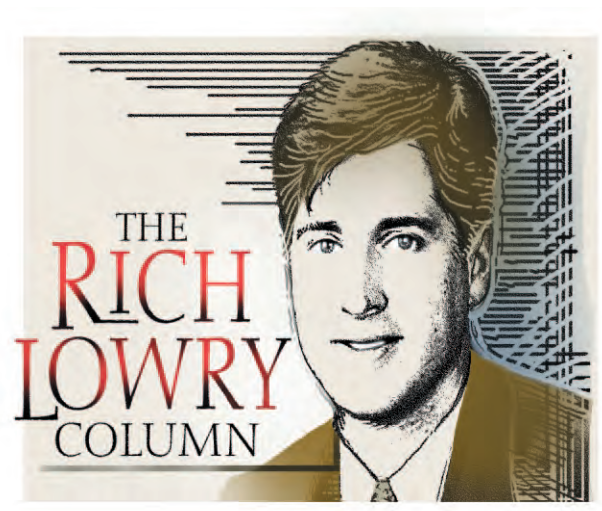
3rd Place — Davis HS1st Place — Janell Treviño, 12th Grade3rd Place — Ashtian Chatham, 12th Grade

Aldine HS5th Place — Fátima Chávez, 12th Grade

* Information provided by the Athletics Department.

"Congratulations to our student-athletes and coaches on an outstanding showing at the District 14-6A Meet," said Dean Colbert, Aldine ISD director of Athletic Services. "Having five of the six regional qualifying teams come from Aldine ISD speaks to the hard work, dedication, and competitive spirit of our programs. We are proud of these accomplishments and look forward to seeing our athletes represent Aldine ISD at the regional meet."

☆ OPINION PAGE ☆



The Unauthorized War

President Donald Trump says that the Iran war will end "soon," a promise he's been making most of this year. Eventually, he will be right, but it hasn't happened in time for the midterm elections, and his party is bearing the brunt.

If Republicans get thumped, all the polling suggests that prices will be one of the main reasons, with the Iran war's contribution to higher costs looming large. According to a recent New York Times/Siena poll, 65% disapprove of President Trump's handling of the war in Iran, and almost 75% disapprove of his handling of gas prices, two closely intertwined issues.

Given the political risk, it's remarkable how stalwart Trump has been in prosecuting the war, the brief interlude of the misbegotten Memorandum of Understanding aside. "The quickest way of ending a war," George Orwell said, "is to lose it," and Trump has been loath to accept a strategic defeat as the way out of the conflict.

That doesn't mitigate the potential political damage. If the Iran war had been as short as initially advertised, or if it had dragged on with no appreciable cost back home, most people presumably wouldn't have cared very much, even if they weren't on board. It's the combination of a relatively drawn-out war causing elevated prices that's a killer, and it adds insult to injury that Trump has handled the matter with such high-handedness.

He didn't ask Congress to authorize the war, and barely made a public case beforehand, while giving the impression throughout that the entire enterprise depends on his whim.

It's often remarked that Trump's obsession with naming things after himself, or building things in Washington, is hurting him because it makes him seem out of touch and interested only in his own priorities. But none of this directly harms anyone — unless they, say, hold a season pass to the Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center.

The Iran war, in contrast, has imposed an economic cost on nearly everyone in the country. President Trump has an idiosyncratic view of representative government. The common understanding of our system is that we elect representatives who debate and vote on important public matters, before standing for election again and finding out if their constituents still want them.

Trump's populist understanding is different — he's the people's representative. It makes sense that Trump, who has a highly personalized view of government and of his movement, has a highly personal view of himself as the tribune of the people. This tends to render the other representatives an unnecessary encumbrance, and indeed this is how Trump has largely treated Congress in his second term.

So it shouldn't be a surprise that it evidently didn't occur to him to ask Congress to authorize the Iran war. There have been comparisons made between Trump's war and George W. Bush's in Iraq, but this is a stark difference. Bush went to Congress, and by the time lawmakers authorized the war, it was a matter of national consensus (although one that fell apart).

Trump hasn't gone to Congress on his tariffs, either, but he made it abundantly clear in the 2024 campaign that he intended to drastically increase duties. Compared with that, the Iran war was a bolt from the blue.

There have been ongoing efforts to cushion the conflict from public accountability. Republicans have tried to argue that it isn't really "a war," and Trump has said that a renewal of a major bombing campaign will only occur after the election, an effort to keep the war from being front and center during voting.

Now, although the war hasn't gone as planned, we need to wait to see how it turns out to make an ultimate judgment — if Trump manages to crack the regime, it will indeed be a legacy-defining achievement. The problem for now, though, is that you can't expect great patience from the public when it wasn't asked or even informed beforehand.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Talarico pledges unity, bipartisianship in Washington

Democratic U.S. senator-elect James Talarico told reporters last week after his decisive win over Republican Ken Paxton that his win was not so much a partisan triumph as a call for something different in Washington, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Talarico said his winning coalition was united by economic frustration and a desire for change.

"People across the political spectrum are hungry for a different kind of politics. Not a politics of hate, not a politics of fear, not a politics of division, but a politics of love," he said.

When asked if Democrats should concentrate on legislative priorities or investigating the Trump administration, he rejected it as a false choice.

"Our top priority has to be delivering for the people of Texas, for the people of this country," Talarico said. "They didn't send us to Washington for political retribution."

Talarico's six-year term as the state's first Democratic U.S. senator in more than 30 years begins when he is sworn in on Jan. 3.

HINOJOSA SET TO MAKE KEY APPOINTMENTS AFTER WINNING GOVERNOR'S RACE

Gina Hinojosa, the Democratic state legislator from Austin who made history by being elected the state's first Latina governor, is likely to make dozens of key appointments in her first few months of office, the San Antonio Express-News reported. She will be inaugurated on Jan. 19 on the south steps of the Texas State Capitol.

In her victory speech on Nov. 3, Hinojosa promised to fire Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath on "day one" in office. He likely is not the only appointee of outgoing Gov. Greg. Abbott facing an uncertain future. The governor has the power to reshape Texas government by appointing leaders of the state's agencies and public university systems, including the boards at the University of Texas, Texas A&M University, and Texas Tech University. She will also appoint a new Secretary of State not long after assuming office.

Hinojosa said last month that she would take each appointment on a "case-by-case basis" to find the most qualified candidates.



"What has happened in Texas is it has become a pay-to-play government, where it is Greg Abbott's donors who are appointed to everything," she said.

During her campaign, Hinojosa also vowed to end the state's $1 billion school voucher program and halt state takeovers of public-school districts. The former Austin ISD school board trustee said she would "work tirelessly to repair the damage caused by the Texas voucher scam and end an era in which our schools are sold for parts."

While she can't repeal the voucher program on her own, the new governor can use line-item veto power to eliminate funding for it.

DEMS WILL TAKE CONTROL OF TEXAS HOUSE IN 2027 SESSION

In addition to winning every statewide race on the ballot, Democrats will hold a majority in the Texas House when lawmakers convene in January. The final number of changed seats was still unknown as of two days after the election, with some races still uncalled. The Associated Press reported that Democrats flipped 14 state House seats and led in the eight uncalled races. Winning all eight would give them an 84-66 majority.

The Texas Senate is a different story, with Republicans maintaining their 19-12 majority. There will be two Senate vacancies in January when Democratic senator Sarah Eckhardt of Austin takes over as comptroller and Democrat Nathan Johnson of Dallas becomes attorney general. Lt. Gov.-elect Vicki Goodwin, another Democrat, will preside over the Senate after defeating incumbent Republican Dan Patrick for that historically powerful post.

University of Texas political scientist Joshua Blank said Goodwin, an Austin state representative, will have considerable power even if Senate Republicans unite against her.

"There are certain powers as the presiding officer over the body that Republicans will have a hard time removing from the lieutenant governor," he said.

REPUBLICANS LOST GROUND IN RURAL TEXAS

The Texas Tribune reported that voters in many of the state's most reliable red counties either voted for Democrats or stayed home, resulting in Texas Republicans losing considerable ground in rural Texas. About 90% of the counties that saw a drop in voter turnout were rural.

Talarico closed the party vote gap in rural counties by about 10 percentage points since 2018 and outperformed Beto O' Rourke's 2018 margin in exurban counties by about 15 percentage points.

"This tells us that you can't take rural Texas for granted," Drew Landry, a political science professor at Levelland College, said. "Republicans were really trying everything to gin up support, but they didn't want to talk about the big issues, and they paid the political price for it."

The largest increase in voter turnout occurred in the state's border counties, up 8.2 percentage points since 2022, followed by urban counties, up 7.9 percentage points. Rural counties, by comparison, saw turnout rise 1.4 percentage points.

PATRICK'S LOSS COULD MEAN CHANGE IN CANNABIS LAWS

Outgoing Lt. Gov. Patrick was a fierce opponent of legalizing marijuana and worked to ban the sale of any products containing THC, the primary psychoactive compound in the cannabis plant. That bill was vetoed by Abbott, but stricter regulations have since been enacted.

Patrick's defeat could mean a change, since Goodwin campaigned on legalizing marijuana, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

During her campaign, she said that tax revenues from marijuana sales could help fund health insurance coverage for the 5 million uninsured Texans.

However, with the Senate still dominated by Republicans, it remains unclear whether a legalization bill can pass that chamber.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Tourist Attraction



We live in the middle of a tourist attraction.

Casa de los Soles is the name of the hotel in Mexico where my husband, Peter, and I spend about two months in the fall and another two months in the winter. We have been renting the same 450-square-foot apartment for five years. It is on the third floor, one of just six units in the hotel. And when we first started coming, it was just that—six apartment-style rooms and more than 3,000 suns adorning every flat surface.

But that was five years ago. In the intervening years, a lot has changed. One fall we showed up and discovered that our landlord, Jorge, had converted a storage room into a small restaurant with a counter for people to sit.

The next time we returned, the counter was gone. The kitchen was larger, and there were tables in the courtyard where people could eat. A year or so later, the leather store in front of the hotel vanished, along with the small room where Jorge had his office, and all that space had become an indoor restaurant area.

By now, the restaurant is flourishing, and it is primarily because of the suns.

Jorge collects ceramic suns. He keeps a rough tally of the suns on the walls, and it has gone up by several hundred since we started coming. "The House of the Suns," as it would be called in English, is famous, in its small way. It has an Instagram page, and people from all over Mexico and occasionally beyond come to see the suns. And now, they often stay and have lunch.

"Wow!" one person after another says, as they step into the courtyard and see thousands of suns climbing the walls, painted on the stairwells, filling the new restaurant area. Then, one after another, they get out their cameras and take a picture.

Some take selfies. Many are photographed climbing the stairs. Some sit on a painted bench, covered in suns, and have a family photo taken. Everyone is smiling. They smile for the photos. They smile at the suns. Then they smile at the food coming from the kitchen.

And Peter and I live right in the middle of it all.

This would not be for everyone; Peter and I understand that. But I think it's fair to say that Peter and I have loved it a bit more with every passing year.

This week, we learned our neighbors, who live in the only larger apartment in Casa de los Soles, will be moving out. They are both in their late 80s, and the stairs are starting to pose a hazard.

"Would you like the apartment?" Jorge asked us.

The apartment has three windows facing one of the oldest cobblestone streets in this very old town. A man sells corn from a cart every night, singing like an opera star as he sells his wares. An artisan market spills out onto the streets. Three neighboring churches ring loud bells at odd hours, and dogs bark between times, and fireworks go off early in the morning.

Renting this would mean we would no longer be hauling our stuff back and forth. No one will rent our apartment while we are away. It would be a more permanent home, right in the center of 3,000 suns.

Of course, we said "yes."

We will soon be living right over the kitchen and restaurant. The tourists will pass beneath us as they enter. And all day long, we'll hear the sound of one person after another say, "Wow!"

Till next time,
Carrie

SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 11

Texans face for QB Watson when they visit Cleveland: Texas, LSU face off in elimination game in SEC



Giants. Not exactly a scintillating matchup.

Week 10 in the NFL also features the Texans heading to Cleveland to take on their former QB, Deshaun Watson, in a game that should be full of emotion for both teams. Watson left on bad terms from the team that drafted him with a first-round pick, and after years of injuries and legal issues, he's got the Browns in the hunt for an AFC Wild Card spot. The Texans are in must-win mode from here on out, so it will be interesting to see if the defense, which has been inept thus far, can turn things around in the second half of the season.

There's a big one in the NFC North as Minnesota visits Green Bay. San Francisco visits a disappointing Dallas team on Sunday in the late game window on FOX Sunday afternoon. I just don't get this Cowboys team. They tend to play down to the level of competition and it bites them in the you-know-what every time. Two weeks ago, Jerry's team blew a 14-point fourth quarter lead to the lowly Cardinals and lost in overtime. That marked the fifth straight loss to Arizona, which isn't exactly one of the top teams in the league. But Jerry is gonna be Jerry. As long as he's making money, I personally don't think he cares about the product he puts on the field.

There's another good one on Sunday as New England visits Detroit.

The Sunday Night Football game should be a good one as the Steelers visit Cincinnati in a key AFC North contest for both teams.

Before we take a look at this weekend's college and NFL games, let's review last week's record. An 8-4 record brought the record to 70-37 (65%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

NCAA

Florida at Kentucky - No. 8 Kentucky is perhaps one of the biggest surprises in college football this season, along with UCLA. First-year head coach Will Stein has done an amazing job in his first year on the job and has led the Wildcats to a 7-1 season record and 4-1 mark in the SEC thus far. He's definitely in line to be the SEC coach of year and should be considered for national coach of the year along with UCLA head man Bob Chesney. The Wildcats host No. 24 Florida on Saturday. Kentucky has an explosive offense led by QB Kenny Minchy (1,775 yards, 14 TDs), for UT running back CJ Baxter (487 yards , 8 TDs), wideout Kenny Darby (38 receptions, 507 yards, 3 TDs) and tight end Willie Rodriguez (39 receptions, 324 yards, 3 TDs). Florida also has improved under first-year head coach Jon Summeral. He has a dangerous offense as well led by QB Aaron Philo (1,367 yards, 9 TDs in 7 games), one of the nation's top back in Jaden Baugh (801 yards, 13 TDs) and a big-play wide receiver in Dallas Wilson (31 receptions, 417 yards, 3 TDs). The key for a Kentucky victory will be if the Wildcat defense can slow down Baugh, it says here they will. My pick, Kentucky 31, Florida 23

Missouri at Georgia - No. 19 Missouri heads to Athens to take on No. 2-ranked Georgia in another late-season SEC contest. Kirby Smart's team is also ranked No. 2 in the CFP rankings and knows it can't have any slip ups from here on out. The Bulldog defense will need to slow down a solid Missouri running game led by Jamal Roberts (1,009 yards, 5 TDs) and Ahmad Hardy, who returned two weeks ago after missing most of the season recovering from a gunshot wound he suffered in May. The Tigers also have a solid QB in Austin Simmons (1,952 yards, 16 TDs) and two dependable receivers in Cayden Lee (52 receptions, 747 yards, 5) and Donovan Olugbode (41 receptions, 593 yards, 7 TDs). The Mizzu offense might have its hands full with a 'Dawgs defense that allows just 14 points per game. It also has a solid offense led by QB Gunner Stockton (1,671 passing yards, 16 TDs/205 rushing yards, 1 TD), running backs Dwight Phillips (415 yards, 2 TDs) and Nate Frazier (297 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Craig Dandridge (20 receptions, 349 yards, 1 TD). Smart is too good of a coach to let the 'Dawgs play down at this point of the season. My pick, Georgia 34, Missouri 20

Texas Tech at Oklahoma State - No. 13 Texas Tech faces a tough road test against a dangerous Oklahoma St. team. Two weeks ago, Tech head coach Joey McGuire made a change at QB and started Tommy Castellanos (189 passing yards, 4 TDs/182 rushing yards, 3 TDs). The move to Castellanos seemed to ignited the Red Raider offense. He and running backs J'Koby Williams (794 yards, 6 TDs) and Cameron Dickey (276 yards, 4 TDs) will need to eat clock to keep OSU QB Drew Mestemaker (2,649 yards, 25 TDs) off of the field. The Cowboys also have a capable back in Caleb Hawkings (906 yards, 4 TDs) and solid wideouts in Justin Brock (41 receptions, 731 yards, 9 TDs) and Wyatt Young (43 receptions, 713 yards, 8 TDs). McGuire knows his team must win out to have a shot at landing a spot in the Big 12 title game. Looked for a focused Red Raider team to show up in Stillwater come Saturday. My pick, Texas Tech 34, Oklahoma St. 26

Texas at LSU - A big one in the SEC pits No. 10 Texas against No. 15 LSU in an elimination game for both teams SEC title, and perhaps CFP hopes. I expect this to be a prime time game on either ABC or ESPN. Texas is banged up, but should have star edge rusher Collin Simmons (10.5 sacks) back for this one. On offense, QB Arch Manning (1,727 passing yards, 15 TDs/114 rushing yards, 2 TDs) is playing better, but will need help from running back Ralek Brown (452 yards, 5 TDs) and banged up wideouts Ryan Wingo (36 receptions, 470 yards, 4 TDs) and Cam Coleman (23 receptions, 409 yards, 7 TDs). The UT defense will have its hands full with LSU dual-threat QB Sam Leavitt (2,173 passing yards, 17 TDs/324 rushing yards, 8 TDs), running back Dilin Jones (657 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Jackson Harris (36 receptions, 634 yards, 7 TDs). Getting Simmons back could be huge for UT in this game. My pick, Texas 30, LSU 27

Utah at Arizona - No. 3 Utah has a tough road test at No. 24 Arizona as it looks to preserve its undefeated season and land a seat in the Big 12 conference game. The Utes won their first eight games and first five Big 12 games and are in the driver's seat to play in Arlington in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 6. They have a very good dual-threat QB in Devon Dampier (1,876 passing yards, 18 TDs/394 rushing yards,5 TDs), a solid running back in Wayshawn Parker (726 yards, 9 TDs) and a dependable wide receiver in Braden Pegan (39 receptions, 505 yards, 6 TDs). Two weeks ago, Arizona lost a tough one at Texas Tech after leading for most of the game. They have a very good QB in Noah Fifita (2,481 yards, 19 TDs), a solid runner in Kedrick Reescano (321 yards, 7 TDs) and a good receiver in Isaiah Mizell (34 receptions, 675 yards, 4 TDs). Fans of Tech and BYU will be rooting for the Wildcats to pull off the upset on Saturday, but look for Utah to answer the challenge and pick up a big road win. My pick, Utah 31, Arizona 26

USC at Indiana - No. 18 USC heads to the Midwest to take on No. 6 Indiana in a key Big 10 contest on Saturday. Two weeks ago, the Trojans upset Ohio State, 30-18, but they face a tough task when they face a very good Hoosiers team on Saturday. The Indiana defense is solid, but will get tested by USC QB Jayden Maiava (2,525 yards, 20 TDs), running back King Miller (681 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receivers Trent Mosley (32 receptions, 512 yards, 6 TDs), and Kayden Dixon-Wyatt (32 receptions, 443 yards, 4 TDs) and tight end Mark Bowman (24 receptions, 283 yards, 2 TDs). Indiana needs QB Josh Hoover (1,860 yards, 19 TDs) to bring his A game on Saturday. He will get help from running backs Turbo Richard (745 yards, 6 TDs) and Lee Beebe Jr. (715 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receivers Charlie Becker (50 receptions, 875 yards, 9 TDs) and Nick Marsh (38 receptions, 669 yards, 8 TDs). Look for the Hoosiers to establish the run early to set up Hoover to make plays to Becker and Marsh in the passing game. My pick, Indiana 26, USC 17

NFL

Washington at New York Giants - Week 10 in the NFL begins on Thursday Night Football with a battle in the NFC East as Washington visits the division-leading Giants. Two weeks ago, the Commanders picked up a nice win over the struggling Eagles, while the Giants had the week off. Washington will need a big night from QB Jayden Daniels (976 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (27 receptions, 252 yards, 5 TDs) if they hope to pull off the upset. NY appears to have found its QB in J.J. McCarthy (495 yards, 1 TD in 2 starts). They can run the ball thanks to Cam Skattebo (418 yards, 2 TDs) and have an emerging star in wideout Malik Nabors (48 receptions, 605 yards, 2 TDs). The Giants also have a solid defense, which will be the difference maker come Thursday night. My pick, New York 24, Washington 14

New England at Detroit - This should be an interesting game as the Patriots visit the Lions on Sunday. Two weeks ago, NE won a tough road game at Miami, while the Lions won a hard-fought battle at home against Minnesota, handing the Vikings their first loss of the season. The Detroit defense will get tested once again by a good Patriots offense led by QB Drake Maye (1,983 passing yards, 15 TDs/216 rushing yards, 3 TDs), running back Rhamodre Stevenson (367 yards, 2 TDs) and wideout Demario Douglas (26 receptions, 332 yards, 4 TDs). The Lions have one of the top offenses in the league led by QB Jared Goff (1,964 yards, 15 TDs), running back Jahmyr Gibbs (773 rushing yards, 8 TDs/ 34 receptions, 285 yards, 2 TDs), wideouts Amon-Ra St. Brown (53 receptions, 571 yards, 5 TDs) and Jameson Williams (27 receptions, 437 yards, 5 TDs) and tight end Sam LaPorta (31 receptions, 367 yards, 3 TDs). Look for the Lions explosive offense to make a play or two more come Sunday to pull out the victory. My pick, Detroit 33, New England 26

Houston at Cleveland - The Texans head to Ohio to take on old friend DeShaun Watson (1,806 yards, 7 TDs) on Sunday. Houston head coach DeMeco Ryans knows his team can't afford many more losses if they want to keep their playoff hopes alive. Look for the defense to play better, which it must from here on out. Texans QB C.J. Stroud (1,867 yards, 11 TDs) and Nico Collins (24 receptions, 329 yards, 3 TDs) will face a tough Browns defense, which means they will need to get their beleaguered running game going. Watson was in concussion protocol two weeks ago, but I don't expect him to miss taking on his former team. He will look to attack a suspect Houston secondary with strikes to tight end Harold Fannin Jr. (35 receptions, 411 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Denzel Boston (409 yards, 3 TDs). Look for the Texans defense to finally step up and help pick up a big road win on Sunday. My pick, Houston 23, Cleveland 17

Minnesota at Green Bay - A big one in the NFC North pits the Vikings against the Packers at Lambeau Field. Two weeks ago, Minnesota saw its undefeated season come to an end with its 19-15 loss at Detroit, while the Packers defeated Carolina. The Vikings have one of the top defenses in the league, but struggle on offense behind QB Kyler Murray (1,022 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Justin Jefferson (40 receptions, 335 yards, 4 TDs). GB has a solid offense led by QB Jordan Love (2,246 yards, 16 TDs) and two solid receivers in Christian Watson (42 receptions, 708 yards, 6 TDs) and Matthew Golden (43 receptions, 619 yards, 4 TDs). The Packers offense also got a lift with the return of running back Josh Jacobs (75 yards, 3 total TDs in 2 games). My pick, Green Bay 26, Minnesota 20

San Francisco at Dallas - The 49ers head to Jerry World to take on a Dallas team that has struggled against the 49ers over the last few years. The 49ers offense should be licking its chops to take on a very bad Cowboys defense. Look for QB Brock Purdy (1,748 yards, 15 TDs), running back Christian McCaffrey (389 rushing yards, 8 TDs/37 receptions, 251 yards) and tight end George Kittle (34 receptions, 425 yards, 3 TDs). Dallas will need a big day from QB Dak Prescott (2,046 yards, 14 TDs), running back Javonte Williams (528 yards, 9 total TDs) and wide receivers CeeDee Lambe (60 receptions, 709 yards, 6 TDs) and George Picken (39 receptions, 533 yards, 3 TDs). Dallas just isn't good enough on defense to beat a team as loaded as the 49ers, so look for Jerry to have another meltdown in his box come Sunday. My pick, San Francisco 33, Dallas 21

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati - A good one in the AFC North on Sunday Night Football as the Steelers visit the Bengals. Both teams have been playing well lately and this should be a competitive contest. Pittsburgh has gotten a good season out of QB Aaron Rodgers (1,871 yards, 15 TDs), running back Jaylen Warren (704 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver DK Metcalf (33 receptions, 378 yards, 1 TD). The Bengals are loaded on offense led by QB Joe Burrow (2,115 yards, 20 TDs), running back Chase Brown (340 rushing yards, 1 TD/36 receptions, 189 yards) and big-play wideouts Tee Higgins (43 receptions, 726 yards, 4 TDs) and Ja'Marr Chase (43 receptions, 492 yards, 6 TDs). Look for the Cinci offense to be too much for the Steelers come Sunday night. My pick, Cincinnati 26, Pittsburgh 18

Free broadcasts announced for UIL Football State Championship across Texas,

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dio broadcast or internet radio, and we can't video stream the playoffs live because those rights belong to Texan Live and to NFHS," Sanchez said.

The distinction means North Shore, C. E. King, and Barbers Hill fans can continue listening to Legacy's coverage during the postseason, even as they turn to other outlets for live video.

"But we can still do an audio broadcast, you know, internet radio," Sanchez said. Many choose to listen to the Legacy broadcast while watching the video online or television because of their broad knowledge of the teams that spans years, and decades.

Nexstar and Mission's announcement covers the four-day championship event, which will crown Division I and Division II champions across six football classifications. It does not announce television coverage of every preceding playoff round.

"High school football is part of the fabric of Texas, and few events bring communities together like the UIL State Football Championships," Andrew Alford, president of Nexstar's broadcasting division, said in the announcement.

"Nexstar and Mission have a strong local presence across Texas, and we are excited to use the combined reach of our television stations and digital platforms to give fans more ways to watch these student-athletes compete for a state championship," Alford said.

Sanchez said viewers will need to pay attention to how games are distributed in their markets rather than assume every matchup will appear on broadcast television.

"It's not one-size-fits-all like it used to be," he said.

"So you could be easily expecting that game to be over the air on 39, and then you have to go download the app," Sanchez said.

Last year, the UIL worked with fledgling Victory+ Broadcasting with a contractual commitment to broadcast all state finals championships for free the next five years was signed in June 2025. It only lasted one year after Victory+ Broadcasting shut down in September 2026 after serious financial problems caused several major sports organizationos to abandon the streaming service.

Victory+ was operated by A Parent Media Company, based in Calgary, Canada, with the Dallas Stars among its investors. The Stars were reportedly owed millions of dollars and moved their broadcasts to Amazon Prime Video. The Texas Rangers left the service amid concerns over financial commitments. The Anaheim Ducks terminated their streaming arrangement. Amid financial collapse, the company terminated its remaining employees and entered receivership proceedings in Canada. The shutdown also canceled scheduled Texas high school football broadcasts leaving the UIL scrambling for a broadcast partner.

The announcement lists the following participating television stations and digital platforms:

Dallas: KDAF and CW33+.

Houston: KIAH and CW39+.

Austin: KBVO, KXAN and KXAN+.

El Paso: KTSM 9.2 Estrella TV and KTSM+.

Amarillo: KCIT, KAMR and KAMR+.

Abilene/ Sweetwater: KRBC and KTAB+.

San Angelo: KSAN and KLST+.

Waco/Temple/Bryan: KYLE and FOX44+.

Wichita Falls: KJBO and KFDX+.

Tyler/Longview: KTPN and KETK+.

Lubbock: KAMC and eL+.

Midland/Odessa: KMID and Big2+.

Harlingen/Brownsville: KGBT and Valley Central+.

"The UIL State Football Championships are an important tradition for high schools and communities throughout Texas," UIL Executive Director Jamey Harrison said in the announcement. "We are excited to work with Nexstar Media and Mission Broadcasting to expand access to these championship games and we are pleased that fans will be able to watch them through streaming and local television broadcasts across Texas."

For Sanchez, free access also is central to Legacy's approach. He said the network relies on local sponsors and businesses rather than charging viewers or listeners.

"We don't do pay-per-view," Sanchez said. "I don't ask people to sign up or give me their e-mail or anything like that. You go to our website, you hit play, and you can watch it or listen to us."

Viewers should check local program listings to determine which championship games will air on television and which will be available through streaming platforms.

Earlier playoff games will be broadcast by NFHS Network who retains first rights to UIL postseason games it chooses to broadcast. Dave Campbell's Texas Football helps administer those broadcasting rights Some games may also be carried by approved local broadcasters.

North Shore has a large traveling audience selling thousands of tickets to local games. They also have a large online audience setting a record for Legacy Sports Network at the C. E. King game of over 30,000.

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LAST WEEK IN FOOTBALL

Aldine Davis 42, Aldine Nimitz 17
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THIS WEEK IN FOOTBALL

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Psalm 45:8b-10a

from **palaces** adorned with **ivory** the **music** of the **strings** makes you **glad**. Daughters of **kings** are **among** your honored **women**; at your **right** **hand** is the **royal** **bride** in **gold** of **Ophir**. Listen, **daughter**, and **pay** careful **attention**:

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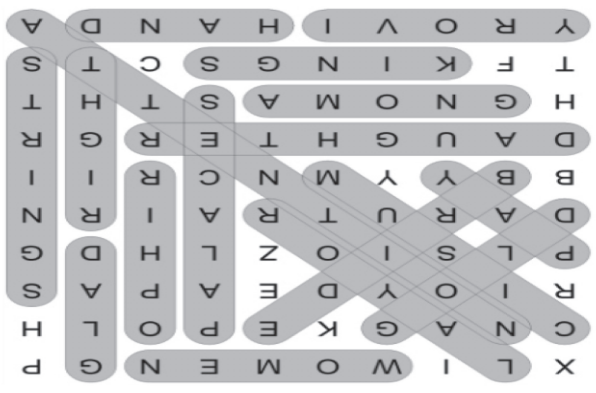
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3. How many slingshot attempts did it take David to strike Goliath? 1, 2, 3, 4
4. In Joppa, who was raised from the dead by the apostle Peter? Lazarus, Nahum, Tabitha, Hosea
5. Who was the baby born of Zacharias and Elizabeth? Daniel, John the Baptist, Noah, David
6. What was Pontius Pilate's culture group? Roman, Greek, Syrian, Babylonian

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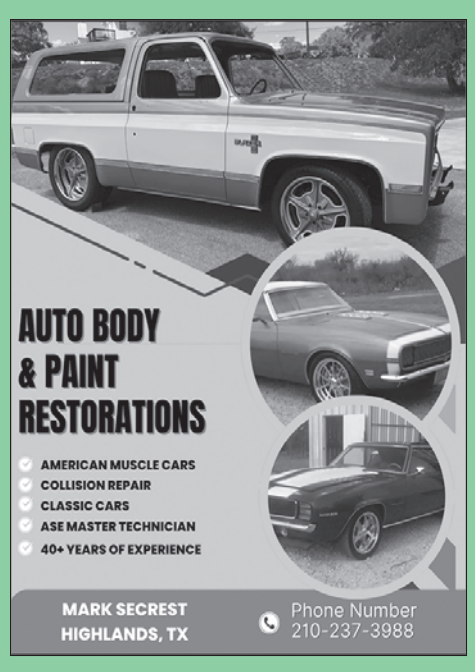
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Rose Byrne, left, and Samantha Quinn star in "The Good Daughter."

"The Good Daughter"

"Primetime" (R) — Director Lance Oppenheim has had two culturally resonant films that have been released this year: a meta-documentary film titled "You Can See Everything," and this psychological thriller led by Robert Pattinson ("The Odyssey"). Much to the real-life Chris Hansen's dismay, in "Primetime," Pattinson portrays "To Catch a Predator" journalist Chris Hansen circa 2006. The potential reveal of an extramarital affair of his causes Hansen to ramp up his efforts toward making his show a success, rather than focusing on the overall mission of catching child predators. While viewers themselves can watch Hansen slowly unravel due to pressure, they can also see him spiral through the eyes of aspiring actor Dan Plum (Skyler Gisondo), who becomes Hansen's mentee. The film is out now to rent; see if it's as "detached from reality" as the real-life Hansen said it was! (Amazon Prime Video)

"Other Mommy" (R) — Jessica Chastain ("Dreams") leads this creepy psychological-horror film based on the 2024 novel "Incidents Around the House" by Josh Malerman. The film zeroes in on a family of three: 7-year-old Bela (Arabella Olivia Clark), her father Russ (Jay Duplass), and her mother Ursula (Chastain). Ursula is laser-focused on her career, which doesn't leave her much time to spend with Russ or Bela. Craving attention from her mother, Bela begins to see a supernatural entity around her house that looks like her mom, so she names this entity "Other Mommy." (Wink.) But as the Other Mommy becomes increasingly contorted and angry, she begins to attack Bela, hoping that Bela will finally let her into her heart. Available to rent on Nov. 10. (Apple TV)

"The Good Daughter" (TV-MA) — If HBO's "Sharp Objects" was your kind of show, look no further than this new mystery series, which similarly emulates that small-town, gritty, rugged feel. Oscar nominee Rose Byrne ("If I Had Legs, I'd Kick You") stars alongside Emmy nominee Meghann Fahy ("Sirens") as a pair of estranged sisters who tensely reunite after a murder case consumes their hometown. This new case brings back dark memories from a traumatic event when they were young girls, forcing them to reconcile the past and present in order for both sisters to fully move on. Emmy winner Brendan Gleeson ("Spider-Noir") plays their endearing hospitalized father, who hopes to harmonize the relationship between them. All six episodes will be available to stream on Nov. 12. (Peacock)

"Heartland" (R) — And she's back already! Jessica Chastain ("Other Mommy") is also the lead of this mystery-thriller film premiering on Nov. 13. A completely different change of tune from the film detailed above, "Heartland" takes viewers into the underbelly of Nashville after a young 22-year-old star named Charlie Heart (Carter Faith) disappears. Her aunt, former country music star Misty Jones (Chastain), is pleaded by her brother to go to Nashville and dig around for information about Charlie herself, since she knows her way around the city. At first, Misty is hesitant to go back to this previous chapter in her life, but with Charlie's life on the line, nothing will stop her from finding her niece. (Netflix)

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Celebrity extra by Dana Jackson

Q:Is Lacey Chabert going to be in another Christmas movie this year? Isn't she considered the queen of them? — L.K.

A:Yes, Lacey Chabert is widely considered the "Queen of Hallmark" ever since she starred in "Matchmaker Santa" for the network in 2012. She's gone on to star in 16 Christmas movies and over 40 movies for Hallmark.

Next up for Chabert is "Holiday Ever After: A Disney World Wish Come True," co-starring Travis Van Winkle ("FUBAR") and Richard Kind ("Only Murders in the Building"). During a family visit to the Magic Kingdom, Lacey's character finds herself in the hotel room that's adjacent to a man she once considered a first-date disaster.

"Holiday Ever After" premieres on the Hallmark Channel on Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. ET.

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Q:I was watching old episodes of "Law & Order" and thought I saw a young Zoe Saldana in an episode. Was it her? — E.B.

A: Yes, you very likely saw a 21-year-old Zoe Saldana in her first professional acting role. Long before she starred in blockbuster film franchises like "Avatar" and "Guardians of the Galaxy," Saldana was a guest star on a 1999 episode of NBC's "Law & Order," titled "Refuge: Part 2." Like many New York actors, she also made guest appearances on more than one episode within the "Law & Order" universe. Her second guest-star appearance was on season five of "Law & Order: SVU," where she played the daughter of a drug addict.

Years later, she described her first time on the set of "L&O" to Elle magazine: "That was the very first time I did something that my entire family, living in the States and worldwide, was able to watch. I remember that day that I shot that scene. ... I thought, 'I can get used to this, this is something I can maybe do as a career.'"

And, boy, is she having quite the life, including winning a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her role in the musical "Emilia Perez" and currently starring in the hit Paramount+ series "Lioness."

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Travis Van Winkle (Upcoming in "Holiday Ever After")

Q:Is it true that they've canceled the show "Criminal Minds"? Will there be any more new episodes? — M.R.

A:"Criminal Minds" ran for 15 seasons on CBS before it was canceled in 2020. It was picked back up in 2022 by streamer Paramount+ and was retitled "Criminal Minds: Evolution." So, what's considered season 20, the final season of "Criminal Minds," will premiere sometime in 2027. Production wrapped earlier this fall, so hopefully, you won't have to wait much longer for the new episodes.

It looks like there's a glimmer of hope, however. Cast member AJ Cook, who plays special agent JJ Jareau, pointed out that in an article from Deadline, it stated, "'Criminal Minds' is ending its run (for now) across two incarnations on two platforms." Does the parenthetical aside mean that the show's simply being put on pause? Showrunner Erica Messer agrees that there are more stories to tell and hopes to "keep telling them somewhere."

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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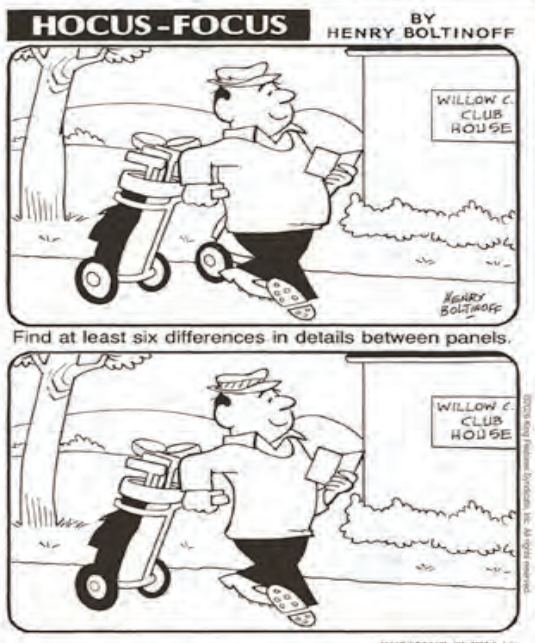
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

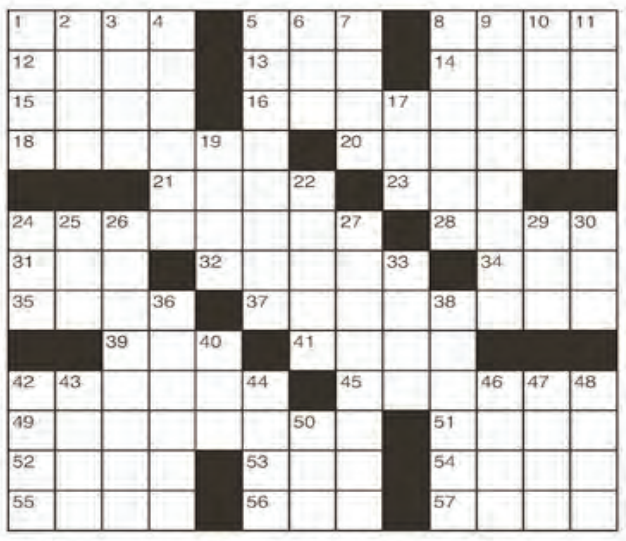


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bushes are taller. 2. Tree trunk is different. 3. Wheel is different. 4. Man is thinner. 5. Scorecard is longer. 6. Hat is different.

King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Eye drop
5 Gullet
8 Grime
12 Jazz singer James
13 Financial pro
14 Body sci.
15 Hearty dish
16 Abraham Lincoln's birthplace
18 Arm bones
20 Craig of "Skyfall"
21 Ms. Rowlands
23 Qt. fractions
24 George Washington's birthplace
28 Planted, as seed
31 Anger
32 Bellini opera
34 Steal from
35 Shade of blue
37 Gerald Ford's birthplace
39 Always, in verse
41 Venue
42 Subway line in an Ellington song
45 Saint of Avila
49 Harry S. Truman's birthplace
51 Farm team
52 Worry
53 Ring decision
54 Noggin
55 Disarray
56 Junior
57 Spanish for "this"

DOWN

1 TV/radio host John
2 Words to Brutus
3 "Up and —!"
4 Steak tartare ingredient
5 "Barbie" actress Kate
6 Chest-beating beast
7 Wizard's prop
8 Intimidates
9 Cutting teeth
10 Croupier's tool
11 Texter's sign-off
17 Phone bug
19 Check
22 Buenos —
24 Sportscaster Scully
25 Roth svgs. plan
26 Flip-flops
27 Aspiration
29 Stir-fry vessel
30 Cagers' gp.
33 Prado display
36 Bakery supplies
38 Bacteriologist's study
40 Brazilian city
42 Bands on radios
43 Lose energy
44 Crazy
46 Alimony recipients
47 Bicycle part
48 — Domini
50 Former MGM rival

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of South Carolina?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to Mount Kilimanjaro?
3. COMICS: Who is Wonder Woman's mother?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What is kombucha?
5. MOVIES: What is the main family's name in "The Godfather" movies?
6. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the novel "The Martian"?
7. MATH: How many sides does a heptadecagon have?
8. TELEVISION: What is the name of the women's prison in "Orange is the New Black"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are espadrilles?
10. HISTORY: What was the main marketplace in ancient Greece called?

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



Trivia Test Answers!

1. Columbia; 2. Tanzania, Africa; 3. Queen Hippolyta; 4. Fermented tea; 5. Corleone; 6. Andy Weir; 7. 17; 8. Litchfield Penitentiary; 9. Summer footwear, usually made of canvas; 10. The Agora

Garcia wins third term as democrats secure major victories across Texas,

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cia will continue representing their interests in county government for another four years.

Democrats Score Major Victories Across Texas

Garcia's reelection was part of a series of major Democratic victories across Texas and Harris County in the November 3 election.

James Talarico defeated Republican Ken Paxton in the U.S. Senate race, becoming the first Democrat elected to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate since 1988.

Democrat Gina Hinojosa defeated incumbent Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, becoming the first Democrat elected governor of Texas since Ann Richards won the office in 1990.

In Harris County, Letitia Plummer defeated Republican Orlando Sanchez to become the next county judge. Her victory makes her the



first Black person elected to the position.

Other Democrats also won important county races. Lesley Briones secured another term as Precinct 4 commissioner, Teneshia Hudspeth won reelection as county clerk, and Abbie Kamin won the county attorney's race.

U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia also won reelection to represent Texas' 29th Congressional District.

The victories mark a significant political shift in Texas and strengthen Democratic representation in Harris County government.

The election results remain unofficial and are subject to the county's final canvass and certification.

LSC partners with five universities to expand bachelor's degree pathways,

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bachelor's degree and build a career that will support themselves and their families," said Seelpa Keshvala, Ph.D., LSCS executive vice chancellor, Academics. "These five premier universities have chosen to partner with us in a critical step in that journey for our students: the transfer process."

LSCS signed the agreements with Prairie View A&M University, Sam Houston State University, Texas State University, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston-Downtown at a public signing ceremony on Oct. 28.

"The fact that 100,000 students now have five incredible options to choose from is really the takeaway from today's event," said Texas Sen. Paul Bettencourt, chair of the Texas Senate Committee on Higher Education. "It cuts through all the noise; it cuts through all the worry of, 'Am I taking the right classes?' They're telling students what they need to do and giving them options. It's a fantastic step forward for the state of Texas."

The agreements will advance LSCS's Do the Thing & Be the Bridge: 2025–2030 strategic plan. The plan includes goals to achieve a 70% university graduation rate for first-time LSCS transfer students and establish five guaranteed transfer partnerships with a total of 50 pathways by 2030.

"One of our primary goals at Lone Star College System is connecting to bridges to prosperity," said Mario K. Castillo, J.D., LSCS chancellor. "These partnerships help create a more seamless path for students to transfer to one of our five partner universities and to continue working toward their academic goals."

Learn more about LSCS Guaranteed Transfer Partnership Agreements at LoneStar.edu/GTPA.

Precinct 2 Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By Gerardo Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

EAST ALDINE — Harris County Precinct 2 hosted its annual Hispanic Heritage Luncheon in mid-October at the Deputy Darren Almendarez Community Center in East Aldine, bringing together residents and community leaders to celebrate Latino culture and recognize local contributions.

The afternoon featured traditional food, art and entertainment, highlighting the cultural heritage and traditions of the Latino community.

During the celebration, several community members received the **Community Engagement Award** from Precinct 2 in recognition of their involvement and contributions to the community.

The event was supported by sponsors Precinct2gether, the East Aldine District and Linebarger, whose contributions helped make the annual celebration possible.

The luncheon provided an opportunity to recognize individuals who work to strengthen local neighborhoods while celebrating Hispanic heritage and community pride.

Headline alternative: Precinct 2 Honors Community Leaders at Hispanic Heritage Luncheon









