~ Happy Thanksgiving ~

"Having somewhere to go is home. Having someone to love is family. Having both is a blessing." ~ Author, Unknown

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Dallas ISD Renames School in Honor of Shirley Ison-Newsome

DALLAS, TX — The Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees approved this past spring the renaming of Harry Stone Montessori International Baccalaureate Academy to **Shirley Ison-Newsome Montessori Academy, an International Baccalaureate World School**, honoring a celebrated educator whose leadership helped shape the campus and the district for generations. A dedication ceremony will be held at the campus Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 11 a.m. at 4747 Veterans Drive, Dallas.

"I am both honored and humbled by this very special recognition and acknowledgment of my life's work in education. It is my hope that students, teachers, other educators, parents and community will see my name on the building and want to ensure the very best for all of our children, for it is we, the adults, who have the primary responsibility for the next generation and our unborn legacies," Ison-Newsome said.

Shirley Ison-Newsome built a distinguished career defined by innovation, mentorship, and a steadfast commitment to student success. From her beginnings as a junior high school teacher in Louisville, Kentucky, to her rise through the ranks of Dallas ISD, she became known as a transformative leader whose impact extended from individual campuses to districtwide strategy and school improvement efforts.

Ison-Newsome's connection to the campus runs deep. She served as principal of Harry Stone Middle School before the school's transition to a Montessori program under a federal desegregation court order. She later served as area superintendent overseeing Stone Montessori Academy and was instrumental in securing International Baccalaureate certification for grades 6–8 while preserving Montessori programming for students in pre-kindergarten through grade 5. Her leadership at Harry Stone helped establish a model of academic excellence and innovation that continues to define the school today.

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Shirley Ison-Newsome

OP-ED: Black voters made history. They laid the groundwork for a Third Reconstruction

BLACKPRESSUSA NEWSWIRE—Mississippi's election of Scott Colom was the crown jewel of a Southern mobilization led by Black women and black-led organizations. The new governing majorities must use their power to protect fair representation, expand the right to vote, and deliver on the issues that brought people to the polls.

By **Melanie L. Campbell**



Scott Colom US Senator- Mississipp
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They tried to erase our history. Black voters went out and made new history.

The audacity was in thinking they could decide what this country remembered about us and how much say we would have in its future. A century after Carter G. Woodson launched Negro History Week, the Trump administration pressured the Smithsonian over how it tells the American story. Books about race disappeared from school shelves. Cuts and rollbacks of diversity, equity, and inclusion cost Black women jobs and contracts. Then the Supreme Court weakened voting rights protections in Louisiana v. Callais, and GOP lawmakers across the South rushed to redraw the maps to dilute black political power and the ability for black voters to elect candidates of choice.

They believed we would absorb the blow and sit it out. They were wrong.

Across the South and other states, Black women answered. We built coalitions. We registered voters in churches, on campuses, in beauty salons, and at neighborhood cookouts. We brought grandmothers, mothers, and first-time voters into the same line. We drove neighbors to the polls. Many of us did it while our households were carrying the cost of those decisions. Some of us had lost federal jobs. Some watched contracts disappear. We organized in communities where families feared immigration agents would take another loved one and where young people worked full time and still couldn't afford a place of their own. We knew exactly what decisions made in Washington and in state capitals meant at home.

And in Mississippi, that work paid off. Voters from every background elected Scott Colom, the state's first Black U.S. senator since Blanche K. Bruce left office in 1881.

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Democrat Mary Peltola wins US Senate race in Alaska, beating incumbent Republican Dan Sullivan

By **BECKY BOHRER** Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Democrat Mary Peltola defeated two-term Republican Sen. Dan Sullivan in Alaska, overcoming allegations that members of her campaign helped recruit a candidate who shares the incumbent's name and completing a political comeback in a state President Donald Trump repeatedly won by wide margins.

The Alaska race was the last U.S. Senate contest to be resolved in this year's midterm elections and gave Democrats a 56-44 majority after they flipped nine GOP-held seats to retake the chamber. The party also won campaigns in other conservative states, including South Carolina, Texas, Kansas and Mississippi.

In a statement, Peltola said voters sent a clear message that "the status quo in D.C. is not working for Alaska."

"Over the course of this campaign I've spoken with elders in tears about empty fish racks; families struggling to find housing they can afford; and parents in the Bush faced with the impossible choice of heating their homes or putting food on the table," she said. "Today we take a monumental step forward in addressing those issues and putting Alaska first."

Sullivan spokesperson Nate Adams did not respond to a request for comment. Adams had said Monday that the campaign would let the process "run its course until every legal vote is counted and certified." A spokesperson for the National Republican Senatorial Committee also did not respond.

As part of the Nov. 3 general election, Alaskans also elected a Democrat as governor for the first time since 1998, as former state lawmaker Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins defeated three Republicans, including one endorsed by Trump. The Associated Press has not yet called the U.S. House race, where independent candidate Bill Hill is

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Waymo suspends all driverless taxi rides on freeways after ban in California

By **JOSH KELETY** Associated Press

Waymo has temporarily stopped offering driverless taxi rides on freeways after California banned the vehicles from state freeways following recent traffic incidents.

The company had allowed riders to hail its robotaxis for freeway rides in the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Miami and Austin. The California-based company offers rides on city streets in many other areas, including Las Vegas, Dallas, and Denver.

A Waymo spokesperson wrote in an email that the company has "temporarily restricted commercial freeway rides in all markets where we operate that service," though it's "continuing freeway testing with trained autonomous specialists behind the wheel." The suspension was implemented last Wednesday, according to the spokesperson, but they didn't say how long it would last.

The suspension came after the California Department of Motor Vehicles banned the company's robotaxis from freeways that same day. The ban followed two incidents including one in which three Waymo driverless vehicles drove into a construction zone, DMV spokesperson Jonathan Groveman said in a statement.

The construction zone incident occurred on Nov. 5 and the second incident, which involved California Highway Patrol vehicles, occurred the next day on a highway in San Francisco, according to Groveman.

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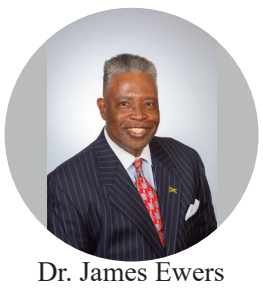
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EDITORIAL PAGE

Getting Older and Being More Thankful

By **James B. Ewers Jr.**, Ed.


Dr. James Ewers

I can remember a time when the days were longer, and time almost stood still. At least that is how it seemed to me. Is that what youth does?

It really didn't matter the time of year. School was longer and the seasons of the year seemed never ending. I guess that is kind of how I viewed life as a child.

In a strange way, everything was in slow motion. Being in a hurry wasn't a part of my young thinking. Yes, I was on time for school, and I wasn't late for church. I never felt rushed.

Holidays didn't just suddenly happen. There was some prelude to them. We had what I would call "buildups" to these holidays and seasonal events.

For example, we prepared for Halloween. We planned out our costumes and masks. Most of the time, we didn't really have costumes, not like they have today. Every kid in my neighborhood had two things, a mask to wear and a paper bag to collect candy.

We didn't have designated trick or treat places to go. We just went door to door in our neighborhood. Our bags were always full when we went home.

As I have grown older, I have been the one giving out the treats and it continues to be fun.

Being thankful for me has been on the increase as the decades have come and gone. I believe when we were younger, we took for granted what we had. It's wasn't being arrogant, but it was more not acknowledging what we did have.

The holiday season is approaching now. Halloween was here for two minutes and now Thanksgiving is waiting on us.

In the eyes of some people, Thanksgiving is the most reflective holiday that we have. We probably think of family and friends more than we do with other holidays.

With this holiday, food is front and center. I had my first turkey with all the trimmings when I was a boy. It was a big deal because my mom and dad made it special. My mom was a great cook, so our family ate until we were stuffed.

Now my friends and I all have families and friends, so this tradition continues. I think one of the highlights is that we share memories about our formative years. Looking back on our lives brings a lot of laughs and smiles.

We cherish these moments as we realize that there are more Thanksgivings behind us than in front of us.

There is also a level of contentment that we experience. As the hymn goes, "we've come this far by faith". This faith has sustained us through the good times and the challenging times. We never gave up so we count our blessings each day. While I see problems, I don't try to solve all of them. I believe aging has taught me not to get into everything that I see happening. This wisdom has meant less stress and strife on me.

Some of friends and colleagues are still at the decision-making table. I applaud them for still being there. I am content sitting in my favorite chair. That doesn't mean that I am idle.

I think it's a great time to be a mentor. Obviously, there is a new generation of leaders out here with new ideas. Their creativity and views are shaping today's world.

Some newly minted leaders seek out advice from the old school. They know that we have been there and done what they are trying to do. Watching them gives me hope for tomorrow.

So, in the days to come, let's enjoy ourselves, be at peace and be thankful. Let's be kinder and gentler to one another each day. Those traits don't have a season.

My Day

Irma P. Hall (1935 – 2026) American Actress and Producer

By **Dr. J. Ester Davis**


Irma P. Hall, Actress and : Dr. Ester Davis

I have many favorite words for Irma Dolores Player Hall. I love… Creative. Powerful.. Deliberate. She is a product of the great State of Texas and enjoyed her role as an educator for 27 years.

This is my fourth writing on Irma P. Hall. I wrote my first story on Irma P. Hall in 2012. I ran into her at DFW Airport, and that ignited a continuation. She was on her way out, and I was coming in. The second article was for a magazine article based in another state, where she invited the film crew to her home. Irma P. Hall has participated in local theatre venues in Dallas, DeSoto, and beyond. With more time to chat, that day at her home, her memory bank took her back to fond memories of Chicago. In the late 1980's, Irma moved to Chicago, where she performed with the Chicago Theatre Company, the Court Theatre, Goodman Theatre, and the Steppenwolf Theatre Company. Her journey seemingly was nonstop. That day at her home, she pulled out pictures of people we all recognized: Coco Taylor, the Chicago Blues Legend, and the 'then' Senator Barack Obama.

Several years later I was invited to a local studio to hear her "read" for a new play. As a highly decorated talent, we can depend on Irma P. Hall to remain in vogue in reruns around the world in different languages, to a waiting audience eager to watch… her one more time.

For a little history, look for "Book of Numbers (1973), where Irma P. Hall's role is Georgia Brown. Still a splendid picture. "A Family Thing" (1996); "Nothing to Lose" (1997); "The Lady Killers" (2004); "Collateral" (2004). There was also "Soul Food" (1997). And "Soul Food" The Series, released by FOX in 2000. Around this time, she appeared on the cover of "Jet Magazine". My favorite character is Josephine "Big Mama Joe", a role she reprised in the television series of the same name. Depending on what color the ink is on the contract, 'reprise' makes her a credited producer, scriptwriter, or a listing among the many writers.

In television, the strong authority figure of prominence prevails in all roles. "Tilly" in the "Dallas Series" (1978); Bernie Mac Show, Crisis @Central High, To Sir With Love, Judging Amy, Touched By An Angel, Chicago Fire, Walker Texas Ranger. Whew!!! Oh, and two episodes of the "Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders" television movie

I am a great fan of Irma P. Hall mainly because she recognized a 'niche' in the movie and television world. …life after teaching and decided to conquer it also. Then she moved on to movies as a middle-aged, gray-haired matriarch, with a few pounds on her medium frame. Her post-teaching career had promise, with a wide net of memorable roles.

And finally, I must mention at least two crowns to her inspiring career. Irma P. Hall was awarded the Jury Prize at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival, and some of us recall her appearance at the NAACP Image Awards in 2004 for Best Supporting Role in "Lady Killers". Thank you, Ms. Hall.

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RELIGIOUS/NEWS

Emanuel Nine Memorial Opens in Charleston, Honoring Nine Lives Lost with a Permanent Place of Remembrance, Reflection and Healing

A historic dedication brings together families, survivors and the Charleston community to honor the Emanuel Nine and their enduring legacy of choosing love



Photo Credit: **Joshua Parks**

CHARLESTON, S.C., Nov. 14, 2026 — A powerful symbol of remembrance, resilience and enduring love takes its place in history today as the Emanuel Nine Memorial officially opens to the public in Charleston, South Carolina. The Memorial honors the nine worshippers murdered during Bible study at Mother Emanuel AME Church on June 17, 2015, and the five survivors of the attack. In the aftermath of the tragedy, grieving family members responded with extraordinary expressions of faith and compassion, even as they confronted unimaginable pain and loss. The Memorial also stands as a testament to the strength and resolve of the survivors, families and broader Charleston community, whose response to hatred inspired the world.

Located adjacent to Mother Emanuel AME Church at 110 Calhoun Street, the Memorial provides a permanent space for reflection, remembrance and education, inviting visitors to learn the stories of the Emanuel Nine and consider the power of compassion and love in the face of hatred.

Today's public opening features remarks from dignitaries, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, gospel and jazz performances, poetry, and presentations honoring the Emanuel Nine, bringing together families, survivors and community members to mark this historic occasion.

"This day represents more than a decade of determination, perseverance and unwavering commitment from the families, survivors, Mother Emanuel congregation and the Charleston community," said Deona Smith, executive director of the Mother Emanuel Memorial Foundation. "There have been challenges along the way, but we never lost sight of why this Memorial matters. So many people have given their time, resources and hearts to make this day possible. Today, we honor that collective effort and, most importantly, fulfill our promise to create a lasting place where the Emanuel Nine will always be remembered and their legacy will continue to inspire future generations."

Honoring the Emanuel Nine

At the heart of the Memorial are the lives and legacies of nine individuals whose stories will forever be part of Charleston and the nation's history:

- Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney
- Cynthia Graham Hurd
- Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton
- Tywanza Sanders
- Ethel Lee Lance
- Susie Jackson
- Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor
- Rev. Daniel L. Simmons Sr.
- Myra Quarles Thompson

The Memorial also honors the five survivors of the attack and the enduring strength of the Mother Emanuel congregation.

"For our families, this Memorial is deeply personal. It's not just about remembering what happened on June 17, 2015. It's about remembering who our loved ones were, how they lived and the love they shared with the world," said Chris Singleton, son of Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, one of the Emanuel Nine. "My mother was so much more than what happened to her that day. She was a woman of faith, a teacher, a coach and a mother who loved her family and her community. Knowing that future generations will have a place to learn about my mother's life and the lives of all nine worshippers means everything. Their stories deserve to be told, and their legacies deserve to live on."

A Place Designed for Reflection and Remembrance

Designed by architect Michael Arad, who also designed the National September 11 Memorial in New York City, the Emanuel Nine Memorial creates a contemplative space where visitors can remember the victims, reflect on the tragedy and consider the power of compassion in the face of hatred.

The Memorial features the Cross of Hope, the Memorial Courtyard with its central Fountain of Grace, and Fellowship Benches, creating spaces for quiet reflection and remembrance.

Development of the Survivors' Garden, the final element of the Memorial, is expected to begin in a future phase. Once completed, the garden will honor the five survivors and complete the reimagined church grounds that connect the Memorial to Mother Emanuel AME Church.

Together, these elements create a lasting tribute that invites visitors of all backgrounds and faiths to reflect on the significance of June 17, 2015, and the choices individuals and communities make in response to hatred and violence.

Preserving History and Inspiring Future Generations

While the opening marks a major milestone, the Mother Emanuel Memorial Foundation's mission extends beyond the physical site.

Through its Crossroads Education & Outreach program, the Foundation will sponsor sessions designed to explore pathways to dismantling racism and hate while providing communities with tools for dialogue, action and fellowship.

The Foundation has raised $25 million, achieving its initial campaign fundraising goal. Continued support will help fund the Survivors' Garden, educational programming and the Memorial's long-term stewardship.

Visiting the Emanuel Nine Memorial

The Emanuel Nine Memorial, located at 120 Calhoun Street in Charleston, is free and open to the public. The opening ceremony takes place Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the Memorial remaining open to visitors for the rest of the day. Regular visiting hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

The Foundation also plans to offer paid guided tours providing a deeper understanding of the Memorial's history, design and the community partnerships that made it possible.

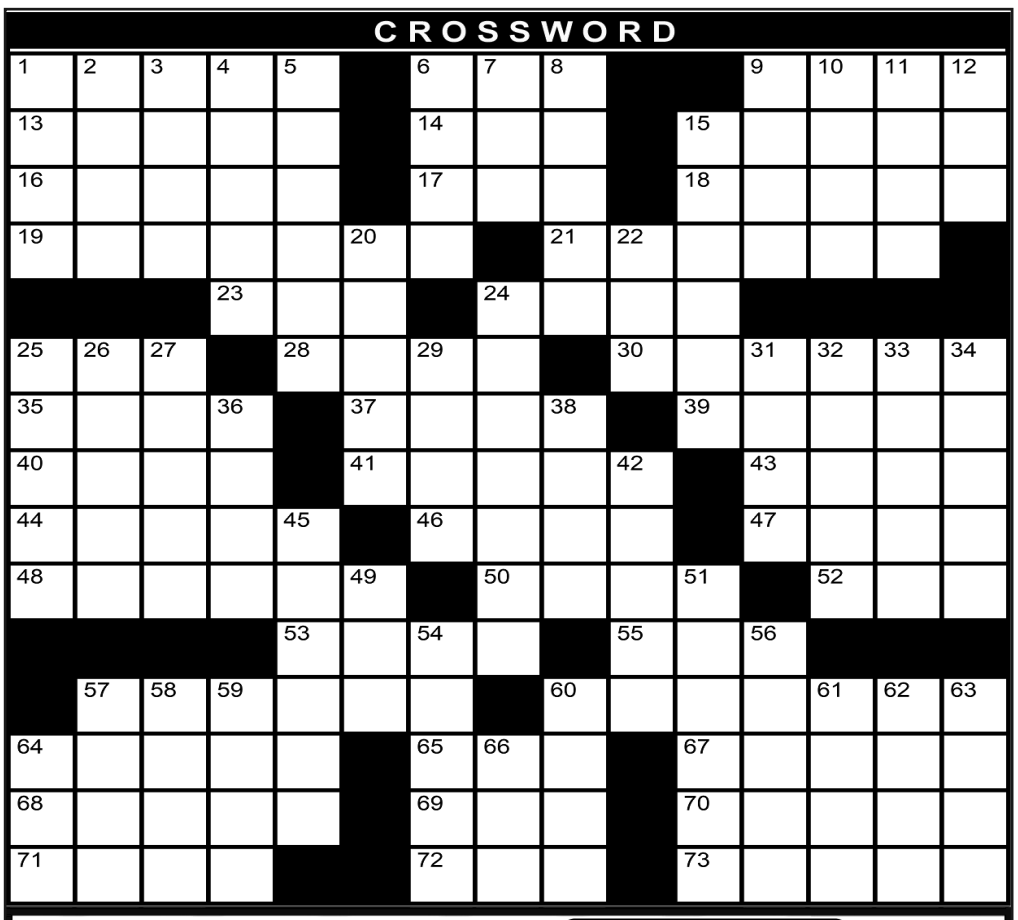
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13. Intense
14. George Gershwin's brother
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19. *Electric-type Pokemon
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25. Amazon's entertainment acquisition, acr.
28. Ocean motion
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35. Miscellany
37. Narc's unit
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41. Adam Sandler's "____ Gems"
43. One of three square ones
44. More true
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47. Hindu dress
48. Approvals
50. Express complaint
52. Witch's work
53. Location
55. Cow chew
57. *Road Runner's nemesis
60. *"Peanuts" protagonist
64. Young eel
65. "He ____ and drank the precious Words..."
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69. Message in a bottle, acr.
70. Plasters, as on a ship
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4. *What Gru does to the moon
5. Three-line poem
6. Japan's indigenous people
7. To's follower
8. Carpus, pl.
9. Uncontrolled swerve
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11. Advil target
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15. Come into view
20. Kind of #5 Down
22. Mosquito enemy!
24. Wilkommen, in U.S.
25. *Grandson of Rick Sanchez
26. Sunlight interference
27. Subtraction sign
29. *Pet of Bedrock City
31. Eggnog spiker, pl.
32. West African spiritual practice
33. Bell-bottoms bottom
34. *Cat of silent animation era
36. Lyric poems
38. Anis-flavored aperitif
42. Mold a mind
45. Vacation location
49. Use a chair
51. Subtlety
54. Bug
56. Laundromat device
57. Clothed
58. "Metamorphoses" poet
59. Strong desires
60. What access and recess have in common
61. Been in bed
62. Bodily disorders
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challenging Republican Rep. Nick Begich.

Flipping Alaska's seat was pivotal to Democrats' plans to retake the Senate

Peltola previously held the state's lone House seat, making her the first Alaska Native to serve in Congress. She lost her bid for a second full term to Begich in 2024, but she became central to Democrats' plans to retake the Senate in 2026.

In the campaign's final stretch, however, she faced allegations that her team helped recruit a retired teacher named Dan J. Sullivan to run in order to siphon votes from the incumbent. Trump called for Peltola's prosecution after The New York Times first reported the allegation less than a week before the Nov. 3 election. Peltola denied any involvement.

"I knew nothing about any other candidates on the ballot except for me and the incumbent," Peltola told supporters.

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Quinn Questions

Should everyone carry a business card?

By **Rix Quinn**

I just ordered new business cards, and I look refreshed. But maybe that's because I used my ten-year-old retouched photo instead of a current one.

Even if you don't have a job, a card lets you display credentials. You never get a second chance to make a first engraved impression.

Sadly, folks often rank us by what we call ourselves. I have alternately titled myself an analyst, strategist, and thought partner. I don't know what all those words mean, but I think I can define two out of three.

My friend Bob works only part-time, and he takes lots of naps. But his business card claims he's a "futurist," so you'll consider him a forward thinker.

Educational titles on cards impress me. If you've got more degrees than a thermometer, a calling card is the place to display them.

Also, if you are certified in a field nobody understands, that's splendid.

How do you make your card stand out? Get it printed on colored paper, make it a "fold-over" card, or put your photo on it.

What's the most impressive job name? Personally, I always wanted the title of "manager" of whatever corporation I worked for. I don't really care what I manage…even if it's just handing out paper clips. It just means I'm in charge of something.

One of my friends started a business, and he selected a title sure to impress anybody.

His business card reads "Galactic Space Commander."

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, Nov. 19	Friday, Nov. 20	Saturday, Nov. 21	Sunday, Nov. 22	Monday, Nov. 23	Tuesday, Nov. 24	Wednesday, Nov. 25
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Pinkston coach leads soccer team to make history



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A Dallas ISD graduate, Daniel Cruz returned to the district to coach the sport he has loved since childhood.

As head coach at Dr. L.G. Pinkston Sr. High School, he helps nearly 100 students develop their passion for soccer. And in the four years he has been at Pinkston, Cruz led the school's soccer team to become the first Dallas ISD boys' soccer team to reach the state semifinals this summer.

"The bar is high now," he said. "The goal is to make it back to state again. Every season is a new season, so we play hard every game and take it one step at a time. We build from each game, and hopefully we can beat our last record and make it to the state finals to eventually bring the first state title in soccer to Dallas ISD."

Cruz graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 2012, where he played soccer. After earning his bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas, he began a coaching career as a coordinator at E.B. Comstock Middle School, where he led the team to district titles.

"I always knew I wanted to be a coach," he said. "As a student athlete, I made it to the regional semifinals, and we were close to making it to the finals. I knew I wanted to come back and experience that again, this time as a coach."

In just a few years, the Pinkston program now has enough students for three teams. Cruz credits its growth and success to the players' trust in his game plan and his ability to connect with students who speak Spanish, eliminating the language barrier.

"The main thing here is we want to instill discipline, hard work, and commitment," Cruz said. "I just wanted to motivate students and inspire them so that they can reach their goals. I want them to believe that anything is possible if they just put their minds to it."

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Let me be clear. The outcome was not predetermined. It did not happen by accident. The overreach backfired because we had spent years building something for it to crash into. After Callais, Black organizers from across generations, states, and communities came together to defend voting rights and put real resources behind local organizers. NCBCP, Black Voters Matter, NAACP, and LDF organized the All Roads Lead to the South Coalition. Our Black Women's Roundtable Power of the Sister Vote GOTV & Democracy Defense Tour carried that work across several southern and battleground states by uplifting black women leaders nationally and on the ground, doing the work day in and day out when no one else would.

In Mississippi, One Voice, the Mississippi NAACP, Black Voters Matter, the Mississippi Black Women's Roundtable, the Poor People's Campaign, and the Southern Poverty Law Center and Mississippi Black Youth vote year-round alongside labor unions and faith groups. When the pressure came, they could move quickly because they had already spent years earning the trust of their communities and learning to work together.

That was the firewall. It took years to build. It was held in the very places where officials thought they could count Black voters out.

Now comes the harder part. Winning is not the finish line. It is a mandate.

That is where a Third Reconstruction has to begin. Where voters changed who governs, especially in the South, the new majorities must use their first legislative sessions to protect the power voters just exercised. Redraw unfair districts through a public process that gives communities a real say. Expand early voting. Make it easier to register and update registrations. In Mississippi, MS coalitions will press for early voting and online registration when lawmakers return in January. That is what honoring the will of the voters looks like. You make it easier for them to use their power again.

No community should have to pull off a miracle every two years just to be fairly represented. Fair maps and universal voting rights are not a reward. They need to be the launching point for how we rebuild our democracy.

And then deliver on what brought people out in the first place. In the NCBCP Unity 2026 Election Day exit poll, three out of four Black voters told us they voted out of a sense of responsibility. They were not voting for a party. They were voting for their families and their futures. Racism and hate crimes topped their list of community concerns. The cost of living was the biggest threat to their households. Protecting voting rights is on that list too, and it belongs on the same agenda. Protect the vote and keep rural hospitals open. Draw fair maps and fund housing people can afford.

The Black women and black-led organizations who organized their neighbors must be the architects of that agenda. And every elected official, regardless of party, should tell voters which bills they will move, what they will fund, and when they will report back.

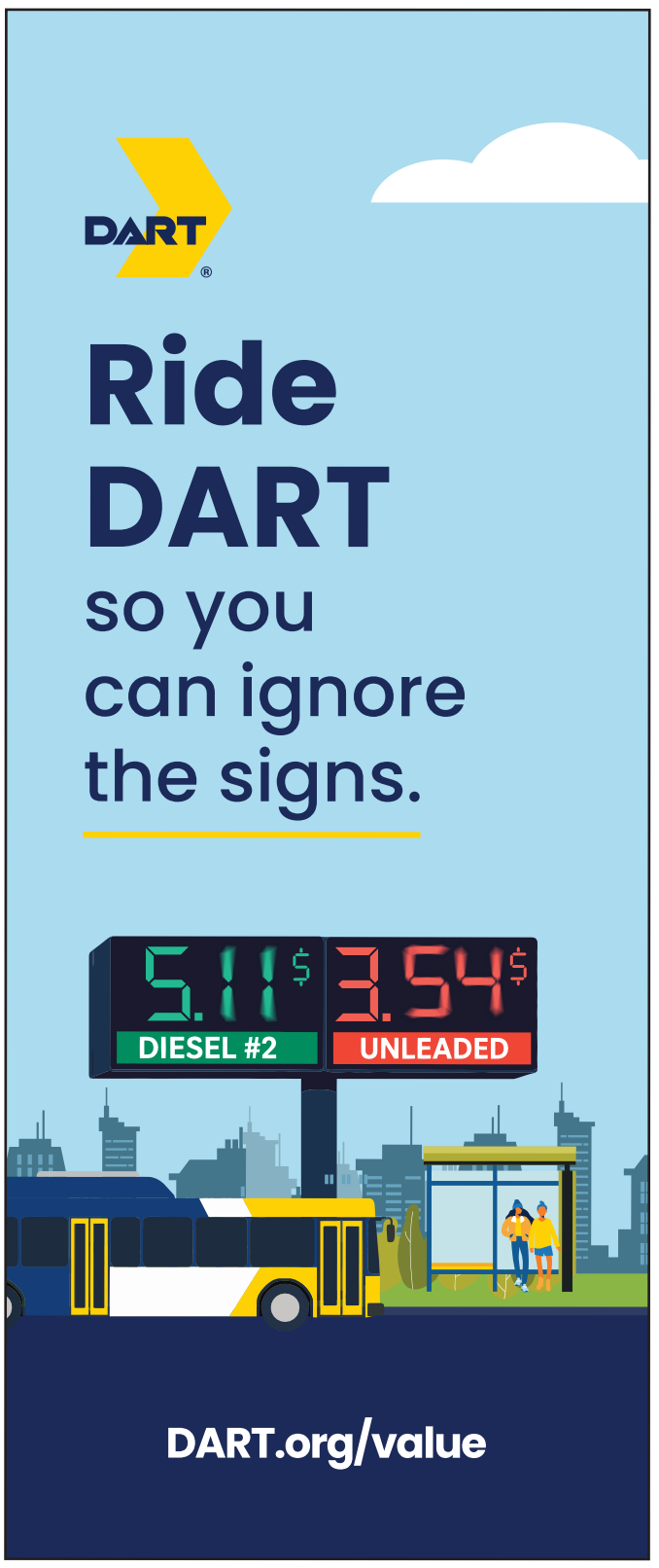
Teddy's Creation

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Statepoint Crossword Puzzle
Solution: November 12 - THANKSGIVING

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Dallas ISD Renames School in Honor of Shirley Ison-Newsome

Her success at Harry Stone led former Superintendent Chad Woolery to appoint her to develop the district's Middle School Initiative, which outlined instructional programming for middle schools and provided research-based training for principals and lead teachers. Over the course of her career, Ison-Newsome also led Dallas ISD's efforts to improve schools named to the Texas low-performing list, helping move 34 schools to acceptable performance within one year, and served as a principal architect of Texas' first all-boys public school, the Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy.

The Board of Trustees also approved two additional campus name changes honoring former Dallas City Councilwoman and activist Diane Ragsdale and former Dallas ISD administrator and community leader Hector Flores, underscoring the district's commitment to recognizing leaders whose service has strengthened Dallas students, schools, and communities.

The renaming of Shirley Ison-Newsome Montessori Academy stands as a lasting tribute to an educator whose vision shaped school climates, strengthened curriculum, mentored generations of educators, and expanded opportunities for students across Dallas ISD. The new name ensures that her legacy of excellence, equity, and leadership will continue to inspire future students, families, and educators for years to come.

She has received numerous awards and honors, including induction into the halls of fame of the National Alliance of Black School Educators and the Dallas African American Education Archives and History Program. She was also honored with Texas Southern University's Dean's Award for Outstanding Leadership and Contributions to the Profession of Education, the NABSE Phenomenal Woman Award awarded to top female educational leaders, the State of Texas Representatives Education Leadership Award, recognition in the United States Congressional Record for Outstanding Service in Education, and the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators Living Legend Award.

Ison-Newsome serves in numerous leadership and service roles, including membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; the United Methodist Black Methodist for Church Renewal; the National Coalition for Education Equity; and the Scarritt-Bennett Center Board of Directors in Nashville, Tennessee. She also serves as Executive Director of the Dallas Regional/National Alliance of Black School Educators.

She was educated in Louisville, Kentucky, public schools and earned a Bachelor of Science in Education and Social Science from Indiana University in Bloomington. She also holds a Master of Education from the University of Louisville and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from The Ohio State University, where she was a Ford Foundation Fellow.

The school dedication will be held in conjunction with the groundbreaking ceremony for the new, state-of-the-art Shirley Ison-Newsome Montessori Academy, an International Baccalaureate World School. This milestone follows the Dallas Board's passage of a historic $6.3 billion bond issue, which included funding for construction of the new school. The Dedication and Groundbreaking Ceremony is scheduled for late fall 2026 at the site of the new campus.

HEALTH

Enjoy the Holidays Without Missing a Dose

The holiday season can disrupt daily routines with travel, celebrations and added stress. But when you have diabetes, some tasks can't take a break, including taking your medications.

Your prescribed medications help manage your diabetes and keep your blood sugar under control. Skipping doses can cause your blood sugar to rise and may harm your health over time. The most common signs of high blood sugar include extreme thirst, frequent urination and fatigue.

"Unfortunately, many people are admitted to the hospital because of changes in their eating habits and not taking their medications," said Uma Gunasekaran, MD, executive director of the Global Diabetes Program at Parkland Health. "This is usually the time of year when people make adjustments to their lives, but we want to remind them that this is not a holiday for their health."

Dr. Gunasekaran encourages people to enjoy the holidays while still making their health a priority.

To stay on track, use a pill organizer and set phone reminders. Share your health needs with family members who can help you stay on track. Most importantly, ask your provider for a 90-day supply to help avoid running out of medication during holiday breaks and travel.

"If you missed a dose, you should get back on your medication as prescribed," she explained. "And if you don't feel well, call your Parkland provider for medical advice."

For help managing your medications, visit a Parkland community health center near you at www.parklandhealth.org/locations.





Teddy's Answer Key

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