



Dallas is a landmark stop on the 'Wicked' tour

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CORONAVIRUS

'We are backpedaling'



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Joe Nava (left) and Miguel Torres installed a "RESTRICTED AREA" door Wednesday at Parkland, which has declared a capacity disaster.

Parkland declares emergency as weary staff battles surge

First of two parts



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It was a dreaded sight for Parkland's front-line caregivers: The hospital's red doors are back in place.

I watched the framework go up Wednesday after a morning spent

observing patients tethered to breathing machines and talking with nurses worn thin by yet another COVID-19 spike — this one so very preventable.

The new "RESTRICTED AREA" entrances — the first two of what likely will be more — stand as an outward symbol of the human cost of saying no

to the vaccine.

Red doors covered with restrictive warnings were first erected March 25, 2020, as part of Parkland's original COVID-only patient space. The last ones came down March 23 of this year.

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LEGISLATURE '21

2nd special session called

Abbott says new agenda will begin Saturday; it's unclear if Democrats will show up

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AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott called a second special session for Saturday with an even more expansive agenda that includes the contentious election bill Democrats fled the state to protest and hot-button social issues, such as transgender sports.

The Republican governor is also asking the Legislature to reconsider its own rules that require a certain number of lawmakers be present to debate bills. House Democrats foiled Abbott's first special session by leaving en masse for Washington, D.C., and depriving the chamber of enough representatives to consider legislation.

Yet it is unclear whether Democrats will even show up on Saturday, leaving the fate of the session in limbo.

Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, de-

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IMMIGRATION

Detainee numbers still high

Asylum-seekers, some held for long periods, complain of abuse, poor conditions

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The Associated Press

WINNFIELD, La. — Alexander Martinez says he fled from homophobia, government persecution and the notorious MS-13 gang in El Salvador only to run into abuse and harassment in the U.S. immigration detention system.

Since crossing the border illegally in April, the 28-year-old has bounced among six different facilities in three states. He said he contracted COVID-19, faced racist taunts and abuse from guards, and was harassed by fellow detainees for being gay.

"I find myself emotionally unstable because I have suffered a lot in detention," Martinez said last week at Winn

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Return to class elicits raised hands

We have answers to families' questions as schools reopen

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August marks the first time many North Texas children will return to school for in-person learning since the

Education Lab

pandemic closed campuses almost a year and a half ago.

It's a confusing time for all, and the learning environment that greets students could be unfamiliar with school days transformed by the pandemic. Families may be skeptical about sending their kids back to campus at a time when

COVID-19 cases are on the rise and the highly contagious delta variant is spreading throughout the country.

There's also potential for confusion over health procedures that conflict with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a dearth of virtual learning options throughout the

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THE NUMBER of hospitalized COVID patients in North Texas has exceeded the high point of last summer. 1B

PRESIDENT BIDEN is considering withholding federal funds to push more Americans to get vaccinated. 7A

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Daily parking rates headed up at DFW

In October, DFW International Airport will raise its parking rates in garages outside of its terminals from \$24 to \$27. 4B

County commissioner sues over mask dispute

Commissioner J.J. Koch filed a lawsuit and requested a temporary restraining order against Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, calling for his removal from office after a dispute over masking. 1B

Obituary: Former Dallas Morning News editor Ralph Langer dies. 1B

Cowboys stars see little, if any, action



Tom Fox/Staff Photographer

Dallas Cowboys tight end Sean McKeon

hailed in a pass during the Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio, on Thursday. Several Cowboys didn't make the preseason trip, including starters Dak Prescott, Amari Cooper and Tyron Smith. Pittsburgh won the game, 16-3. (Coverage, 1C)

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The untold true story of the Witches of Oz

