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LOCAL AUTHOR

Case made for Dallas' 'most interesting man'

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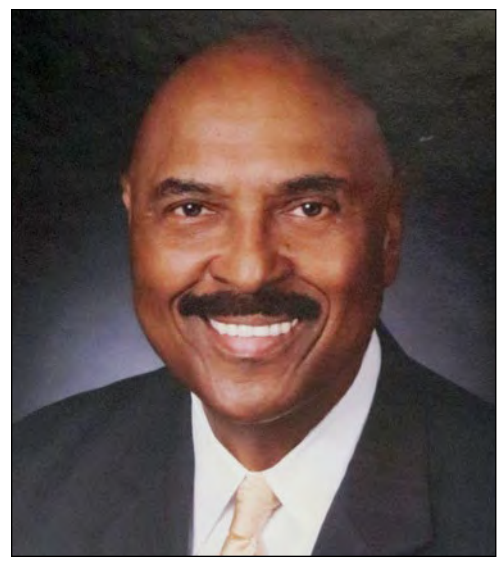

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For a decade in the early 2000s, Dos Equis beer executed an award-winning advertising campaign called, "Most Interesting Man in the World." Each ad ended with the handsome, older spokesman uttering the memorable tagline, "Stay thirsty, my friends."

In 2025, an case can be made that the new "Most Interesting Man in the World" is Larry Wansley. He certainly has a thirst for working in the most challenging environments.

Wansley, a spry man that one would never suspect was 83, is full of fascinating stories. He is a globally respected author and leader in the aviation, sports and entertainment, corporate and executive security world. He was a Marine, an LA (Compton) cop, an FBI undercover agent and the first Director of Corporate Security and Player Counseling for the Dallas Cowboys under GM Tex Schramm and head coach Tom Landry. The groundbreaking Player Counseling position is now known in NFL circles as "player development."

"There was an old Negro League baseball pitcher by the name of Satchel Paige," said Wansley, "who said, 'Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you.'" Wansley has lived by Paige's words of wisdom.

"I am just one of those people that has an insatiable appetite, a drive to do things and stay busy," Wansley said. "I'm really afforded opportunities by people that, for some reason, have trust and faith in me and support me. And, as a result, I just do things and get into places and get into situations that mean something."

Modesty aside, Wansley has lived a high-profile life while entrusted with keeping a low-profile. Written with two-time Edgar Award winner Carlton Stowers, Wansley's new book, *Tough Streets, Rough Skies, and Sunday Sidelines*, will have readers reminding themselves that they are reading a true story. From Wansley's days as a young police officer dodging bullets during the Los Angeles Watts riots to his leadership of a staff that identified the 9/11 hijackers, Wansley

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BUSH PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

'Game Changer' features legendary sports artifacts

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BUSH CENTER

A baseball bat and glove used by Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson.

The George W. Bush Presidential Center, at 2943 SMU Blvd., opens a new exhibit — "Game Changer: United by Sports" — to the public on Saturday, Sept. 6. The exhibit, featuring five galleries highlighting a different aspect of the national story, will be on display in the Bradford M. Freeman Exhibition Gallery at the Bush Center through Sunday, Jan. 10, 2027.

"Game Changer: United by Sports," presented by Garry Weber, brings to life the power of sports in shaping our nation's identity and inspiring change beyond the game through more than 50 artifacts and memorabilia — some of which have never been on display before. From Olympic gold medals to game-winning gear, each item highlights moments when sports made history as our nation took the field.

"Game Changer highlights how sports are intertwined with our nation's history and the defining moments that have put America on the world stage," said Teresa Lenling, Director of the George W. Bush Presidential Museum. "This exhibit spotlights historic milestones in sports that are often overlooked in history books yet have played a powerful role in how America is seen by the world and how we see ourselves."

Included is a tribute to Jesse Owens' 1936 Olympics triumph. Owens' victories at the Berlin Olympic Games remain one of the most historically significant achievements in sports. Competing in front of German dictator Adolf Hitler and the world, Owens defied both the odds and the racial ideology of Nazi Germany by winning four gold medals. Two of Owens' four gold medals from the 1936 Olympics, along with his participation medal, will be on display

When Jackie Robinson joined the Montreal Royals (the farm team for the Brooklyn Dodgers) in 1946, and again in 1947 when he joined

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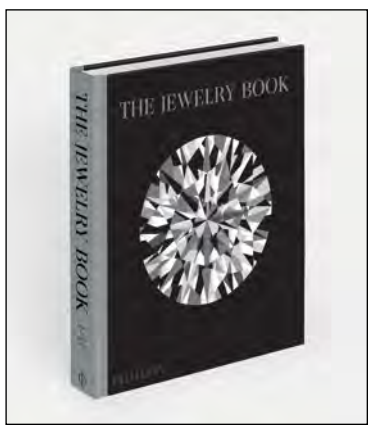
COMMUNITY NEWS

The Porch closes its doors

VISIT DALLAS

The Porch, a long-standing brunch and dinner staple located at 2912 N. Henderson Ave., has closed after 15 years. The Porch began as a drinking and dining hot spot founded by chef Nick Badovinus and was defined by a large chalkboard menu of specials above its roomy kitchen and its well-executed, hearty dishes. A long bar supported a wide selection of liquor and beer. The restaurant had been acquired by hospitality entrepreneur Tim Headington (Joule Dallas, Mirador, Tango Room). – *David Mullen*

Korshak gleams with book signing



PHAIDON

The Jewelry Book, edited by Melanie Grant, a luxury writer and curator, is a stunning and authoritative collection including 300 of jewelry's greatest names spanning more than 200 years. The coffee table book, just published, spans everything from Chanel pearls and iron jewels at Hemmerle set with flawless diamonds to the Notorious B.I.G. and Greta Garbo. On Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Stanley Korshak, at 500 Crescent Court, #100, will host Grant for a book signing. – *Kindall Gant*

Dallas Opera sings on radio

KYLE FLUBACKER

The Dallas Opera will broadcast its 2024/2025 season mainstage productions on WRR 101.1 FM's "Concert Hall" program every other Monday at 8 p.m. Live Dallas Opera performances recorded for broadcast feature "Pelleas and Melisande," recorded in November 2024, on Monday, Sept. 8; "Orpheus and Eurydice" on Monday, Sept. 22, recorded in February and "La bohème," recorded in March, on Monday, Oct. 6. More info at dallasopera.org. – *Catherine Wendlandt*

George Harris, 1933-2025

THE DALLAS WAY

George Harris, cofounder of The Dallas Way, who with late partner, Jack Evans, was among the first same-sex couples to be married in Dallas County, died on August 13 at age 92. Harris with Evans, were trailblazers in the city's LGBTQ community. Known simply as "Jack and George," they ran a successful real estate business and founded what later became the North Texas LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce. Harris will be remembered for his generous spirit, charm, wit and hearty laughs. – *Staff reports*

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Rising price of cooking oil is 'coconuts'

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Welcome to the "Friday news dump" … Dudley's Sports Grill, at 2927 N. Henderson Ave., is now open. The long, narrow bar has 40 flat screen TVs, although showing a live Rangers game seems to be a challenge. Baseball is apparently not in vogue with the tattooed and texting crowd. The owner of Bar W, Barrett Nicholson, told me that Peacock's "Love Island" has become popular viewing among his patrons at the Maple Avenue sports bar. Go figure. If an important sporting event is being televised, I go to a sports bar to watch it with other fans, not to see a love match (unless it involves tennis). The first and only time I went to the 24,000 square foot sports hangar, Hero in Victory Park, I asked to watch Wimbledon. I should not have to ask since it is a sports bar. I was denied viewing privileges while infomercials for the Magic Bullet and Richard Karn's Pocket Hose flooded the TV screens, but I digress. At Dudley's soft opening on August 27, I had a tasty blue cheese bacon Wagyu burger with Parmesan powdered fries (please don't tell the humble and lovable *Katy Trail Weekly* nutritionist Lauren Gillan that I have sinned). A variety of burgers are available, priced in the high teens. Unsure of the non-alcoholic beer inventory, a bartender's brief search through the cooler earned me a cold Ultra Zero. Fitting in with neighbors Tecovas Western apparel and Rancher Hat Bar, Dudley's has a pseudo-Western theme. It will no doubt be a popular place on football weekends when the Cowboys play … Outside of the Stoneleigh P, at 4218 Lemmon Ave., a sign reads, "Now serving the best pizza we have ever served in 52 years." It is also the first time in 52 years that the Stoneleigh P has served pizza. The P inherited a pizza oven with the move from Maple Avenue to Broadway, er, Lemmon Avenue … Chefs may be using their coconut less often. According to *The Hustle*, the ICC (International Coconut Community), not to be confused with the CCA (Coconut Coalition of the Americas), reported that "the demand for coconut oil has soared, but global production has flatlined, causing all-time high prices." Coconut oil, used in cooking and health and beauty products, is three times more costly today than in 2023 … Not to toot my horn, but my personal crusade against the excessive retail price of generic brand barbecue beans seems to have paid off. At the Tiny Tommy Thumb in the Shops at Turtle Creek Village, the price of a 32-ounce plastic container of Signature (house brand) barbecue beans cast an ill wind. For weeks, I've noticed the same containers sitting pompously on a deli cooler shelf priced at a whopping $8.49. I wouldn't trade the family cow for magic beans, let alone a plastic container of barbecue beans priced with such flatulence (Hey, flatulence also means inflated or pretentious). Now I can spill the beans; the same container has now been relegated to wearing a bright yellow "50 percent off" sticker. I'm no bean counter, but when priced at $8.49, it seems to me that a half-price label loomed for the pricy legumes. After reading my recent bean rants, loyal reader James sent me a picture of a 28-ounce can of Dakota's Pride baked beans at Aldi for $1.29 … Twenty-five years ago this week, ABC aired the final episode of "The Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show," marking the last time a "Bugs Bunny," "Looney Tunes" or "Merrie Melodies" cartoon appeared on broadcast television as part of a regularly scheduled series, according to *Programming Insider*. But "that's not all, folks." In 2000, Cartoon Network became home to the epic cartoon library. I'm thankful to watch Michigan J. Frog belt out rousing renditions of "I'm Just Wild about Harry," "Hello, Ma Baby" and "The Michigan Rag" in perpetuity. Steven Spielberg called "One Froggy Evening" (1955) the "Citizen Kane" of cartoons … From the "Sign that the Apocalypse is Upon Us" department: Held in Nevada's Black Rock Desert, this year's Burning Man festival, known for its significant drug and alcohol use during the "annual, week-long countercultural event that centers on principles of radical self-expression and self-reliance," participants experienced a first. A woman gave birth to a baby. The mother claimed she did not know she was pregnant. Wait, what? How does a woman not know that she is pregnant? Did she think the bloat was caused by eating massive amounts of expensive barbecue baked beans? If it was hallucinogens that caused the failure to identify pregnancy, then, "I'll have what she's having." The infant was nicknamed "Puddles" by "Burners" due to a rainstorm during the event. Given the desert location, a more appropriate name would be Dusty.

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DOCTOR'S ORDERS

DIY Botox is dangerous growing trend

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People send me social media links frequently, asking if some medical or aesthetic claim they found online is real or not. Frequently things that seem too crazy to be true are fake, but every once in a while, something unbelievable is actually happening. Such was the case when someone sent me a social media post of a person explaining how they purchased a foreign Botox-clone online and injected it into their face themselves. Shockingly, I found that this person was not alone.

Approximately eight million Americans get Botox (or similar FDA-approved botulinum neurotoxin products) every year and its rising popularity is not surprising. When used properly, it can correct age wrinkles in the area between the eyebrows, forehead and around the eyes (crow's feet). If used as a maintenance therapy early enough, it can prevent them from forming entirely. I frequently tell my patients that Botox is one of the lowest hanging fruits for maintaining a youthful appearance into middle-age and beyond.

Why are people doing Botox-like injections at home? The answer is simple: convenience and cost. A full Botox treatment typically consists of 50 units, and at an average price of $10 per unit, a patient is spending around $500 per treatment every four to six months. In addition, patients need to find an injector they like and trust and take time out of their schedules to make and attend an appointment.

Innotox, the botulinum toxin that's most popular with those trying DIY at home treatments, can be purchased for a fraction of the price of traditional Botox. A 50-unit vial of Innotox costs a mere $60 to $70, an enormous cost savings that is undoubtedly enticing to many.

What are the dangers of injecting Innotox yourself? The first major concern is that Innotox and other botulinum toxins (that an individual can actually purchase themselves) are not FDA-approved. This brings into question the sterility and specific potency of each vial. Contaminants could cause serious infections, and vials could be inert with no effect, or worse, overly potent resulting in a dangerous or even potentially lethal injection of neurotoxin.

The greater concern, of course, is that a person with no formal training is injecting a neurotoxin into their body based on the tips and direction from a social media post. Injecting safely takes intense training and years of practice. An improper injection can result in no effect. Or, on the opposite end of the spectrum, paralyze unintended muscles.

Errant muscle paralysis can have both aesthetic or functional outcomes. A person might look as though they have had a stroke, or worse, lose function of the eyelids, lips or mouth muscles. Such complications have no cure or reversal and should they occur. The only option is to wait four to six months for the toxin to wear off.

While cosmetic Botox itself has not caused reported deaths, higher medical

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PROBLEM SOLVED

eBay rewinds luxury watch purchase

By Christopher Elliott
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Ken Sours bought a watch on eBay, but the company suspends his account immediately after the purchase. Then he received a magazine instead of the watch. Now he can't get a refund. What should he do?

Q: I I recently had a frustrating experience with eBay that left me baffled and out $438. I registered for an account to buy a Tag Heuer watch. After completing the purchase, I received a confirmation email.

But moments later, eBay suspended my account. eBay charged my credit card but never delivered the watch. Instead, I received a package with a *Better Homes & Gardens* magazine and the same tracking number as my order.

Christopher Elliott

When I contacted eBay, a representative said my account was permanently banned and their money-back guarantee no longer applied. I'm angered by the way I was treated as a first-time customer. Why was my account suspended? And why won't eBay honor its money-back guarantee? Can you help me? – *Ken Sours, Colorado Springs, Colo.*

A: eBay should have provided a clear explanation for suspending your account and honored its money-back guarantee.

Under eBay's Money Back Guarantee Policy, buyers are protected if they don't receive an item or if it's significantly different from the description, regardless of their account status. The fact that you received a magazine instead of a watch clearly qualifies for a refund. eBay's decision to deny your claim because of a suspension is inconsistent with its own policies.

It looks like you kept a good paper trail of correspondence between you and eBay. That's a great start. You might have tried appealing your case to a manager at eBay. I list the names, numbers and email addresses of the eBay executives on my consumer advocacy site, elliott.org.

In your correspondence, eBay explained that it sometimes flags new accounts for additional verification to prevent fraud. In other words, signing up for a new account on eBay and then buying a $438 luxury watch will trigger its fraud detection algorithm. In your case, after completing a verification, eBay found your account to still be too risky.

"We regret to inform you that you can no longer participate in any buying or selling activities and to communicate with other members on eBay," it told you in an email.

Still, there was something fishy going on with that eBay seller who sent you a magazine instead of a watch. I've come across that a few times and there's no reason eBay's "money back" guarantee shouldn't have worked for you. Fortunately, you took a picture of the magazine along with the package — that was smart.

But there's one other complication: You also filed a credit card dispute under the Fair Credit Billing Act. A credit card chargeback makes perfect sense, and I might have done the same thing. The problem is, a credit card dispute can freeze things up internally, slowing down any potential resolution. So, chances are, eBay was waiting for your dispute to get resolved.

I contacted eBay on your behalf. The company offered you a full refund and reinstated your account without offering an explanation. You are happy with that resolution.

Christopher Elliott is the founder of Elliott Advocacy, a nonprofit organization that helps consumers solve their problems. Email him at chris@elliott.org or get help by contacting him on his site.

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CRIME WATCH

Aug. 27 – 1:57 a.m.
3900 Block, **McKinney Ave.** (75204)
Burglary of a Habitation: The suspect entered the complainant's residence and attempted to steal property.

Aug. 27 – 8:51 a.m.
3300 Block, **Blackburn St.** (75204)
Motor Vehicle Theft: The suspect stole the complainant's vehicle.

Aug. 28 – 6:49 a.m.
700 Block, **Young St.** (75202)
Aggravated Robbery of an Individual: The suspect used a deadly weapon to steal the complainant's property.

Aug. 28 – 7:37 p.m.
4600 Block, **Cedar Springs Rd.** (75219)
Assault: The suspect threatened to kill the complainant.

Aug. 29 – 8:20 a.m.
1800 Block, **W. Mockingbird Ln.** (75235)
Theft of Property: The suspect stole packages from the complainant's front door.

Aug. 29 – 2:45 p.m.
2700 Block, **Florence St.** (75204)
Aggravated Robbery of an Individual: The complainant was robbed at gunpoint.

Aug. 30 – 4:39 p.m.
4700 Block, **McKinney Ave.** (75205)
Motor Vehicle Theft: An unknown suspect stole the complainant's vehicle.

Aug. 30 – 5:50 p.m.
4600 Block, **Amesbury Dr.** (75206)
Burglary of a Habitation: An unknown suspect stole property out of the complainant's garage.

Aug. 31 – 1:10 a.m.
1100 Block, **S. Cesar Chavez Blvd.** (75201)
Theft of Property: An unknown suspect stole the complainant's dog.

Aug. 31 – 11:52 a.m.
1600 Block, **Jackson St.** (75201)
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle: An unknown suspect damaged the complainant's rear passenger window, entered and stole property.

Aug. 31 – 6:37 p.m.
1400 Block, **Main St.** (75202)
Criminal Mischief: An unknown suspect used a metal cup to break a glass door.

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MULL IT OVER

Dallas Cowboys fans familiar with Jones' tired ploy

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When a family run company goes from a value of $140 million to an estimated $13 billion in 36 years, it would appear to be a case study of unparalleled success destined for business textbooks everywhere. But if a football team keeps running the same game plan over and over again, the element of surprise disappears, success wanes and the action on the field becomes predictable. It's just the same old song.

The main takeaway from the exhaustive eight-episode Netflix series, "America's Team: The Gambler and His Cowboys," is that Dallas owner Jerry Jones has made the Cowboys all about him. He bought the team to have the job as president and GM, despite no background in sports management. He made clear that his team — "America's Team" — would remain in the Jones family forever.

Jones may be the best team president in NFL history, while being the worst GM at the same time.

On August 28, Jones ended a contract "hold-in" between the team and their best player. Jones traded arguably the team's best defensive player ever — defensive Micah Parsons — to the Green Bay Packers for two future first round draft choices and defensive tackle Kenny Clark. Cowboy fans have heard that tune before.

In NFL jargon, a holdout is when a player does not report to training camp, leading to valuable practice time missed and a disruption to the overall team. In Parsons' case, he was a hold-in. Parsons reported to training camp and sat in on team meetings but did not fully participate in practices. The contract dispute becomes less disruptive but no less visible.

In his first four years with Dallas, Parsons, a standout player at Penn State and the Cowboys first round draft pick in 2021, was NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, a four-time Pro Bowler and one of two players in NFL history to have at least 12 sacks in his first four NFL seasons. The other is Hall of Famer Reggie White.

Immediate comparisons to the February trade of Luka Doncic by the Dallas Mavericks to the Los Angeles Lakers surfaced. While both trades shocked Dallas sports fans and rocked the sports world, Doncic departure was not based on money. With Parsons, it was all about the Benjamins.

Parsons is 26 years old. He was born in 1999. The value of honoring a contract, a discipline that many people grew up with, has long been dispatched by a social media driven me-generation. No doubt that Parsons has a serious case of self-worth. He demanded a trade through a social media post.

Unlike other notable Cowboy holdouts, Parsons apparently wanted to remain with the team. On ESPN on September 2, Parson's agent David Mulugheta, who Jones refused to talk to during Parsons' hold-in, said, "I think the most important thing is that Micah wanted to be a Cowboy. He grew up cheering for the Cowboys, wore the blue and white at Penn State, wore it in the NFL with the Dallas Cowboys. He wanted to be a Cowboy. We did everything we could for him to remain a Cowboy."

In the first 29 years of the franchise when the Cowboys were owned by someone not named Jones, the 1971 holdout of RB Duane Thomas was the most discernable contract dispute in Cowboys history.

In the early years of the NFL, players were underpaid, did not have legal representation in contract negotiation and had virtually no options if unsatisfied with their current salary. In the case of Thomas, he became a top NFL running back in his rookie season, earning a base salary of $18,000. His first contact came with a $25,000 signing bonus.

In total, Thomas made $43,000 in 1970 or about the same amount as a rental fee for a suite on the Hall of Fame level at AT&T Stadium for one game. Thomas refused to report to training camp or speak to coaches, players and the media. He was branded aloof and a team disruptor. He played in 1971 for the eventual Super Bowl Champion Cowboys and was traded in the following offseason.

And then along came Jones. Since Jones bought the team in 1989, prominent contract disputes between Jones and Cowboy players include a contract dispute with star running back Emmitt Smith. Smith had helped lead the Cowboys to a Super Bowl victory in the 1992-1993 season. Smith wanted to be paid like the top running back in the NFL, which he clearly was. A holdout led to the defending Super Bowl Champions opening the 1993 season without Smith and losing their first two games.

Jones and Smith played hardball. Vocal defensive star Charles Haley said that the Cowboys were playing an ineffective rookie while the best running back sits out. Jones backed down, signed Smith before Game 3 and the Cowboys went on to win their second consecutive Super Bowl and second of three in four years.

In addition to Smith and Parsons, Jones has had highly visible contract disputes with QB Dak Prescott, guard Zack Martin and WR CeeDee Lamb. All of the players eventually signed contract extensions. Parsons, in the final year of his contract, was traded. Green Bay immediately signed Parsons to a five-year, $210 million contract with $120 million guaranteed.

You see it in politics. You see it in business. And you see it in entertainment. As important as a football team's success is to a community and its fan base, NFL football is entertainment and team management controls the success or failure of a team. The 2025 Dallas Cowboys season seemed to have been cancelled before it even began. How entertaining the Cowboys will be this season remains to be seen.

DALLAS COWBOYS

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

YAHOO SPORTS

All-Pro defender Micah Parsons is now a Green Bay Packer.

Both Jones and Parsons share a common personality trait that the football world revolves around them. The financial and emotional investment made by Cowboys fans around the world be damned. But Jones is to blame for Parsons playing in Packers green and gold this season, almost assuring another losing season for the Cowboys. Dallas has not returned to the NFC Championship since 1996.

Unfortunately, for the throng of Dallas Cowboys fans everywhere, the road to personal success for the Jerry Jones family has been filled with anguish for the legion of supporters that have paved the way to family's pot of gold.

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COVERING DFW REAL ESTATE

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It's the rare owner that treats landscape as exterior finish-out, coordinating the colors and ensuring every season offers a different type of beauty. That is, however, exactly what happened when this stately French country estate was being built. It was sited well back from the street in a landscape that was meticulously planned to offer privacy and dramatic year-round color.

Although you see this sort of intentional planting all over Europe, it's not often seen in Dallas, so it adds an extraordinary layer of beauty and romance to this home. When it came up for sale in 2022, Lauren McKinnon was on the doorstep.

"This is my dream house," McKinnon said. It's easy to see why. Of course, the landscape draws you in, but the home is impressive on so many levels. McKinnon and her husband, Zach, were already living in Forest Hills with their two little girls. She'd driven by this French country estate more times than she could count, intent that one day it would be hers. With the news of a third daughter on the way, fate stepped in. A sign went up, the McKinnons made their very convincing pitch in a hot market, and Lauren's dream came true.

The McKinnons are only the second owners of this 5,710-square-foot, five-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bathroom home.

"For me, having a home like this was incredible," McKinnon said. "The owners who had it built chose everything, and it's a quality you cannot find in many places now," McKinnon said.

Hand-scraped wood floors run throughout the residence, and elegant French doors and windows allow light to wash over the rooms, offering endless views of the verdant landscaping. It's simply beautiful.

The first floor includes a guest bedroom, a convenient laundry room, and our favorite feature at candysdirt.com: a hidden room! The office is discreetly tucked behind a bookcase, complete with its own private courtyard. Upstairs, three additional bedrooms and two full bathrooms are accessible from both the front and rear staircases.

DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REALTY

8129 San Fernando Way is available for $2.85 million.

McKinnon can attest to the ease of entertaining every age group in this home.

"We had a fantastic Taylor Swift-themed party when one of my daughters turned 10," she said, highlighting the home's suitability for hosting memorable events.

Outdoor spaces feature covered dining and lounge areas equipped with retractable phantom shades, providing year-round comfort, and, of course, the property has a resort-style pool and spa. When you have a custom home, you expect all the bells and whistles, and this French Country home has them all, from an outdoor shower to what has now become essential, a Generac generator.

Forest Hills, for our newcomers, is next to the Dallas Arboretum and White Rock Lake. The tree-lined streets and large lots have often been compared to Preston Hollow, but it offers an even greater sense of community. You will find neighbors biking and running through the neighborhood daily. There's a neighborhood association website with an unparalleled depth of information on everything from social events to resources and the neighborhood's history.

"Now is the perfect time to buy this home," said Douglas Elliman Realtor Tara Durham. "The sellers are offering 4 percent to be applied toward the buyer's closing costs, commission or a rate buydown. I recently spoke with Jackson Thomas of Cross Country Mortgage, who explained that many buyers are unaware that lenders are currently matching seller contributions toward a rate buydown. That means if a buyer works with Jackson, they could secure a rate in the 4 percent range for the first year — and the refinance is free. A rate buydown makes a home more affordable in the short term and is particularly attractive in high-interest-rate environments. It is a temporary 'starter discount' for the first year. Homes of this scale and quality rarely become available in Forest Hills, and many sell off-market."

If it were not for a move to another state, the McKinnon family would have stayed in their dream home forever. "I was grateful every day I was lucky enough to live here," McKinnon said. "It's like living in a forest wonderland."

Durham has this enchanting French country estate at 8129 San Fernando Way available for $2.85 million.

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doses have. The risks rise when using unregulated, non-FDA-approved products, especially when the one injecting has no training or experience. Injecting yourself is much more difficult than injecting someone else. Although I personally haven't had Botox injections, if I were to choose to have them done, even with nearly two decades of experience, I wouldn't inject my own Botox. Rather, I would have someone I trust do it for me.

Though tempting, it's not worth the risk. I can understand why some might be tempted to purchase off-brand Botox and self-inject it. Aside from the huge costs savings, there is a certain appeal in doing something yourself, and I myself have used social media videos to teach myself skills I previously thought were beyond my scope. Do-it-yourself Botox, however, is a different matter entirely.

Some might say I take this stance due to potential lost business. In reality, there is very little profit in Botox injections today, given the sheer number of providers offering them. My stance comes purely from the guise of safety; using a potentially deadly, unregulated toxin yourself without proper training is unequivocally dangerous. Saving money is a good thing, but not when the savings come at the cost of your face, your health or your life.

Dr. Bruce Hermann is a board-certified plastic surgeon in the north DFW Metroplex and host of the medical show "Nip Talk." Catch him on Instagram (@dallas_niptuck) or YouTube (@niptalkshow) for more medical information.

GREAT OUTDOORS

Smart garden irrigation tips

From Family Features

Every garden has unique needs based on plant type, soil composition, local climate and more. Understanding these factors is the first step in creating an effective irrigation plan.

For instance, certain plants, like succulents, require less water and thrive in drier conditions while others, like vegetables and flowering plants, may need more frequent watering. By assessing your garden's specific conditions, you can tailor your irrigation practices to keep your garden thriving during the hottest months.

Choose the right irrigation system. Selecting an appropriate system is essential for efficient water use and a healthy lawn and garden. Most homeowners choose from one of three simple options. Ideal for gardens with diverse plant types, drip irrigation systems deliver water directly to the roots of plants, minimizing evaporation and runoff.

Sprinkler systems, on the other hand, are better suited for larger lawns and can cover extensive areas quickly. For those looking for a balance between efficiency and coverage, soaker hoses offer a slow, steady water supply that reduces water waste.

Schedule watering for optimal results. When it comes to watering your garden, timing is crucial. The best times to water are early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are cooler and evaporation rates are lower, ensuring more water reaches the plant roots.

Remember to also consider the frequency and duration of watering sessions. Overwatering can lead to waterlogged soil and root diseases while underwatering can stress plants, making them more susceptible to pests and diseases.

Monitor and adjust your plan. Check for signs of overwatering or underwatering, such as wilting, yellowing leaves or dry soil. Adjust your irrigation schedule and system settings based on these observations and changing weather conditions.

Smart irrigation controllers and soil moisture sensors can automate watering schedules and adjust them based on real-time data, helping conserve water and ensure your garden thrives throughout the summer months.

Find more tips to ensure a thriving lawn and garden at eLivingtoday.com.

FAMILY FEATURES

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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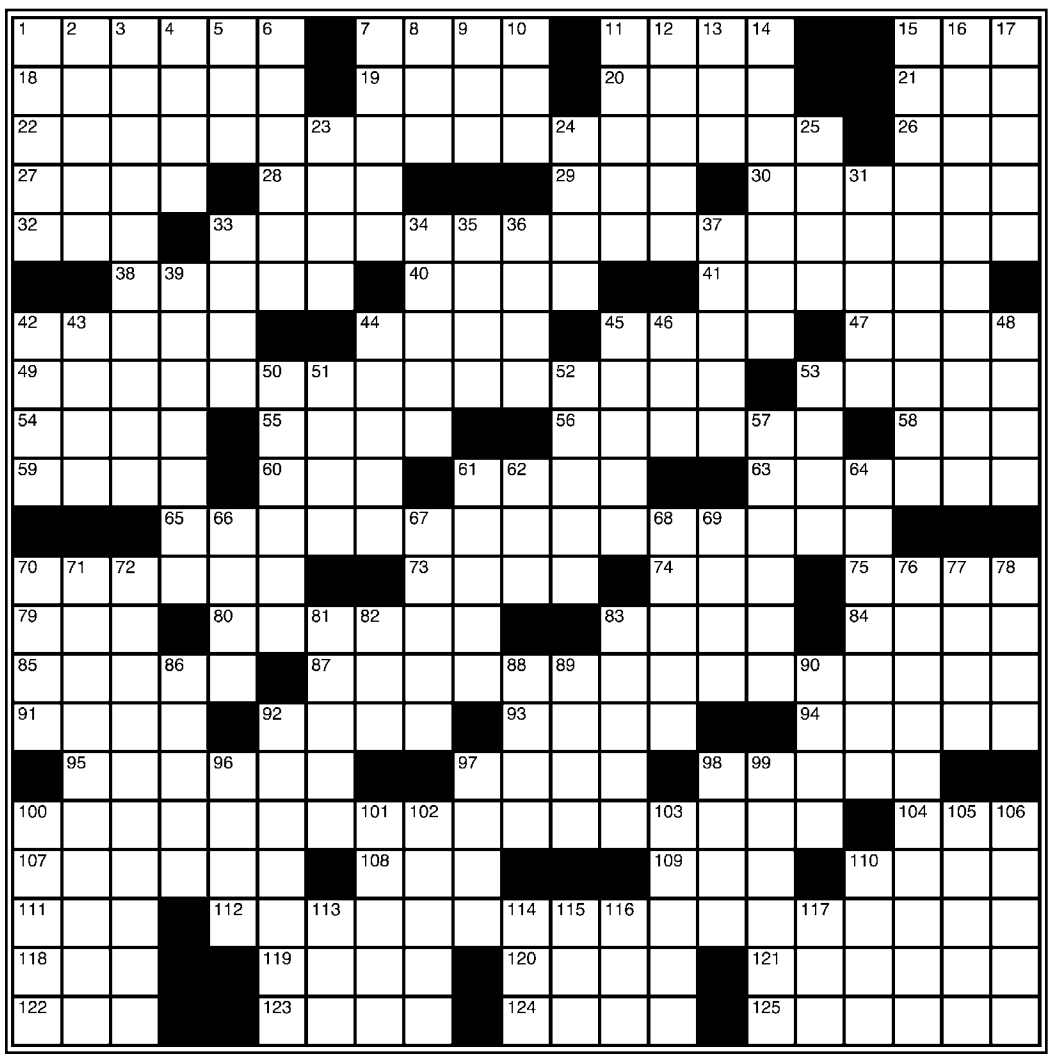

ACROSS

1. Climb
7. Fancy car upgrades
11. One who's crossed a line?
15. Old AOL missives
18. How crêpe suzette is served
19. Stew-thickening pod
20. __ platter
21. Wray of "King Kong"
22. *Cowardly Lion or Scarecrow, probably?
26. Feminine concept in Taoism
27. Whirling water
28. MMA decision
29. Hit the jackpot
30. Kevlar creator
32. Marina del __, California
33. *Question on a history test about westward migration in the 1840s?
38. Surface
40. Solemnly swear
41. Cease and __
42. Used a "Safe!" word?
44. Kapoor of Hindi cinema
45. Membership fees
47. Actress Kate or Rooney
49. *Surviving Victorian society, for a Dickens character?
53. Tinkered (with)
54. Laze about
55. Stately 110-Downs
56. Words of warning
58. __ trombone
59. Square figure?
60. __ check
61. Some critical care pros
63. Witch costume props
65. *Useful download for archaeologists?
70. Eager student's cry
73. Preternatural glow
74. Poetic preposition
75. Parliament members?
79. Language suffix
80. Font option
83. Cat's "Thanks for petting me"
84. Mule, e.g.
85. Group of eight
87. *Plea for a way to advertise a business that is open all night?
91. "Storage __": reality TV show
92. Document option
93. Omar of "House"
94. Exposed
95. Many a soda can
97. Without charge
98. Tundra or taiga
100. *Primate habitat banner when the zoo acquires a new gorilla?
104. Scot's denial
107. Glinda portrayer
108. Savings option, for short
109. Computing pioneer Lovelace
110. Word in sloth names
111. Peyton or Eli, to Archie
112. Unexpected twist, or what's found in the answers to the starred clues
118. "Lenore" poet
119. Shortcut image
120. One who's really trying?
121. Applies to
122. Texting tech
123. High-grade
124. Organization that chases Carmen Sandiego
125. Makes tea

DOWN

1. Renovation photo caption
2. Waterpark feature
3. Sticky carnival treat
4. Primetime award
5. Org. for James and Durant
6. Dimes, to dollars
7. Alicia Vikander's "Ex Machina" role
8. 1950s prez
9. "And here's to you, __ Robinson"
10. Parked it
11. Bit of thyme
12. Prompting an actor
13. Chimp, e.g.
14. Heaps
15. "Suuuuure"
16. Opposite of indie
17. EDM instrument
23. Inner Hebrides isle
24. Texter's "This might be useful"
25. Getup
31. Top-ranked
33. Like a panoramic view
34. Fruit of the Loom rival
35. Very bad
36. Font option
37. NFL star __ Beckham Jr.
39. Swap out
42. Jackie Robinson Stadium sch.
43. Tie up, as a boat
44. Have the objective of
45. Latissimus __: back muscle
46. Fed. with artificial archipelagos known as the Palm Islands
48. Contributes
50. Feel sorry for
51. Drop the ball
52. "You __ try this!"
53. U. of Maryland athlete
57. Food court pizza chain
61. Evoke
62. Make a dent in
64. American marsupial
66. Among
67. Not world-weary
68. People, places, things, etc.
69. "Sommersby" star
70. Cat's "Please pet me"
71. Activity where people are really locked in?
72. Subway network
76. Neutral sound that may be a sleep aid
77. Theater section
78. Chat box button
81. Visibly shocked
82. Actress Tyler
83. Rock, __, Scissors
86. Rescue rehoming org.
88. Game show creator Griffin
89. Fencing option
90. Cozy reading spot
92. Kenya neighbor
96. "Don't you take that __ with me!"
97. Custard dessert
98. Singer Erykah
99. High-flying guy of myth
100. Winged stingers
101. Pegg of "The Boys"
102. Sherlock adversary Adler
103. Roast turkey instruction
105. Greek fabulist
106. Unblemished spots
110. Shade provider
113. Green prefix
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115. Hobbit enemy
116. Nearest and dearest, colloquially
117. Oregon hrs.

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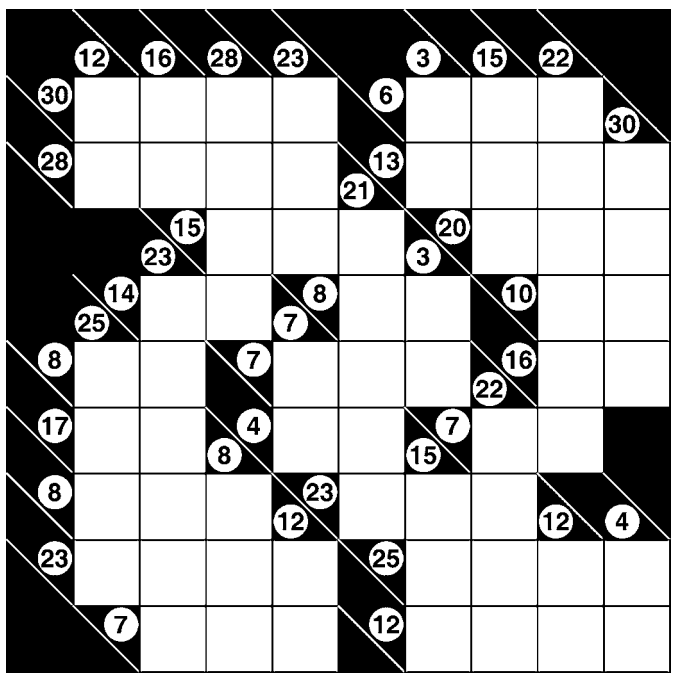

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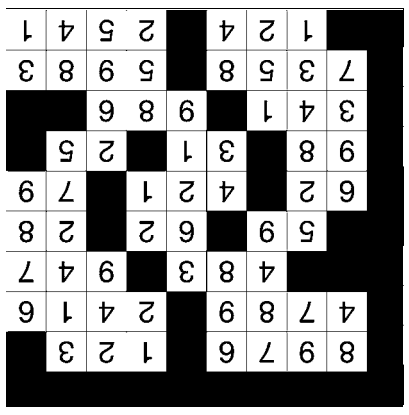

To solve Kakuro, you must enter a number between 1 and 9 in the empty squares. The clues are the numbers in the white circles that give the sum of the solution numbers: above the line are across clues and below the line are down clues. Thus, a clue of 3 will produce a solution of 2 and 1 and a 5 will produce 4 and 1, or 2 and 3, but, of course, which squares they go in will depend on the solution of a clue in the other direction. No digit can be repeated in a solution, so a 4 can only produce 1 and 3, never 2 and 2.

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SUDOKU

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

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Winners include crab, Oreos and deviled eggs

From the State Fair of Texas

Celebrating more than a decade of decadence, the Big Tex Choice Awards contest has solidified the State Fair of Texas as the top Fair for great food creations. Each year, State Fair concessionaires fry up tasty and unique foods for a chance to become a finalist in the annual Big Tex Choice Awards competition.

Everything from Fried Beer to Fried Peaches and Cream has made the cut to become a part of the exclusive club of fried food creations. On August 21, a panel of judges chose four winners from 15 finalists. The winners are:

Best Taste – Savory: Crab & Mozzarella Arancini by Stefan T. Nedwetzky. Handcrafted with a blend of premium Maryland Blue Crab meat, white rice, mozzarella cheese, spring onion, red bell pepper, lemon and black pepper, each

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

Crab & Mozzarella Arancini by Stefan T. Nedwetzky.

Crab & Mozzarella Arancini rice ball is seasoned with aromatic herbs including garlic, coriander and basil, dipped in crunchy breadcrumbs and deep fried to a golden, crispy finish.

Best Taste – Sweet: Chill & Thrill Delight by Tony & Terry Bednar. The Chill & Thrill Delight

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YOUR ASTROLOGY

by Magi Helena

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BIRTHDAY STAR
Actor Evan Rachel Wood was born in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1987. She was nominated for two Emmy Awards for her role as Dolores in "Westworld" and got another nomination in 2011 for "Mildred Pierce." She has also been in movies like "Backspot," "Kajillionaire," and "Weird: The Al Yankovic Story."

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
When you pay it forward you're setting up reciprocity; when the circle is working, all prosper. It might be time to release an old limitation. A day apart from the usual distractions could feed your soul, you might also have a satisfying project to work on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
If it's a day off, give some time to creativity and play—enjoy a potentially lighter mood along with artistic inspo. Friends might be too busy for fun or not available to help now. Roll up sleeves and lend a hand to someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Back-of-your-mind static could make it harder to get clarity, do what you can to quiet the noise. A getaway could bring not just pleasure but open the door to a lasting benefit. A career anxiety might ramp up for a few hours, then fade.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
A path forward could continue to emerge. Money is a topic, thoughts could go either toward helpful insights or emotional reactivity, and a windfall apple could drop. Also, a friend might shed some clear financial light.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You can catch more flies with honey than with napalm. A situation involving sharing of resources could be calling for some inner emotional work or clarity. Kick it at home, consider inviting some friends to come by or share a meal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
The past doesn't push you forward, the future pulls you. But, unresolved old trauma sabotages your shining future it it's warping your perception, discipline, or choices. Do the self-work and set yourself free—you're the only one who can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
If you usually stage for Monday, today it should be effortless and even offer some clues for future success. Service above self could be especially heartfelt now. If you are dating, you might catch a mentor or adviser instead of a fish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Lean in to both your magnetism and your wholesome, loyal nature. Get out and play if you can, but something could stand in the way today. Focus on diplomatic appeals instead of a bulldozer approach.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
To change or not to change could be the question in a relationship now. If needed, make the changes. If bored, revitalize things if you can. Time at home could be the rest and refreshment you need today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Get things done and take off for a day if you can—it could give you a needed reset. A fresh new path for a relationship, new or old, could be coming into view. It's likely leading toward goodness and growth but always stay aware.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
A difficult conversation about finances might not land well but could end up setting important good things into motion. Decide if it's worth the risk, it could go either way today. It could be hard to think about something too close to home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Use caution if tempted to make a vulnerable share. Relationships both committed and casual are offered some grace to grow and thrive, but lots will depend on both sets of individual cycles. Break out of the house if you can for a free day.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY
September is a month which could offer you considerable improvements and helpful insights to further future growth. October could bring challenges, especially if you let yourself take the low road in any situation. Don't start anything important or meet anyone important for the first time this month if possible. November is a much better time to make things happen, you could have both the ambition and the integrity to successfully level up. December could let you tap into the spirit of the season, not just stress over the busy chaos of the holiday season. Lean in to your skills and talents to get things done. Your new year could get off to a powerful start, despite an early, brief issue with someone who won't be worth spending much time over.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE CHEF

Smooth way to prepare flat iron steak using autumn vegetables

By James Rowland
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The flat iron steak is a uniquely popular butcher cut from the shoulder. It is carved from a working muscle, giving the meat a surprising, tastier flavor. The section weighs in the 2-2.5-pound range and is usually grilled over open flame. In this recipe, the meat will be cut into large cubes and then quick-braised in red wine.

As we approach the autumn, butternut squash, pearl onions and buttery mushrooms become more popular on menus. Adding roasted pancetta with bacon and fresh thyme are wonderful compliments to the meat and red wine sauce. While watching football with family and friends, here is a delicious, quick and easy skillet dish that is perfect to feed a small gathering.

FANA YOHANNES

Flat Iron Steak with Butternut Squash, Shiitake and Red Wine.

FLAT IRON STEAK WITH BUTTERNUT SQUASH, SHIITAKE AND RED WINE

2 pounds flat iron steak (trimmed and cut into large cubes or slices)
Salt and pepper (to season the meat)
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons Bertolli olive oil
1 tablespoon garlic (finely chopped)
1 large onion (1/4" diced)
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups red wine
1 cup beef broth
1 bay leaf
1 ounce fresh thyme (stems removed; lightly chopped)

Melt half the butter and olive oil in a large 8-quart sauce pot over medium-high heat. Add small batches of the seasoned meat to the hot oil and sear for 1 minute. Carefully turn and continue to sear for 1 more minute. Move to a side plate.

Repeat the process with the rest of the meat, using the same pot over medium-high heat. Add the minced garlic first, add an additional 1-ounce of olive oil and toast the garlic for 30 seconds stirring constantly. Add onion and continue to sauté for 1 minute, stirring constantly and cook until soft. Add flour, mix thoroughly and cook for 1 additional minute.

Deglaze with red wine and bring the sauce to a boil. Stir the mix evenly until the wine begins to thicken and reduce to a simmer. Add the meat. Stir all the ingredients and continue to simmer over low heat for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent any sticking. Add small amounts of water if the sauce becomes too thick.

Butternut squash-mushroom mix:
4 thick cuts of bacon or pancetta (cut into 1/4 " strips)
12 pearl onions (peeled)
1 teaspoon sugar
2 cups butternut squash (peeled and diced)
4 ounces chicken or vegetable stock
12 each shiitake mushroom caps (large dice or quartered)
Salt and pepper
2 ounces butter (room temperature)
2 ounces parsley (chopped)

For the vegetable procedure, in a large skillet on medium-high heat, cook the bacon until it begins to crisp. Remove the bacon, leaving the excess oil in the pan. Place the bacon on paper towels to drain. Return the same pan to medium high heat and add the pearl onions and sauté, stirring constantly for 1 minute. Add the sugar, mix well and cook for 1 more minute. Add the butternut squash and thoroughly mix with the onions. Add the stock and bring the vegetables to a boil, then reduce to a consistent simmer. Continue to cook for 5 minutes.

Add the shiitake mushroom, mix and cook for 2 minutes. Remove from heat, adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper and add the butter. Combine all the vegetables with the red wine steak ragout, bring everything to a boil, adjust thickness, seasoning, add parsley and set aside until ready to serve.

As mentioned above, the dish goes well with about any type of side dish. The usual favorites would be pasta or rice, but you can expand your repertoire by preparing a cheesy soft polenta or an herbal faro dish.

Simply serve the ragout evenly over your favorite side dish. Drizzle with Bertolli Extra Virgin olive oil, fresh cracked black pepper and serve. Serves 6.

Chef James Rowland and wife Fana Yohannes own Carver Park (carverdfw.com) at 7557 Rambler Road at Walnut Hill Lane and 4851 LBJ Freeway. For catering information, contact Rowland at 214-363-1201.

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is a vibrant, refreshing twist on Colombia's famous Salpicon de Frutas. A Texas-sized cup is packed with diced mango, pineapple, watermelon, grapes, cantaloupe and strawberries, all soaked in fresh watermelon juice and topped with a handcrafted shaved mango sorbet that slowly melts into the mix.

Best Taste – Sipper: Cookie Chaos Milkshake by Brad Weiss. A rich, creamy, cookie butter milkshake loaded with snickerdoodle chunks, Golden Oreo cookies and classic Oreo cookies for the ultimate cookie explosion, it's topped with a fluffy swirl of whipped cream, a scoop of edible cookie butter cookie dough, a perfectly perched Biscoff cookie and a cookie butter drizzle that ties it all together.

Most Creative – Wagyu Bacon Cheeseburger Deviled Egg Sliders by Kendall Williams. The Wagyu Bacon Cheeseburger Deviled Egg Sliders start with a Cajun-seasoned Wagyu patty, topped with aged cheddar and crispy applewood bacon. Instead of a bun, it's sandwiched between two deep fried, panko-crusted deviled egg halves.

These and other Fair foods will be available when the State Fair of Texas begins on Friday, Sept. 26. Tickets and more information at bigtex.com.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

The Cookie Chaos Milkshake by Brad Weiss and the Wagyu Bacon Cheeseburger Deviled Egg Sliders by Kendall Williams.

DINE AND DRINK

Hook onto a special celebration at CATCH

CATCH DALLAS

From Monday, Sept. 8 through Sunday, Sept. 14, **CATCH Dallas**, at 3005 Maple Ave., will mark Catch Hospitality Group's 14th anniversary with a weeklong series of culinary experiences. CATCH Dallas will debut a handmade orecchiette pasta with char-broiled lobster tail, Virginia littleneck clams, maple-smoked bacon, roasted summer corn, shiso, uni and saffron sauce and an anniversary omakase platter for $200, featuring an assortment of premium nigiri. More at catchrestaurants.com. – *Lauren Lamp*

Supper Club honors Mexican Independence

To celebrate Mexican Independence Day on Tuesday, Sept. 16, **La Mina** at 630 Village Glen Drive in The Village Dallas with an Underground Supper Club Dinner. Guests will savor a five-course dinner crafted by Meridian's Executive Chef Eduardo Osorio, including antojitos, scallop aguachile negro, Wagyu beef tongue tostada, grilled quail, Wagyu short rib, flan de Caramelo and handcrafted cocktails from La Pulga Spirits. The $175 pp dinner begins at 7 p.m. Reservations at eventbrite.com. – *Kristin Garcia*

LA MINA

Tea to green: golf resort offers Saturday socials

RITZ-CARLTON DALLAS

The **Ritz-Carlton Dallas, Las Colinas**, at 4150 MacArthur Blvd. in Irving, invites guests to indulge in a refined new tradition with Mahjong Tea and Social Hour. Offered from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 6 through Oct. 18. and set against the chic backdrop of Bar Juniper, the curated experience presented in partnership with The Mahjong Line offers an afternoon of seasonal teas and bubbles, Asian-inspired bites and lively gameplay. Tickets are $75 per person, available at opentable.com. – *Eads Hooper*

New restaurant to open in Old Town

Flock & Fresh, a fast-casual restaurant from Nuri Steakhouse and JOA Grill owner Wan Kim, will open in Old Town Shopping Center at 5500 Greenville Ave, Suite 205, this winter. The 2,600 square-foot space will seat 42. Options will include grilled or crispy chicken — always cage-free and built your way — served as tenders, sandwiches or salads. House made sauces like curry ranch, "Flock Sauce" and K-sauce and salad dressings such as yuzu citrus and avocado ranch will be available. – *Alison Rhoades*

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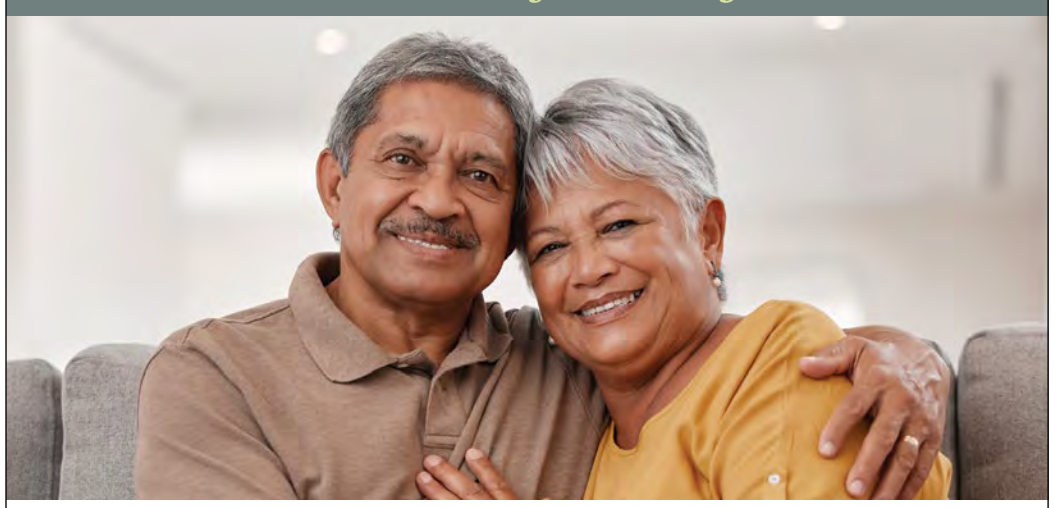

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AUTOMOBILITY

Singer Vehicle Design singularly focused

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The mission statement at Singer Vehicle Design is, "EVERYTHING IS IMPORTANT: Success in our mission requires a unique approach. Every detail, no matter how small, must be considered and optimized. These three words are the constant mantra that guides our pursuit of perfection."

You won't find many companies in today's marketplace pursuing a very personal — essentially singular — vision, and that's especially true in the automotive industry. There are still Fords at Ford and a handful of Porsches at Porsche, but those offspring report to a Board of Directors — and those Boards are watching out for the shareholders.

While investors are worth cultivating, they are typically not composed of creative visionaries. Although Singer Vehicle Design, founded in 2009 by Rob Dickinson, has proven to be an outstanding business model, a prospectus would be interesting to say the least.

In a nutshell, Dickinson's team acquires Porsche 964s to serve as donor vehicles for the eventual outcome, a Porsche 911 reimagined by Singer. A media-friendly tour of the company's facility in Torrance, Calif. generously included me and my son-in-law, Ethan Dietrich. We are both former Porsche owners and lifetime Porsche enthusiasts. The nearly two-hour overview was nothing short of amazing.

Our host was Seamus Taaffe, Singer's brand ambassador. Seamus joined the company shortly after 2009, having spent the previous decade building Yamaha race bikes. While a racing platform is incredibly sophisticated, its construction is relatively simple.

In contrast, the dismantling of an older Porsche is somewhat simple while its rebuilding and reassembly is infinitely more complex and exponentially more expensive. While your new Porsche 911 will typically cost between $150,000 and $300,000, a Porsche 911 reimagined by Singer will require an outlay of seven figures and will typically command that from Singer, Sotheby's or Bring-a-Trailer.

I've not been through the Porsche plant in Stuttgart or any other relatively low-volume manufacturer on either side of the Atlantic. With that, the scope of Singer's 115,000 square feet of Torrance facility was jaw-dropping, with roughly 100 units in various stages of reassembly. Relative to a anything new, a 911 built some 45 years ago constitutes a simple, straightforward construction with an air-cooled, normally aspirated six-cylinder engine, just two doors and a comparatively compact footprint.

Upon disassembly of the donor (offsite), the focus is on the condition of the 911's unibody structure and strengthening its structure. As Seamus noted, both welding and bonding (with chassis strengthening developed in conjunction with Red Bull Advanced Technologies) are utilized in that reinforcement, resulting in an old structure performing much like a new one. All of this is done before reinstalling fenders, doors, rear deck and hood, or refitting a sunroof (if requested). The reassembled shell receives a repaint to the client's preferences.

Under that rear deck is what you'd assume to be a carefully rebuilt flat six, and — of course — it's that, but so much more. From the Singer website: "The engine in a 911 Carrera Coupe Reimagined by Singer draws on long experience with the 911 and learnings from the DLS program, where the company's first four-valve cylinder head was born. This expertise allows Singer to continue exploring the performance potential of the Type 964's iconic flat-six … through a continuous process of careful optimization and the development of a revised four-valve cylinder head."

Singer jointly developed the execution of this engine with Cosworth. It is the first engine restored for a Porsche 911 Reimagined by Singer to feature variable valve timing for optimal drivability at low speeds and power at high revolutions. It is also the first naturally aspirated engine restored by Singer to use water-cooled cylinder heads combined with air-cooled cylinders, utilizing learnings from the DLS Turbo program.

This particular commission offers the owner/flogger 420 hp, along with a torque curve flatter than Nebraska. Those wanting to swap for Subaru's turbocharged flat four should, you would know, shop elsewhere.

The appointments included in this "reimagining" are most often termed bespoke, derived from the Latin for "you can't afford it." Of the few almost finished builds in the shop, Recaro seating was predominant, while the variety of coverings for Recaros would have required nearly all of Kevin Costner's Dutton Ranch cattle. In short, the choices stretch almost as far as a Tech Bro's bonus.

Obviously, most of us will get no closer to a Porsche 911 reimagined by Singer than we will to an IPO. But that doesn't diminish the admiration for the wondrous work or an appreciation for the skillsets now being passed on to a new generation of craftsmen.

At the conclusion of our tour, I asked Seamus if Dickinson likes motorcycles, thinking that a reimagined Triumph or BMW twin might be within my economic reach. Rob does like bikes so I'm starting a GoFundMe page.

David Boldt brings years of experience in automotive retail sales and public relations to his automotive reporting. More can be found at txGarage.com.

SINGER

A 911 Carrera Coupe reimagined by Singer.

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has written an action-packed and often humorous recollection of his foot-to-the-pedal career.

Wansley served as singer Whitney Houston's bodyguard (inspiring the film, "The Bodyguard") and was the head of global security operations for American Airlines, working directly with president and chairman Robert Crandall. He earned the FBI Director's Award for his team's identification of the 9/11 terrorists and his passenger screening model led to the creation of TSA.

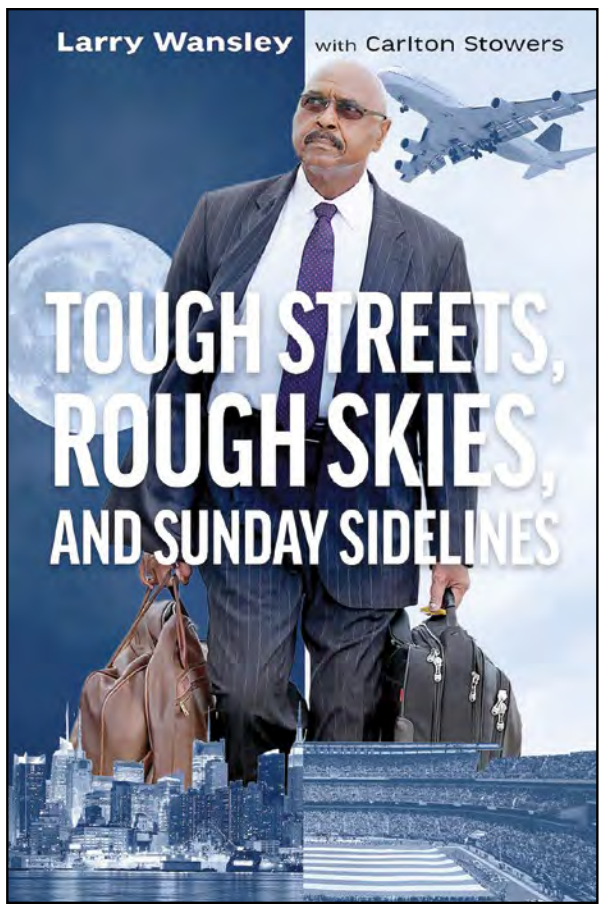
Tough Streets, Rough Skies, and Sunday Sidelines is available at local and national book sellers including amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. More information can be found at larrywansley.com.

As one of the FBI's first long-term deep undercover agents, Wansley aided with the search for kidnapped publishing heiress, Patty Hearst. He used so many aliases that at times he had trouble remembering who he was supposed to be.

A self-proclaimed "Security Consultant Specialist," Wansley currently is serving his second tour as Director of Corporate Security for the Cowboys under Jones, where he is responsible for meeting the security needs of the organization and its related companies. He can be seen in "America's Team: The Gambler and the Cowboys," a docuseries just released on Netflix.

Although Schramm, Landry and Jones and others — including his family, Crandall and 9/11 victims, first responders and families — are part of the dedications page in his new book, the interview process with Schramm and Landry was different than any other in his lifetime.

"I show up at Tex' house in a black three-piece suit. I've got my resume in hand and so forth, and Tex shows up at the door in a baggy Hawaiian shirt, Bermuda shorts and scotch in hand, a la Rodney Dangerfield," Wansley said. "Tex said, 'Hey, come on in. How about a drink?'" Wansley declined. A little later, Landry, who Wansley identified as a deeply religious man, joined the interview party.



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Larry Wansley's autobiography is now available.

"Tex and I visited for about an hour, all during which he keeps offering me drinks. I'm having a good time and I'm very relaxed. He's not asking me anything about my background. Landry showed up and it looked like he had been working in his garage or his yard. He looked like a mortal man. He was not that impeccably dressed image that you saw. He came in, sat down and was very congenial. He told a few jokes, and I'm sitting there thinking, 'I can't believe this. I am with two legends and one's trying to get me drunk and the other is telling these kind of corny jokes, but I'm having a good time.'

During his first tenure with the Cowboys, Wansley shielded Landry from a sniper hidden during a live, nationally televised Monday Night Football game. He turned down a job offer from now NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to join American Airlines.

In crafting his latest book, Wansley added a routine to his very unconventional life. "At the end of the day," Wansley said, "after everything is done, the hatches are battened down, security is in place and I can take a deep breath, I go to my room, take a shower and then I would have a cup of tea and two Walker Shortbread Biscuits. OK, they were cookies.

"And I would recap the day because there was so much going on that I had to really stay on top of it. Nothing extensive, but bullet points. That got me into the habit and process which has followed me for the rest of my life and my career. I accumulated all these journals and I kept them in chronological order."

Also written with Stowers, Wansley's first book is titled, *FBI Undercover: The True Story of Special Agent "Mandrake."* It chronicles his early years as a former detective bureau commander with the Compton, Calif. police department, graduation from the FBI Academy in 1973 and underground work in Los Angeles as part of the bureau's massive search for Hearst.

When tackling *Tough Streets, Rough Skies, and Sunday Sidelines,* Wansley said, "my publisher said 'you've done so much really bizarre, interesting stuff. Make it about everything. Cover all those points in your life because the public would really be intrigued and they would be interested.'"

Behind Wansley has been his wife of 61 years, Scharrol, and two grown children. His career is changing but not ending. "Yes, I will be retiring [from the Cowboys] at the end of September," Wansley said. But don't expect him to slow down.

If Wansley is not the most interesting man in the world, it would be hard to find someone that has so many accomplishments that has generated so much interest. With respect to the fictional "most interesting man in the world" that peddled cerveza, Wansley's life could be appropriately surmised by the memorable Dos Equis spokesman with the words, "Stay busy, my friends."

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the Dodgers, he broke the color barrier in American baseball. On display in "Game Changer" is Robinson's 1946 American Baseball Bureau questionnaire, which offers a compelling glimpse into his vision for the future of the game.

Visitors will also see a glove Robinson used as a Dodger, alongside the bat he swung to hit his iconic home run during the 1952 Major League Baseball All-Star Game. These artifacts tell a story not only of athletic greatness but also of social progress through America's pastime.

Other displays include Melissa Stockwell's road to Paralympic glory. Stockwell made history as the first Iraq War U.S. Army veteran to qualify for the Paralympic Games after losing her leg in active combat in 2004. The Bush Presidential Center brings these and many other stories to life in "Game Changer."

To further highlight the unifying role of sports, the Center will also host a special "Engage at the Bush Center" event, presented by NexPoint, on Tuesday, Sept. 16, featuring legendary sports broadcasters Bob Costas and Joe Buck. They will reflect on how sports transcend competition to bring people together and will underscore the central message of "Game Changer" — that sports are more than a game.

Admission to view "Game Changer" is included with the purchase of a ticket to visit the Bush Museum's permanent exhibit, which includes steel beams from the World Trade Center and a full-size replica of the Oval Office. Tickets are available at bushcenter.org.

BUSH CENTER

Stars uniform at the "Game Changer" exhibit.

SOLUTION TO THIS WEEK'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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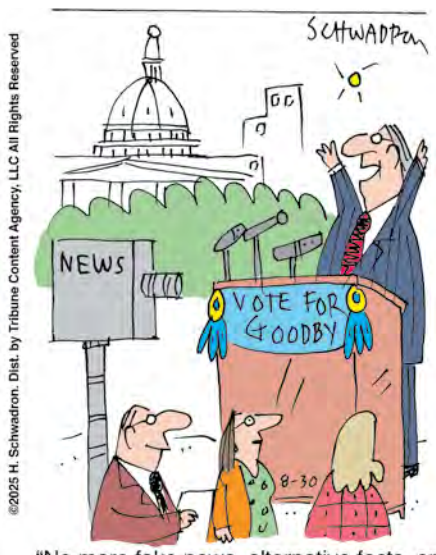

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Sept. 5-6	2600 Live Oak St. Dallas, 75204 214-671-0045	**Latino Cultural Center** – "Flamenco in the Golden Age of Hollywood" is a two-day cultural exhibit celebrating flamenco's influence on classic American cinema. Opening night will highlight live flamenco performance, Spanish guitar, cocktails and light bites. The second day is the main event, a self-guided tour through the exhibit. Friday at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at 11 a.m. $15 to $20. **FREE!** for children under 12.
Sept. 20	8017 Preston Road Dallas, 75225 orchestraofnewspain.org	**Christ the King Catholic Church** – Orchestra of New Spain presents "Vienna + Madrid: Haydn, Mozart, Courcelle," featuring the youthful Mozart Symphony No 29 and Haydn's famous "Farewell" Symphony No 45 with its richly colored second movement. Well known counter tenor Nick Garza will sing arias from composer Francisco Courcelle's opera "Achilles in Skyro." 7:30 p.m. $30. Students $10.
Now-Sept. 21	14856 Preston Road Dallas, 75254 thetitanicexhibition.com	**Pepper Square** – At "Titanic: The Exhibition," visitors can embark on an immersive, interactive tour of the Titanic, complete with recreations of the ship's interior and exterior. Guests can visit the dock from where the ship first set sail, explore the galleries and boiler room, take a look inside a millionaire's suite, stroll the exterior promenade deck, and see the Grand Staircase. 10 a.m. $29.50 and up.
Sept. 24-27	2200 Stemmons Freeway Dallas, 75207 chiomegachristmasmarket.org	**Dallas Market Hall** – The 48th annual Chi Omega Christmas Market (COCM), presented by H-E-B, is one of Dallas' most iconic and beloved holiday traditions. The COCM is a unique shopping experience offering seasonal and holiday gifts for every age and price and raises critical funds for numerous local nonprofit organizations. Times vary. General admission is $20.
Oct. 12	3300 Mockingbird Lane Dallas, 75205 214-521-3111	**HPUMC Sanctuary** – The 22nd Tower Arts season kicks off with the Grammy-winning Houston Chamber Choir, bringing choral music performed at the highest level. The Choir is comprised of 24 professional singers, most of whom have studied at the top music schools and conservatories in the U.S. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. **FREE!**
Nov. 14	555 S. Lamar St. Dallas, 75202 214-744-6664	**Omni Dallas Hotel** – Texas Women's Foundation's 40th Ruby Anniversary Luncheon features Christine Baranski, an Emmy, two-time Tony, Screen Actors Guild, Drama Desk and American Comedy Award winner, as its featured speaker. She is best known for her performances in "The Good Wife," "Mamma Mia," "The Gilded Age" and multiple theater roles. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Now-Jan. 18, 2026	1717 N. Harwood St. Dallas, 75201 214-922-1200	**Dallas Museum of Art** – The DMA presents "Return to Infinity: Yayoi Kusama." For the first time since 2018, the DMA will install Yayoi Kusama's "All the Eternal Love I Have for the Pumpkins," an iteration of the artist's iconic "Infinity Mirrored Rooms" incorporating one of the artist's quintessential symbols, the pumpkin. 11 a.m. **FREE!** to $20.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Texas Woman's University will present the 2026 Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award to award-winning journalist Lee Cullum at the Dallas Leadership Luncheon, at the Hilton Anatole Hotel Imperial Ballroom at 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway, on Feb. 17, 2026. The event co-chairs are Lucy Billingsley, Lucy Burns, Sumner Billingsley and Lindsay Billingsley. Tickets at twu.edu/DallasLeadership.

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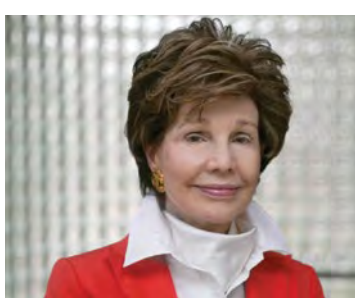

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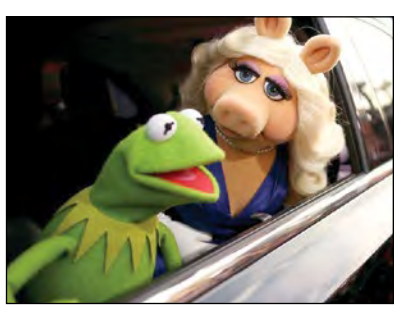
THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

On September 5, 1976, the first episode of "The Muppet Show," co-created by Jim Henson and staring a cast of Muppets including Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, aired in the United Kingdom on ITV. By December 1976, the series had 14 million viewers. The series would later run on American television through syndication.



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SCENE AROUND TOWN

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LES DAMES D'ESCOFFIER CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Members of Les Dames d'Escoffier recently gathered to induct new members into the organization and celebrate the Dallas Chapter's 40th anniversary. Les Dames is an international philanthropic organization of women leaders in the food, beverage and hospitality industries. *Photos by Cynthia Smoot.*

Reagan Gray and Kelly Hunter

Jennifer Bajsel, Nikky Phinyawatana and Amber Fletcher

Raffinae Sanders and Tiffany Derry

Lisa Lavender and Leslie Brenner

DALLAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

The Dallas Historical Society honored Juneteenth with the unveiling of an exciting new exhibit which includes the only known original printed General Order No. 3 handbill, the historic order proclaiming that all enslaved people in Texas were now free. This free exhibit is on display at the Hall of State at Fair Park through Sunday, Oct. 19. *Photos by Thomas Garza.*

Levi Davis, Rev. Peter Johnson and Dr. Marvin Dulaney

John Lill and Veletta Forsythe-Lill

Travis Wortham Jr., Steve Watson and Sandy Watson

Dallas Historical Society's Karl Chiao

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