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A LOOK AT THE MONTH’S LOCAL COVERAGE

POLITICS
Lina Hidalgo accuses DA Kim Ogg of election year politics in COVID outreach contract investigation
Lina Hidalgo accused District Attorney Kim Ogg of using an investigation into three of Hidalgo's staff members as a political move trying to push the incumbent county judge out of office. Ogg was accused of leaking out-of-context information about the investigation in an attempt to mislead the public during an election year, and of using misleading evidence to obtain search warrants that resulted in the arrest of Hidalgo's chief of staff and two former senior staffers.

BUSINESS
Thousands of Houston janitors may strike this week if wage talks fail
At a press conference outside of City Hall, SEIU Texas President Elsa Caballero said many of Houston's contract janitors aren't making a livable wage under the current contract. She said a majority work on a part-time basis due to reduced hours, making as little as $10.75 an hour—about $50 a day. SEIU Texas represents more than 2,800 Houston-area janitors.

HEALTH & SCIENCE
Texas doesn't have enough funding for community-based services for the intellectually disabled
Hundreds of thousands of Texans who are intellectually and developmentally disabled have applied for home and community-based therapies under the Medicaid Waivers program. The Harris Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Developmental Disabilities, which manages the waiting lists for the waiver services, said it’s not unusual for people to wait years to get off a waiting list. The shortest is three years while the longest is 17.
A CONNECTED AND INSPIRED COMMUNITY

HERITAGE APPRECIATION MONTH
Houston Public Media Celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

In 1978, a joint congressional resolution established Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. The first ten days of May were chosen to coincide with two important milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: the arrival in the United States of the first Japanese immigrants on May 7, 1843, and contributions of Chinese workers to the building of the transcontinental railroad, completed on May 10, 1869. In 1992, Congress expanded the observance to a month-long celebration that is now known as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Houston Public Media proudly celebrates and recognizes the contributions and impact of our Asian American community.

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ARTS & CULTURE
Celebrating Star Wars Day in the Houston Area

The phrase, “May the force be with you,” was uttered throughout the Star Wars franchise to bid warriors good luck or good will. Over time, the phrase spun into a pun, and became “May the 4th be with you.” Now, annually, Star Wars fans across the galaxy can celebrate the legacy of the franchise. This month, we share a few ways you can do just that in the Greater Houston area.

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NOAA predicts “above normal” 2022 Atlantic hurricane season

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released its 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Forecast, predicting an “above normal” hurricane season. NOAA says there is a 70% chance of 14-21 storms forming, with as many as ten potentially becoming hurricanes. Three to six of these storms could become major hurricanes.

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Houston Public Media programming has impacted my life greatly over the many, many years that I have had the pure joy of watching it. I have learned so much through Nature, NOVA, Ken Burns and many other shows. I am grateful for all the music that comes into my home, music I would never get to hear if I did not have PBS. Let me not forget to mention drama, whether it be a detective series, a period piece like Upstairs Downstairs, Downtown Abbey, Poldark or any of the shows I have watched over the years, I consider myself very lucky to have Houston Public Media in my home.”

June Stothart, Always Member
“You keep me informed about news and politics local, national and worldwide. I appreciate the fair and balanced information and great programming.”

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