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**AVIATION**

## American leads in bumping ticketed passengers



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Passengers boarded an American Airlines flight at DFW International Airport on Friday as the holiday travel season began. American is bumping passengers from overbooked flights at an industry-leading rate this year, although American spokesman Ross Feinstein notes that the rate is only about 1 in 12,000 passengers.

## Holiday air travelers try to remain seated

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Judith Lillien knew she was likely to get bumped when she looked at the boarding group on her 44-passenger American Airlines flight from New York City to Indianapolis in August: dead last.

The gate agent was calling for volunteers to take a later flight, but Lillien had to be in Indiana to move her parents into a new nursing home.

"There was no way we were taking a later flight," she said. "The entire point of the trip was to get there for this event."

But not enough passengers volunteered to give up their seats. Lil-

lien and her husband were forced off for a flight 12 hours later.

They were just two of thousands of Dallas history lands at central library

American Airlines is bumping passengers from overbooked flights at an industry-leading rate, a problem even worse on its wholly owned regional carriers.

American involuntarily denied boarding to more than 3,400 passengers in the key three-month travel period from July through September, more than the rest of the U.S. airline industry combined.

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Fort Worth-based American Airlines carried nearly 150 million travelers so far this year and had bumped 12,241 passengers through September.

**CHILDREN'S RIGHTS LAWSUIT**

## Foster care providers push back

'One-size-fits-all' rules may destabilize system, leaders warn

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AUSTIN — Texas foster care providers are pushing back against a federal judge's edicts, warning that they're kneejerk and narrow in focus.

The state's main foster-care provider organization recently warned of "inflexible and one-size-fits-all mandates," such as a new requirement that Texas' larger foster homes and facilities all have adult supervision at all times.



**JANIS GRAHAM JACK**

While U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack accused the state of misleading her and falling vulnerable

children, indignant leaders of the nonprofits who provide the great bulk of foster care complained about how their loving and longstanding devotion to society's cast-off kids wasn't being appreciated.

The possibility that some providers might again re-

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**IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY**

## Trump's GOP support unfazed

Historic hearings aside, Republicans still signal allegiance

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WASHINGTON — After two weeks of extraordinary open hearings that Democrats envisioned as their best opportunity to shape public opinion on impeachment, President Donald Trump claims to be impervious to the cascade of damaging revelations because of hardening Republican opposition to his removal from office.

So far, the historic proceedings have exacerbated the political divide. Some moderate Republican lawmakers once seen as the most likely to break with Trump criticized his conduct but signaled in recent days that they would probably vote against his impeachment because they do not believe the president's actions meet that threshold.

In this phase of the inquiry, a fact pattern emerged that could have been damaging for Trump. A series of government wit-

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### Chapter of Dallas history lands at central library

The records of Oakland Cemetery — 127 years' worth of Dallas history — are now in the care of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Robert Wilonsky writes. **1B**

### You encounter a loose or stray dog: What to do?

Anne Barnes of Dallas Animal Services offers advice on how to deal with loose or stray dogs. **1B**

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### Grand Poobah has answers for just about everything

Scott Burns, also known as Supreme Grand Poobah, shares some thoughts on how to fix almost everything. **1D**

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### Barton: Lifting export ban boosted economy, security

Former Congressman Joe Barton explains why lifting the ban on U.S. oil exports made sense for the economy and national security. **1P**

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### How do Cowboys, Patriots stack up over long term?

Kevin Sherrington looks at how the Cowboys and Patriots dynasties compare. **3C**

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### Texas among states not taking steps on census

Five states, including Texas, have failed to take recommended steps to assure a full census count. **8A**

**TEXAS POLITICS**

## Dems worry Senate field too weak to beat Cornyn

Some hold out hope that O'Rourke or Castro will enter race

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After Beto O'Rourke came close to beating Ted Cruz in their thrilling 2018 Senate contest, Texas Democrats hoped they could use that momentum to out-

John Cornyn in 2020.

But less than four months from the March primary, the Democratic race for Senate is a sleepy affair with the major candidates struggling to find traction with voters, spark energy in the party's base and offer a formidable alternative to Cornyn.

Four of the top five candidates got into the race late by today's standards, and some of them still haven't built out

their field and fundraising operations. Their social media presence, a must in modern campaigns, is not big-league quality. Voters aren't paying attention to the race.

"The hustle is missing from the candidates. It's absent, and it's weak," said Julie Ross, a health care advocate and progressive activist.

"They should take a page

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TRAVEL | MEXICO

# A luxury pioneer in its prime

Four Seasons Resort at Punta Mita marks its 20th birthday in style

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**F**all may be here, but we're not quite ready to give up relaxed days at the beach and pampered luxury — travel that's easy on the eye and easy on the budget. Luckily for us in Dallas, a getaway to Mexico is always in season. Affordable fares, relatively short flying times from Dallas and laid-back airports help to maximize precious vacation time.

With fall breaks, holiday celebrations and even spring break 2020 on the horizon, consider discovering for the first time or reacquainting yourself with the Four Seasons Resort at Punta Mita, the luxury pioneer at Riviera Nayarit on the Pacific Coast, in an exclusive enclave facing Banderas Bay.

The 400-acre resort reaches the big 2-0 this year, and it is celebrating two decades as a luxury pioneer with a number of entitlements. (The St. Regis, the other luxury stalwart in Punta Mita, recently celebrated its 10th birthday.)

The adventure begins in the breezy, open-air lobby, where you sip a welcome drink and plot your exploration. For the milestone year, the hotel has instituted a



The redesigned guest rooms at the Four Seasons Punta Mita feature balconies with modern furnishings.

## Details

Nonstop flights from D-FW International Airport to Puerto Vallarta's airport (Licenciado Gustavo Diaz Ordaz International Airport) are about 2 hours and 40 minutes. The Four Seasons Resort at Punta Mita is roughly a 45-minute drive from the Puerto Vallarta airport.

romantic, relaxing "soulcation," in which couples choose from a range of fitness and wellness options, including spa and fitness sessions (aerial yoga or yoga on a rock — why not?), a chakra-balancing mud ritual, foraging off the rocky coastline and more.

This fall also marks the completion of a total redesign of its 177 rooms, reimagined in sun-warmed natural woods and neutral

textiles, with pops of blue and orange to reflect the surroundings of sea, sun, sky and sand. Each room features a mesmerizing, original piece of Huichol art representing the peninsula.

Recently opened is Dos Catrinas, a two-story, nearly 5,400-square-foot waterfront dining mecca with a bountiful buffet breakfast, a fresh-seafood-leaning lunch menu and upscale Mexican specialties in the evening. (For a fun interlude, book a mezcal tasting and take a journey featuring Mexico's authentic spirit.) Hop on over to the other side of the world's cuisine at Aramara, which offers contemporary Asian fare overlooking — what else? — the Pacific.

For links lovers, the 200-acre course features hole 3B, the "Tail of the Whale." The ball reaches its hole via the Pacific, and the golfer walks across a rock-strewn path or, at high tide, uses an amphibious golf cart. Perhaps you'll even see whales on the way to fetch your ball, as the hotel offers great views during the seasonal migration.

With a lush resort at your fingertips, including a teen-only community called The Container and a lazy river for the kids, you may not be motivated to venture beyond the resort. Nevertheless, exploration-minded visitors will enjoy a visit to Sayulita, a funky beach town about a half-hour's ride from Punta Mita.

Galleries feature Mexican crafts, and food vendors set up shop with pop-up tents, folding tables and portable grills for midday meals. (We enjoyed the Manyana boutique on a recent trip — it's a modern, artsy shop run by American expats.)

The property is a place where you can rev up the pace as much as you want or power down to practically nothing. Each is a perfectly acceptable way to reclaim that summer state of mind.



Dos Catrinas offers all-day dining overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Four Seasons Punta Mita