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LAW ENFORCEMENT | DETENTION

Apprehended resident remains detained in California

By DAVID MERCADO

The Daily News

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A man who has lived in Galveston for more than 30 years, who attended island schools, worked and started a family on the island, was apprehended Oct. 29 while trying to get a routine inspection required to obtain a

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bonded car title, his wife said.

He has been in federal detention more than 1,500 miles from home for almost a month while his children worry and attorney fees incurred trying to get him

back to Texas drain the family bank account, his wife said.

His detention is part of an escalation since October of undocumented migrants without violent criminal records being apprehended by local law enforcement in the county.

Arrest records showed about

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ICE AGE

This is part of a series chronicling the enforcement of U.S. immigration laws

under the Trump Administration. The series will explore what undocumented foreign workers cost and contribute to Galveston County and how aggressive enforcement affects the workers, the economy and the larger society.



INSIDE TODAY

Don't miss a single moment of Dickens on The Strand! Our event guide is brimming with schedules, spectacles and all the merry details you need to stroll the streets in style.

HOLIDAY | 49TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TURKEY BOWL

49th Annual Turkey Bowl honors Shrub Kempner

From Staff Reports

» GALVESTON

Harris L. "Shrub" Kempner, who died in August at the age of 85, was honored Thursday during the 49th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl.

"We are thrilled to remember our good friend, Shrub Kempner, this morning," said Kathy Tiernan, who founded the touch football game nearly a half-century ago.

Tiernan each year organizes the event, which now includes generations of families taking the field at Adoue Park, 710 12th St. on the island's East End.

After years of playing, Kempner had been designated as

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COURTESY

Randall Kempner, right, Kathy Tiernan and Harris "Branch" Kempner III spoke about honoring Harris L. "Shrub" Kempner on Thursday during the 49th Annual Turkey Bowl in Galveston.

HOLIDAY | DICKINSON FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



STUART VILLANUEVA/The Daily News

Leilani Waller, 5, reaches out to touch a lighted display while helping her family set up lights at the Dickinson Festival of Lights at Paul Hopkins Park in Dickinson on Wednesday.

Dickinson park transformed for Festival of Lights

Dickinson's Paul Hopkins Park has taken on its yearly, dazzling yuletide aura for the iconic Dickinson Festival of Lights, a mainstay of the holiday season.

A dedicated crew of workers have set up millions

of colored lights in dozens of displays winding through the park's pathways.

The festival, now in its 28th, year opens on Saturday and runs nightly, weather permitting, through Dec. 30 with free admission.

— Stuart Villanueva

INSIDE: More photos from a holiday season mainstay — the iconic Dickinson Festival of Lights

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TECHNOLOGY | SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS

Local content creators helping boost tourism on island

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The Daily News

» GALVESTON

The island's newest wave of

momentum isn't breaking on the shore — it's breaking on social media feeds.

Indie content creators are helping guide tourists to the

spots where they dine, sleep and nail that perfect beach selfie.

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David Warner, the content creator behind "Dave in Galveston," stands in the intersection of 25th and Postoffice streets in Galveston on Friday. He and other social media influencers are making a positive impact on the island's tourism.

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