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TEXAS

Gov't implements Colorado River plan

Federal water managers have announced a 10-year plan to manage the critical Colorado River that opens the door to unprecedented water supply cuts to three states and will require near-constant negotiation between water users in the river basin. **Page 2A**



SPORTS

Texas Exes hear from Del Conte, honor Schwarzbach, award scholarships

The last time Chris Del Conte was in Tyler for the Texas Exes Tyler-Smith County Scholarship Dinner, Kevin Eltife, chairman of the UT System Board of Regents, dropped a bombshell of Texas leaving for the South-eastern Conference. **Page 5A**

Today's weather

Mostly sunny and very warm.
High of 99.
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Bible verse

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." (James 1:22)

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\$200M solar farm planned in East Texas

Project on 2,000 acres expected to begin construction in 2027

LIA PORTILLO

Construction on a \$200-million solar farm project in Marion County is expected to begin early next year.

California-based Pathway Power will build the farm on 2,000 acres south of Avinger, east of Johnson

Creek Reservoir and on both sides of Texas 49.

Lisa Leipzig, vice president of development for Pathway Power, said the project is still in its initial phases, but recent studies have given her and project developers more details about the farm's ability to supply energy to the region's power grid.

"We have been working on this project for a while, but now it's at the stage where we can go to the

SOLAR >> PAGE 3A



Hecate Energy's solar farm is seen in May 202 in Ore City. California-based Pathway Power wants to build a 2,000-acre solar farm in Marion County. (Les Hassell/Tyler Morning Telegraph File)



Children enjoy activities during Green Acres Español and Fuzión's back-to-school fair Saturday. (Jennifer Scott/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

Ready for School

Green Acres Español's third annual fair provides resources, supplies

JENNIFER SCOTT

More than 2,000 backpacks filled with school supplies were available Saturday at Green Acres Baptist Church en Español and Fuzión's third annual Feria de Regreso a Clases (Back-to-School Fair) at The Green Acres Crosswalk Center.

The free event welcomed families from across the Tyler area and provided school supplies, children's health screenings, dental checks, games, activities and community resources ahead of the upcoming school year.

Ignacio Orellana, interim leader for Green Acres Español, said the event was created to help families prepare for school while showing the community support and care behind the church's mission.

"It's important to show the love of Christ through doing good things," Orellana said. "Faith without action is dead. We believe that we need to act on our faith."

In addition to backpacks and school supplies, the event featured more than



Families visit vendor booths during Green Acres Español and Fuzión's back-to-school fair Saturday. (Jennifer Scott/Tyler Morning Telegraph)

30 vendors, free health services, face painting, games, food and other activities for children.

Orellana said the event was created after organizers recognized a need among families preparing for a new school year, especially those who may be purchasing supplies for multiple children.

"I come from a family of seven, so we know the need," Orellana said. "My mom had to worry so much to buy us the school supplies, the backpacks every single year."

Orellana said the event has continued to grow since it began three years ago, with more than 2,000 people attending last year.

The event was organized through partnerships with Mentoring Alliance, Spanish-language radio station Fuzión Radio and Texas Children Health.

Though hosted by Green Acres Español, Orellana said the event was open to everyone.

"This vision is for everyone — no matter the

culture, no matter who you are," Orellana said. "Everyone is welcome."

For Tyler resident Aaliyah Williams, the event provided an opportunity to learn more about resources available in the community while preparing her daughter for the school year.

"They had a lot of great vendors with resources that are good for the community that I was not aware of," Williams said. "They offered a lot of things for children and families."

Estefania Hernandez attended the event with her daughter, who is preparing to start second grade. Hernandez said the fair provided helpful resources while giving children an opportunity to enjoy activities.

"It helps a lot of people," Hernandez said. "...My daughter enjoyed it. There were a lot of activities, and she was able to get some of the school supplies."

Ashli Caddell, who attended with her 5-year-old daughter, said she appreciated the event's ability to

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Paxton unveils economic plan centered on tax breaks

GABBY BIRENBAUM
The Texas Tribune

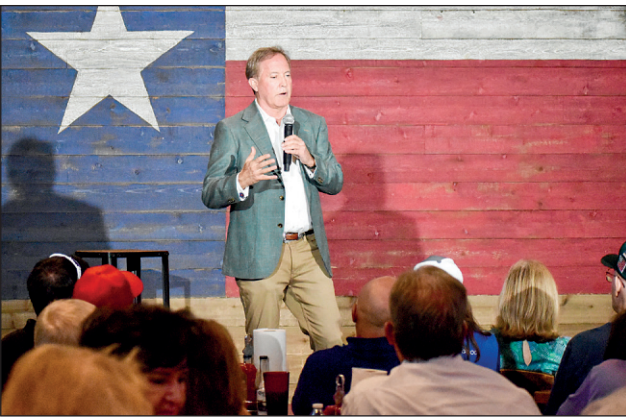
WASHINGTON — Attorney General Ken Paxton on Friday proposed a set of tax deductions as the centerpiece of what he billed as the economic agenda for his U.S. Senate campaign, as affordability and everyday costs remain dominant concerns in the midterms.

Paxton, the Republican nominee, said his plan is intended to "put thousands of dollars back into the pockets of hardworking

Texans," with a focus on write-offs for housing and healthcare costs.

"Washington has made it harder than ever to get ahead, and the American Dream is slipping away as the cost of everything from housing to healthcare rises," Paxton said in a statement that doubled as the opening message of a new digital ad he narrated. "My agenda is very simple: I believe every Texan should be able to buy

PAXTON >> PAGE 3A



Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, the Republican nominee in the U.S. Senate race, speaks about key priorities and issues at Republic Icehouse in Tyler in May. (Leeza Meyer/Tyler Morning Telegraph File)