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CHANNEL **CURRENTS**

RodeoHouston starts Feb. 28, announces performers, tickets now on sale

NC Chamber Gala Jan.27

North Channel Area Chamber Awards & Installation Gala.

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with the Mustang logo. The GPISD Athletic office on Wallisville has shirts, hats, sweats, hoodies and more for sale, and proceeds benefit the athletic programs of the school.

2022 RODEOHOUS-TON ENTERTAINER LINEUP

JANUARY 05, 2022

Houston Livestock Show and RodeoTM Announces 2022 RODEO-HOUSTON® **Entertainment Lineup for** 90th Anniversary Celebra-

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials released the entertainment lineup for the 2022 Rodeo season, scheduled for Feb. 28 - March 20, celebrating its 90th anniversary. The lineup features a mix of genres including country, EDM, Latin pop, R&B/pop, Norteño, pop, rock and Christian. Nearly half of the artists will make their RODEO-HOUSTON debut in 2022.

"We are excited about the level of talent and di-



verse acts who will perform on the RODEO-HOUSTON star stage in 2022," said Chris Boleman, Rodeo president and CEO. "We welcome nine new entertainers who will make their RODEOHOUSTON debut, as well as many fan-

favorites, including the 'King of Country' music himself, George Strait, who will return to the stage to help celebrate our 90th anniversary."

Individual RODEO-HOUSTON tickets will go on sale to the public Thursday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m., at rodeohouston.com. Ticket prices start at \$20, plus a \$4 convenience fee.

STAR ENTERTAIN-**MENT**

The following entertainers will perform on the RO-DEOHOUSTON stage in NRG Stadium, Feb. 28 -March 20.

Monday, Feb. 28: Cody Johnson

Tuesday, March 1: Keith Urban

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NS Lady Mustangs Stampede over Beaumont Bruins 52-39

North Shore HS Basketball Stadium, January 18, 2022 - The Lady Mustangs under Head Coach Allison Campbell hosted Beaumont Bruins in a district game. Lady Mustangs never let the Bruins get close enough to make a serious threat to their victory winning 52-39.

The game was all Lady Mustangs on both offense and defense. They lead by double digits throughout the game.

Coach Campbell continuously kept fresh players going in the game and in timeouts she pointed out mistakes and told them what they needed to do to improve their playing.

Coach Campbell's coaching staff is: Gigi Gaudet, Gisele Price and Bricieda Razo. Student Assistants, Tamelia Profit, Ja'Naya Lee-Mills and Ja'Skya-Lee Mills. Time Keeper/ Clock, Ann Semler and Score Keeper Sharde Williams.

SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE LADY MUSTANG GAME PHOTOS. **ALSO BOYS VARSITY MUSTANG** GAME PHOTOS AND STORY.



Leading scorer #32 Atria Dumas 6'1" Lady Mustang Forward lays up a basket over Beaumont Bruins and games leading re-bounder. (Photo A. Jamail)

Deadlines to Register and Vote in the March Primary

Deadlines to Vote in the March Primary Election are approaching! The League of Women Voters of Texas provides information on new voting process-

Vote by Mail

January 1st was the first day Texans could apply to vote by mail in the 2022 elections.

Voters who are over 65 or disabled and wish to vote by mail must apply every year. Voters who will

during early voting and Election Day must apply for each election in which they want to vote by mail. The application deadline is February 18th for the Texas Primary Election.

be absent from the county

Voters must use the NEW Application for Bailot by Mail (ABBM) available at their County Election Office or from the Texas Secretary of State's website votetexas.gov. Alternatively, voters may

print the Vote by Mail application in English or Spanish. Applications must be received (not postmarked) at your County Election Office by the application deadline, which is February 18th for the Primary Election.

Who is eligible to vote by mail in Texas?

--65 years or older --Sick or disabled

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2022 Primary Election - Key Dates



- Last day to register to vote or change address
- January 31
- First day to vote early in person February 14

 Last day to apply for vote-by-mail ballot February 18

• Last day to vote early in person

February 25

 Election Day and vote-by-mail ballot receipt deadline March 1







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RISING ABOVE School Board Recognition Month

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GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Galena Park High School Wind Ensemble awarded

Galena Park ISD recognized the Galena Park High School Wind Ensemble, directed by KC Christensen, at the December 13th Board of Trustees meeting. The Wind Ensemble was selected as a Commended Winner in the Mark of Excellence National Wind Band Honors Project by the Foundation for Music Education.

The following Senior members of the ensemble received the recognition on behalf of the Galena Park High School Wind Ensemble: Michael Burchfield, Angel Chavez, Nathalie De La Cruz, Sabrina De Santiago, Fabian Garza, Oscar Giron, Ariel Gonzalez, Mason Harrison, Danielle Hinojosa, Marco Palomi-



no, Jonathan Patino, Luis Perez, Aaron Quintero, Luis Rodriguez, Sarah Sanchez and Noah Sosa.

This competition is entered by recording and the highest-scoring ensembles are selected as National Winners or Commended Winners. This year, 236 of the finest musical ensembles in the nation entered the competition.

A certificate was presented to each student on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools.

GP Student Receives Scholarship

At the January 10th Galena Park ISD (GPISD) Board of Trustees meeting, GPISD recognized Ayelen Plascencia, Galena Park High School Senior, for receiving the QuestBridge Scholarship worth over



\$200,000 to attend Davidson College in North Carolina. The scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic ability and achievement.

A medal and certificate was presented to the student on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools.

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon families participate in statewide conference

Sheldon ISD parents, community members, and district staff representing the After-School Program and Title 1 campuses participated in a two-day conference held December 9 and 10. Topics included House Bill 4545, ESSA compliance, cyberbullying, harnessing the power of parents to improve education, school safety and more. The conference provided an opportunity to exchange information with parents and educators across the state to identify best practices in parental involvement, and family/community engagement.



Coach Fitzhenry promoted to new leadership role

Coach Derik Fitzhenry has been promoted from his dual role of head football coach for King High School and Director of Athletics to the primary Director of Athletics for Sheldon ISD. Sheldon ISD has continued to increase in student enrollment, adding an additional 2,100 students in the past five years. Districts of comparable enrollment size operate with a Director of Athletics who primarily focuses on the overall athletic programs in the school district. In his new role, Fitzhenry will continue the oversight of all athletic programs, as well as management of Panther Stadium and all athletic facilities. This position will allow the district to have dedicated personnel that are focused on continuing the further development of Sheldon ISD athletic programs.

Fitzhenry has been the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach for King High School since 2017. Under his leadership, the varsity Panther football team expension of the Coach in Coach Coach

rienced their first 6A winning season in its history as well as their first time to advance to the third round of the playoffs since 1985. The team finished with a remarkable season of 10-3 for 2021. Prior to Sheldon ISD, Fitzhenry has coached in Galena Park, Pine Tree, Giddings, Ector County and Cy-Fair ISD. He has more



than 17 years of experience as an athletic director and has set many records for athletic programs in every district where he has worked. Most recently, he was named a Coach of the Year Finalist by Houston Touchdown Club. Coach Fitzhenry holds a master's in administrative leadership from Lamar University as well as a master's in education from Texas A&M at Prairie View. He has a bachelor's of arts and science from Louisiana Tech University.

"Though Coach Fitzhenry is not new to the role of athletic director, we look forward to the time he will be able to dedicate in this sole position of developing and guiding our athletic programs across the district," said Superintendent Dr. King Davis. "He has a wealth of experience and knowledge, and I look forward to working with him in this new role in Sheldon ISD."

Coach Young named Head Football Coach at King High School

Coach George Young will succeed Derik Fitzhenry as the new Head Football Coach at C.E. King High School. Currently, Coach Young serves as the Associate Head

Football Coach and Defensive Coordinator for the King High School varsity football Panthers. He has been a member of the KHS football coaching staff since 2019. Previously, he served as the head football coach at Galena Park High School, as well as coached varsity football for North Shore Senior High School, Jersey Village High School,



Cypress-Ridge High School, Spring High School and Klein Forest High School. He brings more than 25 years of experience coaching varsity football, among other sports. Coach Young holds a bachelor of science from

King High School performs Clue

On January 13, the King High School theater department presented Clue to an audience of students, parents and community members. Congratulations to the King High School theater department for a successful show. The students are under the direction of theater teacher Mr. Adam Brandner.



Sheldon advances 8 student artwork in Houston Livestock and Rodeo Art Competition

Each year, students across the school district are selected tos submit artwork to be displayed in the Hayloft Gallery during the Houston Livestock and Rodeo. School districts across the Houston area compete for a spot in the gallery and are judged by a panel. Sheldon ISD advanced eight students, including three best of show, in the Rodeo Art Competition and their work will be displayed in the Houston Rodeo this February.

The following were selected:

Elementary Best of Show: Cleto Sosa-Tamez, Royalwood Elementary fourth grade, Teacher: Shelby Flowers

Elementary Gold Medal: Angel Carillo, Sheldon Elementary third grade, Teacher: Alde Christopher

Junior High Best of Show: Danna Basilio, Null Middle School seventh grade, Teacher: Destiny Barr Junior High Gold Medal: Roxanne Jimenez, Null

Middle School eighth grade, Teacher: Quentin Cleaves **High School Best of Show:** Zoe Quiroga, King High
School tenth grade, Teacher: Leslie Roades

High School Gold Medals: Monica Arceo, King High School eleventh grade, Teacher: Leslie Roades and Carolina Varela, King High School tenth grade, Teacher: Emily Roberts

High School Special Merit: Bianca Marin, King High School ninth grade, Teacher: Leslie Roades





The Blue Card Program is an initiative to honor all of our supporters in the district who are age 65 or older. One of Sheldon ISD's goals is to create and foster an environment where all stakeholders are engaged and actively involved in the work we do for children. The success of our students is a shared responsibility of community members, parents, and educators, and we believe a community's collective power is greater than individual efforts. To sign up to be a Blue Card member, go to www.sheldonisd.com/bluecard/

Members receive free entry to district-sponsored fine arts and sporting events as well as a free luncheon each year with an opportunity to learn more about the district and engage with district leaders.

McNeese State University.

"Our Panther team will be thrilled to see a familiar, consistent face as head coach," Director of Athletics Derek Fitzhenry said. "I have complete confidence that Coach Young will continue the traditions of excellence that have been established with the Panther football team."

Local Buffet presents a World of Choices

NORTH CHANNEL – Many folks in the Jacinto City and surrounding areas have discovered a new treasure in the restaurant field. The Flaming Grill and Supreme Buffet is offering a very broad selection of delicious dishes every day of the week, and on weekends you can find even more specialties.

The buffet is very large, able to seat 750 people, and can accommodate special parties in their private dining room. The size means there is no waiting to be seated, and a large variety of food will be freshly served.

The menu includes Chinese, American, Mexican, and Japanese dishes. Signature Dishes include cajun crawfish, fried blue crab, BBQ ribs, and coconut shrimp. On Saturday and Sunday you can also get Frogs Legs and Fresh Raw Oysters. "The customer can get whatever they want," say the owner and chef, Qi, and General Manager Jennifer Xie and Manager John Lee, refering to the large selection.

Prices range from \$11.99 for adults at lunch, and \$13.50 at dinner, to \$14.50 for the weekend specials. Children start at \$5.99 for lunch and \$6.99 for dinner. Senior discounts are available too.



Flaming Grill & Supreme Buffet is located at 11420 E. Freeway Service Road, unit 150. Exit at Holland Road and proceed to the shopping center beside Tinseltown Theater. There is plenty of convenient parking.

Due to the COVID pandemic, the buffet practices special health procedures. Besides cleaning and disinfecting all tables and seats between patrons, they require face masks to enter, have sneeze guards on all serving islands, and provide hand sanitizers and



A large selection of various dishes are available on these islands, and a custom cooking section also has sushi and sill cook your selection of meats to your taste. The buffet serves fresh seafood, and Chinese, American, Mexican and Japanese dishes all day long.

plastic gloves to use when touching food.

Diners will also find a full selection of their favorite drinks, including tea and coffee, soft drinks, Agua Fescar (4 flavors), and a selection

CHARLOTTE'S By Charlotte Jackson

Diversity

When is the last time you pulled out your phone or your address book and evaluated the names of those who you stay connected with? If you are like most people, you have family, friends, former classmates, coworkers, and many others who you have known for weeks or even decades.

Is there diversity in your circle? If not, who is influencing who? I certainly do not want to offend anyone but take a minute and think about when you were a child. Chances are good that you may have been given a plastic cup, some potting soil, and a seed. And then you as you put the soil in the cup, you added some water and then put the seed in the soil. Together with instructions from the adult and a partner, you worked to plant the seed and in time, watch the seed blossom.

My point is that the seed did not grow from being in a pile with other seeds. Yet when you put the soil in the cup, put the seed in the soil, added water and a smile or two, the stage was set for success. We need to do the same in building relationships.

I am a soon to be 60-year Caucasian female. I have lived in 77015 for 50 years. I am the proud mother of three adult children as well as three young grandchildren. In my lifetime, I have had several people "pour life into me." For many years, those who encouraged me and helped to guide me along the way, were people who resembled my parents. They were older Caucasians who did not just want their children to have better lives but expected my brother and I to succeed in everything we attempted.

Yet somewhere in my teenage years, I began to be influenced by others who had different ideas and different upbringings than my parents. Ironically, my parents already had some differences from each other which I do not think I realized until years later.

When I went off to the University of Texas at Austin, I realized that many of the other girls who were living at the private dormitory with me not only came from two parent households, but they were members of protestant churches. Many of the girls had two parents with college educations. My dad worked hard and provided for the family while my mom became a community resource that has helped many more people that anvone can count.

As I returned home from Austin, I realized that while I was gone, God put a diverse group of people in my life. As I began working at a local credit union, my circle expanded. As I married, it expanded. Once I became a mother, the circle grew to include married parents, single parents, and people of different religious denominations and each had a different background. I yearned to get to know more people. I wanted to know people who had traveled roads different from the one I had traveled. As our community changed, so did my circle.

As we move throughout 2022, I encourage you to look around and explore people who have diverse backgrounds and experiences than you. Perhaps get to know 12 people who have something different than you. And by the end of the year, let me know how it works out.

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NEW! Expecting to give birth within three weeks

before or after election day. It is important for voters to read the application carefully and to provide their contact information

on the application.. NEW! Counties may contact voters if there is an issue with their application or ballot.

NEW! Look for a new vote by mail tracking system, which will be made available by the Texas Secretary of State.

Voter Registration

The last day to register to vote for the 2022 Texas Primaries is January 31st! Voters may check if they registered to vote with their County Voter Registrar or at votetexas.gov "Am I Registered?".

NEW! There is a new voter registration application that eligible Texans may print, fill out and turn in to their County Voter Registrar to register to vote.

NEW! Voters who are already registered to vote in Texas may update their voter registration online if they moved within the state or changed their name. The voter will need a Texas Drivers License or Personal Identification Card, their Social Security Number and Voter Registration Card VUID (Voter Unique Identifier) number. Voters may find their VUID number on their voter registration card, by calling their County Voter Registrar or at votetexas.gov "Am I Registered?" by inputting in their name, county and date of birth.

NEW! Texans who apply for a Texas Drivers License may apply to register to vote at the same time. When Texans update their driver's license online, they may update their voter registration at the same time.

Learn more and find voter education videos at lwvtexas.org.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is 'Power of Choice?""

I was waiting in line for a ride at the airport. When a cab pulled up, the first thing I noticed was that the taxi was polished to a bright shine. Smartly dressed in a white shirt, black tie, and freshly pressed black slacks, the cab driver jumped out and rounded the car to open the back passenger door for me. He handed me a laminated card and said: 'I'm Wasu, your driver. While I'm loading your bags in the trunk I'd like you to read my mission statement.' Taken aback, I read the card. It said: Wasu's Mission Statement:

To get my customers to their destination in the quickest, safest, and cheapest way possible in a friendly environment.

This blew me away. Especially when I noticed that the inside of the cab matched the outside. Spotlessly clean! As he slid behind the wheel, Wasu said, 'Would you like a cup of coffee? I have a thermos of regular and one of decaf.' I said jokingly, 'No, I'd prefer a soft drink.' Wasu smiled and said. 'No problem. I have a cooler up front with regular and Diet Coke, lassi, water, and orange juice.' Almost stuttering, I said, 'I'll take a lassi since I've never had one before.'

Handing me my drink, Wasu said, 'If you'd like something to read, I have Good Housekeeping magazine, Reader's Digest, The Bible, and a Travel + Leisure magazine.' As we were pulling away, Wasu handed me another laminated card, 'These are the stations I get and the music they play, if you'd like to listen to the radio.' And as if that weren't enough, Wasu told me that he had the heater on and asked if the temperature was comfortable for me.

Then he advised me of the best route to my destination for that time of day. He also let me know that he'd be happy to chat and tell me about some of the sights or, if I preferred, to leave me with my own thoughts.

'Tell me, Wasu,' I was amazed and asked him, 'have you always served customers like this?' Wasu smiled into the rear view mirror. 'No, not always. In fact, it's only been in the last two years. My first five years driving, I spent most of my time complaining like all the rest of the cabbies do. Then I heard about power of choice one day.'

'Power of choice is that you can be a duck or an eagle.' 'If you get up in the morning expecting to have a bad day, you'll rarely disappoint yourself. Stop complaining!' 'Don't be a duck. Be an eagle. Ducks quack and complain. Eagles soar above the crowd.' 'That hit me right,' said Wasu. He continued and said, 'It is about me. I was always quacking and complaining, so I decided to change my attitude and become an eagle. I looked around at the other cabs and their drivers. The cabs were dirty, the drivers were unfriendly, and the customers were unhappy So I decided to make some changes. I put in a few at a time. When my customers responded well, I did more.' 'I take it that has paid off for you,' I said. 'It sure has,' Wasu replied. 'My first year as an eagle, I doubled my income from the previous year. This year I'll probably quadruple it. My customers call me for appointments on my cell phone or leave a message on it.'

Wasu made a different choice. He decided to stop quacking like ducks and start soaring like eagles.

Have an eagle life ahead....."

Diamond Jim is not the author of this story.

Diamond Jim is a master jeweler, diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. Pineforest Jewelry has been a proud member of the IJO for many years. See more at: www.pineforestjewelry.com.

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Voter Suppression and Fraud are Partisan Talking Points

When a political party claims it represents a majority of Americans but cannot consistently win elections it must come up with an explanation for its failure to do so. For our two incumbents parties their explanation is that they are being cheated at the ballot box.

For Republicans it is an allegation of voter fraud, typically either people being allowed to vote who are not qualified to do so or some shenanigans in the counting. For Democrats it an allegation that "their" voters are being prevented from voting. While there is a grain of truth in both allegations, as recently documented by the non-partisan group, No Labels, these allegations are mostly partisan talking points.

Let's start with voter fraud. The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, has created a **database of proven voter fraud incidents**. Their database documents cases from 1982-2021. It contains 1,340 cases of proven fraudulent conduct around elections over that nearly forty-year period, about 35 per year. While the database indicates that some small local elections have been overturned, there is no case of a major election being reversed.

Shortly after the last presidential election, **President Trump raised millions** for legal fees to contest the election and filed about 60 lawsuits in six states where the results were close. But not a single court anywhere in the country found a basis to overturn any of the results certified by those states. According to an **analysis by the Brookings Institute**, a wide majority of judges from both parties ruled against Trump's challenges, but the results of those suits was not as conclusive as the media depicted them to be.

That is not to say that there were not irregularities in the 2020 election, or in every election for that matter. But it is exceedingly rare for there to be enough illegal votes to affect the outcome of an election. I have been working in elections in Texas for over 50 years and during that time I can count on one hand the number of elections where I thought there were enough illegal votes to possibly affect the outcome.

However, the Democrats' allegations that votes are being suppressed is equally fanciful. In fact, voting has never been easier than it is today and that is especially so in Texas.

In 2020, there were extraordinary accommodations made to allow voters to avoid voting in person because of the pandemic. The purpose of most of the laws passed by various states since the 2020 election was to rein in some of those accommodations.

For example, Harris County proposed sending a mail-in ballot application to all registered voters, notwithstanding that mail-in voting is only allowed in certain circumstances. Such restrictions on mail-in voting is not unusual. In fact, there are only <code>eight states that currently allow anyone to vote by mail</code>. Many predominantly Democratic states, especially in the northeast, have had extremely limited mail-in voting. Of course, none of the Democrats castigating states like Georgia and Texas for limiting mail-in voting have mentioned a peep about the Democratic states that actually have more severe restrictions.

The same is true for early voting. For years, Texas and Georgia both have had more days of early voting than most states. Before 2020, New York, Delaware and Connecticut had no early voting and I did not hear anyone accusing them of voter suppression.

None of this is to say that our voting laws are perfect. There were several things I did not like in the Texas bill. The requirement for additional identification information on mail-in ballot applications is overly burdensome, but is just as likely to affect voters from both parties. Georgia's law prohibiting handing out food and water to voters waiting to vote should have included the provisions like those in New York's law that such handouts cannot identify who they are from. And we will always be tweaking the election rules, especially as technology advances.

But the assertion that either of the two incumbent parties are losing elections because of voter fraud or voter suppression is nonsense. They cannot consistently win elections because only about 25-30% of Americans claim to be affiliated with each party. They cannot put together regular election victories because neither comes close to representing a majority of the American people.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Dozens of School Districts close due to COVID-19 outbreaks

DOZENS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS CLOSE DUE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAKS

Several dozen school districts across the state were forced to close last week due to the omicron variant of COVID-19 sending home students, staff and teachers. Most school districts planned to reopen on Tuesday following the MLK holiday.

"Every superintendent wants to be able to have kids in the classroom and teachers in the classroom ... but you get to a certain critical place where you don't have enough staff available and you have to shut the campus down," Kevin Brown, executive director of the Texas Association of School Administrators, said in a Texas Tribune report. "We want to keep kids safe, and you have to have a certain number of adults in the building."

The Hutto school district, northeast of Austin, will remain closed at least through Wednesday with 200 staff members and 1,680 students reported absent, according to the Austin American-Statesman. In North Texas, more than three dozen school districts closed last week.

The number of new cases of COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week reached a record high of 506,226, up 22% from the week before, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of new deaths dropped slightly, with 623 reported statewide in the past week. Hospitalizations are on the uptick, with 12,071 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is up 23% from the previous

EMPTY SHELVES RESULT OF WORKER SHORTAGE

It feels a bit like March 2020 when one goes to the grocery store lately. But

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders

this time, it's not necessarily supply chain woes but a shortage of workers to restock, as the omicron variant of COVID-19 sweeps the state. The Dallas Morning News reported shoppers should expect the shortages to continue until the fourth wave of the virus subsides.

"Either other employees work overtime, or the shift goes empty," said Gary Huddleston, grocery industry consultant to the Texas Retailers Association. That means groceries are stuck on trailers, in stockrooms or at distribution centers, he added.

One trend since the pandemic began is the marked increase in self-checkout aisles, which now account for nearly a third of all transactions, The Morning News reported.

YOTING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY IS APPROACHING

Folks who want to vote in the March 1 Texas primary have to be registered to vote by Jan. 31. Texas Secretary of State John Scott encouraged all eligible Texans to register as they prepare to head to the polls for early voting next month

"We want all eligible Texans to participate in all of this year's upcoming elections, including the primary elections in which voters will choose the candidates to appear on the November 2022 general election ballot," Scott said.

"Don't wait until the last minute — start the registration process today!" Texans will pick nomi-

Texans will pick nominees in the Republican and Democratic primaries for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and all 38 members of the U.S. House who represent Texas.

HOTTEST DECEMBER IN TEXAS SINCE SUL ROSS WAS GOVERNOR

Yup, it was hot last month as we hung Christmas lights and decorations.

Texas experienced the warmest December on record since 1889. Throughout the state, temperatures ranged 5 to 9 degrees above average.

"It's like the entire state moved south for the winter," said John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist. "Amarillo got Dallas's normal temperatures, Dallas got Corpus Christi's normal temperatures, and Austin got Brownsville's normal temperatures.

"Not only is it by far the warmest December since the beginning of comprehensive weather records, it will probably also turn out to be the warmest winter month, period," said Nielsen-Gammon.

The hot weather increased drought conditions throughout the state. More than two-thirds of the state is experiencing drought conditions, with 10% in extreme drought.

"In much of West Texas, it hasn't rained for over two months," Nielsen-Gammon said. "The high temperatures increase the rate of evaporation, drying out everything and leading to increased wildfire risk."

WILDLIFE VACCINE AIRDROPS TO COMBAT RABIES

The state has resumed airdrops of oral rabies vaccines that have led to the elimination of the domestic dog-coyote and Texas fox rabies virus variants along the Texas border. DSHS began using aircraft on Jan. 12 to airdrop more than 1.17 million baits containing the rabies vaccine in 19 border counties. The project will last two weeks.

"The annual rabies vaccine/bait distribution along the border of Texas and Mexico is critical for the protection of humans, pets and livestock in Texas," said Dr. Susan Rollo, with DSHS. "The maintenance distribution levels help keep the U.S. free of the canine strain."

The vaccine baits are small plastic pellets dipped in fish oil and coated with fishmeal crumbles that attract coyotes, gray foxes and other wild carnivores.

Rabies spreads through a bite of an infected animal. Skunks and bats are now the most common source of rabies in Texas.



Eating Broccoli

"I bought more broccoli because I knew you were coming," my mother informed me.

You can never get enough broccoli, that is my belief.

I am lucky in that I never had to acquire a taste for vegetables out of some sort of concern for my health. I have always loved vegetables. My mother has a picture of me at three years old, sound asleep with a serving spoon in my hand. I had apparently offered to finish up the remaining peas. I did, then fell fast asleep at the table. I think I could still do that today.

My sister also loves broccoli, so I am inclined to think it was our upbringing that instilled our love of vegetables. She remembers the time when she had dinner at a friend's house as a child and realized the modest-sized bowl of broccoli was intended to feed the entire table—a bowl she could easily have eaten on her own. My broccoli-eating capacity exceeds my sister's, and this is why my mother (who prefers to buy things in small quantities) bought twice the normal amount of broccoli before my visit. We cooked it all. It was all

Eating vegetables is not something I have to worry about doing. I saw an advertisement for "vegetables in a pill" and was appalled. I have a hard time believing there is anything in those pills approximating a vegetable but, even if there were, why would anyone want it? Eating vegetables is one of my favorite things in life.

I'm reading a book about habits right now. I hesitated to buy the book because I thought I had pretty good habits already, and I thought it would be about breaking a bunch of bad habits or training myself to eat broccoli.

But it turns out that habits are even more important than I imagined. A lot of habits don't pay off for a long time, which makes staying motivated to keep them hard. But habits will have more influence on accomplishing goals than actual goal-setting. Most of us have similar goals. Not everyone has habits that make accomplishing the goals possible.

The author suggests that, instead of celebrating big accomplishments, we should celebrate sticking to a good trajectory, staying the course, making and keeping good habits. It doesn't sound quite as exciting as celebrating a big success, but maybe that's OK because the morning after the big success usually means going right back to the boring habits that made the success possible. And that's a good thing. Especially if you like broccoli.

The year is still new, and I'm trying out some new habits. I want to read more. I want to spend less time scrolling the internet. I want to do more pushups. I want to try to learn a little more Spanish, since I'll be traveling to Mexico and I feel I've forgotten every word I ever knew. None of these activities will have any effect whatsoever if I only do them for a day or two. So I'm trying to get some new habits in my life and push out the things I'd be doing instead.

Progress in Spanish is slow, and pushups make me tired. I usually start too late in the day to get much reading done. But I am going to keep trying.

I like the idea that getting a little stronger or a little smarter or a little more fluent might become easier with time. None of these habits will ever be as fun as eating broccoli, but that's a lot to ask.

Till next time, Carrie Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn more at Carrie Classon.com.



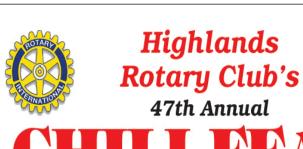
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VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

NS Mustangs run past Humble Wildcats 68-40

North Shore High School Basketball Stadium, January 21, 2022 -The Mustangs under Head Coach Sam Benitez hosted their District opponent the Humble Wildcats to easily walk-away with a win 68-40. Throughout the game the Mustangs never was seriously challenged.

Leading scorers were; Marcel Dalcourt, Kerrick Rideau, Jaylon Joseph and Dillon Eden, they received very good assistance from the other players and the bench.



RIGHT: Varsity Mustang #35 Jaylon Joseph 6'5' breezes past 2 Humble Wildcat defenders for 1 of his 5 baskets. Photo by Allan Jamail

NS Lady Mustangs Stampede over Beaumont Bruins 52-39

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#1 Shalayne Morgan junior Lady Mustang guard leaps up for one of many baskets. Photo by Allam Jamail



leading scorers. Photo by Allam Jamail



#11 Makenzie Paul jumps over defender for 2 points. Photo by Allam Jamail



a 2 point layup. Photo by Allam Jamail



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Data Contro Codes		10 General Fund	Summer Food Service Program	50 Debt Service	60 Capital Projects	Nonmajor Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 42.526.381	\$	\$ 15,014,703	\$ 31,771	\$ 585.672	\$ 58.158.527
5800	State Program Revenues	56,864,298	111,203	810,148	ψ 31,771 	518,908	58,304,557
5900	Federal Program Revenues	3,102,012	5,555,687			9,454,378	18,112,077
5020	Total Revenues	102,492,691	5,666,890	15,824,851	31,771	10,558,958	134,575,161
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	EXPENDITURES:						
	Current:						
0011	Instruction	61,427,604				8,200,753	69,628,357
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	534,602					534,602
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	566,246				380	566,626
0021	Instructional Leadership	1,717,404				30,888	1,748,292
0023	School Leadership	5,553,134				9,497	5,562,631
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	2,707,622				1,356,050	4,063,672
0033	Health Services	1,079,412					1,079,412
0034	Student Transportation	3,277,790			759,955		4,037,745
0035	Food Service	5,277,750	4,202,215		700,000	646,925	4,849,140
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,769,756				37,322	1,807,078
0036	General Administration	4,023,242				2,510	4,025,752
0041	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	10,539,297				2,510	10,539,297
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	1,503,795					1,503,795
0053	Data Processing Services	1,648,835				4,859	1,653,694
0061	Community Services					9,500	9,500
0071	Principal on Long-term Debt			6,175,000			6,175,000
0072				7,757,787			7,757,787
0073				745,264	1,097,163		1,842,427
0081	Capital Outlay	1,068,324			77,524,152		78,592,476
6030	Total Expenditures	97,417,063	4,202,215	14,678,051	79,381,270	10,298,684	205,977,283
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1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)				((=
1100	Expenditures	5,075,628	1,464,675	1,146,800	(79,349,499)	260,274	(71,402,122)
	Other Financing Sources and (Uses):						
7011	Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)			04 005 000	117 005 000		141,380,000
7911				24,095,000	117,285,000	1 100 170	
7915						1,499,176	1,499,176
7916	Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds			5,234,490	9,216,658		14,451,148
8911	Transfers Out	(491,037)				(1,499,176)	(1,990,213)
8949	Other Uses			(27,357,163)			(27,357,163)
7080		(491,037)		1,972,327	126,501,658		127,982,948
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	4,584,591	1,464,675	3,119,127	47,152,159	260,274	56,580,826
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	Fund Balances - Beginning	37,803,060	302,786	17,253,663	44,020,378	1,807,834	101,187,721
3000	Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 42,387,651	\$ <u>1,767,461</u>	\$ 20,372,790	\$ 91,172,537	\$2,068,108	\$ 157,768,547





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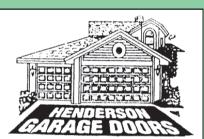
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Friday, March 4: Ricky Martin Saturday, March 5: Jon

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Tejano Day Monday, March 7: Luke Bryan – First Responders

Tuesday, March 8:

Maren Morris Wednesday, March 9:

Kane Brown Thursday, March 10:

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Friday, March 11: Bun B's H-Town Takeover -Black Heritage Day

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HOLLYWOOD — Testosterone gone wild! Don't mess with "The Rock," even if you're Vin Diesel! Dwayne Johnson's not returning for "The Fast & The Furious 10," which is supposed to end the franchise. The Rock recently explained why: "This past June when Vin and I actually connected, not over social media, I told him directly and privately I would not be returning to the franchise. I was firm yet cordial saying I'd always be supportive of the

cast and root for the fran-

chise to be successful, but

there was no chance I'd re-

turn. Vin's public post was

an example of his manip-

ulation. I didn't like that

he used his children (in

reference to me), in the

post as well as Paul Walk-

er's death. We'd spoken

months ago about this and



DWAYNE "THE ROCK"

JOHNSON I thought we came to a clear understanding. It's unfortunate this public dialogue has muddied the waters." Diesel revealed, over the summer, the bad blood between them was due to his using "tough love" while producing Johnson in "The Fast & The Furious 8." He told Men's Health magazine he used the approach "to assist in getting that performance where it needed to be." Dwayne Johnson's one of the busiest and highest paid actors in the world. Small wonder he objected to anyone, even Diesel, assuming he couldn't cut it. With or without "The Rock" this is not the end for the F&F universe there are plans for additional spin-offs and TV shows.

The still beautiful Jane Fonda, one of the last four living stars from the Golden Age of Hollywood, has completed the last 12 episodes of "Grace & Frankie." The show was shut down due to the pandemic after four episodes, which aired already, with the remaining episodes to air via Netflix soon. While waiting for "Grace & Frankie," she completed "Luck The Dragon," a computer animated comedy co-starring Whoopi Goldberg dropping on Apple TV Feb. 18. At 84 Jane shows no signs of slowing down - happily, because we're all still "Fonda" Jane.

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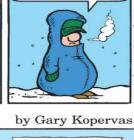


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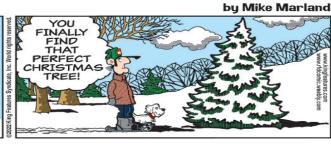








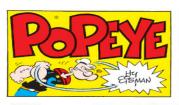




















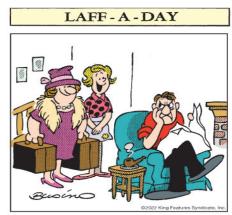






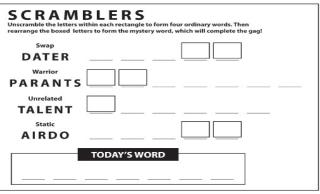






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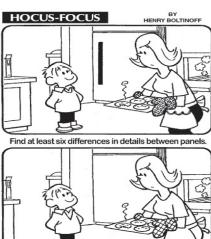
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4. U.S. STATES: What animal is featured on the state flag of Louisiana?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the fictional airline whose jet crashed

of the fictional airline whose jet crashed

6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president ran on the slogan "Vote Yourself a Farm and Horses"?

7. MOVIES: What is the name of Thor's

hammer in the earlier "Avengers" movies?

8. FOOD & DRINK: The "Iron Chef"
TV cooking show originated in which country?

9. HISTORY: In what year did the Cold

10. SCIENCE: What weather condi-

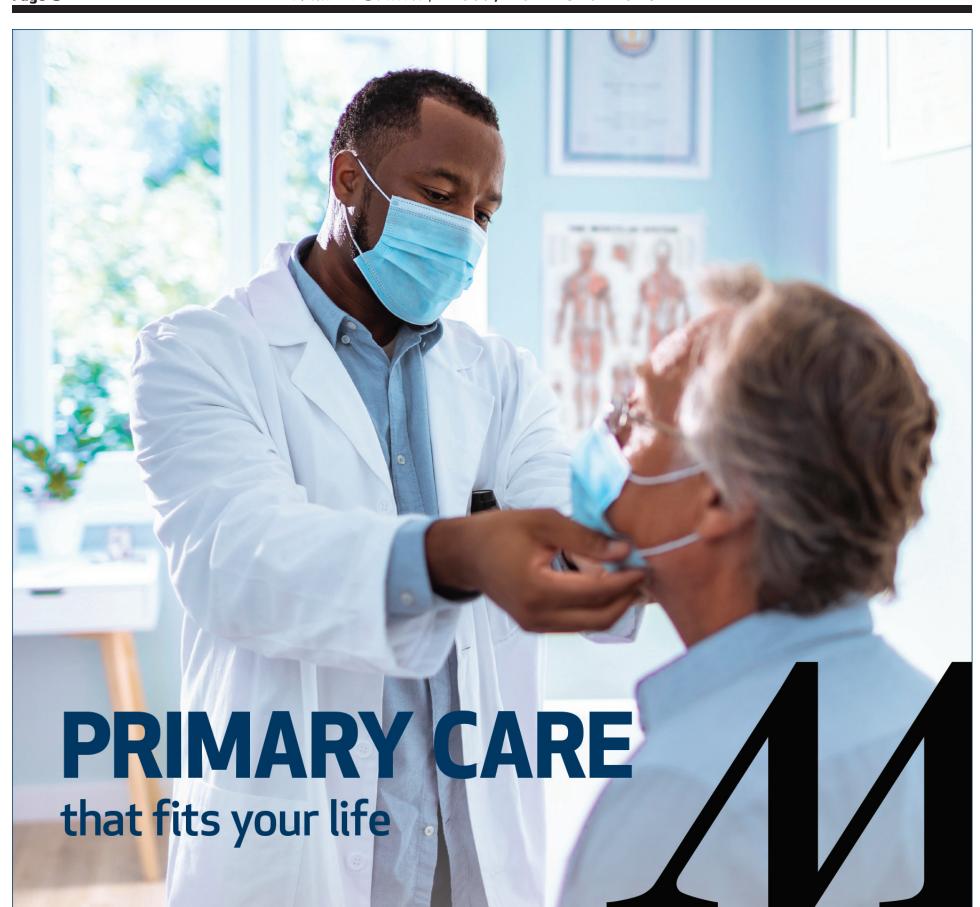
10. Atmospheric pressure

8. 1989 TinloįM.7 6. Abraham Lincoln

tion is measured in millibars?
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on an island in "Lost"?

War end?



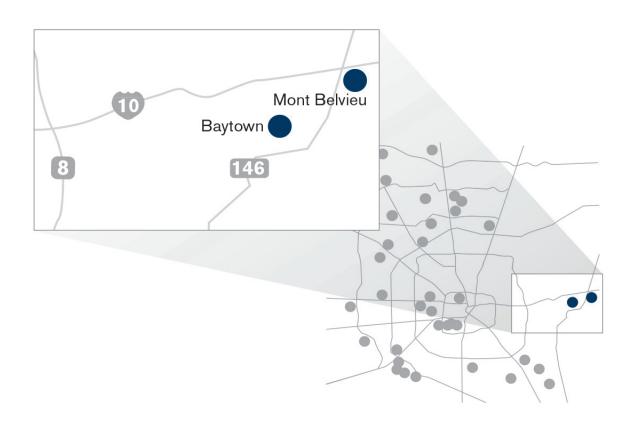
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