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OCT. 24-NOV. 4 Early Voting in North Channel

Locations:
San Jac College Generation Park,
13455 Lockwood Rd. 77044
C.E. King 9th Grade Center
8530 CE King Pkwy. 77044
North Channel Branch Library,
15741 Wallisville Rd. 77049
Flukinger Comm. Center
16003 Lorenzo St.
Channelview, 77530
Baggett Community Center
1302 Keene St.
Galena Park 77547
Lusk Activity Center
1022 Mercury Dr.
Jacinto City, 77373

**November General Election -
Early Voting:**
October 24 (Monday): 7am – 7pm
October 25 (Tuesday) – October 29
(Saturday): 7am – 7pm
October 30 (Sunday): 12pm – 7pm
October 31 (Monday) – thru
November 2 (Wednesday): 7am – 7pm
November 3 (Thursday): 7am – 10pm
November 4 (Friday): 7am – 7pm

**November General Election -
Election Day:**
(Voting Hours)
Nov. 8 (Tuesday): 7am – 7p

CHANNELVIEW TO HONOR QB HURTS AT CELEBRATION

Eagles QB plays in Houston Thursday night

CHANNELVIEW – The community and the School District want to honor the accomplishments of their favorite son, Quarterback Jalen Hurts, with a huge public celebration this Thursday night, November 3rd at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium.

The public is invited to the party, even though Hurts will be playing that evening in NRG Stadium and is not expected to attend the CVISD celebration. A video message from Jalen Hurts will take place on the big scoreboard screen at the Channelview ISD stadium.

The Event is in honor of Jalen Hurts and his return to the greater Houston area since graduating from Channelview High School in 2016, Channelview ISD will host a mass communi-



OUTSTANDING CHANNELVIEW HIGH SCHOOL QUARTERBACK JALEN HURTS IS NOW THE STARTING QB FOR THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES, WHO PLAY THE HOUSTON TEXANS AT NRG STADIUM THIS THURSDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 3. AT THE SAME TIME, CHANNELVIEW ISD WILL HOLD A HUGE CELEBRATION IN HIS HONOR AT THEIR RAY MADDY MEMORIAL STADIUM.

ty celebration. Hurts' team, the Philadelphia Eagles, will be playing the Houston Texans that evening.

The Celebration is Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

It takes place at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium, 828 Sheldon Road, Channelview, TX 77530.

What: Attendees will be able to enter the event at no cost and have the opportunity to receive free food

for families, free school supplies, backpacks and books while supplies last.

A video message from Jalen Hurts will be shown at the event as well as a Proclamation presentation from Harris County Pre-

sident 3.

Performances by the Channelview High School Marching Band and Chan-nelettes Dance Team are

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MUSTANGS REMAIN UNDEFEATED, DOWN UNBEATEN EAGLES

North Shore 16 – Atascocita 13

By Allan Jamail

Humble, TX. – Turner Stadium, Thursday, October 27, 2022 – It was a classic high school football battle for supremacy in a district championship title game between two unbeaten district rivals. Trust me the thousands of fans that packed the stadium were emotionally charged up until the

game's ending. At one point fans on each side of the packed stands got into a shouting battle much like the battle of the bands. Just when one side would shout their team's rally slogan the opposite stand would try to out shout the other with their team's slogan, this went on and on.

With Atascocita aware when weeks before North Shore lost their starting

quarterback Kaleb Bailey for the season they were anxious to take down the reigning state champs. Backup quarterback David Amador and the Eastside Boys had something else in mind for the Eagles, he ran 46 yds for a TD and passed for a TD. Carlos Dominguez kicked a 3 point field goal.

Just like years ago when the Houston Rockets head coach Rudy Tomjanovich shouted his famous after the game statement on the TV microphone when they

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#8 Mustang David Amador fights off an Eagle defender for a 4 yd. quarterback keeper TD play. He received key blocks from Cameron Smith & Rashaad Johnson. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



#4 Terrence Guillory, wide receiver caught a David Amador pass and raced 63 yds to give the Mustangs a TD victory lead 16-13. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

GP/JC Rotary holds Million Dollar Meal Chili Benefit



ROTARY CLUB of Galena Park/Jacinto City held their annual Million Dollar Meal last Thursday, Oct. 27 at the JC Town Center. Above, State Rep. Ana Hernandez holds one of the many auction items at the event. The fund raised by the event are used for community projects and scholarships. Below, Rotary Club president Julien Guillory introduces one of the scholarship winners, Jessica Diaz. Thanks to the Rotary scholarship and community support, she graduated from Michigan State University and is now a second year Masters student! Just one of the Rotary success stories. (Photo by Maria Cortez-Ochoa)



Meet North Channel area's "Top Cop"

HIGHLANDS – Captain Nathan Douglas of the Harris County Sheriff's Office was a guest speaker at the weekly Rotary club luncheon last week.

Captain Douglas spoke about the current state of policing and crime in our society, and of his own career in law enforcement.

Douglas is Captain over the Patrol District III, where he has worked for over 31 years. This district extends from Huffman on the north, to Pasadena and almost to Pearland on the south.



HCSO Captain Nathan Douglas

Douglas is a native of Clear Lake and keeps busy in off-hours as assistant chief of the Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department.

Douglas describes his peace-keeping role as "Top Cop -- like the small town Chief of Police." His department is headquartered at the courthouse on Wallisville Road, and has 130 personnel that protect residents

and property on the East side of the county.

Personally, he is a master peace officer, an emergency medical technician, and firefighter, and is a member of the FBI National Academy Association. He received a B.S. in Criminal Justice from the University of Houston, and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

In 1999 the Space Center Rotary Club named him the Officer of the Year, and in 2020 Governor Ab-

bott appointed him to the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Douglas spoke to the Rotarians about the problems of enforcing laws and reducing crime in today's society. He said that all police departments are dealing with manpower shortages, with retirements and attrition, and the difficulty of attracting new recruits. Although he has 16 less officers than two years ago, he still is able to have 4 to 5 patrol

cars each day on the east side of the San Jacinto River, he noted. He also indicated that the Highlands area is not what his office considers a "hot zone" of crime, but that Channelview is.

Douglas talks about the general attitude people have toward policing and crime, and how it has changed in the 31 years he has been an officer. In the past, there was more re

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

King High School Advances 2 Students to Area Choir Auditions

King High School junior Sara Saeed and sophomore Arielle Monuma-Antoine have advanced to the Pre-Area All-State Choir auditions. Saeed ranked 5th chair out of 39 Alto 1 singers and Monuma-Antoine ranked 5th chair out of 33 soprano 1 singers. They will both perform with the Mixed Choir at the All Region Honor Choir Clinic and Concert and will have their pre-area auditions in December. This is the third of four rounds of auditions for the All-State Choir process.



Sheldon Saves \$1MM in Energy Costs

For the past four and a half years, Sheldon ISD has saved more than \$1 million in energy costs in its buildings and schools. This equates to \$5,000 in utility tax savings per month. This is credited to the support from employees for reducing energy waste in buildings and to the community and students for supporting this energy cost-savings program.

Students participate in Red Ribbon Week activities



Sheldon ISD students at all grade levels have participated in Red Ribbon Week October 24-28. The focus has been on living a drug free life while encouraging fun dress up days in which students could participate.

CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

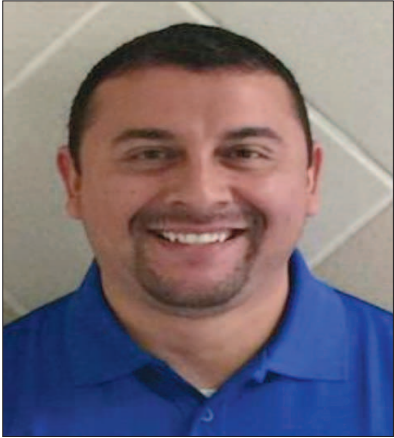
Channelview ISD Selects Two Elementary School Principals to Attend The N2 Learning Principals’ Institute

Channelview, TX – October 19, 2022: Two Channelview ISD elementary school principals were nominated by district-level leadership to participate in the N2 Learning Principals’ Institute. McGhee Elementary Principal Lizette Casteline and Hamblen Elementary Principal Jose Lopez were recommended by CISD Superintendent Dr. Tory C. Hill to participate in a year-long professional development series consisting of six, two-day meetings that rotate locations across cities in Texas. The institute was established in 2010 with an emphasis on developing Texas K-12 school-level administrators to align their educational strategy at their schools to execute the vision of the Texas Association of School Administrators’ “New Vision for Public Education in Texas” framework. Otherwise known as “The Visioning Document”, the framework serves as a guide for school administrators on

how to prepare their facilities and educational practices to meet the needs of Texas’ 21st century students. “I am excited about collaborating with some great educational leaders across the state,” said Casteline. “I can’t wait to take what I have learned here and put it into action back in Channelview.” Attending the Institute allows principals to experience professional growth opportunities in their career and the chance to collaborate with some of their peers across large and small Texas LEAs. “This opportunity is instrumental in the career development of our principals,” said Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership Michael Houston. “We are investing in our staff today so that the future Falcons of tomorrow can reap the benefits and take Channelview ISD to the next level with a clear vision thanks to steady and experienced leadership.”



McGhee Elementary Principal Lizette Casteline



Hamblen Elementary Principal Jose Lopez

Channelview ISD Recognized Mrs. Emily Laird



Today we will be highlighting Mrs. Emily Laird, Principal **Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center**Barrett- Lee Early Childhood Center. Mrs. Laird grew up in Channelview and attended Schochler Elementary, Alice Johnson J.H, and Channelview H.S, from where she graduated in 1998. She has been in education for over 20 years. In 2008, she received a Bachelor’s Degree in Academic Studies from Sam Houston State University and a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from University of Houston Clear Lake. Thank you Mrs. Laird for all of your hard work and dedication to your school and community

Channelview ISD Recognized Mrs. Maritza Pruitt and Mr. Troy Michaud



Today we will be highlighting our elementary school principals, Mrs. Maritza Pruitt, Principal of Crenshaw Elementary and Mr. Troy Michaud, Principal of Harvey Brown Elementary. Mrs. Pruitt joined the Channelview ISD family this year as principal of Crenshaw Elementary. She brought over 18 years of educational experience to our district and has served as Elementary Principal, District 504 and Dyslexia Coordinator, Assistant Principal and teacher. She earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Texas-Pan American and she holds a Masters in Education Management from the University of Houston- Clear Lake. Mr. Michaud chose Channelview ISD in August 2001. He began his educational career as a teacher at Channelview High School and was appointed Assistant Principal of the same campus in August 2012. Mr. Michaud has been principal of Harvey Brown Elementary since 2018.

GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

The Galena Park High Golf Finished as The 1st place



Our GP Girls Golf finished as the 1st Place Team out of the 8 participating schools on October 6. Team Members are Samantha Chavez, Victoria Guerrero, Martha Hernandez, Yoleidy Morales and Savannah Ortega. Martha Hernandez finished 2nd place overall to bring home the Silver Medal.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Freely Give

Years ago, while my oldest son was at basketball practice, my younger son read a quote off the wall at the W.D. Ley Family YMCA that made an impression that has impacted my life. The quote was from John Bunyan, and it read “You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who cannot repay you.”

As many of us start to prepare for the holiday season, giving thanks seems so natural. Within the next month, we will sit down with loved ones and share why we are thankful. Sometimes it is being thankful for food and shelter. Other times it is being thankful for our health or our jobs. We find ourselves thankful for so many material possessions as well as for things that we have learned not to take for granted. One thing that COVID taught us was to find joy in the things that we too often took for granted.

Like many of you, I have friendships that date back several decades. I was recently asked to speak on the gift of friendship, and it was extremely hard to limit my talk to less than thirty minutes.

In 1990, God blessed me with a new life and many new relationships. Among those were my friends Melissa and Sheeree. I cannot begin to estimate how much these three women poured into me over the years. Melissa and I were each expecting our second babies when we met. We became close friends and even as our marriages dissolved and we took on busy schedules, we could pick up the phone and it was as if yesterday we had been together. She was not only my friend, but my beautician. Unfortunately, during the pandemic, she was off more than she worked. And then, after finally returning to work, she ended up with COVID. Sadly, she passed away and this past year has been really challenging. I have had people compliment me on my long hair and others question why I have not returned to a short style. It is still hard to imagine anyone else cutting it.

I met Sheree about the same time I met Melissa. As time went on, our children became as close as we did. There was a time that I was unable to work due to my son’s illness and as we were on the verge of homelessness, Sherree not only opened her heart, but her home. Talk about a fun-filled three and a half months. Her oldest daughter was off at college, my parents opened their home to my oldest son and somehow, our families blended to make the best of it. There were weeks that we did not know if we were coming or going but we somehow always knew when it was time to load up in her maroon van and head to church. In all honesty, had it not been for our church family at Woodforest Baptist Church, we would not have made it. The years have brought on many changes, and we do not see each other often enough yet the love and the memories can never be taken away.

I challenge you to make a list of those people who have freely given into your life. Reach out and thank them again. Maybe even start a grateful jar where you write down one person a day for which you are grateful. Life is much better when we give freely.

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ON THE BALLOT:

- County Judge

R - Alexandra del Moral Mealer

D - Lina Hidalgo

County Commissioner Pct. 2

R - Jack Morman

D - Adrian Garcia

Justice of Peace Pct. 3 Place 2

R - Denise Graves

D - Lucia Bates

County Commissioner Pct. 4

R - Jack Cagle

D - Lesley Briones

District Clerk

R - Chris Daniel

D - Marilyn Burgess

County Clerk

R - Stan Stanart

D-Teneshia Hudspeth

County Treasurer

R - Kyle Scott

D - Carla L. Wyatt
- Harris County Prop. A

- \$100 Million Public Safety Bonds

Harris County Prop. B

- \$900 Million Roads & Drainage

Harris County Prop. C

- \$200 Million Parks & Recreation
- Baytown City Council District 2

- Sarah Graham

- Michael Emmanuel

District 3

- Ken Griffith

- Charles Johnson
- Crosby ISD At Large Trustee Position 6

- Victoria Garcia-Hernandez

- Kevin Day

- Phillip Chapman

- Marvin Webb

- Christopher Destin

- Melody Fontenot

Crosby ISD Trustee District 1 Position 1

- Karen St. Julian Thomas

Trustee Dist. 2 Pos.2

- Kea Lynn Lewis

- Sharyl Upchurch Fain

- Rachel Hood

- John “Jay” Killough

Trustee Dist. 3 Pos. 3

- J.R. Humphries

Trustee Dist. 4 Pos. 4

- Lisa Kallies

- Patricia Kay

Trustee Dist. 5 Pos. 5

- Heather Barrett

Trustee Dist. 7 Pos. 7

- Jennifer Roach
- Huffman ISD Trustee Position 1

- Vernon Reed

- Jared Dagley

- Greg Nason

Trustee Position 2

- Dean Warren

- Barbara Carroll

Trustee Position 3

- Ray Burt

- Clint Fischer

- Robert B. Baten
- Crosby MUD Proposition A

- Tax up to \$.25/100 - Operation & Maintenance

Crosby MUD DA2

- Designation of Defined Area 2

Crosby MUD DA2 Proposition B

- \$42 Million Water & Sewer & Drainage

Crosby MUD DA2 Proposition C

- Unlimited Rate Tax - Operation & Maintenance
- Harris County ESD#14 Prop. A

- Add McNair to Service Area

Harris County ESD#14 Prop. B

- McNair to pay its share of Debts & Taxes of ESD#14
- Harris County MUD 50 Director Election

- Jerome A. Chenevert

- Daryl “Eagleton” Johnson
- McNair Area ESD#14 Annexation & Assumption Prop.A

- Add McNair to ESD#14

McNair Defined Area Prop. B

- Assume its share of Debts & Taxes ESD#14
- Newport MUD DA2 Prop. A

- Designation of Defined Area

Newport MUD DA2 Prop. B

- \$55 Million Bonds - water, sewer & drainage

Newport MUD DA2 Prop. C

- \$18.35 Million to Refund Exist. Bonds

Newport MUD DA2 Prop. D

- Unlimited Rate Tax - Operation & Maintenance
- TEXAS STATE GOVERNMENT Governor

R - Greg Abbott

D - Beto O'Rourke

L - Mark Tippetts

G - Delilah Barrios

Lieutenant Governor

R - Dan Patrick

D - Mike Collier

L - Shanna Steele

Attorney General

R - Ken Paxton

D - Rochelle Mercedes Garza

L - Mark Ash

Comptroller

R - Glenn Hegar

D - Janet T. Dudding

L - V. Alonzo Echevarria-Garza

General Land Office

R - Dawn Buckingham

D - Jay Kleberg

G - Alfred Molison, Jr

Agriculture

R - Sid Miller

D - Susan Hays

Railroad Commissioner

R - Wayne Christian

D - Luke Warford

L - Jaime Andres Diez

G - Hunter Wayne Crow
- State Representative District 128

R - Briscoe Cain

D - Charles “Chuck” Crews
- State Senator Dist. 15

R - George Brian Vachris

D - John Whitmire
- U.S. GOVERNMENT Representative District 2

R - Dan Crenshaw

D - Robin Fulford

Representative District 18

R - Carmen Maria Montiel

D - Sheila Jackson Lee

L - Phil Kurtz

I - Vince Duncan

Representative District 29

R - Robert Schafrank

D - Sylvia Garcia

Representative District 36

R - Brian Babin

D - Jon Haire
- Channelview ISD Trustee Election Trustee Position 4

- Ramiro Granados

- Patrick Lacy

Trustee Position 5

- Steve Dennis

- Frank Renard Bryant

Trustee Position 6

- Lynette Breedlove

- Ellie Llanas

Trustee Position 7

- Raquel Dobbins

- Dennis Cedillo
- Sheldon ISD Trustee Position 5

- Kristin Williams-White

- Ken Coleman

Bond Election Proposition A

- \$240.8 Million - New Buildings, Sites, Buses

Bond Election Proposition B

- \$6.9 Million - Technology

ASK DIAMOND JIM



Diamond Jim: “A Behind-the-scenes look at mined diamonds”

Millions of people buy diamonds every single year as gifts or even as investments, but now more than ever, consumers are focused on how to obtain quality, mined diamonds, and with good reason. Over the past several years, some have turned to other stones or even lab-grown diamonds instead of the beautiful, naturally occurring stone that has been a symbol of love for decades.

Fortunately, it’s easier than ever to get high-quality, mined “natural” diamonds, but the key is to understand where to turn as you begin to shop.

Where Do Mined Diamonds Come From?

Diamonds are found close to the surface of the earth in a few key places. A little-known fact is that mining companies unearthing the diamonds are held to very strict standards around the world. Mining companies are required to create a positive impact on the environment and societies located around the mines. According to De Beers, nearly 76% of their mining sightholders undertake social initiatives outside of the mining process.

Those initiatives include a number of different programs including offering food and shelter to orphaned children and the homeless population, as well as scholarship funding for those who cannot afford an education at any level. For example, diamond manufacturer Shree Ramkrishna Exports is committed to sustainability, and they were the first to achieve a LEED Gold Green Building Certification.

They’ve since attained additional green certifications including an ISO 50001 and ISO 14001 environmental certification for their ongoing efforts to conserve energy.



From the Mine to the Jeweler

Once they’re pulled from the earth, companies like De Beers hold Sights or events that allow them to market “rough” diamonds to sightholders. Typically, nearly 90% of diamonds are sold this way, and customers include some of the biggest diamond dealers who work with the major diamond centers in the world today.

These kinds of events happen routinely, about ten times a year, in London. Customers usually inspect the rough diamonds, then decide whether they wish to make a purchase. Every diamond at these events, though, comes from De Beers Group’s operations, all of which have been certified by the Responsible Jewelry Council Code of Practices. Moreover, they’re compliant with today’s Best Practice Principles that help guide the industry.

Often there are auctions, too, to help manufacturers and retailers meet their sourcing needs. In most cases, the manufacturers or retailers must be registered buyers, but because the industry is growing so quickly, big names like De Beers understand that this is the ideal way forward, serving as a catalyst for the diamond business today.

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This offers our customers a huge advantage. We know exactly where our diamonds came from and that they’re conflict free diamonds. As an active part of the Kimberley process, we help support the integrity of the diamond supply chain. You know you’re getting the best when you work with us.

Thank you for reading the “Ask Diamond Jim” column and for supporting the North Channel Star Newspaper!

Diamond Jim is a master jeweler, diamond dealer and precious metals broker. Pineforest Jewelry has been a proud member of the Independent Jewelers Organization (IJO) and the Retail Jewelers Organization (RJO) for many years. See more at: www.pineforestjewelry.com.

If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.

Celebration for Jalen Hurts,

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scheduled throughout the event. Attendees will also be able to enter for a chance to win a Jalen Hurts autographed football, Eagles jersey or Eagles football helmet at no

cost donated to Channelview ISD by Jalen Hurts. Winners must be present to win. All attendees are encouraged to wear Philadelphia Eagles gear.

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LETTERS

To The Editor

Senator Bettencourt on tax savings with the Harris County budget impasse

DISCUSSION OVER!!! Harris County Taxpayers WIN!!!

A QUARTER BILLION DOLLARS saved for Taxpayers thanks to Commissioner Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey Harris Co. Commissioner PCT 3 proactive stance against the Leftist Progressive majority on the Harris County Commissioners court trying to raise property tax levy by 10.8%. Harris County now has to adopt my SB2's no-new-revenue-tax-rate which will save taxpayers a RECORD quarter billion dollars, the same as they did in 2019 and Texas Taxpayers and Research Association - TTARA says 31% of Texas counties adopted the no-new-revenue tax rate or below in 2021! This will save Harris County Taxpayers a record quarter of a billion dollars but leave 72 million dollars more in new revenue! See link.

<https://senate.texas.gov/press.php?id=7-20221025a>

Just want to thank Gerald Harris with KHOU 11 News for including my statement where he let me recognize the obvious, that as property values go UP, property tax rates must come DOWN for any tax relief to occur!

<https://www.khou.com/.../285-d4eef15d-317e-4643-89f8...>

Don't believe the line from Judge Lina Hidalgo that government coffers are being squeezed. They have 2.4 billion dollars between the county and the Hospital District in unencumbered reserve funds from just 7 months ago!!

-Senator Paul Bettencourt

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At the Dog Show

"I took Duckworth to the dog show up in the city last weekend," Dud said.

The other members of the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank and philosophy counter just looked at him.

Doc put it gently. "Dud, was this so he could get some inspiration on looking good?"

Duckworth was a medium-sized dog that found Dud while Dud was walking and thinking about the novel he's writing. No one answered the ad he put in the Valley Weekly Miracle, so he was henceforth known as Duckworth, for some reason Dud seemed to want to keep to himself. To be honest, Duckworth looked like he fell out of the ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down.

"No, I was going to enter him in the dog show," Dud said. "Took him right up to the registration table and tried to get him in a class. The lady there looked at ol' Duck and asked to see his papers."

Dud grinned. "I told her they were back home on the floor of the laundry room. She didn't think it was funny."

Now Duckworth had been introduced to the other dogs in the group at the sale barn, as is the custom, and Dud's pals had been hesitant to ask much about him. Duckworth looked like something put together by a committee with a sense of humor. Oh, he was a dog ... no doubt about that. But what kind of dog was he? It made for interesting coffee speculation, that's for sure.

"You know," Dud said, "Anita was against me getting any kind of dog until Duckworth came along. When I explained to her that Duckworth was a bird dog ... a duck dog, actually, and that he'd help me bring more birds home, she finally gave in."

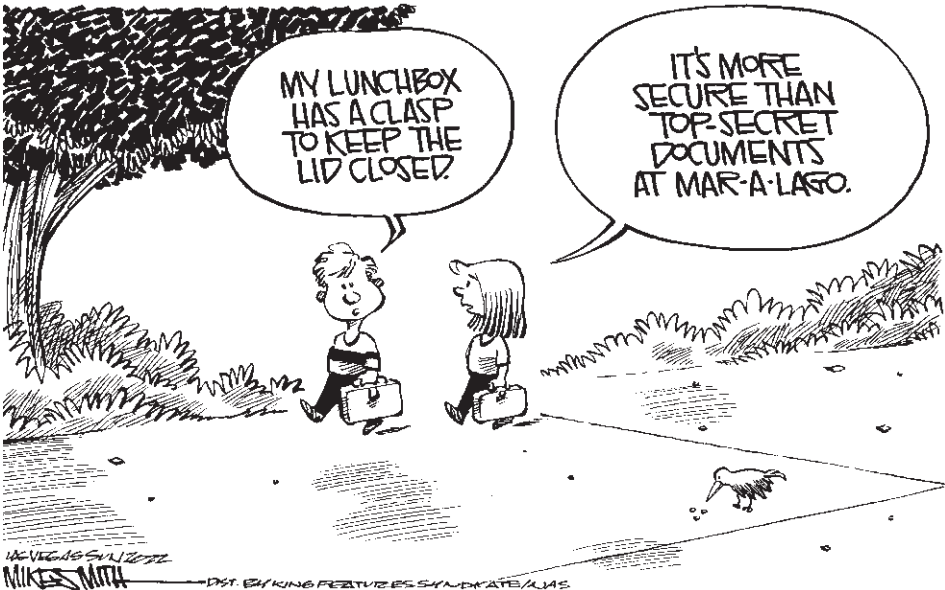
"He's a bird dog?" Steve said. "What kind?"

"Now that's what that dog show lady asked me, you know? I had to explain to her about canardly terriers, because she wasn't familiar with them."

"Canar..."

"Canardly terriers, you betcha," Dud said, grinning, "why, I'll bet you canardly tell what kind of terrier he is!"

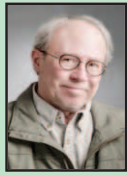
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Early Voting Underway Across the State

Early voting in this year's midterm elections began Monday and continues through Friday, Nov. 4. Election Day is Nov. 8. Voters will pick the state's next governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner and comptroller in statewide races.

District races are also being held for U.S. representatives, state senators, state representatives and members of the State Board of Education. There are also ballot propositions to be decided, as well as county, school board and city races, depending on where you live.

The deadline to register to vote was Oct. 11. Interested voters can find out more at votetexas.gov.

BUSINESS LEADERS PREDICT DACA END WILL CAUSE CRISIS

Dozens of business leaders, including several in Texas, are urging Congress to protect young immigrants who came to the U.S. as children, warning that the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program would exacerbate workforce shortages.

In a report published in The Dallas Morning News (originally in CQ-Roll Call), the leaders released a letter sent to congressional leaders and published as a full-page ad in The Morning News and other newspapers. They warn of serious workforce issues if a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit gutting DACA protection holds.

The ad included the logos of about a dozen Texas-based businesses or business organizations, including private equity firm TPG, the North Texas Commission, the Texas Restaurant Association, the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, the Texas Retailers Association and the Texas Association of Business.

If the work permits of DACA recipients expire, the business leaders said, the



U.S. could lose more than half a million workers.

"The worker shortage will get worse for the United States if hundreds of thousands of critical workers are stripped of their legal ability to support themselves and their families," the business leaders wrote. "That is the situation we currently face if this ruling becomes final, and it is the reason for our request today."

The U.S. House has passed a bill that would put DACA recipients and other young undocumented immigrants on a path to permanent residency, but the Senate has not taken up the measure.

PUC: NO WATER DISCONNECTS DURING EXTREME COLD

The Public Utility Commission of Texas last week adopted rules that prohibit non-municipal water and sewer utilities from cutting off service to customers during extreme cold weather emergencies.

"The new rules put the health and safety of Texans first during extreme cold weather emergencies," said PUCT Chairman Peter Lake. "This means Texans can focus on their family's safety during extreme cold and work with their water or sewer utility to make sure they pay their bills in a timely fashion."

Extreme weather in Texas is defined as "periods beginning when the previous day's highest temperature in an area did not exceed 28

degrees Fahrenheit and the temperature is predicted to remain at or below that level for the next 24 hours according to the nearest National Weather Service reports for that area."

The new rules came after passage of Senate Bill 3 in the last regular legislative session, in reaction to the disruption caused by Winter Storm Uri in February 2021.

DROUGHT PRESENTS CHALLENGES FOR WATERFOWL HUNTERS

As waterfowl hunters prepare for the new season, drought conditions across the state are posing challenges, according to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Biologists with TPWD note habitat conditions for ducks are not ideal in many parts of the state. A May survey by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service showed most duck species had substantial decreases since the last survey in 2019.

"The drought that occurred in 2020 and 2021 had a large impact on duck hunting success in Texas," said Kevin Kraai, with TPWD. "Last year, Texas observed a significant decrease in total duck harvest compared to the previous hunting season. The total estimated duck harvest was down 41 percent in 2021 compared to 2020."

Except for South Texas and parts of the Panhandle, most of the state is well below seasonal rain averages, drought conditions that are the worst since 2010.

MORE THAN 79,000 DEAD ON TEXAS ROADS SINCE 2000

It is a grim statistic. Not a single day in Texas since Nov. 7, 2000, has passed without a traffic fatality. Since that date, more than 79,000 people have died in traffic crashes, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. That is roughly equivalent to the entire population of Cedar Park. For the past several years, about 10 people die daily in crashes across the state.

Texas Transportation Commissioner Laura Ryan and others are championing TxDOT's #EndTheStreakTX campaign, saying every Texan must do their part to drive safely and care about others.

"With the knowledge that, since the pandemic, people don't seem to view others around them as part of a community, and, that they care less about those around them, we are starting to identify the problem," said Ryan. "If we know there is a problem and we can identify that a big part of the problem is a lack of caring or apathy, then we also know the solution — we must care more about those around us."

Texas dropped to 11,604 with 90 deaths reported.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

The State of Illinois

A few weeks before Halloween and many years ago, when I was still married to my former husband, he and I and a couple we knew all decided we would celebrate Halloween dressed as the Midwest.

At the time, it seemed like a clever idea. I was from Minnesota, my former husband was from Wisconsin, our friend, Becky, was from Iowa, and her husband, John, was from Illinois. We were all in our early twenties, all living in Oregon, and, as we imagined ourselves dressed as our home states, it seemed like the best idea ever.

We were no longer all living in the same city. And we didn't see Becky and John again until Halloween. Honestly, I forgot all about the idea. I had time on my hands and so I designed and sewed elaborate costumes. I went as Medusa, with posable snakes bobbing up and down on my head. My former husband was Poseidon; he had a staff wrapped in fishing net and filled with seashells, and a crown on his head that lit up in the dark. Before LEDs, this was an accomplishment.

I was rather proud of our costumes, and we went to meet John and Becky. Becky was costumed as a striking geisha, and John arrived... dressed as the State of Illinois.

"I thought we were going as the Midwest!" John complained.

I had so completely forgotten about the idea that I was startled to see John outfitted in an enormous sheet of bright yellow corrugated cardboard shaped like the Land of Lincoln, his face popping out somewhere near Peoria.

I couldn't feel too guilty if his own wife had not alerted him to a change in plans. It struck me that this did not bode well for the marriage (and, in fact, they were divorced a short while later). But John was stuck as the sole representative of the Midwest, and he was mightily embarrassed as we headed out to enjoy Halloween.

You can probably guess what happened next.

John was the hit of the evening. There were an astounding number of Illinois transplants in this small Oregon town, and every single one felt a special bond with John, who was, by nature, a shy and bookish guy. Slightly inebriated women came flying at him from across the street.

"Illinois! It's Illinois!" they screamed, as if he was a visiting rock star.

They scrutinized the carefully detailed Illinois road system searching for their hometowns. I felt as if I was witnessing the reunion of long-lost siblings.

"Quincy! I found Quincy!" a woman shrieked. It looked as if she might cry. I was not sure she was going to let John go.

The snakes bouncing on my head and my former husband's illuminated crown could not hold a candle to Quincy, Illinois.

This all happened many years ago, and yet I remember John, and I feel like him on many occasions. I tend to stick to the plan. I keep working away on my little projects, and I feel foolish when I realize that, not only has everyone I know moved on to something new, they probably think I'm a little daft not to have done the same. I frequently feel a little naïve, a little embarrassed, still puttering away.

But I've learned that staying the course has benefits, even if they are not the ones I imagined.

After whatever group I was a part of has evaporated, interest disappeared, momentum vanished, I think of John, proudly representing the State of Illinois—for no obvious reason and all on his own.

Till next time,
Carrie

Photos from the column and a link to YouTube videos can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

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North Shore Rotarians practice CPR techniques



At their regular weekly luncheon, the Rotary Club of North Shore invited the local EMS agencies to give members CPR training or a refresher course. Not only was this helpful training for club members, but also a Thank You to the EMS agencies for all they do for the community. Above, Club members and EMS trainers.



Rotary Club members listened to instructions from the EMS technicians, and then practiced CPR on rubber dummies, who didn't seem to mind.



Rotarian Derrill Painter listens to instructions on the correct way to administer CPR resuscitation from an EMS technician. In the background, other Rotarians practice their newly learned skills.

Mustangs defeat Eagles, 16 - 13

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won the NBA Championship, “DON’T EVER UNDERESTIMATE THE HEART OF A CHAMPION,” this is what Atascocita learned about the Eastside Boys. Duncanville did too in 2019 when the Mustangs won the state championship as time expired on a last play the “Hail Mary” pass.

Yogi Berra, baseballs legend and Hall of Famer said, “It ain’t over till it’s over”. So trailing with 6:22 remaining in the game QB David Amador hit a streaking wide receiver Terrence Guillory on a 63 yd TD pass (see photo) for the go-ahead score of 16 – 13.

Still with plenty of time

for a comeback the Mustangs defense took matters into their own hands and shut down the Eagles sealing the victory.

The Eagles did what no other team has done to the Mustangs in recent years; they led at halftime and deep into the fourth quarter. Mustangs this season averaged 42 points per game but they only could get 16 points against the rock solid Eagle defense, barley enough for a 3 point win.

The Eastside Boys defense once again proved too tough to run or pass on. The Eagles who averaged 41 points a game only got 13 points.

These two powerhouses

will likely meet again in the playoffs because the second place in district team (Atascocita) under the UIL rules will still enter the playoffs. However in the playoffs one loss means final elimination. Linda Jamail, Statistician.

	1	2	3	4	Final
NS	3	0	6	7	16
AT	0	7	6	0	13

The reigning, defending, undisputed Class 6A Division I State Champion — North Shore Mustangs (9-0) play next when they host Kingwood (5-4) for a 6A Region III District 21 battle on this Friday, November 4 @ 7PM. It’s Senior’s Night at the GPISD Stadium.



MUSTANGS GAMETEAM CAPTAINS:

L to R: #8-David Amador, #7-Jayven Anderson, #58-Omarion Dudley and #3-Evan Jackson

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 10: No. 1 Georgia hosts No. 3 Tennessee in key SEC East tilt: Texans host high-flying Eagles on Thursday Night Football

The college football world will focus on Athens, GA on Saturday at No. 3-ranked Tennessee visits No. 1-ranked, and the defending national champs, Georgia Bulldogs in a key SEC East contest. The winner of this game has a good shot of securing a spot in the SEC title game, slated for Dec. 3 in Atlanta and the winner will also probably have a good chance of earning one of four College Football Playoff (CFP) berths that are still up for grabs.

Most experts expected Kirby Smart’s Bulldogs to once again contend for the national title after winning it all a year ago, but not too many thought the Vols would be a national title contender, but Josh Heupel’s team has been a breath of fresh air this season, and an offensive juggernaut. The Vols average 49 points per game and that high-scoring offense put up 52 points on then No. 2-ranked Alabama three weeks ago en route to a 52-49 stunner. That offense will get a real test this Saturday when it faces a Georgia defense that is allowing just 8 points per game.

It should be a very interesting afternoon, or evening is CBS decides to put this one in prime time, when these two meet on Saturday.

Before we take a look at a host of other games, I would be remiss if I didn’t give a shout out to our beloved Houston Astros. How ‘bout them Astros! Our hometown team secured its fourth American League championship on Oct. 23 when the boys in orange overcame a 3-0 deficit against the Yankees in New York and rallied for a 6-5 victory and a sweep of the Evil Empire. Dusty Baker’s crew will be playing in its fourth World Series in six years. An amazing feat. I just hope all of us realize what a special team this is and has been for the last six years. Sure, there have been some late nights, but they’ve been worth staying up for and enjoying the drama. Let’s hope they finish it off with a World Series title against a very game Philadelphia Phillies squad.

Now, back to football.

While all eyes will be on Athens, GA this weekend, there are a number of other interesting matchups in the NCAA. Texas travels to Fort Worth to try and spoil No. 7-ranked TCU’s magical season, while No. 6-ranked Alabama looks to remain in the SEC West race when it faces off against No. 18-ranked LSU in Baton Rouge. First-year Tiger head coach Brian Kelly has done a nice job this year. He inherited a team with a lot of question marks and defections, but has them winning. Two weeks ago, LSU upset previously undefeated Mississippi 45-20 and will look for another big win over the Crimson Tide on Saturday.

In the NFL, the Texans host the Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday Night Football. The Eagles entered their Oct. 30 against Pittsburgh as the NFL’s only undefeated team. The Texans will have their work cut out for them if they hope to pull off the upset. Dallas has the week off, while Buffalo will visit the surprising Jets on Sunday in a key AFC East contest. The Rams travel to Tampa to take on a struggling Bucs team, while the Tennessee Titans head to KC to take on the Chiefs on Sunday Night Football. Week 9 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Ravens visiting the Saints.

Before we take a look at those games, let’s review last week’s record. An 11-1 week (that’s two solid weeks in a row) upped the season record to 60-36 (63%).

Now, onto this weekend’s games.

NCAA

Texas at Kansas State: Texas fans had high hopes entering the 2022 season and after their 49-0 route of Oklahoma on Oct. 8, a lot of Orangebloods probably thought second-year head coach Steve Sarkisian had righted the ship after going 5-7 in 2021. But after wins over West Virginia and Iowa State, Texas stumbled at Oklahoma State, 41-34. UT scored 31 points in the first half, but only three in the second half. What happened?



Good question. Texas has one of the best running backs in the nation in Bijan Robinson (920 yards, 13 total TDs), a solid QB in Quinn Ewers (1139 yards, 11 TDs) and two big-play wide receivers in Xavier Worthy (36 receptions, 519 yards, 7 TDs) and Jordan Whittington (29 receptions, 404 yards, 1 TD). Texas’ problem appears to be that they can’t put together four quarters of good football and they had better bring their “A” game to Manhattan on Saturday or it’s going to be another long afternoon for Sarkisian and his team. The Texas run defense must play well against a Wildcat team that has a very productive running game led by QB Adrian Martinez (907 passing yards, 4 TDs/565 rushing yards, 9 TDs) and speedy scatback Deuce Vaughn (744 yards, 4 TDs). While KSU is a prolific running team, they have a very poor passing game. If the Texas defense can slow down Martinez and Vaughn and force Martinez to throw, the ‘Horns should be able to pull out a win. Sarkisian and his team need a big road win what with No. 7-ranked TCU up next in Fort Worth. My pick, Texas 33, Kansas State 30

Alabama at LSU: After their 52-49 loss at Tennessee three weeks ago, Alabama head coach Nick Saban knew there was no room for error for the rest of the season. After his defense was embarrassed by the Vols, Saban made some tweaks to the defense and they appeared to work two weeks ago as the Tide rolled over Mississippi State, 30-6 (the score was 30-0 when MSU scored in the waning moments of the game). Offensively, Alabama is still dangerous with QB Bryce Young (1,906 yards, 19 TDs), running backs Jahmyr Gibbs (672 yards, 6 TDs) and wide big-play wide receiver Ja’Corey Brooks (21 receptions, 376 yards, 4 TDs). The Tide should be able to move the ball against the Tigers. The defense will need to contain dual-threat QB Jayden Daniels (1,812 passing yards, 12 TDs/524 rushing yards, 9 TDs). Look for Saban to have something extra special for Daniels in Death Valley on Saturday. My pick, Alabama 31, LSU 17

Tennessee at Georgia: The Game of the Week in the SEC and country pits No. 3-ranked Tennessee against No. 1-ranked Georgia on Saturday. As stated earlier, the Vols high octane offense will test Georgia’s stingy and stifling defense. It’s going to be an interesting matchup. Tennessee is led by QB Hendon Hooker (2,093 passing yards, 18 TDs/315 rushing yards, 3 TDs), running back Jalin Wright (403 yards, 4 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Jalin Hyatt (40 receptions, 769 yards, 12 TDs). That trio lit up ‘Bama, but they will be facing a much better defense (Georgia only allows 8 points per game) that is well coached and loaded with speed. Georgia should be able to move the ball against a so-so Vol defense. Look for QB Stetson Bennett (2,033 yards, 7 TDs) to take what the Tennessee defense gives him. He will make plays to tight end Brock Bowers (26 receptions, 393 yards, 6 total TDs). Bowers is perhaps the best tight end in the country. The Dawgs’ pedigree will show up for this one as Georgia looks to send a message to the rest of the country that they are serious about winning another national title. My pick, Georgia 33, Tennessee 16

NFL

Philadelphia at Houston: Al Michaels and the gang from Amazon head to Houston for Thursday Night Football as the Philadelphia Eagles take on the Houston Texans. The Eagles could very well enter this game with a 7-0 record (they took on the struggling Steelers last Sunday) and should leave at 8-0 when they face a struggling Texans team. Two weeks ago, the Texans turned a 20-17 third-quarter lead at Las Vegas into a

38-20 loss because they couldn’t contain Raider running back Josh Jacobs (143 yards, 3 TDs). If the Houston defense doesn’t play better this week, Philly QB Jalen Hurts (1,514 passing yards, 6 TDs/293 rushing yards, 6 TDs) and running back Miles Davis (485 yards, 4 TDs) could have big nights on the ground. When Hurts turns to the air, he has two good receivers in A.J. Brown (33 receptions, 503 yards, 2 TDs) and Devonta Smith (33 receptions, 397 yards, 2 TDs) to throw to. The Texans will need another big rushing game from rookie running back Dameon Pierce (504 yards, 3 TDs) to take some pressure off QB Davis Mills (1,350 yards, 7 TDs/5 interceptions). Look for the Eagles defense to force a couple miscues from Mills as the Eagles roll on Thursday night. My pick, Philadelphia 33, Houston 20

Buffalo at New York Jets: The Jets have been one of THE surprise teams (along with the Giants) thus far in the NFL. They were winners of four straight games heading into last weeks contest against New England. One of those wins was a convincing 27-10 victory over Aaron Rodgers and the Packers in Green Bay. New York has a lot of talented young players, but they will get a true measure of where they are in the NFL’s pecking order when they host Josh Allen (1,980 passing yards, 17 TDs/257 rushing yards, 2 TDs), big-play wide receiver Stefon Diggs (49 receptions, 656 yards, 6 TDs) and a very good Bills defense. The Jets’ offense took a huge hit in its win at Denver two weeks ago when rookie running back Breece Hall (463 yards, 4 TDs) was lost for the year with a knee injury. Second-year QB Zach Wilson (693 yards, 1 TD in four games) will need to step up in this one is the Jets are to shock the world and upset the Bills, which they won’t. My pick, Buffalo 26, New York Jets 16

Los Angeles at Tampa Bay: The Rams travel to Tampa to face a Bucs team that is not playing good football and that includes future Hall of Fame QB Tom Brady (1,942 yards 8 TDs). Two weeks ago, the TB offense hit rock bottom in its 21-3 loss at Carolina (which before that win had all of one victory for the season). Wide receiver Mike Evans (33 receptions, 458 yards, 3 TDs) dropped what would have been a sure long TD pass and it was all downhill from there. The OL has issues and they had better work out those kinks before Aaron Donald and Co. come calling. The Rams split their first six games before their bye and the rest should have helped QB Matthew Stafford (1,576 yards, 6 TDs), Cooper Kupp (56 receptions, 607 yards, 4 TDs) and the rest of the offense to get things going. My pick, Los Angeles 26, Tampa Bay 20

Tennessee at Kansas City: A good one for Sunday Night Football pits the Titans and their strong run game against Patrick Mahomes and the pass-happy Chiefs. Two weeks ago, the Titans took care of the Colts, 19-10 as Derrick Henry (536 yards, 5 TDs) and Ryan Tannehill (1,097 yards, 6 TDs) led the way offensively. The Chiefs picked up a huge road win as they pummeled the 49ers, 44-23 as Mahomes (2,159 yards, 20 TDs) threw for more than 400 yards and three TDs. Look for Mahomes to have another big day tossing the rock around to tight end Travis Kelce (47 receptions, 552 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver JuJu Smith Schuster (34 receptions, 494 yards, 2 TDs). If the Titans have a chance to win this one, they will need Henry to have a big night so they can control the clock and keep Mahomes off the field. It won’t matter how big of a night Henry has because Mahomes does not need much time to come up with game-changing plays. My pick, Kansas City 33, Tennessee 23

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spect for officers, and minor laws could be enforced. Today with a "bad" bail bond program, too many criminals are released back to the streets, and many crimes such as shootings and burglaries continue because of this.

He noted that our jails are full, with Harris County jail holding 10,000 now, when it was at capacity of 8000 just a few years ago.

Douglas said that policing is more difficult today also because the public attitude is more critical and demanding, and often his officers are criticized for just making normal arrests.

In a Q&A session that followed, he was asked why they didn't write more tickets for speeding, drag racing, and passing school buses on local streets. Douglas lamented that when taken to court, there is often no enforcement or judgement. He indicated this has made his job harder and encouraged more crime.

Nevertheless, Captain Douglas said he likes to meet citizens in his district, and loves his job and finds it rewarding to help keep the peace and help residents.

Nerd Con Is Back! Nov. 5 in Mont Belvieu

The Chambers County Library System in partnership with the City of Mont Belvieu, Eastern Rim Funny Book & Vintage Con, and Nerd Fest brings back Nerd Con. Nerd Con will be a day filled with games, panels, vendors, celebrity guests, and more. The event will take place at Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex in Mont Belvieu. Free to park and attend! This year's theme is: "Nerd Con: Back in Time", with a nod to the 80's.

Fans of cons will know exactly what to expect. Those of you who need some details, here are the basics. Comic book conventions are popular events attended by hundreds and sometimes thousands of people. Cons are usually held at convention centers, community centers, and yes, even libraries. A large number of attendees participate in cosplay where people dress as their favorite comic book, anime, or pop culture characters. So feel free to dress as your favorite character because there will be cash prizes!

Nerd Con's featured celebrity guest is Noah Hathaway who starred in Neverending Story and Battlestar Galactica. The voice actor cast from Dragon Ball Z, Charlie Brown and Lucy, and local actress Annalise Bergen from Hawkeye. Many Marvel and DC artists, animators, and more!

The event is co-hosted by Nerd Fest and The Eastern Rim Funny Book & Vintage Con. Nerd Fest is a group on Facebook all about community, friendship, networking, and everything Sci Fi and Comic Books. The Nerd Fest community enjoys frequenting comic book conventions and sharing their passion for creativity.

This family friendly event will be a day packed full of fun. Find out more at www.nerdconmb.com

A schedule of events is as follows:

November 5, 2022: 10am-6pm

The Grill at Eagle Pointe will be open 11am-4pm for food during the event.

Panel room (Magnolia room):

- 11am – Tolkien Talks!
- 12pm – The way of the author! Hear from guest authors.
- 1pm – Star Trek/Star Wars: Warping the Singularity
- 2pm – Actors: That's great, it starts with an earthquake: How we arrived and are living in the craft.
- 3pm – Nerd Con Cosplay Contest!
- 4pm – Snark Fest

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

By Bill Palko

Today is one for the memory books. A day of honor, privilege and pride that will stay with me for the remainder of my life. Along with a group of fellow Veterans that included, among others, Vietnam Veterans, Vietnam Era Veterans, Iraq Veterans and Patriotic Americans, we escorted the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall from the Raceway Park in Baytown, TX, to White Park and Community Center in Wallisville, TX. The Wall will be on display at the park through this coming Sunday, October 30th. The park and display are open 24 hours. Take 1-10 East to TX 61. Take 61 South about 2

blocks and the park is on your right. Please go pay your respects to those 58,281 men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

I want to say a special thank you to the students, parents and faculty of Anahuac Elementary and High Schools. As we passed by their schools they were all lining the streets holding US Flags, waving, saluting, whistling, cheering with many of the students holding their right hand over their heart. It brought a tear to my eye.

That's the America I served and love. To all the men and women who served in Vietnam, thank you and Welcome Home.



Waste Pits work to begin Nov. 9



Jackie Medcalf updates the SJR Coalition on plans to start Remediation work on the Southern Impoundment on November 9.

HIGHLANDS – Members of the San Jacinto River Coalition, and others of the public met last Tuesday night at the San Jacinto/Highlands Community Center to hear an update on Waste Pits remediation plans from THEA director Jackie Medcalf.

Jackie reported that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) had informed the Responsible Parties that they would not receive any more extensions or delays, and work on the Southern Impoundment must start by November 9th.

This work will require excavation of designated areas in the industrial area south of I-10, to a depth of 10 feet or un til tests show toxicity levels below 240ppt. This will require removing about 25,000 cubic yards of material, she said, which will be transported off-site in

trucks. This work may take as much as a year.

In the Northern Impoundment, EPA has ordered the Responsible Parties to submit the Final Design by November 8, especially the Northwest Corner where test borings have shown high levels of toxic material to depths below 25 feet. The 90% submission did not address a solution for this area. (See map enclosed).

The 90% Final Design document was a huge volume, amounting to over 100,000 pages including much technical information. THEA (Texas Health and Environmental Alliance) has been reviewing this report and making suggestions for the final document.

Among the comments that will be discussed with EPA when they meet the Citizens Advisory Committee in Houston on

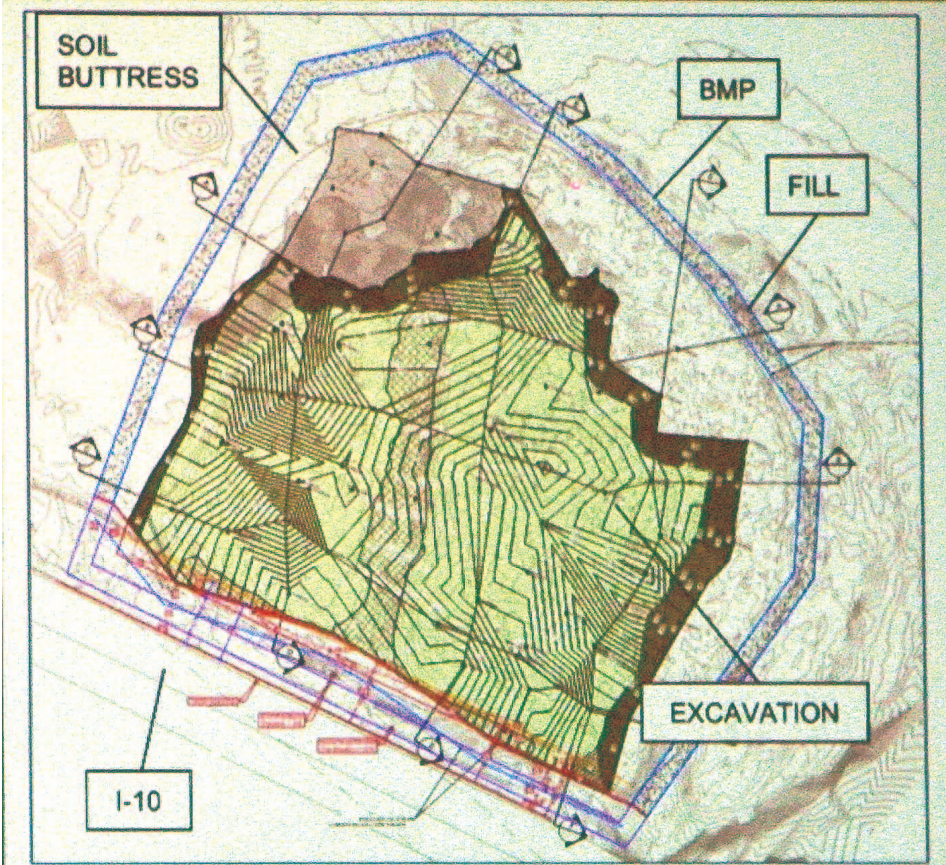


Figure 1-1 Northern Impoundment BMP Alignment - Plan View

NORTHERN IMPOUNDMENT MAP OF THE WASTE PITS shows latest design to safely excavate the toxic waste material. A double wall Cofferdam enclosure will be built, with earthen backfill to stabilize it.

November 3rd:

- Jurisdiction question on who issues permits for work in river, US Corps of Engineers and which office;
- Where will waste go when removed and transported;
- Will a manifest for each truckload be maintained, and by whom;
- Will a decontamination zone exist, for trucks,

equipment and personnel before they leave the site?

Jackie said that where the toxic waste will be transported may depend on a test and characterization/classification of each load, with different waste facilities involved.

The RP (Responsible Parties) have indicated problems in remediation of the Northern Impoundment, such as:

-- Need for 2-lane 2-way road on north side of I-10 for truck traffic;

-- Schedule conflict with I-10 bridge replacement?

The EPA and THEA see these as excuses for delaying the completion of the 100% Final Design for the Northern Impoundment, and have informed the RP that a delay or extension will not be approved.

HUNTING & FISHING NEWS:

Crosby Hunter makes his first Deer Kill



Isaiah Jamail killed his first deer, a 170 lb Axis deer while hunting on his Uncle Buster Jamail's ranch in Brackettville, TX. (Kinney County). He made a heart shot at 50 yards with a Remington 30-06 caliber rifle on the evening of October-18, 2022. Isaiah graduated from Crosby High School with the highest male grade in the 2021 class. Axis deer in Texas are considered an "exotic" and there's no closed season.

Photo by Allan Jamail

North Shore Junior Varsity Cheerleaders



2022 North Shore Junior Varsity Cheerleaders under the direction of Courtney Powers (Sponsor)

Top Row, L to R: Shamaurie Stevens, Jada Richards and Samayaha Wilson

Bottom Row, L to R: Yasmin Walker-Co-Captain: Shelby Perkins and Kaitlyn Camacho

Not present: Makayliana Pierre, Jennifer Torres, Gabriella Holmes, Kayla Nisby,-Captain and Kiandria Franklin.

(Photo by Linda Jamail)

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Halloween at Heritage Hall in Jacinto City



Photo by Allan Jamail
CUTLINE: Jacinto City Heritage Hall Halloween Costume & Hat Contest Winners:
Bottom row, L – R: Connie Esqueda, Ana Pineda, Bill Carson, Elvia Trevino, Crispin dela Rosa & Debi Phillips.

Top row: Judges and JC Administrative Staff: L – R: Rep. Ana Hernandez’ staff: Linda Jamail, Community Liaison, Adriana Aguirre, Chief of Staff, Josue Rodriguez, Legislative Director, Pct. 2 Constable Jerry Garcia & wife Olga, Joyce Raines, JC City Secretary, Maria Espinoza, Heritage Hall Program Assistant, Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Senior Program Director & Ivan Rojas, JC Parks & Recreation Director.

Constable Jerry Garcia provided seniors Mexican style hotdogs. Prepared by Beto & Gady Garcia, Garcia’s Hotdogs (832-984-5497 & 832-725- 4964)

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C. P. “Buck” Sloan, World War II Veteran and Country Music Performer at the Buckshot Jamboree, was honored by the Houston Astros with On-Field ceremonies, as seen on the big Scoreboard at Minute Maid Park last week. Buck has also recently returned to the battlegrounds in France, where he fought, to pay respects to those who lost their lives.

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HOW DO WE KEEP COSTS AND CRIME DOWN?

A:

BY VOTING ALL THE WAY DOWN THE BALLOT

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ADRIAN GARCIA

Adrian is near the bottom of your very long ballot!

Before Adrian Garcia became a cop, and later our Sheriff, he worked in his dad’s auto repair shop, where he learned to fix things. So when crime and costs went up, Adrian got to work: cutting the tax rate and funding the police.

Now, Adrian is working hard every day to make Harris County safer and more affordable—and he is respectfully asking for your vote.

Vote early now through Nov. 4 or on Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 8

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