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North Shore High School Homecoming King & Queen

Caleb said, "When I was proclaimed Homecoming King, I felt a sense of jubilation and gratefulness. It's an honor being selected by my peers to be King at this annual highly attended event. I am grateful to God for blessing me abundantly, and to my parents, my sister Kylah, and all my family, friends, and school community leaders who came out to support me on this special evening."

Caleb has been attending San Jacinto College -North campus as a dual credit (high school & college) since his sophomore year. He's currently a semi-finalist for the Posse Scholarship. He will attend a 4-year university where he will pursue a major in his love for Mass Media Production. His parents are Dr. Christoper and Franshell Eckford. His sister Kylah Eckford is a NSSHS Varsity Cheerleader. QUEEN COMMENT:

Arianna said, "I've dreamed of becoming Homecoming Queen every since I was a little girl. I want to thank God, the administrators, and the student body for allowing me to become the Homecoming Queen."

Arianna is currently considering three colleges: UCLA, University of Texas & Georgia State. She plans on majoring in Fine Arts/Communication and she is a professional runway model.

Her parents are Lafayette (a Veteran) and Ingra Roberts-Stephens.



2023 Galena Park North Shore High School Homecoming King & Queen (Photo by Linda Jamail) L - R: King Caleb Eckford, Queen Arianna Stephens &

NS Mustangs Win Homecoming Game

Mustangs 49 -Timberwolves 7

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. ~ September 22, 2023 at the Galena Park football stadium the powerful Eastside Boys once again proved why they have a 38 game district winning streak. With five consecutive district titles the Mustangs plan on adding another title this year. In the season's district opener they easily defeated the Beaumont United Timberwolves by a score of 49-7.

The Mustangs defense is tough to score on allowing only four touchdowns in four games. In the trenches the line to rock solid against the run and they relentlessly pursue

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Mustangs wide receiver #4 Terrence Guillory hauled in a Kaleb Bailey pass for a score. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

2023 Galena Park Yellow Jackets

Homecoming King & Queen - Captains - Cheerleaders

By Linda Jamail

KING COMMENT:

Miguel said, "This event was an absolutely unreal experience for me, and I honestly had no idea how to react. I was immediately thankful for all of the people who voted for attended the game to support me. Then, I grew even happier and more excited when Caro's (Carolina) name was called since we have been great friends since the beginning of middle school. It was truly a surreal experience and it was a day that I'll definitely never forget. I plan to attend Texas A&M University and major in civil engineering." His mother's name is Nydia Herrera, his dad's name is Armando Cervantes.

QUEEN COMMENT:

Carolina said, "Miguel and I are close friends and I was so happy for him when they called his name, praying mine would be called next. When I heard the first sound of my name I couldn't believe it. I was shaking in excitement! Being that my mom was Homecoming Queen from her high school 31 vears ago, it was a special moment to carry on her legacy. A big congratulations to everyone involved in the Homecoming court!" Her parents are Efren and Noelia Vargas, her mother in 1992 was crowned queen at Mercedes High school in Mercedes, Texas. She plans to attend Texas A&M and to major in computer engineering.



2023 Galena Park Yellow Jackets Homecoming King & Queen

Left to Right: King Miguel Cervantes & Queen Carolina Lee Vargas.(Photo by Linda Jamail)



Andrea Castro, Samantha Cazares, Melanie Rivera, Saul Franco, Alissa Rodriguez & Sadie Salinas Middle row L - R: Idalis Hurtado, Marianna Miranda, Valeria Montoya, Nina Ramos, Roxana Gonzalez, Alyssa Garcia, Andrea Gonzalez, Ruth Gonzalez & Varsity Coach Lisa Robinette Bottom L - R: Co-Captain Victoria Guerrero & Captain Nadiya Timmons (Photo by Linda Jamail)

Stingarees Spoil Yellow Jackets Homecoming

Texas City 35 - Galena Park 0

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. - September, 21, 2023 at the GPISD stadium the visiting Texas City Stingarees spoiled the Yellow Jackets homecoming game, with a 35 -0 score in the District 9-5A-II football opener. The Jackets are 2-2 and the Stingarees are 3-0.

Coach Spiro Amarantos'

football team couldn't seem to get a good start and get traction to make the game competitive. They have good ball carriers but are lacking in the passing game. They made lots of first downs but when the goal line seemed to be within reach they failed to muster the criti-

cal first down play to score. On the first series with the Jackets taking the

opening kickoff they easily moved down the field. Then when it looked like they were moving well enough to score they got bogged down and had to turn the ball over on downs, this happened repeatedly in the game. The Texas City defense bent

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Yellow Jackets Homecoming Game Team Captains L-R: #4-Isai Merlan, #3-Jordan Balderas, #33-Sebastian Bernal and #73-Miguel Hermoso (Photo by Linda Jamail)

Julio Cesar Palmaz, Hispanic Heritage Month Honoree

2nd. of a series... By Allan Jamail

September 26, 2023 ~ it's not every day I can contribute an article to someone who's responsible for saving millions of lives and has over 60 patients.

Born Julio Cesar Palmaz December 13, 1945 in the Hispanic Country of La

Plata, Argentina, he became a doctor at the National University of La Plata in Argentina, earning his medical degree in 1971. He then practiced vascular radiology at the San Martin University. He joined the University Of Texas Health Sciences Department Of Radiology in 1983 as chief of angiogra-



Dr. Julio Cesar Palmaz

phy and special procedures of vascular radiology at University of Texas Health Science Center at San An-

Palmaz invented the first FDA-approved balloon-expandable vascular stent (1990), at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio and scientific advisor of Vactronix Scientific. The Palmaz stent is on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington. He has 60 patents

He succeeded in creating a his first prototype model that he was able to test in animals, including pigs and rabbits, with

promising results; he also began shopping the device around to medical companies, but the response was lukewarm.

In 1983, Dr. Stewart Reuter, Chair of Radiology at UTHSCSA and a mentor to Palmaz, encouraged him

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

C. E. King High School **Celebrates Students Awarded**



Ten students at C. E. King High School have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. The academic honors for rural area, Black, Indigenous, and/or Latino students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent.

The following have been awarded:

Alma Rodriguez - National Hispanic Recognition Award

Angel Caldera - National Hispanic Recognition Award

Arielle Monuma-Antoine - National African American Recognition Award Briseis Montelongo - National Hispanic Recognition Award

Cienna Ferguson - National African American Recognition Award

Evelyn Perez - National Hispanic Recognition Award

Joshua Cruz - National Hispanic Recognition Award Katherin Leija - National Hispanic Recognition Award

Manuel Sorto - National Hispanic Recognition Award

"We're thrilled to celebrate our students and recognize them for the great work they've been doing. We're proud of their strong academic performance in the classroom and on College Board assessments like the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and AP® exams," said KHS Principal Mrs. Jillian Howard. "There's so much that makes our students unique, and receiving this honor reinforces this as an asset for their future."

The criteria for eligible students include:

*GPA of 3.5 or higher

*PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 assessment scores that are within the top 10% of assessment takers in each state for each award program or earned a score of 3 or higher on 2 or more AP Exams in 9th and 10th grade.

*Attend school in a rural area or small town, or identify as African American/ Black, Hispanic American/Latino, or Indigenous/Native.

Eligible students are invited to apply on BigFuture during their sophomore or junior year and are awarded at the start of the next school year in time to share their achievements in high school as they plan for the future. At the same time,



Sheldon ISD

Sheldon ISD Father Figures Participate in National Dads Take Your Child to School Day



Sheldon ISD male role models participated in walking their child to school on Friday, September 22. This district-wide event encourages parent engagement throughout schools in Sheldon ISD. Families were able to enter a drawing at their child's campus to win a party pack for the September 29 King High School Panther football home game. This event is part of the National Dads Take Your Child to School Day.

New Boys Mentoring club kicks off at King 9th Grade Campus



C.E. King 9th Grade Campus held its first meeting on September 19 for the newlyformed Boys to King Mentoring Club. Boys to King is focused on mentoring young men. Meetings will focus on goal setting, character development, confidence, dining etiquette, career exploration, proper dressing, and more. Sponsors are Roddrell Stewart, Chaz Hall, Michael Richard, Anthony Bruce, Jerald Bass, and Nicholas Rhoden.

KHS Students Showcase Career **Pathways for Middle School** Students at first Cluster Night



Sheldon ISD believes in providing career-building experiences at all levels and has created Cluster Night to provide a glimpse for middle school students to prepare career academy and pathway choices in high school. The first Cluster Night of the 2023-2024 school year was held September 19 and featured programs including Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, Manufacturing, and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. Students and parents from C.E. King High School and

both Null Middle School and King Middle School attended to see their students showcase the myriad of technical skills they are gaining, along with middle school students gaining knowledge concerning the programs they would like to study once in high school. Attendees created finger mums, conducted vital signs on small and large animals, performed tire pressure checks, and welded crosses using horseshoes.

Cluster Night offers a

picture of the wide variety of skills students are learning and able to immediately use while in high school and beyond. Students walk away with industry based certifications, work-based learning experiences and college hours. Additionally, parents, students and the community can hopefully gain a better understanding of the importance of Career and Technical Education offered in Shel-

The next Career Cluster Night will be held Novem-

Carroll Elementary Celebrates Dot Day on September 15

Carroll Elementary celebrates Dot Day! Based on Peter H. Reynold's book "The Dot", Dot Day is all about getting creative and letting your inspiration guide you to craft and create new things. Carroll Colts were able to participate in library Storybook STEM lessons, infusing STEM with Dot Day.



CHARLOTTE'S

By Charlotte Jackson



Elections Matter

re you a registered voter? Is your address correct on your Voter Registration record? There are statistics that show Americans will vote in national elections for the President while they do not vote in the local School Board Elections. With so many of the readers of this column, not living in the Houston city limits, they may not realize how important the upcoming November 7th election truly is. There are a number of propositions in the ballot that will bring changes to our lives.

Somewhere over the past twenty to forty years, many adults have forgotten how important elections are. I often read about what is wrong in the community, the school districts, the state and the nation, but rarely do I see people taking action. History tells us that there was a time when Americans took pride in researching the issues, getting up and heading to the voting polls and even taking their children and grandchildren with them to cast their votes.

My mother taught me that if you are going to make a difference, you must get involved. If there was a Veteran with a need, not only was she on the phone to Commissioner Jim Fonteno's office but she was reaching out to Congressman Gene Green's staff demanding help for the Veteran. She took the time to visit the Houston Veteran's Hospital and weekly, you could find her along with other women from various Catholic churches hosting Bingo Parties for the Veterans. (I also have to say this is why she influenced me to sign up to volunteer the summers that I was fifteen and sixteen in the research area of the hospital.)

In 1985 after our community like much of Texas saw an influx of people moving here from the northern states, we saw a need for a centralized food pantry. This was also perhaps the first time our community saw people arriving without having a job to go to or a place to live. We saw "tent cities" along the riverbanks on Highway 90 as well as people sleeping in their cars. Many of the local churches were seeing newcomers showing up for a hot meal or groceries. Quickly, congregations learned that instead of having multiple pantries, it would be more beneficial to open one centralized location where records could be kept so that it would eventually lead to being able to write grants and help more people. In the mid 1980's there were thirteen churches who sent representatives to meet, plan and implement what would later be known as North Channel Assistance Ministries. My mother was the representative from St Andrew Catholic Church and again, she learned valuable information on how to connect with our elected leaders. For many years NMAC has made a difference for many individuals and families.

With the number of newcomers as well as the closing of Armco Steel, Anchor Hocking, and other large employers, there was a need for retraining as well as additional jobs. Together, the elected officials met with what was then Texas Employment Commission, San Jacinto College and local employers to see how everyone could work together to help people find jobs.

I have shared all of this to remind readers that every election matters. We must stay involved so that when we have a need, the elected officials can put a name with a face and provide help to the community. If you need to change your address or to register to vote, please contact me at 832-896-1633.

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Yellow Jackets Lose to Texas City,

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but didn't break on Galena Park's first three possessions.

If the Jackets ever develop a passing game then I think they'll move consistently into the top of their district.

Jackets offense, 155 yards rushing and 34 yards passing. With a tricky run or pass offense the Stingarees had 163 rushing yards and 147 passing. The passing game made the difference.

The Jackets defense played hard as always and kept the game within reach with a 14 - 0 score at halftime. The defense was on the field too much and eventually tired to where the Stings excelled on passing and running.

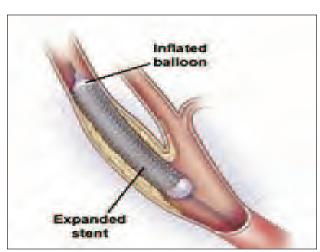
This is the second season since they were moved into the highly competitive district and having to compete with some of the top teams in the state.

The Yellow Jackets have a 2-2 record and on Thursday, September 28th @ 7pm they travel to Fort Bend Willowridge High School at Hall Stadium to play the Eagles with a 2-1 record.

Scoring by quarter:						
	1	2	3	4	Final	
Galena Park	0	0	0	0	0	
Texas City	7	7	21	0	35	

Hispanic Heritage Stent Inventor,

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to accept a position at the center. Palmaz did so, in part because there he would have access to resources he needed to further his stentdevelopment. He eventually succeeded in creating a second prototype of a stainless steel, insertable mesh stent that could be expanded once inside the body to hold a blood vessel or artery open and allow blood to flow more freely.

He also secured funding from a somewhat unlikely partner: Phil Romano, an entrepreneur who founded restaurant chains such as Fuddruckers and The Macaroni Grill, offered to put up \$250,000 in exchange for a stake in the product, which Palmaz began co-developing with Dr. Richard Schatz, a cardiologist at Brooke Army Medical Center.

The trio, calling themselves the Expandable Graft Partnership, patented the stent technology in 1985 and presented it to a variety of large companies. Those firms included Boston Scientific, which passed on the technology; and Johnson & Johnson, which eventually licensed the stent technology for some \$10 million plus royalties. With Johnson & Johnson behind it, and with an additional \$100 million invested in its development, the Palmaz stent was approved for use

in peripheral arteries in 1991, followed by approval for use in coronary arteries in 1994; Johnson & Johnson quickly captured 90 percent of the market for stents and bought the patent outright from Palmaz, Schatz and Romano Within four years of its

FDA approval in 1990, the balloon-expandable stent was used in over 80% of percutaneous coronary interventions, a virtually unparalleled success. Currently approximately one million stents are implanted annually worldwide. The balloon angioplasty augmented with the use of the stent has become the preferred treatment for atherosclerosis.

Dr. Palmaz was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame (2006) and National Academy of Inventors (2013) and selected for the Gold medal (2007) of the Society of Interventional Radiology. He is a Distinguished Scientist and fellow of the American Heart Association and fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering and Society of Interventional Radiology.

Palmaz is married to fellow Argentine Amalia Palmaz and has two children, Florencia and Christian. He lives in San Antonio and Napa.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "How Old are Natural Mined Diamonds?"



Most mined diamonds are formed at high temperature and pressure at depths of 140 to 190 kilometers (87 to 118 mi) in the Earth's mantle. Carbon-containing minerals provide the carbon source, and the growth occurs over periods from 1 billion to 3.3 billion years (25% to 75% of the age of the Earth). Diamonds are brought close to the Earth's surface through deep volcanic eruptions by magma, which cools into igneous rocks known as kimberlites and lamproites.

Diamonds have been treasured as gemstones since their use as religious icons in ancient India. Their usage in engraving tools also dates to early human history. The popularity of diamonds has risen since the 19th century because of increased supply, improved cutting and polishing techniques, growth in the world economy, and innovative and successful advertising campaigns.

The most familiar uses of diamonds today are as gemstones used for adornment, a use which dates back into antiquity, and as industrial abrasives for cutting hard materials. The dispersion of white light into spectral colors is the primary gemological characteristic of gem diamonds. In the 20th century, experts in gemology developed methods of grading diamonds and other gemstones based on the characteristics most important to their value as a gem. Four characteristics, known informally as the four Cs, are now commonly used as the basic descriptors of diamonds: these are *carat* (its weight), *cut* (quality of the graded according to proportions, symmetry and polish), color (how close to white or colorless; for fancy diamonds how intense is its hue), and *clarity* (how free is it from <u>inclusions</u>). A large, flawless diamond is known as a paragon.

Not all diamonds found on Earth originated on Earth. Primitive interstellar meteorites were found to contain carbon possibly in the form of diamond. A type of diamond called <u>carbonado</u> that is found in South America and Africa may have been deposited there via an asteroid impact (not formed from the impact) about 3 billion years ago. These diamonds may have formed in the intrastellar environment, but as of 2008, there was no scientific consensus on how carbonado diamonds originated.

Misconception about diamonds forming from compressed coal

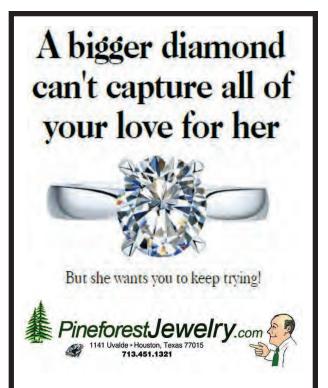
Few diamonds are formed from highly compressed coal. More than 99% of diamonds ever mined have formed in the conditions of extreme heat and pressure about 90 miles (140 km) below the Earth's surface. Coal is formed from prehistoric plants buried much closer to the surface and is unlikely to migrate below 2 miles (3.2 km) through common geological processes. Most diamonds that have been dated are older than the first land plants and are therefore older than coal. It is possible that diamonds can form from coal in subduction zones and in meteoroid impacts, but diamonds formed in this way are rare, and the carbon source is more likely carbonate rocks and organic carbon in sediments, rather than coal. To learn even more about diamonds, come see the incredible selection of loose diamonds and diamond jewelry at Pineforest Jewelry.

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OPINION PAGE

☑ UPDATES FROM ☑ WALLEWORLD

How to send \$1 Billion to Texas State Parks

Now that summer's worst heat is waning, Texans' thoughts turn to the outdoors — to escaping the pressures of everyday life and sharing an adventure together as a family. But that can be expensive.

For a family of four, the cost of a vacation out of state or far from home is often too high to justify. As I was growing up in Houston, my family couldn't possibly afford plane tickets for all of us to travel for leisure.

We were, however, able to load up our car and drive the 300 miles to Garner State Park, near my abuela's hometown of Sabinal. There, my abuela waded into the river, my uncles fished until the sun went down, and we kids ran around until the summer heat wore us out and we fell asleep under the stars.



State Representative Armando Walle with his family enjoying an outing at

Now, I have a family of my own and am fortunate enough to have the means to take my kids on vacation about once a year.

But we still treasure the weekends where we pack the car with sleeping bags and coolers and head to Lake Livingston State Park or Stephen F. Austin State Park — places where my family and I can disconnect from the everyday and reconnect to each other.

We aren't the only ones. Between our state's booming population and the increasing use of public parks in the last few years, Texans desperately need more places to get outside.

During the 88th Legislative Session, I authored bipartisan legislation with Sen. Tan Parker to invest \$1 billion in the newly created Centennial Parks Conservation Fund, which would support the expansion and development of state parks across Texas. We worked hard to pass the bill with a broad coalition of bipartisan support.

Now, the Legislature has earmarked the money for it already. We just need Texans to give us the final stamp of approval.

This November, during the Nov. 6 general election, voters will make decisions on 14 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. Proposition 14, the last one on the ballot, supports the creation of the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund.

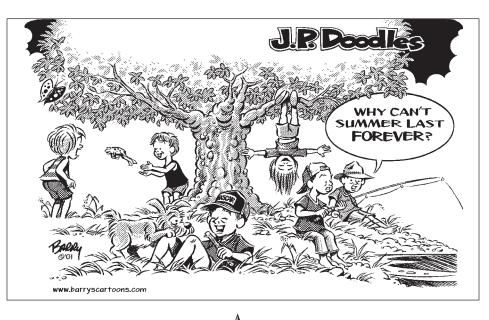
State parks aren't only about recreation. The 89 sites in Texas' state parks system have been an economic boon for surrounding communities. Recent studies estimate that for every \$1 in public money spent on parks, the state sees between \$4 and \$12 in economic return. These impacts are particularly felt in rural areas, where counties with state parks see higher GDP and population growth than those without.

With \$1 billion, the possibilities for state parks are nearly limitless. The fund grants the Parks and Wildlife Department the ability to acquire and preserve acres and acres of new land, but it is also designed to reinvest interest earned on the initial capital.

A transformational investment like this in our parks system is a promise to preserve our state's natural heritage for generations to come. But it is also a promise to all Texans that everyone — no matter who they are or where they live — deserves a place to explore and to play.

Rep. Armando Walle is serving his eighth term in the Texas House representing District 140, which includes northern portions of the city of Houston and unincorporated Harris County.





STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Gary Borders**

Another Special Legislative Session Slated for October

Gov. Greg Abbott has called a third special session, this time about school choice, for next month. He is promising retribution for lawmakers who oppose his move to enact school vouchers in Texas, the Texas Tribune report-

"There's an easy way to get it done, and there's a hard way," Abbott said on a tele-town hall about the issue. "We will take it either way — in a special session or after an election." Abbott essentially threatened to find primary opponents for legislators who oppose his initiative, which failed to gain traction during the regular session as a coalition of Democrats and Republicans representing rural districts opposed it.

His proposal would give parents taxpayer dollars to send their children to private schools. Opponents say this would harm public school systems, particularly in rural areas where choices for private schools are limited.

PAXTON HINTS AT RUN AGAINST CORNYN IN 2026

Just days after being acquitted on impeachment charges by the Texas Senate. reinstated Attorney General Ken Paxton hit the airwaves of several conservative media outlets and hinted of a possible run against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in 2026.

The Houston Chronicle reported on a Paxton interview with Tucker Carlson on X, formerly known as Twitter. Paxton said that "somebody needs to step up and run against this guy that will do the job."

"To me, he's been in Washington too long. He's been there, what, for 14 years or so? And I can't think of a single thing he's accomplished for our state or even for the country," Paxton said.

In a separate interview, Paxton said he will be "on the campaign trail" to back GOP primary opponents of three House members who were key to his impeachment: House Speaker Dade Phelan and Reps. Andrew Murr of Junction and Jeff



Leach of Plano.

"I'm highly motivated," the Austin American-Statesman quoted Paxton as say-

Paxton still faces state security fraud charges filed in 2015. He is due to go to trial next March and is also under federal investigation.

DEADLINE NEARS FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE ON NOV. 7

Texans will decide the fate of 14 proposed constitutional amendments on Nov. 7. The deadline to register to vote in that election is Oct. 10 for those who are not already registered. The proposed amendments include measures to increase the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000, with homeowners 65 and older getting an additional \$40,000 exemption. Other proposals would cap increased in appraised value and expand exemptions for small businesses from the

franchise tax. Abbott and other backers of the bills passed in a summer special session called these measures the largest property tax cut in Texas history.

Early voting begins on Oct. 23 and ends Nov. 3, according to the Texas Secretary of State's office.

TEXAS CALLED 'HOTBED OF

groups, according to the Texas Tribune. The report examines three years of "alarming levels of extremist ideology and activity" in the state. Antisemitic incidents in the state rose by 89% and six "terrorist plots" were discovered, along with 28 "extremist events" such as training and rallies, according to the report.

The ADL suggested some nonpartisan policies to stem growing extremism, such as creating a commission to study domestic violent extremism and providing clear statistics on hate crimes.

"Elected officials in Texas have an opportunity to confront this issue to significantly curtail the negative impact that extremism has on the people they represent," Oren Segal, vice president of the ADL's Center on Extremism, said in a statement.

FINANCIAL LOSSES FROM **OPIOID CRISIS ARE STAGGERING**

In a monthlong series of stories about the fentanyl crisis, The Dallas Morning News determined through an analysis by The Perryman Group that the economic toll of the opioid crisis in Texas includes \$50.1 billion in economic output each year and more than a half-million

"As large as these numbers are, they likely understate the true impact," economist Ray Perryman said. "It's widely acknowledged that drug addiction is underreported."

His group pulled data from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and prevention and other health agencies for its analysis.

A new law requires all emergency medical responders to report drug overdoses to health authorities in an effort to map overdoses and hopefully identify overdose hotspots. All Texas law enforcement officers are being given NARCAN, which quickly reverses opioid overdoses, according to Abbott's office.

COWTOWN NAMED CITY

A newsroom meteorologist with the San Antonio Express-News is not likely to win the keys to the city of Fort Worth after completing a study to determine which major city in Texas has the worst weather. The "winner" was Fort Worth, according to Anthony Franze.

Franze looked at hail, tornado, flash flood and wind data since 2000 for the five most populous counties.

"Based on all the different categories we looked at, the major city with the most consistent destructive severe weather is Fort Worth," Franze wrote. "Since 2000, Tarrant County has had the most hail reports and it's in an area most prone to destructive tornadoes. Tarrant County has also had 121 destructive wind reports during that time, the most of any major Texas city."

Carrie Classon

Talking to Strangers

I got anxious again today. I think I am getting better at leaving anxiety behind, and then anxiety says, "Not so fast! We have more work to dO."

Usually, this has to do with my writing: "Is it good enough? Does she hate it?" But not always. Sometimes I will post something on Facebook, and someone will take offense. Since I make an effort to never post anything controversial or unkind, this always shocks me and makes me wonder if I have any idea how I sound when I write. Since writing is pretty much all I do, this concern starts to bang around in my brain like a kitten knocking things off the shelf.

"What was I thinking?" I wonder. But I don't actually remember thinking anything at all. I will make comments I imagine are helpful or clarifying, and end up offending someone and wondering why I did not just remain silenT.

The best thing to do at this point is to take a walk.

On my walk, I usually encounter a few homeless people. The Catholic Church nearby feeds them and provides other services, so there are usually a handful of folks, who have some kind of problem that I have never had to deal with, waiting in the summer heat or the winter cold for the doors to open so they can get the help they need. I talk to these folks as I walk by. Some of them ignore me. Most of them smile and return the greeting.

But occasionally, I meet someone who just stares at me, like, "What is her story?"

And the funny thing about this is that they assume I have one.

"It's going to be cooler tomorrow!" I announced yesterday to a gentleman sitting on the steps. Only as I got closer did I notice he had his head under his T-shirt. He pulled it out when he heard

"It's going to be really cool," I repeated to the confused-looking fellow. "Much cooler than normal!"

He stared at me as if I was speaking in code. I could tell that—whatever he thought of me-he assumed I knew what I was talking about. He thought I had it together. He had no way of knowing how many days I wondered if hiding under my own T-shirt might not be the best strate-

I realized by then that he had some cognitive problem, but I felt I needed to wrap up the conversation anyway-just for the sake of po-

"So, you take care, OK?" I waved and headed off, realizing I had just embarrassed myself in front of a man who was hiding under his own T-shirt.

We are all making up stories for one another without knowing what the real story

The story I make up for myself when I am anxious is that I am failing—somehow, somewhere—and no one has told me how or why. But I have no idea why that man was hiding under his T-shirt, and I'm betting his reasons were a lot better than mine.

By now I know that my anxiety is a mood, that it will pass. As uncomfortable and demanding as it is in the moment, it is almost impossible to remember after the fact. Walking helps. And talking to people—even folks who seem a little confused—helps

It is cooler today—just as I promised the fellow on the steps it would be. I am going to put on my shoes right now and talk to some strangers.

Till next time, Carrie





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Michael Edward Samford

Hawthorn Funeral Home announces the passing of Mr. Michael Edward Samford. He was born on July 7, 1947, in Nacogdoches, Texas to Edward Samford and Mildred Crawford. He passed from this life on September 21, 2023, in Carthage.



He is survived by his wife, Linda Samford, daughter; Melissa Spiller and husband Matt, and Katy Joy Samford; granddaughters, Brianna and Hadley.

The family has elected to have a private family gathering in lieu of a traditional memorial service.

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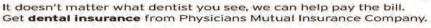
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WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The <u>HARRIS COUNTY W.C.I.D.</u> #36 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on <u>October 10, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.</u> at <u>903 Hollywood, Houston, TX 77015</u>. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: Ronald Holder, Gerardo Parra, Maria Koukoulakis,

Eddie Cantu, Tammy Eason

AGAINST the proposal: None PRESENT and not voting: None ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	Last Year \$.26670/\$100	This Year \$.23830/\$100	
Difference in retea per \$100 of value	Adopted \$ 0.02944	Proposed	
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$-0.02840/\$100		
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-10.64%		
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 105,429	\$ 115,921	
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 21,086	\$ 23,184	
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 84,343	\$ 92,737	
Tax on average residence homestead Annual increase/decrease in taxes if	\$ 224.94	\$ 220.99	
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$ -3.1 -1.1	95 75%	

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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North Shore Beats Timberwolves,

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the quarterback on passing attempts.

Scorers: D'Andre Hardeman (3), Christopher Barnes (2), Terrence Guillory (1), Joshua Williams (1). Extra points kicked: Jonathan Soto (6) Daniel Cruz (1). Soto has a perfect kicking record in extra points and field goals this season. Kaleb Bailey

passed for 2 TD's.

Willie Gaston, Mustangs Head Coach saw enough from his starters with a 42-0 halftime score that he was able to pull them and let them rest for their next game against the CE King Panthers. Both have a perfect 4-0 record and it may well be the game to decide the dis-

trict championship, not to leave out the other district contender, the Atascocita Eagles who are 4-0. Linda Jamail game statistician and photographer.

North Shore travels to CE King Panthers Stadium Friday at 7PM Septem-



North Shore Team Captains: L – R: #37-Bryan Sanders, #84-Tyler Johnson, #16-Noah Warner and #73-Jordan Lane (Photo by Linda Jamail)



2023 Mustangs team take the field in district opener. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Scoring by quarter:								
	1	2	3	4	Final			
Mustangs	21	21	7	0	49			
Timberwolves	0	0	0	7	7			

Mustangs #18 Charles Ross & # 43 Nicholas Goins sack Beaumont United quarterback #11 Gilbert Anderson III. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The <u>HARRIS COUNTY W.C.I.D.</u> #84 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on <u>October 10, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.</u> at <u>15900 Bear Bayou Drive, Channelview, TX</u>. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal:

Tomas Fernandez, Allen Hall, Bud Mills, Curtis Seale, and Mario Martinez

AGAINST the proposal:

None

None

ABSENT:

None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year		
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.45500/\$100	\$.41000/\$100		
	Adopted	Proposed		
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$-0.04500/\$100			
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-9.89%			
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 223,720	\$ 246,565		
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 0	\$ 0		
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)				
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 223,720	\$ 246,565		
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,017.92	\$ 1,010.91		
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if				
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ -7.	01		
and percentage of increase (+/-)	-,-	68%		

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SPORTS PAGE

SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 5

Aggies, Razorbacks meet in SEC tilt at Jerry World: Steelers come calling against Texans at NRG Stadium

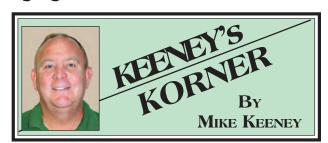
college football teams across the country as the major conferences enter league play as they begin playing games that really matter.

Texas A&M and Arkansas meet in a key SEC contest at AT&T Stadium in Arlington on Saturday with Jimbo Fisher's team hoping to get on a roll in league play. The Aggies finished 2-1 in nonconference play and appear to have found a big-play quarterback in sophomore Conner Weigman. In his first three games of the season, Weigman has passed for 909 yards and eight touchdowns. Weigman should have another good day against a suspect Razorback defense, but it's the A&M defense that will get tested against an Arkansas offense that can throw it and run it very well.

While the Aggies and Razorbacks go at it in Jerry World, No. 9ranked Notre Dame hits the road to take on No. 19-ranked Duke in what should be an entertaining game. This game will feature two solid QBs in ND's Sam Hartman and Duke's dual threat QB Riley Leonard.

No. 3-ranked Texas hosts the offensive-minded Kansas Jayhawks and you had better believe that head coach Steve Sarkisian will not take the Jayhawks lightly. Two years ago KU won in Austin, 57-56. The Longhorns know they cannot afford a slip up if they hope to get into the College Football Playoff picture.

The Colorado Buffalos and head coach Deion Sanders have been the surprise team of college football this year. After winning just one game in 2022, Coach Prime Time has led the Buffs to three straight wins to start the season, but things get decidedly more difficult from here on out. Last week CU played at No. 10-ranked Oregon and this Saturday they host No. 5-ranked USC and the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, Caleb Williams. Coach Prime's team still has to face ranked teams in Oregon State, Washington State and Utah. Let's see how things go for him and his high-scoring Buffs from here on out. No matter what happens down the road, Colorado has been one of the best stories in college football this year. The Buffs may stumble



they take on the No. 9-ranked

explosive ND offense, led by

Fighting Irish on Saturday. The Duke

defense will get a real test against an

quarterback Sam Hartman (1,061

yards, 13 TDS/0 interceptions),

running back Audric Estime (521

yards, 5 TDs) and wide receivers

5 TDs) and Jayden Thomas (12

Chris Tyree (8 receptions, 216 yards,

receptions, 188 vards, 1 TD), Duke

has one of the better dual threat QBs

in the country in Riley Leonard (530

weapons of his own in running back

Jordan Waters (240 yards, 5 TDs)

receptions, 142 yards, 1 TD). This

should be a fun game to watch, but

look for ND's overall speed on both

sides of the ball to wear down Duke

Dame 38. Duke 24

as ND pulls it out late. My pick, Notre

Kansas at Texas: No. 3-ranked

Texas hosts the explosive Kansas

Jayhawks in a key Big 12 game for

both teams. Two years ago, Kansas

shocked the Longhorns and first-

year head coach Steve Sarkisian,

57-56 in Austin. Two years later,

he knows his Longhorns cannot

afford to look past any team from

here on out. Two weeks ago, UT

scored 21 fourth-quarter points to

pull away from a game Wyoming

team on the way to a 31-10 win in

of QB Quinn Ewers (740 yards, 8

TDs) and running back Jonathon

Banks (273 yards, 1 TD). But it's the

receiving corps that has made the

Texas offense a beast, led by wide

receptions, 221 yards, 2 TDs) and

Adonai Mitchell (9 receptions, 134

receivers Xavier Worthy (16

yards, 3 TDs) and tight end

Austin. UT has gotten solid play out

Sark has built a CFP contender and

and wide receiver Jalon Calhoun (14

passing yards, 1 TD/208 rushing

yards, 3 TDs). Riley has some

here and there, but they've got enough firepower on offense to make things interesting for the remainder of the season.

In the NFL, the Texans host Pittsburgh on Sunday at noon at NRG Stadium. The last time these two teams met on Christmas Day in 2017. Steeler fans flooded NRG. I know, because I was there. It had to be 70 percent Pittsburgh fans, but then again, the Texans finished 4-12 that season and lost rookie QB Deshaun Watson to a knee injury in November. Let's hope there's better representation from the local fans come Sunday.

It could be another long day for the Texans if they don't shore up the offensive line. Injuries have decimated the line and the Steelers pass rush should be licking its chops heading into this one.

In other interesting games in Week 4, Detroit visits Green Bay on Thursday Night Football in a key NFC North contest, while the Cowboys host a struggling New England team (Bill Belichick's team lost its first two games), Kansas City visits the Jets on Sunday Night Football and Seattle visits the Giants on Monday Night Football.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review last week's record. A 7-5 week brought the season record to 14-12 (54%). Now, onto this weekend's

Notre Dame at Duke: Notre Dame travels to Durham, N.C. to take on a feisty Duke team that already owns an upset win over Clemson. The Blue Devils are going hunting for another big win when

Ja'Tavion Sanders (7 receptions, 158 yards, 1 TD). Kansas has some weapons of its own in veteran QB Jalon Daniels (575 yards, 2 TDs), running back Devin Neal (303 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Lawrence Arnold (14 receptions, 212 yards). Look for the Jayhawks to give Texas a game, but the UT defense will be the difference maker in this one as Texas continues to roll. My pick, Texas 36. Kansas 23 Texas A&M vs. Arkansas: The

Aggies and Razorbacks meeting at AT&T Stadium in Arlington in a key SEC West game for both teams. Two weeks ago, the Aggies took care of business at Kyle Field with a 44-3 thumping of Louisiana-Monroe, while the Hogs lost at home to BYU. A&M has a strong passing game led by QB Conner Weigman (909 yards, 8 TDS) and big-play wide receivers Evan Stewart (19 receptions, 257 yards, 2 TDs) and Anias Smith (13 receptions, 194 yards). Arkansas is led by QB KJ Jefferson (629 yards, 6 TDs), running back AJ Green (190 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Andrew Armstrong (18 receptions, 197 yards, 3 TDs). A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher knows he needs to be competitive in the SEC West this year or his seat could get warm. Look for the Aggies to pull this one out as they pick up a big league win. My pick, Texas A&M 33, Arkansas

USC at Colorado: No. 5-ranked USC travels to Boulder to take on No. 19-ranked Colorado in a key Pac 12 contest for both teams. The Buffs have been the darlings of college football this year led by first-year head coach Deion Sanders. Two weeks ago, Colorado pulled out a 43-35 double overtime win over state rival Colorado State, while USC breezed to their third straight blowout win with a 56-10 thrashing of Stanford. The Trojans are led by 2022 Heisman Trophy winner Caleb Williams (878 passing yards, 12 TDs), running back Marshawn Lloyd (195 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Tahj Washington (9 receptions, 233 vards, 3 TDs). USC is averaging an eye-popping 59 points per game. which means the CU defense will have its hands full come Saturday. The Buffs have a powerful offense led by Deion's son, Shedeur Sanders (1,251 passing yards, 10 TDs), running back Dylan Edwards (136 rushing yards, 1 TD/14 receptions, 160 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Xavier Weaver (25 receptions, 386 yards, 2 TDs). This

will be USC's first real test and I think CU hangs with them for a while, but look for Williams to be the difference maker in this one as the Trojans pick up a big road win. My pick, USC 42, Colorado 31

Detroit at Green Bay: Week 4 kicks off on Thursday Night Football with a key NFC North contest pitting the Lions against the Packers at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Two weeks ago, both teams lost their first games of the year as the Lions fell at home in overtime to Seattle, 37-31, while the Packers fell at Atlanta, 25-24. Packer fans were wondering how Jordan Love would handle stepping into for Packer QB great Aaron Rodgers' shoes and taking over at QB. So far, so good. In his first two games, Love has passed for 394 yards and six TDs. The Lions opened the season by upsetting the Chiefs in KC, but then had their home opener spoiled by the Seahawks. Detroit has a potent offense led by QB Jared Goff (576 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (13 receptions 173 yards, 1 TD). Detroit eliminated the Packers from the playoffs by winning at Lambeau in the final game of the season and Rodgers' final game as a Packer. Green Bay will get pay back come Thursday night. My pick, Green Bay 31, Detroit

Pittsburgh at Houston: The Steelers and their loyal fans come calling at NRG Stadium on Sunday and the Texans had better hope their offensive line plays better or it could be a long day for rookie QB C.J. Stroud. In their first two games, the Steeler defense has nine sacks, with six coming in their 26-22 win over Cleveland two weeks ago. The Steeler "D" also forced four turnovers in the win over the Browns. Their offense is so-so, led by second-year QB Kenny Pickett (454 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver George Pickens (9 receptions, 163 yards, 1 TD). Stroud (626 yards, 2 TDs) did pass for 384 yards and two TDs in the 31-20 loss at home against the Colts, and while the passing game did well, the running game was once again stymied. Houston must get running back Dameon Pierce untracked to take pressure off of Stroud. It could be another long day for the young QB on Sunday. My pick, Pittsburgh 26, Houston 17

New England at Dallas: Bill

Belichick's Patriots visit AT&T Stadium on Sunday to take on a Dallas defense that has gotten off to an amazing start. In their first two games, the Cowbovs defense has allowed just 10 points, recorded 10 sacks and has forced nine turnovers. The Patriots dropped their first two games, but QB Mac Jones (547 yards, 4 TDs) appears to be playing better after a sophomore slump. The Dallas offense is led by QB Dak Prescott (398 yards, 2 TDs), running back Tony Pollard (142 yards, 1 TD) and wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (15 receptions, 220 yards). Look for the Dallas defense to have another big day as the Patriots suffer another early-season loss. My pick, Dallas 33. New England 13 Kansas City at New York Jets:

The Chiefs take on the Jets on Sunday Night Football in what many had hoped would be a meeting between two of the best QBs in the league in Patrick Mahomes (531 yards, 4 Yds) and Aaron Rodgers. But Rodgers suffered a seasonending Achilles injury on the fourth play as a Jet in Week 1, to spoil what could have been a very special night. Instead, Mahomes and the Chiefs will now face Zac Wilson, who threw three interceptions two weeks ago in a 30-10 loss at Dallas. While the Jets were losing, the Chiefs picked up their first win with a hard-fought 17-9 win over Jacksonville. Look for Mahomes to roll on national TV as the Chiefs make it a long night for Wilson and the Jets. My pick, Kansas City 34, New York Jets 16

Seattle at New York Giants: Week 4 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Seahawks making the cross country trip to New Jersey to face a Giants team that might have saved its season in Week 2 by overcoming a 21-point deficit at Arizona to win 31-28. That victory was a costly one as star running back Saquon Barkley (114 yards. 1 TD) sustained a sprained ankle and will be out at least three weeks. That means QB Daniel Jones (321 yards, 2 TDs) will need to step up and take over the offense. Seattle put up 37 points at Detroit behind QB Geno Smith (440 yards, 3 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (107 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receivers D.K Metcalf (9 receptions, 92 yards) and Tyler Lockett (10 receptions, 69 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the Seattle offense to be too much for a porous New York defense as the 'Hawks pick up a big road win. My pick, Seattle 31, New York Jets 24

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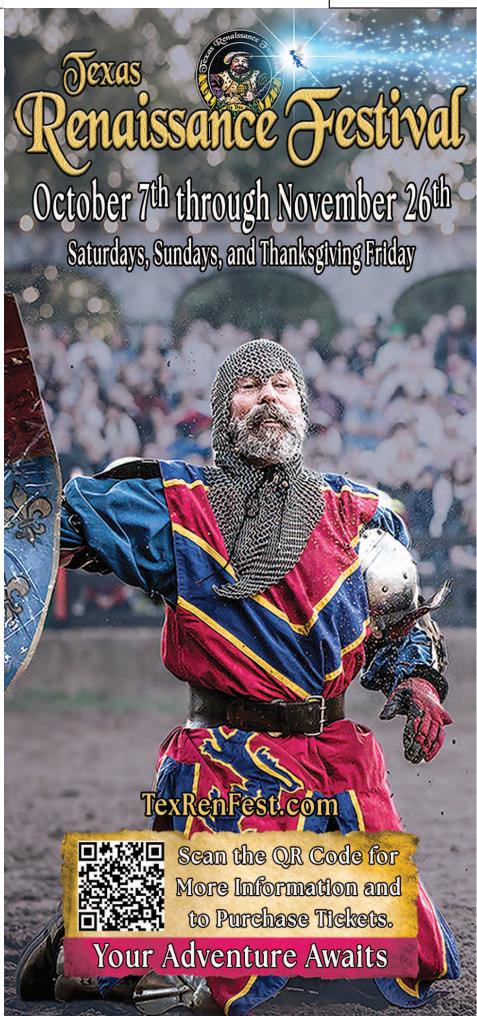




Rotary Club of North Shore

September 14 at 4:13 PM

Mr. Gary Watt, Head Docent from the Lone Star Flight Museum, was our guest speaker today. He shared with us interesting as well as historical information regarding the AZTEC EAGLES, who were our Mexican Allies in the Pacific during WWII. Accompanying Mr. Watt, is Mr. Bob Whenert, a 97 year old WWII veteran, who was a top turret gunner. He and his ten man crew served in a B-24 Liberator, heavy bomber, and flew twenty five successful missions in Europe. If you haven't ever been to the Lone star flight Museum you should consider making the short trip. https://lonestarflight.org/





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