



Rotarians Lucero Martinez, Fernando Jimenez, Governor Heather Rimato of District 5890, Cecy, Ken Wimbley and Maria Cortez are a few of the many Rotarians that helped fund and implement the International project. See STORY below.

# NORTH CHANNEL

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### CHANNEL CURRENTS

#### CHIC meeting Oct. 26

Channelview HIC will hold a regular meeting Thursday night, Oct. 26 at 6:30pm at the Channelview Fire Station 3, 1210 Dell Dale. PROGRAM: Pct. 3 Constable on Environmental Unit work; and David Leffler of Public Health Watch on Industrial Pollution.

Also representatives from Pct. 2 and Pct. 3, Pollution Control, and HCSO.

#### North Channel 'Salutes' set for Nov. 2nd

North Channel Chamber Annual Business EXPO and Health Fair.

Thursday, November 2nd 10am to 2pm at Armentia's Reception Hall, 823 Sheldon Road, Channelview.

A 'Salute' to Veterans and First Responders. FREE Admission. Prize for Best Decorated Booth. Lunch served 11:30am. \$20 Lunch Ticket.

RSVP to [ysenia@ncchamber.com](mailto:ysenia@ncchamber.com), or 713-450-3600.

#### North Channel 47th Annual GALA Jan. 19

North Channel Chamber Annual Awards & Installation Gala, Friday Jan. 19, 2024. New Venue: Hyatt Regency Baytown.

6:30pm Reception  
7:00pm Dinner & Dance  
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## Local Rotary Clubs Boost International Projects

Torreón, Mexico, September 16, 2023 — Rotarians of the Galena Park and Jacinto City Club, along with those of North Shore, gathered at La Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila in Torreón, Mexico to unveil the university's latest tool to fight cancer.

In addition to Rotarians of Galena Park and Jacinto City and North Shore, those from Grapevine, Texas and Colleyville, Texas helped Torreón's Rotary Clubs raise nearly \$75,000 for the medical equipment. This machine sequences the genome of breast and other cancers. With this research, doctors will be able to target the source of a patient's cancer and implement targeted therapies.



ROTARIANS from North Shore and Galena Park/Jacinto City and other clubs gather at the University in Torreón Mexico.

Research scientist Dr. Jorge Haro Santa Cruz of Rotary Club of Torreón-Galena Park proposed this project. Rotary Club of Torreón-North Shore spearheaded fundraising

efforts, including applying for a global grant from the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation supports projects around the world in the following areas: basic education and literacy; community

economic development; disease prevention and treatment; maternal and child health; peacebuilding and conflict prevention; water, sanitation, and hygiene, and environment.

To learn more about the Rotary Club of Galena Park and Jacinto City, please visit <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3929/>. By Jennifer Ledwith

## Mustangs Remain Undefeated, Take Wildcats 38 – 24

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. ~ October 18, 2023 at the GPISD stadium head coach Willie Gaston's Eastside Boys had a game many would call a scrimmage game with the visiting Humble Wildcats football team. The Mustangs took the opening kickoff and in less than a minute they lit up the scoreboard on a 68 yard pass to Terrence Guilory from Kaleb Bailey.

North Shore (NS) scored at will in the air and on the ground with four different players. Scorers were: #26 Chris Thomas (2), D'Andre Hardeman (2), Cameron Smith (1) & Jonathan Soto 3 point field goal. He kept his perfect extra point and field goal kicking record in tact.

Mustangs quarterback



North Shore #58 Lamohnnie Jackson defensive lineman sacks Wildcats quarterback. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Kaleb Bailey completed 64 percent of his passes for 197 yards with two TD passes and leading the offense for 397 total yards.

The Eastside Boys have a penalty problem Coach Gaston must correct, they made 6 last game and 9 this game giving away 105 yards.

NS's starting defense remains solid, they shut-out the Wildcats until Gaston pulled them and let the backup defense take over. Linda Jamail statistician and photographer.

State ranked undefeated No. 2 North Shore (8-0, 5-0) will host the state ranked undefeated No. 7 Atascocita Eagles (8-0, 5-0) in a game that will de



Ms. Vivian Dancy, Athletic Director: 35 years at GPISD, 12 years North Shore basketball coach, 16 years Assist. Athletic Director & 7 years Athletic Director. She's normally on the sidelines or in the stands for many of the districts athletic contests. (Allan Jamail photo)

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## Rep. Ana Hernandez and local officials Recognize Houston Tool Bank



L - R: Britt Sudduth, Houston ToolBank Chairman of the Board, Justice of the Peace Victor Trevino III, State Representative Ana Hernandez (center), Pct. 6 Constable Silvia Trevino, Marly Maskill, Executive Director of HTB & John Byrd, Board Member of HTB. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. — October 14, 2023 — The Houston ToolBank (HTB) an organization that provides aide to the North Channel as well as all over Harris County received well deserved recognition from local elected officials.

Attending the HTB Tool Trot event at the Selena Quintanilla Perez

Denver Harbor Park were, State Representative Ana Hernandez, Justice of the Peace Victor Trevino III and Constable Silvia Trevino. Citizens from the North Channel area heard from the elected how much the HTB is appreciated for all the projects the tool bank makes possible when helping those in need. The HTB is located within their respective districts.

Rep. Hernandez presented Marly Maskill, Executive Director of HTB a Certificate of Recognition. The certificate commended the tool bank for its achievement of empowering community members in their development projects which makes people's lives better.

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## Early Voting starts October 23 through November 3

### Joint General & Special Elections

HARRIS COUNTY — Early voting for the November 7 Joint General & Special Elections begins Monday, October 23, and ends Friday, November 3. A total of **68 voting centers** will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day, except for Sunday, October 29, noon to 7 p.m.

"There are 14 state constitutional amendments and the Harris County Hospital District proposition," said **Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth**. "Only voters who live within the City of Houston's legal boundaries are eligible to vote in the Houston Mayoral and City Council races." For a sample ballot, see [HARRISVOTES.COM](http://HARRISVOTES.COM).



Voters within the City of Houston will be able to vote for Mayor and City Council. ABOVE, East Aldine Executive Director Richard Cantu is running for a seat on Houston City Council.

Enter the name, address, or Voter Unique Identifier (VUID) on your voter registration certificate to view all the contests and candidates.

Sample ballots are unique to an individual's

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# SHELDON ISD NEWS

## Sheldon Education Foundation Provides Incentive Room for students at KASE Academy



Thanks to a grant from the Sheldon ISD Education Foundation, KASE Academy staff were able to purchase materials to create a Panther Den for students. The Panther Den is used for students to take a break from studies to reset their minds throughout the day so learning can continue. The Education Foundation is a non-profit that exists to support Sheldon ISD teachers in the form of innovative teaching grants. To date, the Foundation has supported teachers with more than \$180,000 in teaching grants.

## Panther Band Advances to UIL Area Marching Contest



The King High School band received first division ratings, a Sweepstakes score, from all judges with their “Dark Canvas” performance at the UIL Region 33 Marching Contest on October 14. This advances the group to the UIL Area F Marching Contest which will be held October 21.

## Construction Begins at Null Middle School and Cravens Early Childhood Academy



Construction began and is ongoing at both the Null MS Expansion and Cravens ECA Addition Projects. Design for the New 9th and 10th Grade Center is ongoing progressing into the Design Development Stage.

The 2022 bond package is well underway. Last month, the school board selected the final renderings of the exterior facade for the 9th and 10th Grade Campus. Sheldon ISD is now moving forward with completing the Design Development drawing package. After the completion of design development, the final phase of construction documents will follow leading to contractor selection and eventual construction for an anticipated opening date in 2026.

The facility will be located adjacent to C.E. King High School. The design for capacity will accommodate an enrollment of approximately 2,500 9th and 10th students. The senior campus will serve 11th and 12th grade students, as well as all high school students enrolled in career and technical programs.

Construction has begun and is ongoing at both the Cravens Early Childhood Academy and Null Middle School Expansion Projects. The Cravens ECA will receive eight additional classroom spaces. The Null Middle School Expansion will receive ten. The additional classrooms will accommodate campus enrollment growth. Expected Completion for both projects is Summer 2024.

Additionally, a district-wide assessment has been completed for playground improvements. Some campuses will receive full replacement of playground equipment with the balance of campuses received repairs. At the September School Board meeting, the board approved replacement of all playground equipment for Carroll, Monahan, Royalwood and Sheldon Elementary Schools.

Sheldon has also purchased five additional school buses to accommodate student enrollment growth. Approximately one-third of the student population uses bus transportation to and from school. The district is in the process of conducting district wide facility assessments including roof repairs, fencing repairs, restroom repairs, repairs to marquee signage as well as updates to the agriculture barn.

Please follow along for pictures and updates on the 2022 Bond referendum at [www.sheldonisd.com/grow](http://www.sheldonisd.com/grow).

## KHS celebrates Homecoming and Pink Out



On Friday, October 13 King High School held its Homecoming game at Panther Stadium. The game was packed with recognitions, performances and more. King High School took the win against Beaumont United with a final score of 58-14. The pre-game show included recognition of the Homecoming Court, naming the King Rashad Berkel and Queen Kailynn Sanchez and honoring breast cancer survivors at the annual Pink Out game.

## Sheldon Hosts Game Day Live to recruit elementary students for secondary arts



On October 20, fifth graders across Sheldon ISD’s six elementary schools got a glimpse of the fine arts programs offered at the secondary level during a special Game Day Live presentation at Panther Stadium. Performances featured the King High School band, choir, drill team and ROTC programs. After watching the performance, fifth graders are encouraged to join a fine arts program as they plan and register for their sixth grade classes at King Middle School or Null Middle School. Middle school students can choose electives focused on the arts to include art, band, choir, dance and theater.

### Sheldon ISD Community Fall Festival Saturday, Oct 28

#### Sheldon Shuffle 5K & Fun Run Starts 7:30 a.m.

Sign Me Up!

Scan Me!

Check in 6:45 a.m.  
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5K Race Starts 7:45 a.m.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Respect

Weekends tend to be the busiest part of my life. On Saturday, I joined several hundred individuals to attend a Texas Department of Criminal Justice Summit. The purpose was to explain to the community with the various departments within the prison system. While there was some logistical confusion at the event, it presented an opportunity for community members to listen, learn and even volunteer within the prison system. As for me, it was an opportunity to thank the employees for what they do, which earned respect and an open ear. I explained that there are too many families who have no clue what to expect when someone is sentenced to prison and perhaps if the future they worked with some of the non-profit groups that help families, they could build bridges and each side could learn to respect each other, making the journey a little less stressful.

Later that evening, my granddaughters were looking for something to do over the weekend. We decided we should go out and support the City of Galena Park Fall Festival. I must say it has been years since I went to an event such as this. There were so many hometown vendors and so much food to taste. There were multitudes of families and neighbor enjoying the event. Mayor Moya welcomed the crowd and it was followed by live music.

The children enjoyed a variety of rides and activities. There was a large presence of Galena Park Police Officers and community members.

Over the past few years, I have heard some grumbling that people do not like some of the changes, but for someone like me who has not attended anything in years, I saw nothing but smiles and generations of individuals showing respect for each other. I do not recall seeing any trash on the ground as there were volunteers picking up trash continuously throughout the event.

On Sunday, I attended the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual St Andrew Catholic Church Bazaar and again, there was a large crowd and lots of smiles. The parishioners as well as guests were happy to see each other and you felt the love for the Channelview Community. Perhaps one of the highlights for the families was seeing Dr Tory Hill, Superintendent of Channelview ISD jumping up on stage to participate in a Zydeco Band. I heard children applauding him as if he were a special friend. During the several hours he manned a booth, representing the District, and children were drawn to him. He is truly a blessing to the community. You could not help but notice the mutual respect between Dr Hill and each family member.

I started the week off by going to participating in Early Voting. Again, met with respectful staff members and you felt pride in the room from those who were voting. Perhaps it was due to the average voter was over sixty, and was familiar with a time when we took voting seriously instead of trying to figure out who was the least of two evils running for an office. Fortunately, most of those voting at this location, live outside of the Houston City Limits and were there to cast votes on the propositions. One thing I missed by going early in the days was seeing children tagging along with their parents and grandparents to vote. That is it perhaps one of building stones that helps young people realize the importance of voting.

I do not believe any of us are too good to show respect for others and I believe we are all worthy of respect. We must learn to give and take and make a difference.

Houston Tool Bank Recognition,

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ter.

Hernandez said, “I was pleased to present a certificate of recognition to the Houston ToolBank in honor of their service to our community. The ToolBank helps empower communities by providing tools and equipment for volunteer and environmental maintenance projects.”

Executive Director Maskill said, “Thank you to State Representative Ana Hernandez for her ongoing support of the Houston ToolBank. We’re grateful for her partnership which guides us on our mission to equip our community with the tools to tackle the most ambitious goals.”

Britt Sudduth, Houston ToolBank Chairman of the Board said, “The Houston ToolBank is always striving to find new ways to positively affect our beautiful city and surrounding areas, whether through tool rentals, picnic table and desk donations for our schools, or restoration and revitalization projects in our neighborhoods. The Tool Trot event is a great way to raise funds to assist with our dynamic vision and mission.

John Byrd, Board Member of HTB said, “Working and volunteering with the Toolbank has given me the opportunity to see the impact of providing resources to motivated groups and individuals working to enhance and improve the greater Houston community.”

The Houston ToolBank serves community-based organizations by providing tools, equipment, and expertise to empower their most ambitious goals.

Since opening their doors in late 2014, the ToolBank has consistently increased their organizations’ capacity to make a difference. When putting high-quality tools in the hands of volunteers, members are able to do more for the community – whether through home repair, or charitable events. Since operations began, the Houston ToolBank has equipped 290,000+ volunteers across 1,100+ organizations to complete 23,000+ projects.

The HTB is located at: 1215 Gazin St, Houston, TX 77020 and is available by appointment only. Call 713-674-0262 with questions. Visit: [www.houstontoolbank.org](http://www.houstontoolbank.org)

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “How Do I hint about the Engagement ring I want?”

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Start with understanding your preference. Dive into the world of engagement rings, explore the diverse offerings at Pineforest Jewelry, and identify what resonates with your style. Remember, knowledge is the first step to acquiring that dream ring.

OPEN COMMUNICATION

One of the foundational pillars of any relationship is communication. Consider a gentle conversation about your future together, and maybe sprinkle in some thoughts about rings. A warm discussion over coffee can sometimes be more revealing than you’d expect. While browsing through magazines or social media, point out some exquisite jewelry designs that catch your eye. Discussing friends’ rings or spontaneously sharing a jewelry ad can drop just the right hint.

A Pinterest board can speak a thousand words! Create and share one with your favorite Jewelry pieces, subtly showcasing your tastes and preferences.

GO WINDOW SHOPPING TOGETHER

You could consider spending a day at the mall and exploring various jewelry stores. While browsing, casually admire your preferred design in one of the store windows. A little birdie (perhaps a close friend or family member) mentioning your love for a specific custom design might be the hint your partner needs.

WEAR JEWELRY THAT MIRRORS YOUR PREFERENCE

Let your accessories do the talking. Accentuate your daily outfits with jewelry pieces that mirror your desired engagement ring style. Whether it’s a particular metal, gemstone, or design you’re fond of, wearing pieces that reflect this can offer clear yet subtle hints. Engagement rings are steeped in symbolism and tales of love. Delve into nostalgic discussions about cherished family heirlooms or share moving “WOW Experience” stories from the Pineforest Jewelry site. Such conversations can subtly illuminate what you truly value in an engagement ring.

With Pineforest Jewelry’s dedication to a personalized customer experience, if you’re both open to it, consider choosing a placeholder ring. This grants you the joy of the proposal surprise and the subsequent adventure of co-designing your forever ring.

BE OPEN TO SURPRISES

While it’s great to hint, remember to stay open. Your partner and the expertise of Pineforest Jewelry’s team, armed with love and renowned expertise, might just choose a piece that perfectly encapsulates your essence.

CONCLUSION

Hinting at your ideal ring is a delicate dance between expressing your desires and cherishing the surprise. At the heart of it all, the ring is a symbol of love. And with Pineforest Jewelry’s commitment to quality and relationships, you’re in safe hands.

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cide the District 21-6A crown. North Shore has won 40 straight district contests. Atascocita is looking to snap a six-game losing streak against the Mustangs and claim the top seed for the Class 6A Division I playoffs.

North Shore is 7-2 against the Eagles since 2016, including six straight wins. The Mustangs beat Atascocita twice last season, prevailing 16-13 in the regular season and 38-7 in the Region III-6A Division I title game.

The District 21-6A crown will be decided at Galena Park ISD Stadium on Friday, October 27th at 7PM.



#8 Cameron Smith, NS junior wide receiver catches Kaleb Bailey TD pass. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



#4 NS Terrence Guillory catches a 68 yard Kaleb Bailey TD pass with less than a minute into the game. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



#26 Chris Thomas NS junior running back scores on a 58 yard run. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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## Medicare Open Enrollment Period Has Started!

For years, the price of health care services and prescription drugs have soared, with little relief for working families. That’s why House Democrats and the Biden administration have been working hard to lower health care costs for those who need it most. We’re already seeing the effects of that fight. In fact, millions of Americans are already saving money on the medication they need — especially seniors.

On October 15, the Medicare Open Enrollment period began and seniors now have the opportunity to sign up for the program. This year, they are able to choose Medicare plans with new cost-saving benefits that came out of laws that Congressional Democrats and President Biden passed, including the Inflation Reduction Act. Today, I’m reaching out to make sure you know about those options.

Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, the cost of insulin for Medicare beneficiaries is now capped at \$35 per month. For many, that monthly cost will come down from as high as \$200 per month. But that’s not all:

Starting October 15, many beneficiaries will now pay less for prescription drugs. Any drug covered by Medicare Part B will have a lower coinsurance if the price has increased above inflation. In 2024, Medicare Part D enrollees who have drug costs high enough to go beyond a certain threshold will no longer be required to pay any cost sharing for their Part D drugs. Starting January 1, 2024, this threshold is set at \$8,000. That means seniors with some of the highest prescription drug costs could see thousands of dollars in savings next year. By 2025, this will move to a flat \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket prescription drug costs, saving nearly 19 million seniors an average of \$400 a year.

Recommended vaccines are now covered under Medicare without cost-sharing. That means no out-of-pocket cost for vaccines to prevent shingles, tetanus, hepatitis, COVID, and flu.

Starting this month, if a drug company raises the price of a Medicare Part D prescription by more than the rate of inflation, the manufacturer will have to pay the difference in price back to Medicare. That means more money for Medicare to cover costs — savings that will be passed onto seniors.

To find out more about Medicare Open Enrollment, how you can change your own plan or work with the seniors in your life to get them on Medicare, visit here: Medicare.Gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE.

If you need assistance with your Medicare benefits, please contact my office: 832-325-3150

As your representative in Congress, I’ll keep working to lower health care costs for you and your family so that no one has to worry about being able to afford the medicine they need to live.

Sincerely,  
Sylvia R. Garcia

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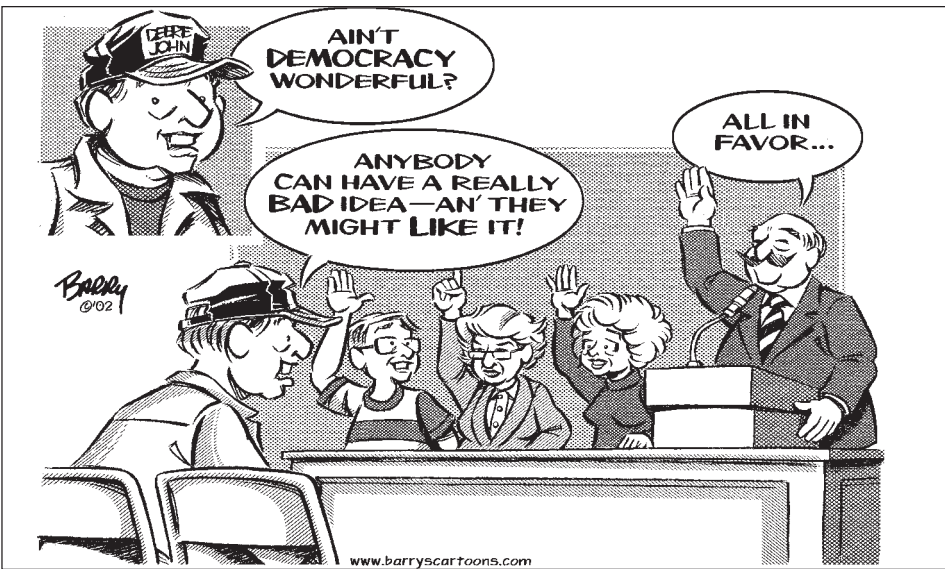
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9. Sour Patch Kids

10. Hershey Bar

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

## Early Voting Now Underway

Early voting is now underway for the Nov. 7 general election. Voters will decide the fate of 14 proposed amendments, including measures to provide property tax relief and raise the homestead exemption to \$100,000.

A nonpartisan explanation of what each proposition entails has been produced by the Texas Legislative Council and can be found at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n946d32>.

There are also bond elections for school districts across the state, as well as municipal and school board elections, depending on where you live. Contact your county’s election administrator or check the county’s website to see what local elections are being held.

### HOUSE UNVEILS LIMITED SCHOOL CHOICE PLAN

The Republican chair of the Texas House public education committee has filed a bill that increases education funding with one-time bonuses for school employees as well as education savings accounts on a limited basis, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The Senate has already passed a voucher plan in this third session but the House has balked, with opposition coming from rural Republicans and most Democrats. State Rep. Brad Buckley, R-Salado, has said he would not call for a committee meeting unless Gov. Greg Abbott includes teacher pay raises and school financing as agenda items for this session. Abbott has maintained he wouldn’t do so until the Legislature passed a voucher plan, or what he terms school choice.

“We continue to have productive conversations with House members,” Abbott spokesman Andrew Mahaleris told The News. “The governor looks forward to reaching an agreement on school choice, at which point he will gladly expand the call.”

Meanwhile, House Democrats last week released their own plan to revamp



school funding, which would provide a \$15,000 bonus for Texas school employees, admittedly a long shot.

“We have this bill today because it is the opposite of a voucher scam,” said Rep. Gene Wu, D-Houston. “We need the money that’s in this bill because that is the future of Texas.”

The bill would also increase per-student school funding by almost \$2,800. The likelihood of passage is slim in the GOP-dominated House.

### VACCINE MANDATE BAN PASSES SENATE

A ban on COVID-19 vaccine mandates for employees of private businesses in Texas passed the Texas Senate Friday. The ban includes doctors’ offices and other health facilities, though those facilities could still require unvaccinated employees to wear face masks.

The bill passed 19-12 along party lines, according to the Texas Standard. Supporters said the bill allows individuals to make their own health care decisions without jeopardizing their jobs.

“No one should be forced to make that awful decision between making a living for their family and their health or individual vaccine preference,” sponsor Sen. Mayes Middleton, R-Galveston, told senators during a hearing.

A state law banning governmental entities from requiring the COVID-19 vaccine passed during the regular session and went into effect last month.

### WELL PLUGGING PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

After completing a complex project to remove surface casings on four wells plugged in the Neches River for more than four decades, the Texas Railroad Commission’s well plugging program received accolades from the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

The casings had posed risks to boaters as the river’s depth decreased due to recent droughts.

“The commission has been nationally recognized for our well plugging program and this award is yet another example of the reputation we have gained in our commitment to protecting Texans and the environment,” said Wei Wang, executive director.

The RRC has received more than \$300 million from the federal government to plug, remediate and reclaim orphaned wells across the state. The money came from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed by Congress during the first year of the Biden administration.

### SUMMER HEAT WAVE SLOWS STATE ECONOMY

Besides making outdoor living and work miserable, last summer’s record heat wave possibly cost the state’s economy \$24 billion, according to economists with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Their analysis found extreme heat reduced the state’s gross domestic product by 1 percentage point, the Texas Tribune reported.

Extreme heat reduces agricultural production, slows down construction projects, and keeps people from going out to shop or dine, the analysis indicated. The sectors most affected by extreme heat were leisure, hospitality, and retail.

“The economy will need to adapt,” Anil Kumar, an economic policy advisor and senior economist at the Dallas Fed and one of the authors of the analysis, told the Tribune. “Communities may adapt by adopting more technology to be more sustainable and other ways to mitigate the effects of heat waves.”

The heat wave was also life-threatening. At least 97 Texans died from heat-related illness, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

### TEXAS NAMED ‘CUSSING CAPITAL’ OF THE COUNTRY

An online search of Reddit posts conducted by BonusFinder.com indicates Texans topped all states in using profanity in posts, averaging 6.9 curse words per post, the Austin American-Statesman reported. That amount narrowly beat out Ohio and Florida. Somewhat surprisingly, New Yorkers didn’t even make the top 10 in this potty-mouth ranking.

In the 691 posts reviewed for Texas, there were 4,743 curse words, according to the survey.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

## Our Devices

My sister sends a text, telling me she is making lasagna, and asks if I will bring a cake.

“Sounds great!” I readily agree. “When?”

There is no response.

I know we are celebrating my mother’s birthday early, but I have no idea when, so I don’t know when this cake will be needed. I could call my sister, but that sounds difficult. Will she be busy? She is a teacher, and she is busy a lot. She gets up early and seems to be in constant motion from the time she gets off work until she goes to bed. Since I’m not sure when that is (and I’m hoping it’s early), I end up not calling. Instead, I wait to hear when my cake will be needed.

It seems like a silly way to live. But here we are.

I know young people hate to call. They text and instantly respond, and that seems to work well. When older people text, they tend to forget to check their messages, and balls get dropped. I’m guessing I’m not alone in this.

I like email. I am at my computer all day, and when I see I have an email, I am on it like a seagull on a leftover dinner roll. I have an immediate distraction from trying to find a more interesting word than “follow.” (“Abide” is more interesting, but does it work?) When I see that little notification, I am like Pavlov’s dog. Pounce!

Recently, I installed a program that sends all my text messages to my computer. Now, I rarely miss a text, but I suspect I bug the heck out of whoever wrote to me.

They send a five-word text with no punctuation (obviously), and I reply from my keyboard, all 10 fingers flying, with punctuation and paragraph returns and asides and possibly a few parenthetical comments for good measure. I have no idea how long it takes to read this on their device. This is probably why I still don’t know when to bring the cake.

It is a cliché to complain about how much we use our devices, and yet, here I go. I will often call someone on my daily walk. Perhaps we haven’t chatted in a while. Perhaps I am a little tired, and talking will make the walk go faster. I always enjoy the chat, and I am always amazed at how fast the time goes by. Only later do I wonder what I missed while I was talking.

When my phone stays in my bag, I am free to chat with the dogs and notice the flowers and smell the autumn air. My thoughts on my walks fly more freely than they do when I am indoors. They have more space. My best ideas bubble up on my walks. And all of that is missed when I am attached to my phone.

I would never want to go back to the time when long-distance calls cost money and letters were sent in the mail. You could argue it was romantic, and these obstacles to communication made us treasure communication more—and that might be true.

But sending an email to someone and knowing they will read it that day is a wonderful thing. Being able to chat with my mom and dad wherever I am in the world is a gift I do not take for granted.

Still, it’s nothing like talking to someone face-to-face, and it never will be. It will never be as good as seeing my mom in person—preferably over cake.

Till next time.  
Carrie



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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER

## RENEWAL

Permit No. WQ0005139000

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** Kinder Morgan Crude & Condensate LLC, 1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77002, which operates the KMCC Splitter Facility, a facility that produces petroleum products from crude condensate, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005139000, which authorizes the discharge of stormwater, fire suppression water, and hydrostatic test water on an intermittent and flow-variable basis via Outfalls 001 and 002. The TCEQ received this application on June 22, 2023.

The facility is located at 407 Clinton Drive, in the City of Galena Park, Harris County, Texas 77547. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.218611,29.735833&level=18>

The effluent is discharged via Outfalls 001 and 002 to two unnamed tidal tributaries of Hunting Bayou Tidal, respectively, which is a part of the Houston Ship Channel/Bufalo Bayou Tidal in Segment No. 1007 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 1007 are navigation and industrial water supply.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Jacinto City Branch Library, Main Desk, 921 Akron Street, Houston, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper.

**ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE.** Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notices>. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notices>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for public comments, the Executive Director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be added to: (1) the permanent list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment> within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid/>. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/participation/permitting-participation>. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Kinder Morgan Crude & Condensate LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Sean Duncan, Operations Manager, at 832-690-5600.

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***Early Voting starts Oct. 23  
thru Nov. 3,***

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address. Voters are encouraged to review or print their sample ballot before heading to the polls. Voters can take their printed sample ballot into the voting booth for reference.

“Voters are encouraged to vote during one of the 12 days afforded by the early voting period and not wait until Election Day,” **added Clerk Hudspeth.** “As usual, voters can vote at any one of the available Early Voting Centers in Harris County, near home, work, school, or wherever is most convenient.”

The following forms of photo ID are acceptable when voting in person:

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SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 9

No. 1, No. 2 picks meet as Stroud faces Young:

When the Texans won their final game of the 2022 season, many Texan fans were disappointed that they had lost out on the overall first pick of the 2023 NFL Draft. Houston fans badly wanted the team to draft Alabama QB Bryce Young, considered by many draft experts as the top quarterback in last spring's draft.

The Texans selected Ohio State QB C.J. Stroud with the No. 2 overall pick. I think Texans fans are now happy with the selection.

After their first six games, Stroud has led his team to a 3-3 record and the Texans are serious contenders in the AFC South race and are also in the Wild Card hunt. Things haven't worked out as well for Young and the Carolina Panthers. Young and Carolina lost their first six games and looks like they could very well be drafting first in 2024.

Stroud and Young meet on Sunday in Charlotte when the Texans visit the Panthers. This is a very winnable game for the Texans and if they hope to remain in the playoff hunt, they can't take the Panthers lightly. Young has done some good things thus far, but has thrown four interceptions in his first six games as a pro. Stroud threw his first interception two weeks ago in the Texans 20-13 win over the Saints. Ironically, Stroud's interception was returned to his team when the Saints defender fumbled and offensive lineman Tytus Howard recovered it.

Talk about being at the right place at the right time!

While the Texans, who had last week off, take on the Panthers, the Cowboys, who also had their bye last week, host an improved Rams team on Sunday at AT&T Stadium. The Cowboys need to win this one to keep within range of the Eagles in the NFC East race. Philly saw its undefeated season come to an end two weeks ago when they lost



to the Jets.

Other interesting games on the NFL schedule in Week 8 has Tampa Bay visiting Buffalo on Thursday Night Football. The Bengals visit the 49ers, who also saw their undefeated season come to an end two weeks ago when they were upset by the Browns in Cleveland. Week 8 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Raiders visiting the red hot Detroit Lions.

In college action, No. 6-ranked Oklahoma plays at Kansas in what could be a tough environment for Brent Venable's team. No. 9-ranked Oregon visits No. 14-ranked Utah in a key Pac 12 game while No. 1-ranked Georgia takes on arch-rival Florida in Jacksonville in what is dubbed as the world's Largest Cocktail Party.

Before we take a look at this week's schedule, let's review last week's record. A 10-2 week (finally!) brought the season record to 44-30 (59%). Now, onto this week's games.

NCAA

**Oklahoma at Kansas:** The Sooners need to be wary of this game. They should enter with a 7-0 record (they played Central Florida last week) and in first place in the Big 12. Kansas is a dangerous team that can put points on the board and you can bet KU head coach Lance Leipold will have his Jayhawks fired up for this one. This could turn into another Big 12 shootout as the

Sooners have a potent offense led by QB Dillon Gabriel (1,878 yards, 16 TDs), running back Tawee Walker (239 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Jalil Farouq (20 receptions, 415 yards, 2 TDs). The OU offense will be without its top wide receiver who suffered a season-ending injury two weeks ago. The Jayhawks have also been hit hard by the injury bug, most notably to dual-threat QB Jalen Daniels (705 passing yards, 5 TDs/74 rushing yards in three games). His backup, Jason Bean (913 yards, 9 TDS) has experience and the Jayhawks also have a strong running back in Devin Neal (659 yards, 6 TDs). Look for plenty of points in this one, but the OU defense will make a play or two down the stretch to keep the Sooners unbeaten. My pick, Oklahoma 34, Kansas 31

**Georgia vs. Florida:** These two long-time rivals meet once again at a neutral site in Jacksonville in an SEC East battle. The No. 1-ranked Bulldogs will be without their best offensive player for the rest of the regular season as tight end Brock Bowers (41 receptions, 566 yards, 4 TDs) sustained an ankle injury two weeks ago against Vanderbilt that required surgery. Bowers should return for the College Football Playoffs (CFP) should the Dogs advance to it. With Bowers out, sophomore QB Carson Beck (2,147 yards, 12 TDs) will have to rely on his running game led by Daijun Edwards (460 yards, 6

TDs) and wide receiver Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint (18 receptions, 333 yards, 2 TDs) will need to step up his game. The Gators have been up and down this year, but they will be up for this one. If they hope to pull off the upset, QB Graham Mertz (1,872 yards, 12 TDs) will need to play his best game of the season. He will need help from running back Montrell Johnson Jr. (438 yards, 4 TDs) and Ricky Pearsall (43 receptions, 624 yards, 3 TDs). Look for the Georgia defense to step up and be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Georgia 30, Florida 16

NFL

**Tampa Bay at Buffalo:** Week 8 of the NFL season kicks off with Thursday Night Football with the Bucs visiting the Bills. Two weeks ago, TB lost at home to Detroit, while Buffalo rallied for a win over the Giants. The Bucs have been one of the surprise teams this year and are squarely in the hunt in the NFC South. QB Baker Mayfield (1,088 yards, 7 TDs) has been steady and he has two quality targets to throw to in wide receivers Mike Evans (24 receptions, 386 yards, 3 TDs) and Chris Godwin (27 receptions, 332 yards). The Bills will go as far as QB Josh Allen (1,576 yards, 13 TDs/131 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (49 receptions, 620 yards, 5 TDs) take them. The Buffalo defense has been playing well thus far and look for them to force a turnover or two as they get the win on Thursday night. My pick, Buffalo 24, Tampa Bay 20

**Houston at Carolina:** C.J. Stroud (1,660 yards, 9 TDs) and Bryce Young (967 yards, 6 TDs/4 interceptions) meet for the first time as the No. 2 overall pick (Stroud) and the No. 1 overall pick (Young) faceoff in Charlotte on Sunday. Stroud has been more consistent than Young has thus far in their young careers. Stroud is a big reason the Texans are 3-3 and in second place in the AFC South. Houston had a week off to prepare for this game and heal

up. They should have a number of players back who missed the early portion of the season with injuries. Stroud has done a good job of spreading the ball around, especially to his top two targets, Nico Collins (29 receptions, 547 yards, 3 TDs) and Tank Dell (19 receptions, 324 yards, 2 TDs). DeMeco Ryan's defense has been a pleasant surprise and was a big reason why Houston upset New Orleans 20-13 two weeks ago. Young and the Panthers have had a rough start, losing their first six games. Wide receiver Adam Thielen (49 receptions, 509 yards, 4 TDs) has become Young's go-to guy, so look for the Texans secondary to try and take him out of the game. Houston is young and can't afford to take the Panthers for granted. If they hope to remain in the AFC South and Wild Card race, they must win games like this one. My pick, Houston 26, Carolina 20

**Los Angeles Rams at Dallas:** The Cowboys come off their bye week and host a much-improved Rams team on Sunday at AT&T Stadium. Two weeks ago, Dallas picked up a big road win with a 20-17 win over the Chargers on Monday Night Football. That was a big win considering the week before the Pokes were embarrassed on Sunday Night Football by the 49ers. The win over the Chargers, coupled with the Eagles loss to the Jets, left the Cowboys just one game behind Philly in the NFC East race. Dak Prescott (1,333 yards, 6 TDs) had a solid game in the win over the Chargers (227 passing yards, 1 passing TD, 1 rushing TD). If he will take what the defense gives him and not force things, the Dallas offense will be better off. The Cowboys need to get running back Tony Pollard (370 yards, 2 TDs) going. It appears wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (34 receptions, 475 yards, 1 TD) is poised for another big year. The Dallas defense will have its hands full with QB Matthew Stafford (1,677 yards, 6 TDs), running back Kryn Williams (456 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receivers Puka Nacua (50 receptions, 598 yards,

2 TDs) and Cooper Kupp (15 receptions, 266 yards, 1 TD in 2 games). Look for the Dallas defense to get after Stafford and be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Dallas 26, Los Angeles Rams 18

**Cincinnati at San Francisco:** This should be an interesting game as the red hot Bengals (winners of three of their last four games) visit the 49ers. Two weeks ago, Joe Burrow (1,240 yards, 7 TDs) led Cincinnati to a home win over Seattle, while the 49ers lost at Cleveland. Burrow appears fully healed from a calf injury that slowed the start of his season. He and wide receivers Ja'Marr Chase (50 receptions, 556 yards, 3 TDs) and Tyler Boyd (30 receptions, 204 yards, 1 TD) by a good SF defense. The 49er offense led by QB Brock Purdy (1,396 yards, 10 TDS), running back Christian McCaffrey (553 rushing yards/23 receptions, 177 yards, 10 total TDs) and wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk (25 receptions, 454 yards, 2 TDs) should be able to make plays against a so-so Bengal defense. Look for Purdy to have a big day as the 49ers get the win at home. My pick, San Francisco 30, Cincinnati 26

**Las Vegas at Detroit:** Week 8 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Raiders visiting the Lions. Detroit is playing as well as any team in the NFL and are serious Super Bowl contenders led by QB Jared Goff (1,618 yards, 11 TDs), wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (35 receptions, 455 yards, 3 TDs) and rookie tight end Sam LaPorta (19 receptions, 341 yards, 3 TDs). The Lions might be without leading rusher David Montgomery (385 yards, 6 TDs) who suffered a rib injury two weeks ago in their win over Tampa Bay. The Raiders should be 4-3 when they visit the Motor City behind QB Jimmy Garoppolo (1,079 yards, 7 TDS), running back Josh Jacobs (312 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Davante Adams (39 receptions, 471 yards, 3 TDs). Ford Field will be rocking as the Lions get some prime time love. Look for a big win on Monday night for the Lions. My pick, Detroit 31, Las Vegas 17

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Benicio Del Toro and Alicia Silverstone star in "Reptile."

“Reptile”

“REPTILE” (R) — In this crime thriller starring Benicio del Toro and Justin Timberlake, a detective (del Toro) with a past of uncovering crooked cops is put on the murder case of a young real estate agent. Her body was found by her boyfriend (Timberlake) in their home, painting him as a prime suspect. But with one trail leading back to her ex-husband (Karl Glusman), and another leading to a mentally unstable man seeking revenge for a corrupt real estate deal, solving the case won’t be an easy feat. Del Toro’s acting prowess is what easily carries the film, along with a refreshing performance from “Clueless” star Alicia Silverstone. Out now. (Netflix) \*\*\*

“FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY’S” (PG-13) — Based on the video game

franchise of the same name, this horror film follows security guard Mike Schmidt (Josh Hutcherson) as he starts working the night shift at Freddy Fazbear’s Pizza. Abby, Mike’s little sister, is in his care and accompanies him to the abandoned family fun center, where she soon discovers a few animatronics that all seem to have a mind of their own. Although a local police officer (Elizabeth Lail) comes around to warn him of Freddy’s sinister past, it’s only a matter of time before Mike and Abby find out for themselves. You won’t look at a Chuck E. Cheese the same after this. Premieres Oct. 27. (Peacock) \*\*\*

“SUSIE SEARCHES” (NR) — College-aged student Susie is the host of a true crime podcast that doesn’t really get

much traction. Determined to make her podcast succeed, she covertly takes advantage of an opportunity to get herself more clout when a student at her college, Jesse, suddenly disappears. After Jesse does eventually get found by Susie, she gets praised as a hero, and her social status instantly begins to climb. But when another student finds incriminating evidence of Jesse’s kidnapper, Susie realizes that she might be way in over her head. Kiersey Clemons (“The Flash”) plays the titular character in the film, with appearances by Alex Wolff, Jim Gaffigan and Alex Moffat. Premieres Oct. 27. (Hulu) \*\*\*

“SURROUNDED” (R) — “Black Panther’s” Letitia Wright plays Moses “Mo” Washington, a female Buffalo soldier disguised as a man on a treacherous ride west in search of a gold mine after serving in the Civil War. When the stagecoach that Mo is smuggled on gets ambushed by thieves, she narrowly escapes death. But after deputies of the sheriff arrive at the scene, Mo is forced to stand guard for one of the thieves — legendary outlaw Tommy Walsh (Jamie Bell) — until they return with the sheriff. Knowing that other bandits from Tommy’s gang are riding in search of him, Mo must continue her endless plight of survival with all the odds against her. This Western film, out now, features Michael K. Williams in his final appearance before his tragic death. (Amazon Prime Video)

Greens Bayou Coalition: Another Great Regatta!

NORTH CHANNEL – October 7 – Another Great Regatta!

After a week of rain, the sun came out and we enjoyed a perfect day for paddling! There were some really fast paddlers out there, some folks out to clean up the bayou, and some paddlers enjoying a day in nature, but everyone seems to have had a good day on Greens Bayou!

Greens Bayou Coalition plans the Regatta each year to showcase Greens Bayou and draw paddlers out to a wonderful recreational jewel in urban Houston. Our mission is to improve the quality of life in the watershed. We host cleanups, plant trees, promote and look for funding for parks, trails, & boat launches, and advocate for flood mitigation and resilience. We also monitor water quality and have an environmental education program for kids. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and we are funded through donations, grants and sponsorships. The regatta serves as a fundraiser, an awareness campaign and a cleanup effort, all at the same time! This year, paddlers cleaned up almost 700 lbs of trash from Greens Bayou!

We couldn’t do this without our many sponsors, listed below, or our volunteers! We thank everyone who sponsored, donated and participated, from Katz Coffee and Precincts 3 & 4 who donated Corporate Cup canoes to start us off, to TEXSAR and our sweep boat volunteers on the water, to Rico Torres of AR’s Entertainment Hub and Bayou City Adventures who rocked the after-party and Coca Cola SWB who rehydrated us with fabulous beverages. The Barry Ross family, with help from North Belt UD, again cooked up our famous “Best Lunch on the Bayou” and St. Arnold’s provided the beer. And finally, METRO got everyone back to their vehicles at the end of the



day with their usual excellent service. Race Director Tom Helm made sure the day was safe and fun. Our volunteers were amazing! A huge “thank you!” to all of our wonderful sponsors: our Presenting Sponsors Coca Cola Southwest Beverages and East Aldine District, our Gold Sponsor SWCA Environmental Consultants; Silver Sponsors Ratcliffe Adams Barner LLC and Lone Star College - North Harris, and our Bronze Sponsors Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc., KNCS Constructor Services, and SWA Group, and our Copper Sponsor LAN. Without all of you, and our In-Kind sponsors, this event could not have happened.

Our volunteers helped the Regatta run so smoothly this year! Many thanks to all of them: Karen, John, Jacqueline, Beth, Lorene, Betty, Stephen, Fangyi, Shannon, Ella, Jackson, Dale, Fran, Christy, Allen, Nate, Michelle, Darrell and Karla and the North Shore Anchor teens!

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Winners of the Styrofoam Cup, Brian Jenison and Dean Campa, collected just over 170 pounds of trash!



Overall winner, Alan Lindsey, finished with a time of 1:20:14. Congratulations Alan!

ENTERTAINMENT

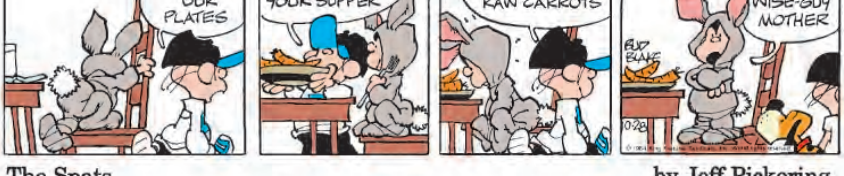
Amber Waves



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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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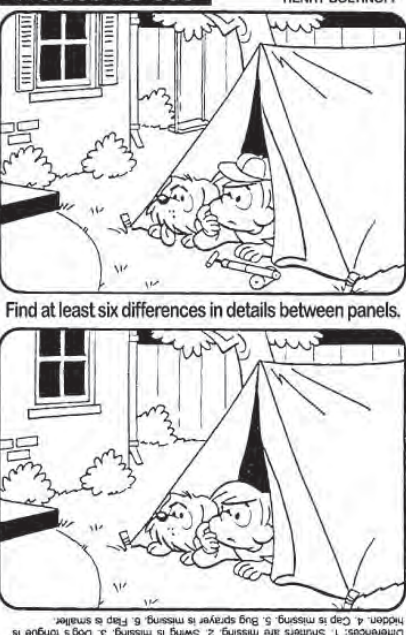
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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October 23, 2023 Posting Date King Crossword

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- 1 Lass
  - 4 Choose
  - 8 Beanies
  - 12 Historic time
  - 13 Actor's quest
  - 14 Theater award
  - 15 Contingency funds
  - 17 Goddess of victory
  - 18 Orange veggies
  - 19 Pursuing
  - 20 Cellist Casals
  - 22 Innocent one
  - 24 New York canal
  - 25 Misfortune
  - 29 Balloon filler
  - 30 Pal
  - 31 Big D.C. lobby
  - 32 Melancholy melodies
  - 34 Alike (Fr.)
  - 35 Aftermath
  - 36 Condition
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- 50 Lectern locale
- 51 Sticky stuff
- 7 Lock opener
- 8 Have a huddle
- 9 Slightly
- 10 Toll road
- 11 Crystal gazer
- 16 Like ganders
- 19 "Dear —"
- 20 Stew veggies
- 21 Operatic solo
- 22 Police ID
- 23 Tosses in
- 24 Teaser ad
- 25 Nonsense
- 26 Attractive
- 27 "I smell —!"
- 28 Hardy cabbage
- 30 Sow's mate
- 33 Hindu teachers
- 34 Sicilian volcano
- 36 Prepares flour
- 37 Sit for a photo
- 38 Ellipse
- 39 Hide in the bushes
- 40 1502, in Old Rome
- 42 Brick carrier
- 43 "I — Rock"
- 44 Eastern "way"
- 45 "Game of Thrones" ailer

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male duck called?
- 2. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Pride and Prejudice"?
- 3. ASTRONOMY: In which constellation are the gas and dust clouds called the Pillars of Creation located?
- 4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president died at his retreat in Warm Springs, Georgia?
- 5. MOVIES: Which 1999 movie features a character named Neo?
- 6. MEDICAL: Which part of the human body is affected by Bright's Disease?
- 7. TELEVISION: In which state is the sitcom "Newhart" set?
- 8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the tallest mountain in Africa?
- 9. HISTORY: Which politician made the phrase "Iron Curtain" famous in a speech about eastern Europe?
- 10. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of South Dakota?

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FOOTBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

THIS WEEK'S SCORES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19  
Aldine Eisenhower 31, Aldine Davis 24  
North Shore 38, Humble 24  
Spring Westfield 63, Aldine MacArthur 7

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20  
Aldine Nimitz 47, Aldine 0  
Barbers Hill 56, Kingwood Park 14  
Crosby, bye  
Deer Park 56, Channelview 39  
La Porte 34, Baytown Sterling 0  
Lumberton 46, Huffman Hargrave 14

Nederland 38, Galena Park 7  
New Caney Porter 42, Goose Creek Memorial 7  
Port Arthur Memorial 48, Baytown Lee 33  
Texas City 41, Dayton 6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Atascocita 28, C. E. King 21 OT

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26  
Aldine at Eisenhower, 7 p.m., Leonard George Stadium in Spring

Channelview at Pasadena, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium in Pasadena  
Galena Park at Fort Bend Marshall, 7 p.m., Kenneth Hall Stadium in Missouri City  
MacArthur at Dekaney, 7 p.m., Planet Ford Stadium in Spring

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Atascocita at North Shore, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston

Barbers Hill at Port Arthur Memorial, 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium in Port Arthur

Baytown Sterling at Goose Creek Memorial, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown

Davis at Westfield, 7 p.m., Planet Ford Stadium in Spring

Fort Bend Willowridge at Dayton, 7 p.m., Bronco Stadium in Dayton

Huffman Hargrave at Vidor, 7:30 p.m., Pirate Stadium in Vidor  
Porter at Baytown Lee, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown

Spring at Nimitz, 7 p.m., Leonard George Stadium in Spring

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

C. E. King at Summer Creek, 7 p.m., Turner Stadium in Humble

Crosby at La Porte, 1 p.m., Bulldog Stadium in La Porte

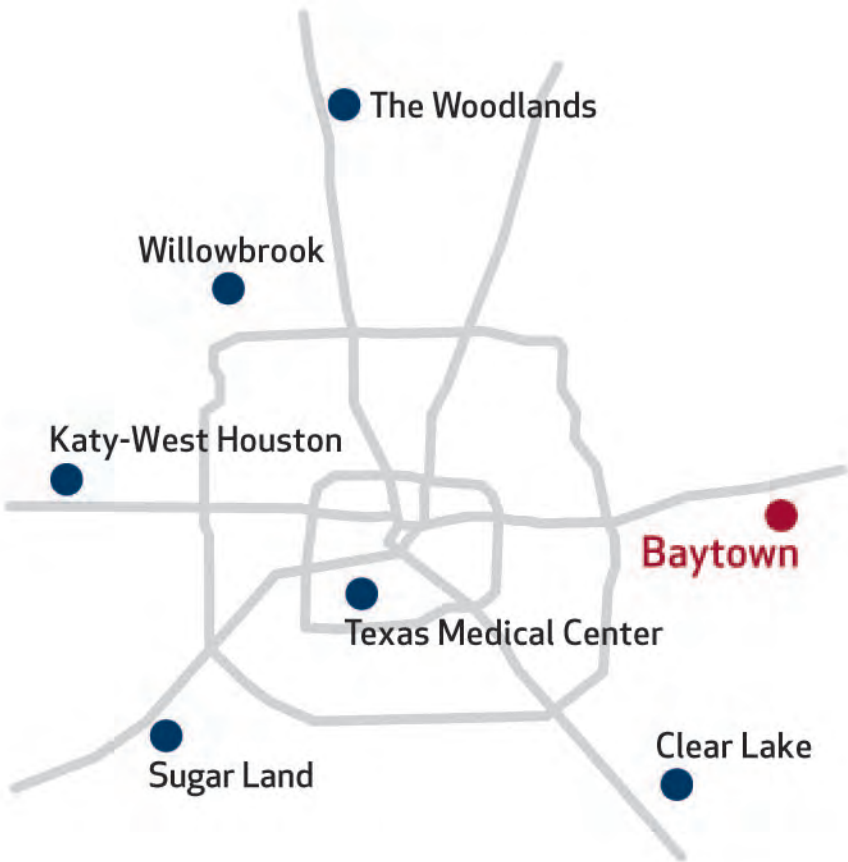




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