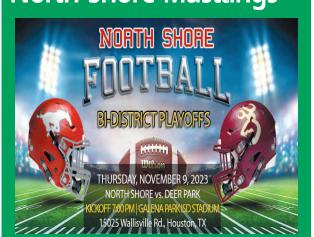
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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Holiday Dinner San Jacinto River Coalition Nov. 14

San Jacinto River Coalition will hold a Holiday Dinner on November 14 at 6:00pm at the Highlands Community Center, 604 Highland Woods Drive, Highlands.

Complimentary dinner, hosted by THEA, Texas Health & Environment Alliance. Updates on Superfund Site and recent accomplishments.

For more information see ad on Page 2 or call 281-315-5242. RSVP to info@txhea.org.

Football Bi-District Playoffs Schedule

North Shore Mustangs vs Deer Park
Deer, Thurs., Nov. 9th
at GPISD, Houston, TX 7:00 PM.

Furr Brahmans vs lowa Colony Pioneers, Thurs. Nov. 9th at Freedom Field, Iowa Colony, TX. - 7:00 PM

Channelview
Falcons vs C E King
Panthers, Fri., Nov.
10th at Ray Maddry
Stadium, Channelview,
TX - 7:00 PM

Community Toy Drive Dec. 2

Channelview Fire Department will hold its Annual Toy Drive, Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10am to 1pm at Panera Bread, 15450 Wallisville Road, Channelview.

unwrapped toys benefitting the North Channel Community. "EVERY CHILD DESERVES A

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Hands Only CPR Training Nov. 17

Everyone Can Save a Life. CPR Training, Nov. 17 at 9:00am. Hampton Inn & Suites, Beltway 8 East. Complimentary Breakfast. Register at NCEMS.net. Sponsored by ESD6, Channelview FD, South Lake Houston EMS, and Crosby ESD5.

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

Live Music & Dancing with the Greenway Band.

Silver Sponsor Available, \$2000. Individual tickets \$100. RSVP to ysenia@ncachamber.com, or 713-450-3600.

North Channel Leaders Pause to Honor Veterans

By David Taylor

For 17 years, the North Channel community has remembered veterans with a special salute luncheon and business expo combined to bring awareness and resources to bear. Last Thursday, four of the most influential organizations worked together with area businesses to feed veterans and introduce them to the business community, making lifetime connections and contributions.

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce combined with the North Shore Rotary Club, Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club, and the San Jacinto Pilot Club to honor area Veterans and First Responders for their service to the country.

Master of Ceremonies for the event was North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Elect and veteran Bill Palko who thanked his fellow vets for their service.



The 17th Annual North Channel Salutes Business Expo and Health Expo gave honor to area servicemen and first responders from the North Channel area. Veterans and first responders were given goodie bags and fed a free Mexican food lunch at the event.



Patrick Courtney and Renea Ivy from Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital were sharing the vast array of services offered by the hospital and ancillary



CarterConley FH was voted as Best Booth. Perhaps Lisa and Brad had a little help, from Axl, Izzy, and Duff, the poodle comfort dogs?

Palko, who is also a member of the North Shore Rotary, explained how the high school level Rotary-sponsored club Interact assists with the event.

"The Channelview High School Interact Club plays a significant role in the event as well," he said, as Rotarians used the event to teach their motto, "service above self" to the students.

"They're very important because they come on Wednesday to help Chamber staff set up the event, return on Thursday morning to help NS Rotarians stuff goodie bags, they assist during the event, and then stick around on Thursday afternoon to help break down," he said of the volunteers. "They are learning early how to serve," he added.

The North Channel Salute provides a free meal to Continued. See HONORING THE

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NORTH SHORE SPRINTS INTO THE PLAYOFFS UNDEFEATED

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. ~ November 2, 2023 ~ at the Galena Park football stadium the No. 2 state ranked and defending champion Eastside Boys closed their regular season undefeated with a 10-0 record. This will make two consecutive years and the third time in the last four seasons being undefeated and taking their sixth consecutive District 21-6A crown. Hosting the Humble ISD, Kingwood Mustangs they easily won 55 to 7. They've now won 42 straight district games.

The 2023 UIL Texas Football State Championships playoffs have begun. The first round of the WIN OR GO HOME playoff games begin this week and have more than 80 Houston-area teams in the bi-district round. North Shore (NS) will host the Deer Park Deer Thursday, November 9th at 7 pm. The following week the winner will play the winner of the Friday's game between the Shadow



2023 North Shore High Eastside Boys Game Team Captains: #2-Christopher Barnes, #4-Terrence Guillory, #10-Jarvon Coles and #7-Dillon Dixon. (Photo by Linda Jamail)

Creek Sharks and Clear Springs Chargers.

The era of head Coach Willie Gaston is well on its way in carrying on the winning tradition of the North Shore football program. This is Gaston's first year as head coach after his handling the Offensive Coordinator's job and he's proving he can handle the job well. The question on many minds is will Gaston be able to return the Mustangs to the state championship game. Mustang scorers:

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NS defensive lineman #45 Kaleb Cain sacks Kingwood's running back for a loss of yds. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



NS #28 D'andre Hardeman makes one of his 3 TD's. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



NS # 26 Chris Thomas runs for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

LyondellBasell Launches New Brand Identity Reflecting Its New Company Strategy

October 30, 2023 — LyondellBasell (NYSE:LYB), a leader in the chemical industry, today revealed its new brand identity aligned to its purpose, "creating solutions for everyday sustainable living." The new brand includes a logo, tagline and visual identity and affirms the company's new strategy announced earlier in 2023.

"With our new strategy firmly in place, our employees are adopting new ways of working to generate innovative, value-enhancing solutions to



support our goals," said Peter Vanacker, Lyondell-Basell (LYB) CEO. "I am especially proud of our teams' recent accomplishments. This includes accelerating our value enhancement program targets and increasing our access to circular and renewable feedstocks through the development of integrated recycling hubs centered in Houston, Texas and Cologne, Germany. I believe our new brand identity will inspire employees by giving them a visual representation of

our vision for the future and a sense of unity toward our purpose and values."

As part of its new brand identity, LYB has also launched a new tagline, "Solutions for a better tomorrow". This tagline captures the company's dedication to creating products and solutions for applications in support of modern living, such as food packaging, healthcare, and transportation, and technologies that enable a circular and low carbon economy.



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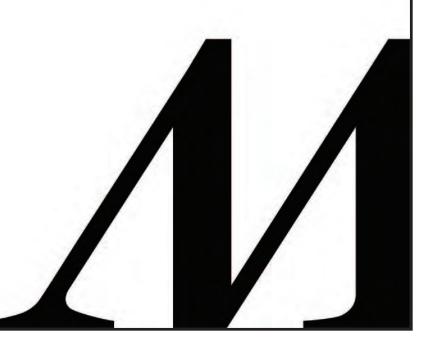
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CHARLOTTE'S WEB By Charlotte Jackson

Imagine

magine if this year we did not spend money we do not have for the holidays. What if we just wrote a note to those gift recipients instead and told them how much we value them being in our lives. Or imagine if instead of buying new clothes to wear once or twice to celebrate an event, we wore something that is already in our closet. Perhaps instead of ordering cookies to be delivered or gifts to be shipped, we supported local non-profit organizations that will be helping our elders, families with an incarcerated loved one or we showed up at a local school concert, we could feel the excitement of the holiday season.

Instead of loading up the car with children and going out to see Christmas lights across town, we got together with neighbors and showed a holiday movie and invited those parents to drop their children off so the parents could prepare for the holiday? There are plenty of lonely people who would love to be invited to your home or your church for a holiday event. There are opportunities to bless others by donating a pair of warm slippers and some hygiene products or perhaps making a donation to one of the amazing ministries in our area in honor of a former teacher.

If we would stop and think about what the season celebrates, we could come up with some great ideas to show others how much we care. I truly believe the words of John Maxwell, that people do not care what you know until they know that your care.

Unfortunately, almost every one of us knows a parent who has lost a child. Are you aware of the Annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony held at the HOPE Angel Garden at San Jacinto College North? This year will be the 24th Annual holiday event where loved ones of young people who have left us too soon, come together and honor their memories as well as find a support system which they can feel comfortable with. The event is held each year of December 6 at 7 p.m. at the HOPE Angel located to the east of the Slovacek Student Center. It is an outdoor event where family and friends gather and can remember their loved ones in the midst of all of the busyness of the holiday season and not have to worry if tears are flowing as others are sharing the same emotions. There is always familiar faces as well as some new attendees who just need the comfort of a hug, the privilege of being able to share about their loved one without any ridicule and music and comradery that cannot be matched. Losing a child is not a role any parent wants to find themselves in, yet there are others who have been on this journey for years that understand and are there to offer support.

There are so many ways to show love this holiday season and if you are wanting to get involved in any or share what your traditions are, please reach out to me at Charlotte.Jackson@yahoo.com Be blessed.

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Thanks to the Hard Work and Professional skill of Linda and Allan Jamail, our newspaper is able to bring you exciting live action photos of the local teams games. (Photo above by James Perry KPRC Channel 2).





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ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is the largest gold nuget found in the U.S.A?"

The largest gold nugget ever found in the U.S.A was found in Alaska and is named the "Alaska Centennial Nugget"



It weighs a whopping 294.10 troy ounces (9.14 Kilograms, 20.16 pounds), and was found near the town of Ruby, Alaska in 1998. Barry Clay was placer mining an area along Swift Creek that was known for producing large nuggets. He was pushing dirt with his bulldozer when something unusual caught his eye. He jumped out of the dozer and picked up the object.

He immediately knew by the weight that he had unearthed a huge gold nugget. He immediately buried the nugget under a nearby tree until he could figure out what to do with it. When he finally took it into town for further examination, it was determined that he had found the largest nugget ever found in Alaska, and the second largest nugget ever found in the Western Hemisphere behind the Boot of Cortez found in Mexico.

It was named the Centennial nugget because it was found on the 100th anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush, which brought thousands of men north to Alaska in search of gold. Its discovery in 1998 shows that there is without a doubt lots of huge gold nuggets left to be discovered. They haven't all been discovered, not by a long shot! With the record high gold prices in recent years and the renewed interest in gold mining, there is a very good chance that more big gold nuggets will be found in the very near future.

Many other large nuggets have been found in the Ruby Mining District as well, including numerous nuggets that weighed over a pound. Alaska has by far the most commercial mining operations compared to other states, mainly due to its miner friendly regulations in comparison to other states. Alaska has a reputation for large nuggets as well.

Overall gold produced here is not as high as other states like California and Nevada, but if you want to find a huge gold nugget in the United States, Alaska is the best place to look.

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Judge Lina Hidalgo reading letters of support on her return to work.

Glad to be Back

Harris County, it feels so wonderful to be home! I've been living with depression for a very long time, and this summer I finally sought the treatment that I needed. Right now I am feeling so lucky — lucky that I had the doctors to help me pinpoint what was wrong, lucky that I had the support system to help me get the care I needed, and lucky that you, the constituents that elected me as County Judge, have shown me so much support and understanding. The messages and calls I have received were so incredibly powerful and encouraging.

I know I'm not alone in facing depression. In our country, there's a perfect storm brewing when it comes to mental health. Even before the pandemic, mental illness was one of the most common health problems among adults in the U.S. As a result of COVID, in Harris County we saw an increase in substance abuse, and many residents reported heightened stress and anxiety. Two years into the pandemic, the Texas Children's Hospital recorded an 800% jump in children and youth intakes related to behavioral health. And in Texas, 62% of people living with a mental illness do not receive any treatment.

I am coming forward and speaking about my experience because I don't want other people to feel like they have to suffer in silence. I was fortunate enough to be able to get treatment, and I want to demystify mental health care so that others feel comfortable getting treatment as well. This month is National Depression and Health Screening Month, and there is never a better time than the present to seek help. If you are in need of mental health resources, please contact the Harris Center or your health provider. Below are some resources you can reach out to:

The Harris Center: You can call Harris County's 24/7 crisis line at 713-970-7000 or visit www.theharriscenter.org.

The National 988 Suicide and Crisis Line: If you know someone outside of Harris County who needs help, encourage them to call the National Crisis Lifeline at 9-8-8.

I know that my story won't singlehandedly change the way we think about mental health, but I hope it does bring us one step closer to ending the stigma. My journey fighting depression isn't over, but now I have the tools I need for the road ahead. I am dedicated to making those tools accessible to everyone in Harris County who needs them.

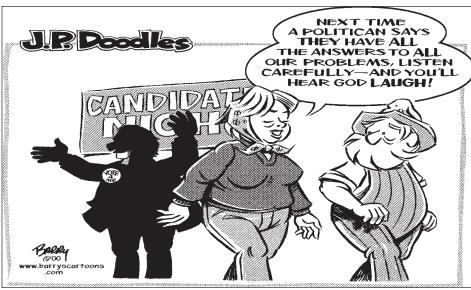
Sincerely, Lina Hidalgo



New Childcare openings created

Research shows us that kids who participate in a high-quality early childhood program are more likely to graduate from college and less likely to be involved in the criminal justice system, become homeless, or struggle with food insecurity. Despite this, there are not enough high-quality child care seats for kids in Harris County.

In October, Harris County Commissioners Court approved four awards totaling \$15.5 million to community organizations Children at Risk, the East Harris County Empowerment Council, VN Teamwork, Inc., and the YMCA of Greater Houston to form the Early Learning Quality Network. Together, the organizations will support and connect child care providers in establishing guidelines for high quality care in the community. The initiative is another piece of Harris County's much larger strategy to invest in early childhood education and quality child care. Based on other cities who have implemented similar programs, an estimated 4,000 children in Harris County will receive a higher-quality child care experience as a result of this program.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

Special Session Likely to End with No Voucher Deal

As the clock ran down on the Legislature's third special session, Texas House and Senate leaders exchanged barbs over Gov. Greg Abbott's school choice bill and border security proposals, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

In a social media post, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said House Speaker Dade Phelan "wasted another special session" as that chamber failed to even consider Abbott's measure to use public money for private tuition, commonly known as vouchers.

The Senate early in the session passed a school choice measure that has gone nowhere in the House, where a combination of Democrats and rural Republican lawmakers have stood firm in opposition to vouchers since the regular session began in January.

Caught in the rift between the two chambers' leaders is a House border security bill that originally allowed law enforcement officers to expel anyone who illegally crosses the border. Patrick led efforts in the Senate to change the bill to require officers to hand over illegal migrants to federal authorities.

"The Speaker is desperate to improve his border credentials with conservatives and sent the House version of HB4 over to the Senate," Patrick said. "The bill's author claimed it's the toughest border bill ever, but it is simply a Texas-sized catch-and-release bill."

Phelan called the Senate's revamped version "a long-term, state-funded hospitality program for illegal immigrants" and said the House would not accept the Senate's version, the Statesman reported.

Abbott is considered likely soon to call a fourth special session.

PAXTON'S SECURITIES FRAUD TRIAL SET FOR APRIL 15

More than eight years after being charged with securities fraud, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton will go to trial in Houston on April 15, according to the Texas Tribune. State District Judge

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Andrea Beall scheduled the trial during a hearing last week. Paxton is accused of trying to solicit investors in a McKinney technology company without disclosing the company was paying him to promote its stock, a charge he has denied.

Paxton was acquitted in September in an impeachment trial in the Senate.

Beall also ruled last week that Collin County must pay special prosecutors \$300 an hour for their work in the case. The county had attempted to limit their pay to \$2,000 total, according to The Dallas Morning News. The judge called that amount "wholly unreasonable" and "arbitrary and capricious." The legal fees have been estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars

Paxton could face up to 99 in years in prison if convicted of the most serious charges.

TEXAS IS WORLD'S BITCOIN MINING CAPITAL

For better or worse, Texas is now the Bitcoin mining capital of the world, which could have an impact on the ER-COT-run power grid, according to The News.

Bitcoin mining requires vast amounts of electricity. Companies are also earning millions of dollars in energy credits by voluntarily shutting down when the grid is reaching capacity. For example, a large-scale Bitcoin operation in Rockdale received \$31.7 million in energy credits for powering down – nearly four times what it made actually mining Bitcoin that month, according to Texas Monthly.

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Bitcoin mining companies in Texas now account for about half of all Bitcoin mining in the United States, which also makes it the world leader. Bitcoin mining accounts for up to 3% of industrial power usage in Texas, according to The News.

TEXAS JOB GROWTH FALLS BELOW NATIONAL RATE

For the first time since last November, Texas job growth fell below the national rate in August, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. However, from last December through August 2023, the state's job growth outpaced the U.S.

The state comptroller's office has pulled back from a January prediction of a mild recession for Texas.

"We anticipated slower growth in our revenue estimate, but we also know that Texas' economy is better positioned than other state economies and the national economy to absorb slower growth rates," Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

His office credits a diverse economy and relatively low taxes and regulation for the state's economic successes. Migration also plays a crucial role, according to Pia Orrenius with the Fed.

"Really, the secret sauce in Texas is the economic growth that is sustained by both firms and people moving to the state," she said.

STATE FUNDING DOESN'T COVER SCHOOL SECURITY MANDATES

New laws that require school districts to enact a number of safety measures in the wake of the Uvalde school shooting are costing school districts far more than the \$1.4 billion that was allocated, superintendents across the state told the Texas Tribuna.

A measure that would have allocated an additional \$4.5 billion died because of squabbling over voucher programs, and the same appears to be likely in the latest special session.

Hearne ISD superintendent Adrain Johnson said his rural district has been forced to spend its own money on new safety measures.

"It's disappointing that we didn't get the funding to do it at a level that doesn't hurt the district and allows us to keep most of our funding dedicated to the education of children," he said.

TEXAS STILL TOP STATE FOR DOMESTIC MIGRATION

Texas in 2022 continued to be the leading destination for people moving to another state in the U.S., according to the Texas Demographic Center

"Texas has consistently been one of the fastest-growing states in the country, and the flow of individuals and families moving to the Lone Star State has played a pivotal role in this growth," according to the TDC.

Most of the people moving to Texas came from California, Florida, Oklahoma and Colorado, the report said.



Fancy New Gloves

My Auntie Jo gave me a beautiful pair of gloves yesterday. They are elegant, with embroidery on the top, and I immediately did what I usually do—I put them away for safekeeping.

"I'll wear these to some-

thing special!" I told myself.

I have a date to go with my niece to see "Peter Pan" in December. I decided I would wear those gloves when I go out with my beautiful 20-year-old niece before she heads out to Spain to study for a semester in Madrid. That will certainly be an occasion worthy of these gloves, I thought.

"I might need a hat to wear with these gloves," I got to thinking.

Winter hats, to be brutally honest, are usually one of two things. They are fashionable, or they are warm. I know there are a few that straddle the gap between the two, but it is rare. I went browsing online, looking for a hat that might be worthy of these gloves. I thought how nice it is to have things to look forward to

My husband, Peter, and I will be returning to Mexico for a few weeks before Christmas, and I am looking forward to that. I look forward to seeing our friends down there and finding out what changes there have been at the hotel. Peter already has his suitcase out and is steadily popping things into it. I know he enjoys this. He enjoys the process of planning his trip, one item at a time. I usually wait until a day or two beforehand and stuff everything in at once.

But I have other things to look forward to as well.

Yesterday, I went to church with my Auntie Jo and my sister. My sister's husband is a newly ordained minister, and he just began work at his first church. It is a late-in-life new career, and he is very good at it. His congregation was warm and welcoming, and he preached a great sermon. Afterward, my sister and my aunt and I went out, had a cup of coffee and split a couple of pastries at a Mexican mercado. My sister told us about her gardening plans. I talked about our planned trip to Mexico. My aunt told us both how much she enjoyed spending time

"We have to do this again!" Auntie Jo said.

with us.

"When I'm back in December, for sure!" I answered.

When they dropped me off at home, my aunt gave me the little gift bag with the gloves inside.

"What is this?" I asked.

"It's for your birthday," she told me, which was surprising, since my birthday was three months ago.

Time passes so quickly.

We will be in Mexico soon and back before we know it. Another Christmas will come, and a new year will be here.

I thought of how quickly

thought of how quickly the months go by. Then I went to the coat closet, reached up on the shelf, pulled down those beautiful gloves my aunt had just given me, and I put them on.

There is no need to save these gloves for a special day.

Because this day—this going to church together and having coffee and sharing pastries and plans day—was as special as any day could be. I don't know how many more days I will spend with my sister and Auntie Jo. I hope there will be many. But I don't know. None of us do.

So I put on my fancy new gloves with my jacket and my walking shoes, and I headed out the door.

Till next time, Carrie



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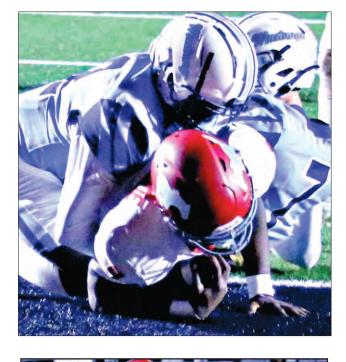
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D'andre Hardeman – 3 TD's, Terrence Guillory – 1 TD, Chris Thomas – 1 TD, Christopher Barnes – 1 TD, Avan Brown – 1 TD, QB Kaleb Bailey ran for a touchdown and passed for two TD's. Daniel Cruz kicked 8 extra points. This season the offensive made 474 points and the defense has allowed only 140 points.

The NS offense made 358 yards to Kingwood's 157 yards and made 14 first downs. They improved on their penalties

making three and had been making double-digit of penalties per game. Linda Jamail statistician and photographer.

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NS #9 quarterback Kaleb Bailey pushes past 2 Kingwood defenders for the game's first score.(Photo by Allan Jamail)

NS #2 Christopher Barnes scores on a 34 yd Kaleb Bailey pass. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Honoring the Veterans,

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first responders and veterans including activeduty service personnel.

"That's what it's all about—to recognize them for their service to us and the country," Palko said.

He also pointed out the booths are purchased by Chamber members who support the event. The event lasts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and this year was hosted at Armenta's Mexican Restaurant in Channelview.

Each of the three clubs had to call their membership to order at the beginning and closed the ceremony at the end.

"We have to host this the week before Veteran's Day because we know it's a busy day for our veterans," he said.

Palko also said the Rotary reach doesn't stop at the salute.

"When I was club president in 2010, we started the goodie bags that year and have done it every year since," he said.

"We pay for the lunch of 25 of the veterans, then give them a goodie bag full of razors, shaving cream, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, socks, and things like that," he said. There are also handfuls of peanut crackers, snacks, candy, and other treats for the veterans.

Once the event is over, the Rotarians, along with Interact students, board a Pct. 2 bus and head down to the VA Hospital.

"We take about 75 goodie bags with us down there to give to veterans. The goodie bags have things they can use while they're in the hospital," he said.

In the past, they have worked out the trip to the VA with administrators and they have gone from room to room delivering the gift bags to the veterans personally.



United Community Credit Union was in a giving mood with their casinostyle wheel with give-aways listed. Latonia Thompson, Judith Padilla, and Jeanette Nieto were behind the table giving away goodies to booth



Channel Star publisher Gil Hoffman filling him in on coming amenities to



Michael Montelongo stopped by the San Jacinto College North booth and visited with Lorraine Rowe. The college was among dozens of businesses who sponsored a booth to show off their wares and services to the community.

"They don't get a lot of visitors and it really means a lot to them when we show up," Palko said.

However, that personal touch has been limited now since COVID.

"We hope that we will be

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able to do that again beginning next year," he said.

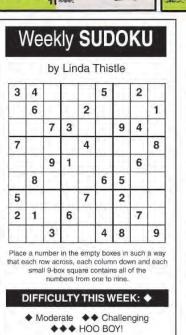
Palko said it was important to make the connection with the veterans.

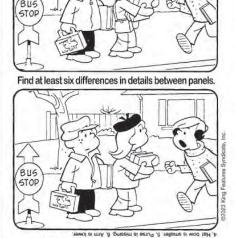
"They especially enjoy seeing the Interact students," he said.



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1. SCIENCE: What was Joseph Lister's main contribution to science? 2. HISTORY: Which pro football team won the

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5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How much of the popular vote did Abraham Lincoln receive when he was elected president in 1860?

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national dish of Canada? 9. LANGUAGE: What does an oologist study? 10. TELEVISION: What does SVU stand for in

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FOOTBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

LAST WEEK'S SCORES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 North Shore 55, Kingwood 7 Spring 40, Aldine Eisenhower 10 Spring Westfield 70, Aldine 0 Fort Bend Marshall 41, Dayton 7

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 Porter 27, Barbers Hill 21 1OT Baytown Lee 28, Baytown Sterling

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE 6A D1 PLAYOFFS

Deer Park (9-1) at Galena Park North Shore (10-0) Thursday at 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium

Spring (5-5) at The Woodlands (7-3), Thursday at 7 p.m. at Shenandoah's Woodforest Bank Stadium

Conroe (5-5) at Spring Westfield (8-2), Friday 7 p.m. at Spring's Planet Ford Stadium

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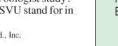
Aldine Nimitz (8-2) at Willis (10-0), Friday 7 p.m. at Willis Yates Stadium

Conroe Oak Ridge (7-3) at Spring DeKaney (8-2), Saturday 6 p.m. at Spring's Planet Ford Stadium

Sheldon C.E. King (7-3) at Channelview (5-5), Friday 7 p.m. at Channelview's Maddry Memorial Stadium

5A D1 PLAYOFFS

McKinney North (7-3) at Barbers Hill (8-2), Friday 7 p.m. at Mont Belvieu's Eagle Stadium



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SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 11

Longhorns looking to take care of business at TCU: Texans face tough road test against hot Bengals

enters its final three weeks, things are starting to heat up in a number of conferences

In the Big 12, Texas will hit the road to Fort Worth to take on a TCU team that has struggled this year. Last year, Sonny Dyke's Horned Frogs made it to the College Football Playoff title game, where they were routed by Georgia (65-7). It's been a tough year for the Frogs this year, but an upset win over No. 7-ranked UT would make their season.

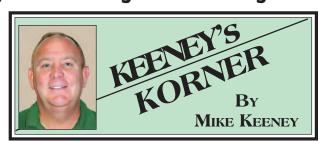
Texas head coach Steve Sarkisian is well aware his team needs to win out to have a shot at playing in the Big 12 title game in Arlington on Dec. 2. Two weeks ago Texas dominated BYU with back-up Maalik Murphy who filled in admirably for starter Quinn Ewers, who missed the game with a shoulder injury. Murphy tossed two TD passes and led the UT offense to 35 points. If Ewers is out again this weekend, the UT offense should be in solid hands with Murphy under

Other key games this weekend has Miami visiting No. 4-ranked Florida State as the two long-time and bitter rivals meet in Tallahassee. The Seminoles won their first eight games and have their sights set on not only an ACC title, but a spot in the CFP playoffs.

No. 8-ranked Alabama hits the road to take on a Kentucky team that could prove to be a thorn in Nick Saban's side. The Crimson Tide will be coming off an emotional and physical game against LSU the previous week, so it will be interesting to see what they have left

There's a big one in the Big 10 at No. 2-ranked Michigan visits No. 9ranked Penn State. PSU head coach James Franklin is 4-15 against Ohio State and Michigan, and the Nittany Lion faithful are sick and tired of losing to the two premiere teams in the conference. Michigan has been embroiled in a bit of controversy as the NCAA and the federal government are investigating charges that the Wolverines have been stealing signs from opponents

over the last couple of seasons. In the SEC, No. 11-ranked



annually in college football, but both

programs have been down a bit over

the last decade but it appears Florida

State is on its way back, while Miami

magic form. FSU is ranked No. 4 in

Seminoles have one of the top dual-

threat QBs in Jordan Travis (2.109

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yards, 6 TDs), and he has plenty of

Benson (574 yards, 7 TDs) and wide

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yards, 2 TDs). Miami is led by QB

Tyler VanWinkle (1,884 yards, 16

TDs/8 interceptions). Look for FSU

Saturday. My pick, Florida State 34,

Alabama at Kentucky: The

emotional and physical game against

LSU. Saban will have his team ready

to take on a Wildcats team that has a

suspect defense. Look for 'Bama QB

Jermaine Burton (23 receptions, 505

Kentucky defense. My pick, Alabama

Michigan at Penn State: A big

one in the Big 10 has the Wolverines

visiting the Nittany Lions in a game

PSU head coach James Franklin

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Mississippi visits No. 1-ranked Georgia as Lane Kiffin's highpowered offense will take on the stingy Bulldog defense between the hedges on Saturday.

In the Pac 12, No. 24-ranked USC visits No. 6-ranked Oregon, in what should be an offensive shootout. The Trojans can score with any team in the country, their problem is their defense is horrendous. In their last five games. the USC defense has given up 213 points (47 points per game). That unit had better get better quickly if they hope to slow down the highscoring Ducks.

In NFL action this weekend, Week 10 features some interesting matchups. Cleveland visits Baltimore in a key AFC North contest. The Browns hope to have starting QB Deshaun Watson back. Watson has missed much of the season dealing with an injured throwing shoulder.

The Texans who two weeks ago dropped a tough 15-13 decision at Carolina, have a tough one this Sunday when they visit Cincinnati to take on a very hot Bengals team.

The Cowboys host the hapless Giants, while the struggling 49ers (losers of three straight games heading into last week's bye) take on the surging Jaguars in Jacksonville. Sunday Night Football features the Jets at the Raiders, and week 10 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Broncos visiting the Bills. Let's review last week's record. A

9-3 week brought the season record to 63-35 (66%) Now, onto this weekend's game.

Miami at Florida State: This used to be one of the biggest games allowed just 47 points in its first eight games). PSU has some weapons on offense led by QB Drew Aller (1,655 yards, 16 TDs), running back Kaytron Allen (482 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Keandre Lambert-Smith (43 receptions, 550 yards, 4 TDs). Michigan is pretty good on offense as well led by QB J.J. McCarthy (1,789 yards, 18 TDs), running back Blake Corum (605 vards. 13 TDs) and wide receiver Roman Wilson (27 receptions, 446 yards, 10 TDs). Look for the Michigan defense to put the clamps down on the Penn State offense as the Wolverines set their sights on a showdown with No. 3-ranked Ohio State on Thanksgiving weekend. My pick, Michigan 26, Penn State 8 Mississippi at Georgia: Lane

Kiffin and his No. 11-ranked Rebels will try to end Georgia's 26 game winning streak. Good luck with that. The Bulldogs lost a ton of talent from last year's national championship team, but head coach Kirby Smart has simply reloaded. First-year starting QB Carson Beck (2,462 yards, 14 TDs) has the offense humming. He has a solid running back in Daijun Edwards (555 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Dominic Lovett (35 receptions, 365 yards, 1 TD). Ole Miss has some offensive weapons of their own in QB Jaxon Dart (2,080 passing yards, 14 TDs/ 326 rushing yards, 7 TDs), speedy running back Quinshon Judkins (691 yards, 9 TDs) and big-play wideout Jordan Watkins (39 receptions, 580 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the Georgia defense to slow down the speedy Rebs as the 'Dogs look to wrap up the SEC East. My pick, Georgia 36, Mississippi 18

Texas at TCU: No. 7-ranked Texas visits TCU on Saturday looking to remain in the hunt for a spot in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 2. UT might still be without starting QB Quinn Ewers (1,915 passing yards, 13 TDs) who injured his shoulder on Oct. 21 and backup Maalik Murphy (217 yards, 2 TDs) took care of the 'Horns offense two weeks ago in a 35-6 win over BYU by throwing two touchdown passes. Head coach Steve Sarkisian said he's confident the UT offense will be fine with Murphy under center. Texas has one of the nation's best running backs in Jonathon Brooks (923 yards, 7 TDs) and an explosive wide receiver in Xavier Worthy (44 receptions, 572 yards, 4 TDs). TCU has struggled this year and is down to its second QB, but they have a

solid running back in Emani Bailey (851 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the UT defense to bottle up Bailey and attack TCU early and often on offense. My pick, Texas 38, TCU 12

USC at Oregon: No. 24-ranked

USC visits No. 6-ranked Oregon in a key Pack 12 game for both teams. USC had national title aspirations when the season began, and while they have a lot of talent on offense led by last year's Heisman Trophy winner in QB Caleb Williams (2,646 passing yards, 25 TDs/130 rushing yards, 9 TDs), running back MarShawn Lloyd (766 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Tahj Washington (35 receptions, 711 yards, 5 TDs), their defense has been dreadful in their last five games. That unit has given up 213 points (47 per game) and if they don't improve by Saturday, it could be another long day for Lincoln Riley's team. The Ducks are loaded on offense led by QB Bo Nix (2,337 yards, 21 TDs), running back Bucky Irving (732 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Troy Franklin (52 receptions, 867 yards, 9 TDs). Look for the Ducks offense to roll the USC defense as Oregon looks to land a spot in the Pac 12 title game. My pick, Oregon 41, USC

Cleveland at Baltimore: The Ravens host the Browns in an important AFC North game for both teams. The Browns have remained in the division race thanks to a stout defense, but they need to get Deshaun Watson (683 yards, 4 TDs) back under center if they hope to remain in playoff contention. Cleveland has found a capable replacement for the injured Nick Chubb at running back in Jerome Ford (381 yards, 2 TDs), but he will face a stout Ravens defense that will look to take him out of the game plan early. The Ravens appear to be putting things together on both sides of the ball. The offense has put up 69 points in wins over Detroit and Arizona. QB Lamar Jackson (1,767 passing yards, 9 TDs/380 rushing vards, 5 TDs), has been playing well and has been getting help from running back Gus Edwards (426 yards, 5 TDs) and tight end Mark Andrews (32 receptions, 397 yards, 6 TDs). Look for the Baltimore defense to make some big plays in the fourth quarter to pull out the win. My pick, Baltimore 23, Cleveland 13 Houston at Cincinnati: Just

when Texans fans thought they might have a playoff team, the hometown team lays an egg and loses to a winless Carolina team two weeks ago. Things get decidedly more difficult this week when Houston travels to Cincinnati to face a red hot Bengals team. Houston QB C.J. Stroud (1,800 yards, 9 TDs) and wide receiver Nico Collins (33 receptions, 577 yards, 3 TDs) wil have their hands full against a pretty good Cinci defense. The Texans defense will also have its hands full taking on a hot Joe Burrow (1,513 yards, 10 TDs), running back Joe Mixon (453 yards, 2 TDs) and bigplay wide receivers Ja'Marr Chase (60 receptions, 656 yards, 4 TDs) and Tyler Boyd (33 receptions, 244 vards, 2 TDs). Look for Burrow and Chase to have a big day to make it a long day for the Texans. My pick, Cincinnati 33, Houston 16

New York Giants at Dallas:

These two teams met in Week 1 in New Jersey and the Cowboys defense dominated the Giants en route to a 40-0 victory. That game appeared to set the tone for the Giants who have been one of the more disappointing teams this year after making the playoffs in 2022. NY should have starting QB Daniel Jones back for this game after he missed three games with a neck iniury, but it won't matter against a stout Dallas defense. Look for Micah Parsons and Co. to shut down NY running back Saquon Barkley (412 yards, 7 TDs) early and then go after Jones. The Dallas offense put up 43 points two weeks ago at home against the Rams and will be going after its 12th straight home win. Look for a big day from QB Dak Prescott (1,637 yards, 10 TDs) and wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (46 receptions, 633 yards, 3 TDs) as the Cowboys win another easy one over the Giants. My pick, Dallas 34, New York Giants 13

Denver at Buffalo: Week 10 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Broncos visiting the Bills. Two weeks ago, Russell Willson (1,613 yards, 16 TDs) and Denver upset the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs 24-9, while the Bill hung on to defeat Tampa Bay. Buffalo needs to get things going, so look for QB Josh Allen (2,165 passing yards, 17 TDs/ 189 rushing yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (64 receptions, 748 yards, 6 TDs) to have a big night as Buffalo looks to get on a roll. My pick, Buffalo 31,

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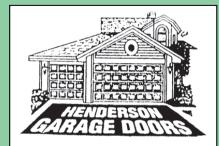


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SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon ISD Launches New Communication Platform

Sheldon ISD has launched ParentSquare—a simple and unified school-to-home communication platform—to reach and engage every parent, helping ensure all parents have the opportunity to actively participate in their children's education. ParentSquare is now available for staff and parents to use on their computers or mobile devices.

With ParentSquare, a unified app for school communication, parents and guardians can now receive all announcements from the district and their children's schools and teachers in one place, with options to specify how and when they are notified.

"Effective school-tohome communication has never been more important, which is why Sheldon ISD adopted the ParentSquare communication platform," said Executive Director of Communications Emily Conklin, APR, CPC. "We're looking forward to reaching 100% of our families no matter where they are and unifying all our communications tools."

Sheldon ISD's partnership with ParentSquare will enable stronger en-



gagement between school and home, and help empower everyone within the school community to stay connected and informed. Families in Sheldon ISD can register today to participate in two-way communication with their child's school. The app is available on Apple and Android phones.

Sheldon Shuffle raises more than \$11,000 for innovative teaching grants

On October 28, Sheldon ISD's Education Foundation held its annual Sheldon Shuffle 5K race, benefitting teachers and students in Sheldon ISD. The event, presented by Generation Park, had

more than 250 participants and raised \$11,515 in effort to support Sheldon ISD teachers and students. Following the event, Sheldon ISD kicked off the annual Community Fall Festival, welcoming approximately 1,800 to King High School's gymnasium for an expo full of free resources for families thanks to a partnership with East Harris County Empowerment Council. The community could take advantage of free supplies, clothing, food, costume contests, student performances and games. Special thank you to Sheldon ISD partners for making this event a

Two New GPISD Heroes



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Many feel that educators are heroes; however, Galena Park ISD's Board of Trustees had to take pause to recognize two special heroes. At the October 10, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting, Mr. Hector Perez, a GPISD Transportation Department Team Member, was recognized for his heroism. While operating Van 195 on the morning of October 3, 2023, Mr. Perez witnessed a vehicle rear-end a GPISD school bus. The ve-

hicle caught fire upon impact. Mr. Perez retrieved a fire extinguisher from his van to put out the fire. However, the fire persisted; so Mr. Perez also used the bus's fire extinguisher to finally put out the flames.

Also recognized was Ms. Melanie Gracia. Ms. Gracia was selected as the District 4 recipient of the 2023 Heroes for Children Award for the State Board of Education. Ms. Gracia is one

of only 15 awardees statewide to receive this recognition for the outstanding volunteerism she has offered to GPISD. She served as the 2022-2023 president of the Woodland Acres Middle School Parent Teacher Association. She also organized fundraisers and created backgrounds and murals for the campus.

Mr. Perez and Ms. Gracia make GPISD...A Great Place to Be!

Monahan Elementary teacher presented College Football Playoff Extra Yard for Teachers

Monahan Elementary teacher Stephanie Preston has been recognized in a 2nd grade assembly for the College Football Playoff Extra Yard for Teachers. In this program teachers across the Houston area were nominated to the College Football Playoff Foundation through a variety of channels. The College Football Playoff Foundation received nominations via e-mail and social media and their own staff had the opportunity to highlight amazing teachers in their lives. During this visit. Mrs. Preston was presented with an Extra Yard for Teachers Game Ball, a Donors Choose gift card to further support her classroom endeavors, and an exclusive promotional item



as a symbol of deep gratitude. It was an opportunity to express admiration and gratitude for Mrs. Preston's dedication to the success of her students.

GPISD Graduates Are Now Bound for Tarleton State University

Beginning with the Class of 2024, Galena Park Independent School District (GPISD) seniors in the top 50 percent of their graduating class will also earn automatic admission to Tarleton State University. As part of its Distinguished High School Partners program, Tarleton will waive ACT (American College Test) or SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) requirements for students in the top half of their class and application fees for students who qualify. GPISD and Tarleton leaders cemented the agreement by signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on October 16th.

"Galena Park ISD is committed to excellence in all, for all, by all," said Superintendent Dr. John Moore. "This partnership with Tarleton State exemplifies our commitment to provide opportunities for all students, particularly those pursuing a college degree. We look forward to future endeavors together."

"Partnering with Gale-



na Park ISD ensures that some of the brightest students in Texas have the opportunity for a high-quality university experience," said Tarleton President James Hurley. "This partnership aligns with our commitment to be a first-choice institution for high school seniors in Texas."

The President's Guaranteed Scholarship Program assures first-time-in-college students graduating in the top half of their high school class between \$500 and \$4,000 in scholarships. Students graduating from

one of Tarleton's Distinguished High School Partners will receive an additional \$500 or \$1,000. Admitted freshmen must submit a general scholarship application to determine eligibility.

For more information on the President's Guaranteed Scholarship Program, go to https://www.tarleton.edu/be-comeatexan/guaranteed-scholarship/. To learn how to become a Tarleton Texan, visit www.tarleton.edu/be-comeatexan/index.html.

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GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Captain Mama Landed in Galena Park ISD

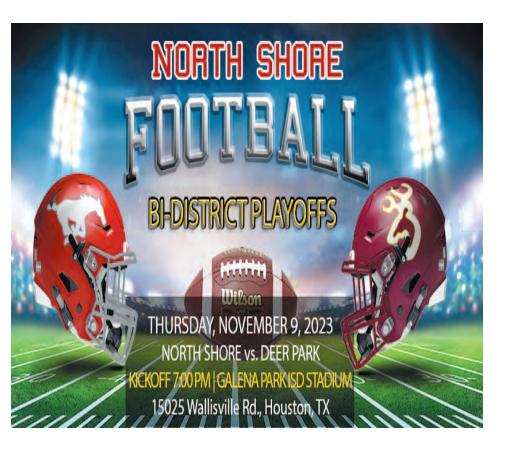
Award-winning children's aviation book trilogy author, Graciela Tiscareño-Santo stopped by Galena Park ISD's Galena Park Elementary School and Havard Elementary School STEM Academies to inspire and encourage students. Given the name "Captain Mama" by her son when he first saw her in her flight suit, Harvard students sat in awe of her experience refueling Air Force jets and reveled in the opportunity to try on the author's flight suits. The aviation-themed assembly and campus engagement event was also sure to inspire STEM students to pursue their dreams while confidently facing challenges that may come their way. Tiscareño-Santo's visit left a

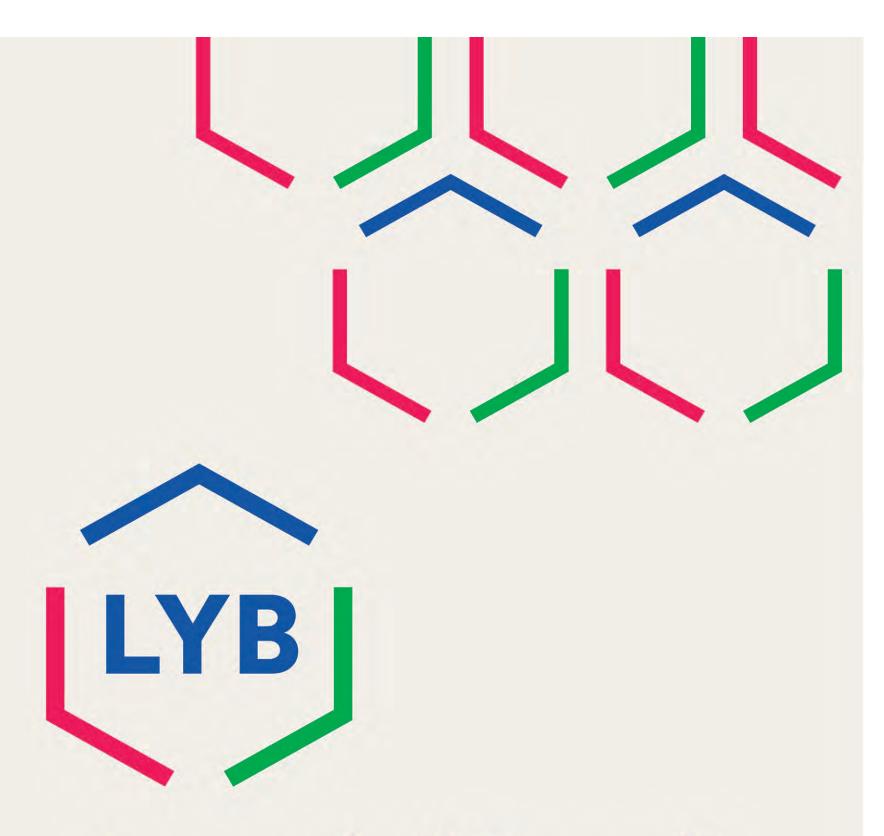
lasting impression on the



students, who asked thoughtful questions and shared their own ideas. Captain Mama showed GPISD students that anything is possible with hard work, dedication, and a love for STEM. Students were inspired to strive for excellence in all they do.

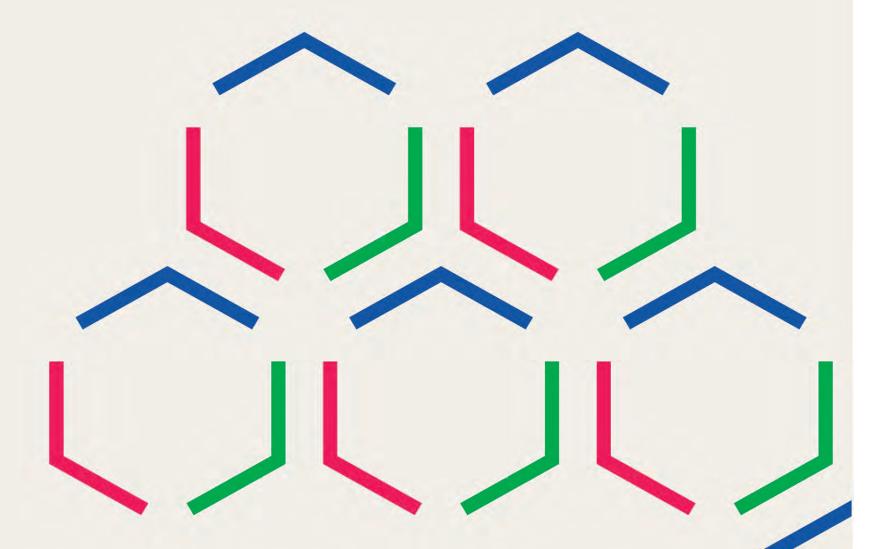
Other interested students can meet Tiscareño-Sato at Houston's annual CAF Wings Over Houston airshow, October 14 - 15, 2023. The airshow will take place at Ellington Field from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.





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