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NS Kaleb Bailey scores on a quarterback keeper. Mustang fans Dr. Moore and wife are thrilled. (Photo by Allan Jamail).

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Judge Joe Stephens Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway

Judge Joe Stephens continues his tradition of generosity by donating turkeys to needy families in the area. Judge Stephens purchased and distributed 1000 turkeys to those in need. The turkey giveaway was Thursday, November 16th with turkeys given out in the North Shore Area.

Judge Stephens said, "God has blessed me and I

am thankful. I feel it is important for me to give back in a way that can help the community." Judge Stephens started the turkey giveaway in 2012 with only 300 turkeys and each year it has grown. Judge Stephens would like to say thank you to everyone involved for making this year's turkey giveaway a huge success.



GPISD Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

By Allan Jamail

November 10, 2023 ~ GPISD had their annual Veterans appreciation luncheon the day before the National Veterans Day Holiday of Saturday, November 11, 2023. Veterans Day actually had its beginning as Armistice Day, President Woodrow Wilson created it on November 11, 1919 a year after World War I ended.

Later in 1954 after World War II ended the 83rd Congress changed the name to Veterans Day to



Veterans of the US Army in attendance of the Veterans Luncheon. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

be observed annually every November 11th. On that date the United States commemorates Veterans Day, with a heartfelt tribute to the men and women

who have served in the Nation's Armed Forces. Dr. Marley Morris, Senior Director for Secondary Curriculum & Instruction was the Master of Ceremonies.

He kept the program's agenda interesting and moving orderly. Mrs. Sherrhonda Hunter, Executive Director for School and Community Relations

assisted in making sure the event went smoothly as planned. The luncheon began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance by

students. The Star Spangled Banner was sung by the North Shore Senior

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UNDEFEATED NORTH SHORE ADVANCES TO REGION 3 PLAYOFFS

Mustangs 49 ~ Chargers 21

By Allan Jamail

November 17, 2023 - GPISD stadium the North Shore (NS) Mustangs won the Area-Round-Playoff game over the visiting Clear Spring Chargers (CSC), 42-21. It was the 25th consecutive

time the Eastside Boys advanced into the Region 3 Semi-Finals in the UIL Texas Football State Championship Playoffs, and their 44th consecutive district win.

NS fans got worried when their Mustangs sputtered on offense in the first half making only two touchdowns as did the Chargers. Their lack of offense was due to a good Chargers defense.

The Chargers scored first with a 7 - 0 lead in the first quarter. Mustangs responded with a tying TD making it 7 - 7. The Chargers took the lead again 14 - 7 over NS in the second quarter. NS tied it 14 - 14 before the first half ended.

With three minutes into the third quarter NS starting quarterback Kaleb Bailey scored on a 22 yd keeper making the



ABOVE: Chris Thomas NS junior running back catches a Kaleb Bailey 35 yard pass for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

LEFT: #43 NS Nicholas Goins defensive lineman sacks Charger for loss of yards. Goins made several more loss of yards tackles all over the field. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



ABOVE: D'Andre Hardeman, NS 90 yrd TD run. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

RIGHT: #18 Charles Ross, NS linebacker scores on a 68 yrd Charger fumble caused by a hard hitting tackle of NS Nicholas Goins. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

score 21 -14. After taking the lead NS attempted an onside kick off that back-fired giving the Chargers half the playing field near the fifty yard line. The Chargers took advantage of the gift and scored tying the game again 21 - 21.

Many questioned the NS coaches strategy of attempting an onside kick when your ahead and only in the third quarter.

Most onside kickoffs are made when a team is behind and it's near the end of the game after they just scored.

Bailey was sidelined with leg cramps near the end of the third quarter with the game tied 21 - 21. Replacement quarterback sophomore Kaleb Maryland came in and scored on his first play with a quarterback keeper. The third quarter end-

ed with a NS one TD lead of 28 - 21.

In the fourth quarter the NS defensive became more aggressive rushing the Chargers quarterback Julian Salazar keeping his passes off target. The Chargers didn't score in the fourth quarter while NS added three TDs giving them a four

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GPISD Honored Veterans



In recognition of the brave men and women who have served our country, Galena Park ISD (GPISD) proudly hosted its annual Veterans Day Luncheon on Friday, November 10, 2023. The luncheon brought local veterans together in a warm and welcoming environment where they connected with each other and shared their experiences. It was a chance for the District to show its appreciation to veterans for their contributions to our country. This year's luncheon included a delicious meal, a student essay winner reading her essay, a video salute to veterans, and musical selections from the North Shore Senior High School Show Choir—"Perfect Harmony." This luncheon served as a wonderful op-



portunity for GPISD to show gratitude and respect for the amazing men and women who have served our country. We delighted in honoring their sacrifices, celebrating their achievements, and reminding them that their service is deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten. (Story Credit: Dr. Tommie Smith) Photo and Medal Design Credit: Christopher Gause

GPISD: Promising Practices Award packed the House

The Galena Park ISD school community packed the house to cheer on the Boys and Girls Clubs from every campus as they were recognized for receiving the 2023 Character.org Promising Practices Award. Promising Practices Awards highlight organizations that are moving away from conventional practices by developing and implementing innovative approaches. Galena Park ISD's Boys and Girls Clubs demonstrated significant impact and are fully aligned with one or more of Character.org's eleven Principles Framework for Schools: A Guide to Cultivating a Culture of Character. This year's character development practices and initiatives included peer mentoring, service-learning, and conflict-resolution approaches. Many of the Promising Practices also involve parents and the local community. GPISD's commitment to developing a comprehensive character initiative ensures students have access to a positive and appropriate adult role model through Boys and Girls Clubs, which are present on every campus. A certificate was presented to Ms. Vanessa Squirrel, Director of School Culture and Climate, and each campus sponsor on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. (Story Credit: Dr. Tommie L. Smith) Connect to character.org to learn more.

SHELDON ISD NEWS

Panther Football Advances to Next round of playoffs



After their November 10, win against Channelview High School (70-21), the King High School Panthers have advanced in the playoffs to face Clear Falls High School on Friday, November 17 at Challenger Stadium. UPDATE: CEKING (9-3) defeated CLEAR FALLS 37-20. Next Playoff Game is Friday Nov. 24 at 10am at NRG Stadium vs. FORT BEND HIGHTOWER (11-1)

Tennis Team sets School Record



The King High School tennis team has set a new school record with the first trip to the playoffs in school history. Congratulations to our students and coaches. The team was presented medals from UIL at the November 14 School Board Meeting.

GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

U of H Professor Partners for a Purpose



A plaque was presented to Dr. Medhat El Nahas on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools.(Photo Credit: Christopher Gause)

The Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees recognized Dr. Medhat El Nahas for volunteering his time to share career-focused insight with members of the North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center's "Men of Greatness" Boy's Club. Dr. El Nahas is an accomplished Mechanical Engineering Technology Professor in the University of Houston's Technology Division of the Cullen College of Engineering. He is active in university affairs and currently serves in roles such as a senator in the University of Houston Faculty Senate, and as a member of the University of Houston's Undergraduate and College of Technology Committees, University of Houston Scholarship and Financial Aid Advisory Committee, as a Co-Chair on the Mechanical Engineering Technology - Industry Advisory Board (IAB), and as a Faculty Mentor in the University of Houston College of Technology's Research Experience For Teachers (RET) program. In the Spring of 2023, Dr. Medhat El Nahas provided a rare opportunity for Galena Park ISD students to engage with a college professor of a major university and learn about the basics of engineering. The purpose of the "Men of Greatness" Boys Club is to support character development, leadership skills, and postsecondary planning for the young men of the North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center. Dr. Medhat El Nahas' partnership supports those efforts while offering an invaluable opportunity to build a connection with an industry professional. Story Credit: Dr. Tommie L. Smith

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Give Freely and Feel Better

While you have some time off this week, make a list of those who make your life better. Perhaps you want to start with your family and friends who you are in contact with each week. Next on the list you want to list with those who are of service to you each week. The postal worker who delivers your mail, the HOA Staff Members or the staff in your apartment office, the clerk at the local fast-food restaurant and the list continues. Think about the church staff, the retired teachers who impacted your life as well as those who coached your children in sports. The list can easily reach one hundred names.

Now instead of looking online or fighting the holiday traffic, take a few minutes and make a note by their name as to how they make your life better.

The next thing I would suggest is that you purchase some red, green or holiday decorated envelopes as well as some lined paper—even if it is notebook paper or a yellow lined notepad.

Turn off the noise where you can stop, think, and write. One by one, go through the list and write them a letter telling them what an impact they have had on you during the past year. So why write a letter to a math teacher from junior high? If you were fortunate enough to have Miss Bonnie Jentho, at North Shore Junior High, she taught you much more than math. She taught you love and compassion for others. If you attended North Shore Senior High and were fortunate enough to have Mary Lou Dillard for Government, you probably have a passion for justice that started with registering to vote in elections. She broke down the basics of government by letting you know what each elected leader is elected to do. She would explain how your vote matters.

After you write the letters, address the envelopes, add stamps, and get them mailed. If you need to find their address, there are some simple ways to attempt if they still live in Harris County. You can visit www.harrisvotes.com and look at the list of registered voters. There is a good chance you can find them there. If you do not find them there, try www.hcad.org and if they own a home or property in Harris County, you have a good chance you can find them. There are many other ways to search for their address, or you can simply call them, or email them to ask for it. You will now have time to take a walk in one of the local parks. Reflect on how the recipient will react when they read the letter. And another tip is to start with your new calendar for 2024, and as you prepare for bed at night, add the names of those who made you smile that day, or who impacted your life. It will make doing this exercise in 2024 much easier.

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GPISD Veterans Appreciation Luncheon,

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High School Choir, Perfect Harmony. They were led by Director Anthony Rodriguez, assistants directors are Adam Bendorf and Jade Panares. Video presentations of each of the branches of the Armed Forces were shown honoring the Vets.

Superintendent Dr. John Moore said, "I'm speaking personally and from the heart to the Veterans here. My sincere heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Veterans here today for the sacrifices both you and your families made in protecting our freedom. Without your sacrifices and other Veterans we would not be able to have this event today. Thank you."

Over a hundred Vets both men and women of all branches of the Armed Forces were given a nice meal with refreshments and deserts. Attendees were given their choice of meat loaf or chicken and spaghetti. The sides were green beans, mash potatoes with gravy, bread rolls, tea, coffee or water with cups cakes for dessert. The meal prepared by cooks Lucia Nunez and Imelda Quintero was served hot to each individual at their table by school staff.

GPISD has a top quality professional meal planning and preparation department for events and preparing student meals.

Brian Aubin is the Director for Student Nutrition Services. Other professionals are Thao Vo, Assistant Director, Tonya Moore, Assistant Director, Sarina Castillo, Secretary, Wendy McClain, Buyer, Elizabeth Vasquez, Field Supervisor, Connie Gable, Field Supervisor, Esperanza Gonzalez, Field Supervisor, Sandra Moreno, Food Distribution Coordinator, Vicky Leago, Bookkeeper, Sonia Silva, Lone Star Grill Manager, Lucia Nunez, Imelda Quintero and Damiana Franco Grill Employee/Cooks.

Chris Gause school photographer took photos of each branch of the Armed Forces along with all of the performances and most all the attendees. For those interested in getting copies of the photos contact the administration building, at 832-386-1000.

All of the school's trustees were present; they visited the tables of Veterans thanking them for their service to the country.

Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia visited with the Vet's providing selfie photos when requested. She said, "This event is something I look forward to, I've only missed it when I'm in Washington and cannot attend. Our Veterans deserve the best of health-



Veteran Edward Murphy (91 yrs old) Army & Air Force of Galena Park with Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



World War II Veterans Archie Bourgeois (101 yrs old) Army of Galena Park with Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Veteran Franklin L. Petry (89 yrs old) Army Korean War of Jacinto City with Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

care and I always give their care my top priority. Their unselfish service to our nation demands respect from each of us."


Senator Carol Alvarado said, "We extend our sincerest gratitude to all those who have served our nation. Their commitment and sacrifice embody the essence of patriotism and we are forever grateful for their service at home and abroad."

State Representative Ana Hernandez said, "Happy Veterans Day! Thank you to all of our brave men and women who answered the call to serve our country. We are forever grateful for your service."


Emcee Morris said, "Galena Park ISD was proud and honored to show our support of Veterans and their families at our annual Veterans Day luncheon. The student presentations and performances only begin to exemplify the gratitude we all have for our service members and their families."

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ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is Your Favorite Christmas Story Experience?"

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Diamond Jim, what is your favorite Christmas story experience?

Diamond Jim:

Actually, I have several favorite Christmas stories. I'll post one each week over the next three weeks. The first is a story about little Rosie and Roberto.

As a lifetime member of Rotary International, and a life member of the North Shore Rotary Club, our motto is "Service Above Self". One of our many community activities each year is our Annual Christmas Basket Program. We are given names of needy children that are gathered from churches, schools, medical facilities, community groups, and individuals. Our program purchases items and fills huge baskets with Christmas foods, etc. We all meet on one day and receive names of children to whom we will deliver these baskets. One year I delivered five baskets to needy children. ONE delivery is indelibly etched into my mind's eye forever.

I pulled into what appeared to be an "off the main drag" desolate apartment project off Sheldon Road. When I pulled up, I saw what appeared to be a bombed-out complex with a few broken-down vehicles parked outside, no grass in the courtyard, broken windows with curtains hanging out of them, doors cocked open, a parking lot completely broken up, and no signs of life with the exception of two males across the courtyard...standing beside an open door...watching every move. I retrieved one of our huge Christmas baskets from my vehicle and headed toward the manager's office. I found a young man, quadriplegic, in a wheelchair. I held the Christmas basket up and asked where Roberto lived. The manager wheeled around and looked up the nearby stairs to show me with his eyes. As I turned to leave the office, I was met by a tiny little girl dressed in a ragged little dress, clutching with both hands a ragged doll against her chest. Her smile was as broad as the door. I said, "Hello. Do you know where Roberto lives? She pointed up the stairs. She continued to grin...and stepped aside as I went up the stairs. I came to an open door with no lights on inside the apartment. I was quite taken aback. As my eyes adjusted to the dark, I saw five small children sitting quietly on a couch in front of a single coffee table...with no other signs of furniture...no signs of food...not signs of life other than the children...and no adults anywhere. I asked if Roberto lived here. A tiny little boy shyly spoke up very softly and said that he was Roberto. These children were left alone in an apartment with no light, no food, no furniture other than that couch, and no adult supervision whatsoever. I was beginning to choke up...but I controlled it. I managed to take charge although I just wanted to cry and hug them all. I set the basket on the coffee table. All of the children simply stared at the basket, not seeming to understand the reason for it being set there, why it was delivered, and what to do with it. They all just stared. I took the initiative to explain that I was a member of a group of folks that were delivering Christmas baskets to deserving children. And that Roberto's name had been given to me as very deserving of the basket. They continued to stare as though in a state of total disbelief. And I was overwhelmed. My eyes watered...but again I retained control. I explained to all of them that the basket was for Roberto, but that he was to share the basket with all of them. I help Roberto open the basket.

Now I must explain that our baskets are not only full of hams and yams, corn and beans, rice, and other staples that are unimaginable in most Christmas baskets...but also some treats for the children. These particular baskets had the HUGE bags of Oreo Cookies...the largest bags I've ever seen. These children could not stop staring at the basket...or at me. My heart was breaking for them. They did not seem to know how to react. I told them that I was leaving my card to explain to their parents who had delivered the basket, and to call me with any questions. They gathered around the basket and began to slowly, quietly, and meticulously take the food and Oreos out of the basket. As I retreated to the door they were all smiling at me.

But the best was still to come. As I stepped out and headed toward the stairway, I looked down the stairs and saw the little girl with her ragged doll, waiting patiently for me, with that huge smile on her face. She could not have been over five years old. As I reached the bottom of the stairway, she moved slightly aside and spoke to me. This little ragamuffin clutching the doll simply asked me bluntly with a questioning face, "Do you have one for me?" I very nearly broke down. But I simply thought for a moment as to what my next move would be. Aha! I asked her what her name was. She said, "Rosie." I said, "Let me see now...Rosie...Rosie...yes, I think I have something for a Rosie." She jumped up and down. I headed to my truck parked a few feet away, open the door, secretly opened another of the baskets, and removed one of those HUGE bags of Oreos! I pulled it out and walked to her. I said, "This one says it is for Rosie!" She was beside herself with another of those smiles that would tear at my heart forever. As I passed it to her open arms, she clutched the Oreos to her chest, clutched her doll on top of the Oreos, and with both arms clutching the doll and Oreos turned and ran off into the depths of that unlivable complex.

I couldn't leave. I couldn't walk. I couldn't talk. I was frozen...only able to think about what had transpired over the last 20 minutes. That little girl's face will forever be embedded into my mind. I could only think about how something as insignificant to most of us as a package of Oreo Cookies could be such an overwhelming and wonderful gift to a 5-year-old girl who had absolutely nothing but a rag doll and a ragged dress. I was completely overwhelmed by all of this. I left to deliver the remaining baskets to other children as I thought that no other delivery could compare. I am compelled to be a part of these wonderful stories. This is what I do. This is what Rotary does. But this truly is only ONE of my favorite Christmas stories. Watch for more to come...I'll surprise you again next week...

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OPINION

By BILL KING



County Clerk was the Big Winner in the Election

The biggest winner on election night was an official that was not on the ballot - Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth. There were no long lines at the polls. None of the polls ran out of paper. Early and mail-in results were announced shortly after 7:00PM and final unofficial results were finalized by early Wednesday morning. There were a handful of equipment problems reported but Hudspeth's office was quick to respond and there were no reports of any polls being out of commission for any significant length of time. Of course, this is a dramatic contrast to recent dysfunctional elections in Harris County, which were plagued with long lines, ballot paper shortages and widespread equipment problems.

But the most significant improvement was that the vote tally actually balanced at the end of the election. The State requires each county to file a Preliminary Election Reconciliation report (Preliminary Report) that summarizes how many people voted compared the number of ballots counted. Ideally, the number of voters should equal the number of ballots counted. To give you an idea of the improvement, two days after the primary election in March 2022, Harris County published a Preliminary Report that showed 10,072 more people voted than ballots cast. In other words, just over 10,000 ballots had been "lost." In the "notes" section, where any difference is supposed to be explained, the report only says, "further investigation needed." Early Wednesday morning, Hudspeth's office published its Preliminary Report that the difference between the number of voters and ballots cast was only 65 and the report explains that difference.

After the 2022 primary election, the Harris County Republican Party "established a rapid response team" to field questions and complaints from precinct judges during future elections. During the chaotic general election last year, the team fielded over 900 calls. In this election there were only 75 calls. Several of my Republican friends who were serving as poll workers or poll watchers, told me they were pleasantly surprised at how smoothly the election went. One Republican poll watcher at the vote counting center said the difference between this election and the elections last year was "like night and day."

If you have not been following the ongoing saga of Harris County elections in the last few years, let me briefly bring you up to date. Texas law charges County Clerks with the responsibility to conduct elections, and the Tax Assessor-Collector to maintain voter registration rolls. However, state law also allows County Commissioners' Courts to consolidate these functions in an election administrator who is hired by and reports to Commissioners' Court.

In July 2020, the three Democratic members of Harris County Commissioners' Court voted to create an election administrator for the County. County Commissioner Rodney Ellis argued that having elections and voter registration administered by the democratically elected County Clerk and Tax Assessor-Collector was racist, claiming that "what we have is a vestige, a relic, of that old Jim Crow era." (Houston Chronicle, July 15, 2020). Ironically, at that time, both officials were Democrats and African-Americans.

Also at that time, the County Clerk was Chris Hollins, who had been appointed by the Democratic majority on the Court after the resignation of Diane Trautman. As many of you will recall, Hollins adopted a number of changes to election procedures, such as 24-hour voting and widespread use of unsecured drop-off boxes. Many of those were struck down by the courts as being prohibited by Texas law. His actions were the primary motivation for the adoption of SB1 in 2021, which specifically prohibited many of his changes.

Because of the timing of Trautman's resignation, a special election was required in November 2020 for the balance of her term. However, her resignation came too late for the parties to nominate candidates for the 2022 ballot. In that situation, the precinct chairs of each party elect the nominee. Apparently, Ellis and Hidalgo were expecting that the precinct would rubber stamp the choice for Hollins to be the nominee. However, the precinct chairs bucked the judge and commissioner and selected Hudspeth as the nominee.

The precinct chairs showed much better judgment than Commissioners' Court. At the time, Hudspeth had worked in the County Clerk's office for fifteen years under five previous County Clerks. During her time at the County Clerk's office, she served in various roles, including working in the election division. Harris County voters elected Hudspeth in the November 2020 election. She was re-elected in 2022, to a full term with 58% of the vote.

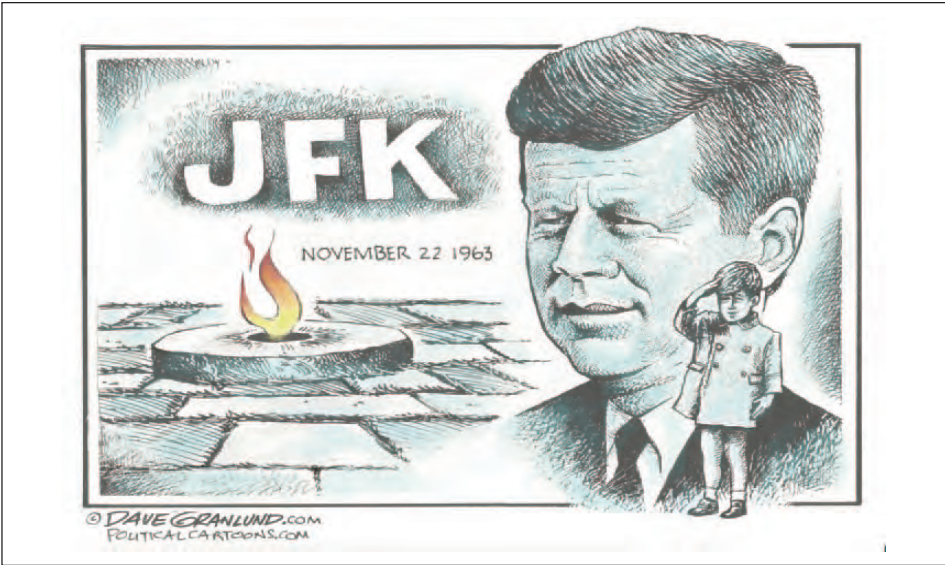
Notwithstanding that two African-American, Democratic women had been elected by the people of Harris County to run voter registration and elections, the Commissioners' Court persisted in their plan to transfer the duties to an election administrator answerable only to them. They then selected a Democratic political operative with zero election administration experience.

However, that plan was upended by the Texas Legislature when it passed SB1750, a bill sponsored by State Senator Paul Bettencourt, which withdrew the authority of commissioners in counties with populations over 3.5 million, from establishing an election administrator and returned those duties to the county clerk and tax assessor-collector.

Of course, Harris County sued to have SB1750 declared unconstitutional. A Travis County judge initially ruled the law was unconstitutional but the Texas Supreme Court stayed her order in late August, giving Hudspeth only a little over two months to get ready for the election . . . making her performance all the more remarkable.

As early voting began, I had an opportunity to visit with Hudspeth. She asked me to contact her if I heard of any problems with the election. On election day, I got a call from a neighbor about a poll that was having equipment problems. I texted Hudspeth, who immediately responded that she would check into it. Within about 20 minutes, she had a tech at the poll and it was back up and running. Somehow, I don't think that would have happened with an election administrator who answered to county commissioners and not the voters.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Bill Passes to Allow Undocumented Migrants Arrest and Return

A sweeping border security bill that allows state and local police to arrest undocumented migrants is headed to Gov. Greg Abbott's desk, The Dallas Morning News reported. The bill also allows state district judges to order those migrants be returned to Mexico.

In addition, a separate bill that provides billions in funding for expansion of a border wall is headed back to the Senate for final approval.

Abbott has indicated he will sign both bills. Legal experts and Democratic legislators say the bill allowing law enforcement to arrest undocumented migrants is unconstitutional.

"Texas Republicans proudly passed legislation that will allow Greg Abbott's Department of Public Safety to imprison Black and Brown migrants for simply existing in our state," Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa said.

The bill's sponsor, state Rep. David Spiller, R-Jacksboro, defended the measure.

"We still know that the Biden administration has failed and refused to enforce federal immigration laws and secure the border," Spiller said.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF JFK'S ASSASSINATION NOTED

The 60th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is Nov. 22, with a number of events taking place in Dallas, where Kennedy was killed in 1963. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas is marking the event with a "Two Days in Texas" exhibition that revisits Kennedy's visit to Texas through eyewitness accounts of his time in Texas before the assassination.

The sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, now a museum, was the primary crime scene.

An all-day remembrance is also taking place



at the Texas Theatre in Oak Cliff, which is where Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested after killing Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit.

LNG PLANT'S PLANS PUT ON HOLD

A liquified natural gas terminal planned for Port Arthur has been halted, at least temporarily, after the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled consistent emission standards were not applied, the Texas Standard reported.

The complaint was brought by an environmental group which claimed the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality was going to allow the plant to have higher emissions than similar plants in Texas.

Amy Dinn, with Lone Star Legal Aid, which brought the lawsuit, said in an interview that "We were very concerned that this additional pollution from this facility, if allowed to go forward at the permitted limits TCEQ had approved, would cause potential health impacts for the community that lives there because they're already forced to have a lot of air pollution."

Once the court releases its final decision, the plant's permit application will go back to TCEQ.

TIKTOK BAN CHALLENGED IN COURT

An Austin federal judge will decide whether a ban of TikTok on state-owned and issued devices will stand. A lawsuit was filed

on behalf of the Coalition of Independent Technology Research, kut.org reported. Arguments were heard in the case last week.

The coalition represents university faculty who wish to continue using the social media platform for research and teaching purposes at state institutions. Gov. Greg Abbott ordered the ban on TikTok, which is owned by a Chinese company, last December.

Jameel Jaffer of the Knight First Amendment Institute said plaintiffs are seeking an injunction to lift the ban.

"Their work is about the social media platforms," Jaffer said. "They study the social media platforms, write about the social media platforms, propose regulatory reform relating to the social media platforms. And the ban is impeding them from doing that work."

Todd Dickerson of the Texas attorney general's office maintained the ban is a precautionary measure, that few researchers are affected, and that faculty can do their work with TikTok on their personal devices.

CINNAMON APPLESAUCE POUCHES RECALLED

Elevated levels of lead have been found in several cinnamon applesauce products, prompting a recall and a warning from the Texas Department of Health Services that children who consumed those products should be tested for lead exposure.

The recalled products include:

- WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree pouches
- Schnucks brand cinnamon-flavored applesauce pouches and variety pack
- Weis brand cinnamon applesauce pouches

Some of the recalled products are sold in Texas through a number of retailers. Parents are urged to check their homes and discard these products.

GETTING HOME SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season begins this week, and the Texas Department of Transportation is urging everyone to drive sober and urge their loved ones to do the same.

During last year's 32-day holiday season, 108 people were killed and 229 seriously injured by drunk drivers in crashes across the state.

"A safe and sober ride should be at the top of your list when making plans with family and friends," Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director, said. "If not, you risk your job, your life, and the lives of others. It's just not worth it."

Law enforcement will be on heightened awareness from Dec. 16 through Jan. 1, looking for drunk drivers.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

A Perfect Cup

It's important to have a good coffee cup.

My husband, Peter, makes the coffee, and has since we were married. We will be celebrating nine years of marriage this spring, so you might not be surprised to hear that I no longer remember how to make coffee. This is called "learned helplessness" in psychology circles, and it is certainly true in my case. Peter makes the coffee, and I drink it. This seems to me like a fair division of labor. And having the proper cup is essential.

I am reminded of this every time I return to Mexico, because I do not pack a coffee cup.

Our little furnished apartment has a perfectly fine selection of matching white ceramic coffee cups sitting on the shelf. But none of these cups is my cup. And so, usually on the first day, I will head out to the market where handcrafted items are sold in search of a perfect cup.

Walking through the market, it is surprising how relatively few coffee cups I see. I suppose most people do not have a cup sitting beside them all day, or at least for the first six hours of every day. I don't think this is nearly as common in Mexico as it is in the U.S. But still, there are a lot of nice cups and, eventually, I find my new cup.

"What do you think?" I ask Peter when I triumphantly return with my new perfect cup.

"Isn't that the same cup you had before?" he asks.

Peter does not understand. He drinks his coffee from a white ceramic cup. He does not realize what a wonderful feeling it is when I find my new cup. I do not take my new cup for granted for a moment. I admire it as I drink my coffee. My cup is usually colorful and always hand-painted and, once my new cup is sitting on my green Formica desk, all is right in my little world.

In six weeks' time, I will have formed a bond with my new coffee cup. And when we return to the U.S., I cannot bear to leave the cup behind. Because this cup holds more than my coffee. This cup holds the memories I am making, day by day, sip by sip, as I sit at my desk in Mexico. It holds the bright markets and the feel of the round cobblestone streets beneath my feet and the smiles of the countless friendly people I meet every day.

So, when it is time to leave, I take the new coffee cup with me, and I use it every day I am in the U.S. until we leave for Mexico again. Then I put my new cup away in the cupboard, and when I arrive back in Mexico, I start the process all over again.

Some people (people like Peter) might detect a potential flaw in this routine. Over time, my cupboard in the U.S. is becoming filled with beautiful Mexican coffee cups.

But it seems to me there are worse problems a person could have. Every time I open my cupboard, I am reminded of markets and streets and smiles.

Today, I am enjoying a beautiful new cup I bought just days ago. It is several shades of blue, and I already know there is no possibility I could leave this cup behind. Because this perfect cup holds things I want to keep forever. And I know for certain my coffee always tastes a little better when I drink it out of a perfect cup.

Till next time,
CarriE

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SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 13

Ohio State, Michigan meet for Big 10 title, CFP spot: Red-hot Texans host Jags in key AFC South battle

What a Thanksgiving feast of football we have awaiting us this weekend!

There are big games from here to Ann Arbor in the NCAA and the NFL, and off the field there is also big news that came out of College Station on Nov. 12.

Before we look at this week's loaded schedule, I would be remiss if I didn't discuss Texas A&M's firing of head coach Jimbo Fisher. The school's Board of Regents met in Executive Session on Nov. 9 and decided to part ways after six years with Fisher. The Regents made their decision based on Athletic Director Ross Bjork's recommendation that the school part ways with Fisher, who won a national title at Florida State in 2013.

Fisher was brought to College Station to compete with Alabama for the SEC West title, but that never materialized in his six years at Aggieland. In his second year at A&M, he led the Aggies to a 9-1 finish and a No. 4-ranking in the polls, but he was not able to build on that season. He beat Nick Saban one time in six tries and the powers that be decided it was time to move on, albeit an expensive one. A&M still owes Fisher \$76 million, which is a nice parting prize.

So, who do the Aggies go after next? There is talent in College Station, but 'Bama isn't going anywhere and LSU is only getting better. Fisher's inability to beat the Mississippi schools (Ole Miss and Mississippi State) could have also been a factor in his firing.

Defensive line coach Elijah Robinson will serve as interim head coach and will lead the Aggies against LSU on Saturday night in Baton Rouge and in their bowl game.

While the Aggies close out their season on Saturday night, their long-time rival Texas will look to land a spot in the Big 12 title game with a win on Friday night at home against Texas Tech. Steve Sarkisian's team will have to do it without starting running back Jonathon Brooks (1,139 yards, 10 TDs) who suffered a season-ending ACL injury in the 'Horns' 29-26 win two weeks ago at TCU. True freshman C.J. Baxter will try and replace Brooks and Baxter has the talent and speed to do just that.

The biggest game on the college schedule occurs in Ann Arbor when No. 2-ranked Michigan hosts No. 3-ranked Ohio State with the winner landing a spot in the Big 10 title



game and probably one of the four College Football Playoff (CFP) berths. Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh will not be allowed to be on the sidelines or in the stadium as he serves the last of the three-game suspension the Big 10 Commissioner levied against him for the signal stealing incident Michigan is allegedly to have been involved in. Two weeks ago, the Wolverines picked up a big road win in Harbaugh's absence when they won at Penn State, 24-15.

Other key games slated for the last full weekend of the regular season have No. 12 Oregon State playing at No. 6-ranked Oregon, and No. 8-ranked Alabama playing arch rival Auburn.

In the NFL, Houston's hometown team has one of its biggest games in years when the Texans host the Jacksonville Jaguars in a key AFC South contest. Two weeks ago, the Texans and rookie QB C.J. Stroud upset the Bengals in Cincinnati to move within one game of the Jags, who suffered a 34-3 thumping at home to the 49ers.

With this being Thanksgiving weekend, there are three games on tap for Turkey Day. It all starts in Detroit where the Lions host Green Bay, followed by Washington at Dallas and the nightcap features an NFC West battle when the 49ers visit the Seahawks. There's even an NFL game on Friday on Amazon as the Dolphins visit the Jets.

Other key NFL games in Week 12 features an AFC North battle between the Steelers and the Bengals. Buffalo plays at Philadelphia and the Sunday Night game features Baltimore at the Los Angeles Chargers.

Before we take a look at this week's loaded schedule, let's review last week's record. An 8-4 week brought the season record to 80-42 (66%).

I want to wish all of you a happy and safe Thanksgiving and thanks for reading this weekly column. This will be my first Thanksgiving without my Sharon and I'm not really

looking forward to it. I miss her so, so much and the holidays will never be the same for me. I am thankful for the 27 wonderful years we had together.

Now, onto this weekend's game.

NCAA

Oregon State at Oregon: They call this game the Civil War and it should be a competitive contest. Oregon State already has eight wins on the year thanks to the play of QB DJ Uiagalelei (2,254 yards, 20 TDs) and running back Damien Martinez (1,024 yards, 7 TDs). The Beavers have a solid defense, but that unit will face its toughest test against an explosive Oregon offense led by QB Bo Nix (3,135 yards, 29 passing TDs/5 rushing TDs), running back Bucky Irving (939 yards, 10 TDs) and explosive wideout Troy Franklin (60 receptions, 1,039 yards, 11 TDs). Look for the Ducks offense to be too much for the Beaver defense on Friday. My pick, Oregon 34, Oregon State 20

Texas Tech at Texas: No. 7-ranked Texas will take on a Tech team that has struggled this year, but did upset No. 19 Kansas in Lawrence two weeks ago, 16-13. This week, the Red Raiders face a tougher road test against a UT team that has a lot to play for, namely a spot in the Big 12 title game and maybe a CFP berth. As stated, UT's best running back is out, but Baxter (390 yards, 3 TDs) is a capable replacement. UT QB Quinn Ewers (2,232 yards, 14 TDs) and wide receiver Xavier Worthy (59 receptions, 767 yards, 4 TDs) will look to attack a suspect Tech secondary. Tech will rely on QB Behran Morton (1,170 yards, 10 TDs) and talented running back Tahj Brooks (1,170 yards, 8 TDs). Look for the UT defense to shut down Brooks early, and then turn their sights on Morton. My pick, Texas 34, Texas Tech 18

Texas A&M at LSU: The Aggies would like nothing more than to go

into Tiger Stadium and leave with an upset win. It would do a lot for the Ags confidence and build much-needed momentum heading into a new era with a new head coach. But that might be a tall order against a LSU team that is loaded on offense led by dual-threat QB Jayden Daniels (3,164 passing yards, 30 TDs/918 rushing yards, 8 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Malik Nabors (72 receptions, 1,284 yards, 10 TDs). A&M QB Max Johnson (1,452 yards, 9 TDs) returns to Tiger Stadium where he spent his first two years before transferring to A&M. He will need to make some big plays to speedy wideout Ainias Smith (43 receptions, 716 yards, 2 TDs) if the Aggies hope to pull off the upset. I don't see that happening on Saturday. My pick, LSU 33, Texas A&M 20

Alabama at Auburn: Nick Saban's Crimson Tide take on their arch rivals Auburn with a lot to play for. 'Bama has already earned a spot in the SEC title game, but Saban knows his team can't afford another loss if it hopes to land a CFP spot. Look for Tide QB Jalen Milroe (2,070 passing yards, 16 TDs/333 rushing yards, 12 TDs) and running back Jase McClellan (675 yards, 5 TDs) to set the tone early as the Tide continues its late-season roll. My pick, Alabama 32, Auburn 15

Ohio State at Michigan: The Game of the Year in the Big 10 pits these two long-time rivals. Michigan owns a two-game winning streak over the Buckeyes and will look to make it three straight come Saturday. The Ohio State offense will face perhaps the best defense in the country on Saturday. The Wolverine defense has allowed just 75 points in its first 10 games (7.5 points per game). This will be that units biggest test as the Buckeyes offense is very potent, led by QB Kyle McCord (2,687 yards, 20 TDs), running back TreVeyon Henderson Jr. (648 yards, 8 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr. (59 receptions, 1,063 yards, 12 TDs). If Henderson can find success running the ball early, that could be a big boost, but the Michigan defense will look to harass McCord, who will be playing in his first Ohio State-Michigan game. It will be imperative for McCord to play within himself and not try to do too much, because if he does, the Michigan defense will smell blood and go in for the kill. On offense, the Wolverines are led by QB J.J. McCarthy (2,194 yards, 18 TDs), running back Blake Corum (794 yards, 18 TDs) and wide receiver Roman Wilson (36 receptions, 589 yards, 10 TDs). Look for the Michigan defense to once again step up its game as Michigan earns its third straight spot in the Big 10 title game. My pick, Michigan 30,

Ohio State 16

NFL

Green Bay at Detroit: The Thanksgiving Day triple header begins with the Lions, leaders of the NFC North, hosting the struggling Packers. Two weeks ago, Detroit picked up a wild 41-38 win in LA over the Chargers, while the Packers fell to 3-6 with a loss at Pittsburgh. Look for Lions QB Jared Goff (2,507 yards, 14 TDs), running back David Montgomery (501 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (65 receptions, 821 yards, 4 TDs) to light it up against a beat up GB defense. My pick, Detroit 33, Green Bay 14

Washington at Dallas: The Cowboys host the Commanders in Dallas' annual Thanksgiving Day game with Dallas looking to get on a late-season roll. Two weeks ago, QB Dak Prescott passed for 404 yards, threw 4 TD passes and had a rushing touchdown in Dallas' 49-17 route of the Giants (in two games this year, Dallas outscored New York 89-17), while the Commanders lost at Seattle. The Dallas defense will need to stop QB Sam Howell (2,783 yards) early and turn things over to Prescott (2,415 yards, 17 TDs), running back Tony Pollard (529 yards, 2 TDs), wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (68 receptions, 975 yards, 4 TDs) and tight end Jake Ferguson (36 receptions, 354 yards, 4 TDs). Look for the Dallas defense to make it a long day for Howell. My pick, Dallas 36, Washington 18

San Francisco at Seattle: The Turkey Day triple header concludes with a good NFC West meeting between the 49ers and Seahawks. Two weeks ago, SF ended a three-game losing streak with a convincing 34-3 road win at Jacksonville, while Seattle took care of business at home against Washington. These two teams despise one another, so look for a hard hitting affair on Thursday night. The 49ers will need a big game from QB Brock Purdy (2,329 yards, 15 TDs), running back Christian McCaffrey (747 rushing yards, 9 TDs/38 receptions, 339 yards, 4 TDs), wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk (38 receptions, 675 yards, 3 TDs) and tight end Georg Kittle (35 receptions, 559 yards, 4 TDs). Seattle is led by QB Geno Smith (2,171 yards, 11 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (595 yards, 8 total TDs) and wide receiver DK Metcalf (35 receptions, 552 yards, 2 TDs) and Tyler Lockett (46 receptions, 494 yards, 4 TDs). Look for the SF defense to be the difference maker come Thursday night. My pick, San Francisco 24, Seattle 20

Jacksonville at Houston: The Texans rookie quarterback C.J.

Stroud (2,626 yards, 15 TDs) just keeps doing amazing things. Three weeks ago, he led his team on a 7-play, 75-yard drive in 40 seconds to defeat Tampa Bay, and two weeks ago, he led his team on a game-winning drive at Cincinnati to upset the heavily favored Bengals. This week, the Texans host the Jaguars in an important AFC South game for both teams. Houston should enter the game with a 6-4 record (they hosted 2-win Arizona last Sunday) and a win over the Jags would give Houston a two-game sweep and the tiebreaker in the division race. The Jags and QB Trevor Lawrence (2,120 yards, 9 TDs), running back Travis Etienne (618 yards, 7 total TDs) and Christian Kirk (49 receptions, 624 yards, 3 TDs) scored just three points at home two weeks ago in a 34-3 loss to the 49ers. Look for another big day from Stroud, and wide receivers Nico Collins (36 receptions, 631 yards, 4 TDs) and Tank Dell (34 receptions, 510 yards, 5 TDs) to have another big day as the good times continue to roll at NRG Stadium. My pick, Houston 26, Jacksonville 23

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati: A big one in the AFC North has the Steelers visiting the Bengals. Cincinnati played at Baltimore last week and could be looking at a two-game losing streak heading into this one. Look for Cincinnati QB Joe Burrow (2,208 yards, 14 TDs) and wide receivers Ja'Marr Chase (69 receptions, 821 yards, 5 TDs) and Tyler Boyd (44 receptions, 417 yards, 2 TDs) to get back on track against a solid Steeler defense. It's the Pittsburgh offense that is the issue. My pick, Cincinnati 26, Pittsburgh 18

Buffalo at Philadelphia: The Bills have a tough road test this Sunday when they take on the Eagles in Philly. Two weeks ago, Buffalo fell to 5-5 on the season with a home loss on Monday night to the Broncos. Bills fans are getting restless and it won't get any easier when they face the defending NFC champs on the road on Sunday. The Eagles will be coming off an emotional Monday night Super Bowl rematch against the Chiefs. Buffalo needs a big game from QB Josh Allen (2,600 passing yards, 19 TDs/246 rushing yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (73 receptions, 868 yards, 8 TDs) when they face Eagles QB Jalen Hurts (2,347 passing yards, 15 passing TDs/316 rushing yards, 7 TDs), running back D'Andre Swift (614 yards, 3 TDs) and big-play wide receivers A.J. Brown (67 receptions, 1,005 yards, 6 TDs) and DeVonta Smith (42 receptions, 533 yards, 4 TDs). The Bills will struggle against the Eagles on Sunday. My pick, Philadelphia 34, Buffalo 23

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Lease/Unit Name : SUSAN B. MICHALSKY ET AL

Lease/Unit Well No. : 1

Lease/Unit Acres : 107.79

Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null

Lease Lines : 512.34 F SE L, 451.05 F NE L

Survey Lines : 898.23 F S L, 1930.6 F E L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Directional

Bottom Hole: BH1

Lease Lines: 89.37 F N L

534.83 F E L

Survey Lines: 3287.38 F S L

1431.04 F E L

FIELD: ULRICH (YEGUA 1A)

Lease/Unit Name : SUSAN B. MICHALSKY ET AL

Lease/Unit Well No. : 1

Lease/Unit Acres : 107.79

Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null

Lease Lines : 512.34 F SE L, 451.05 F NE L

Survey Lines : 898.23 F S L, 1930.6 F E L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Directional

Bottom Hole: BH1

Lease Lines: 89.37 F N L

534.83 F E L

Survey Lines: 3287.38 F S L

1431.04 F E L

FIELD: ULRICH (GARY SAND)

Lease/Unit Name : SUSAN B. MICHALSKY ET AL

Lease/Unit Well No. : 1

Lease/Unit Acres : 107.79

Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null

Lease Lines : 512.34 F SE L, 451.05 F NE L

Survey Lines : 898.23 F S L, 1930.6 F E L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Directional

Bottom Hole: BH1

Lease Lines: 89.37 F N L

534.83 F E L

Survey Lines: 3287.38 F S L

1431.04 F E L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

ULRICH (COCHRAN SAND) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH, E. (YEGUA 2A) : Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH (YEGUA CONSOL) : GAS Special Rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

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ULRICH (YEGUA 1D) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH (YEGUA 1B) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH (YEGUA 1C) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH (YEGUA 3A) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH (11370) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH (YEGUA 1-E) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH (YEGUA 2A) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

WILDCAT : Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH (VICKSBURG 8810) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH (YEGUA 1A) : GAS Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

ULRICH (GARY SAND) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11700 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Emily Gartner, at (512)4783456.

NS Mustangs advance in Playoffs,

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TD lead and winning 49 – 21.

Mustang scorers: D’andre Hardeman – 4 TDs, QB Kaleb Bailey 1 TD, Chris Thomas 1 pass catch TD, Charles Thomas defense linebacker fumble recovery run back TD. Jonathan Soto’s perfect kicking made 7 extra points. He’s not missed this season, making 86 consecutive kicks. NS total yds 557 (209 passing & 348 rushing), CSC total yds 400 (280 passing & 120 rushing).

For the season in 12 games NS offense has made 565 points, their defense has allowed only 175 points.

--Linda Jamail statistician and photographer.

A state championship finalist last year, District 21-6A Champion North Shore with a 12- 0 record will play Cy-Fair Bobcats with a 11 – 1 record at the neutral site of Houston’s NRG Stadium Friday, November 24, 2023 at 2PM.

Scoring by quarter:

	1	2	3	4	Final
Mustangs	7	7	14	21	49
Chargers	14	0	7	0	21

Harris County Health offers free COVID-19 booster shots

HOUSTON – Harris County Public Health (HCPH) now offers the updated Pfizer-BioN-Tech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. The updated vaccines are free at HCPH for community members 6 months and older without health insurance or whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs.

In September 2023, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approved the updated Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines. The updated vaccines (or boosters) are recommended for everyone 6 months and older who has completed their primary vaccine series.

They are designed to protect against the Omicron variant and other circulating virus strains.

“With the cool weather approaching this fall and winter, as well as the holidays, it is important for families to stay up to date with their COVID-19 and flu vaccines,” said Ericka Brown, MD, Local Health Authority for HCPH. “The updated COVID-19 vaccines provide the best protection against the most recent strains of the virus, and they are safe and effective for people of all ages.”

To schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at HCPH locations, please visit

vacstrac.hctx.net or call (832) 927-8787. HCPH also offers flu shots at its health clinics and sites. People can receive the flu and COVID-19 shots simultaneously.

The COVID-19 vaccines are provided to eligible participants through the enrollment of the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program and the CDC’s Bridge Access Program to adults 18 and over.

In addition, people with health insurance can receive their flu and COVID-19 vaccines from local healthcare providers, health centers, and pharmacies. Visit vaccines.gov to find locations near you.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit C-3

Data Control Codes		General Fund		Debt Service Fund		Capital Projects Fund		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds	
Revenues											
5700	Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 58,357,217	\$	28,747,860	\$	1,896,841	\$	1,098,085	\$	90,100,003	
5800	State program revenues	55,926,840		534,243		-		80,797		56,541,880	
5900	Federal program revenues	3,416,336		-		-		21,848,899		25,265,235	
5020	Total Revenues	117,700,393		29,282,103		1,896,841		23,027,781		171,907,118	
Expenditures											
Current:											
0011	Instruction	69,494,069		-		-		12,945,530		81,839,599	
0012	Instruction resources and media services	856,787		-		-		19,662		876,449	
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development	185,033		-		-		-		185,033	
0021	Instructional leadership	4,307,097		-		-		336,743		4,643,840	
0023	School leadership	7,109,017		-		-		-		7,109,017	
0031	Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	2,009,322		-		-		320,643		2,329,965	
0032	Social work services	41,963		-		-		-		41,963	
0033	Health services	918,402		-		-		73,567		991,969	
0034	Student transportation	6,579,013		-		-		-		6,579,013	
0035	Food services	-		-		-		7,972,384		7,972,384	
0036	Extracurricular activities	2,655,216		-		-		-		2,655,216	
0041	General administration	3,313,941		-		-		-		3,313,941	
0051	Facilities maintenance and operations	14,314,659		-		-		156,487		14,471,146	
0052	Security and monitoring services	2,245,812		-		-		-		2,245,812	
0053	Data processing services	1,454,344		-		-		422,869		1,877,813	
0061	Community services	9,606		-		-		89,431		99,037	
Debt Service:											
0071	Principal on long-term debt	266,040		12,105,000		-		-		12,371,040	
0072	Interest on long-term debt	28,075		13,706,537		-		-		13,734,612	
0073	Debt service costs and fees	-		27,643		1,448,427		-		1,476,070	
Capital Outlay:											
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction	1,436,297		-		5,701,213		-		7,137,510	
Intergovernmental:											
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	642,135		-		-		-		642,135	
6030	Total Expenditures	117,867,428		25,839,180		7,149,640		21,737,316		172,593,564	
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(167,035)		3,442,923		(5,252,799)		1,290,465		(686,446)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)											
7911	Capital-related debt issued (regular bonds)	-		-		98,445,000		-		98,445,000	
7912	Sale of real or personal property	3,742		-		-		-		3,742	
7913	Leases issued	103,745		-		-		-		103,745	
7915	Transfers in	-		1,847,050		-		-		1,847,050	
7916	Premium on issuance of bonds	-		-		3,356,707		-		3,356,707	
7949	SBITA issued	29,492		-		-		-		29,492	
8911	Transfers out	(60,000)		-		(1,847,050)		-		(1,907,050)	
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	76,979		1,847,050		99,954,657		-		101,878,686	
1200	Net change in fund balances	(90,056)		5,289,973		94,701,858		1,290,465		101,192,240	
0100	Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	45,542,127		12,497,574		11,254,001		1,731,832		71,025,534	
3000	Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$ 45,452,071		\$ 17,787,547		\$ 105,955,859		\$ 3,022,297		\$ 172,217,774	

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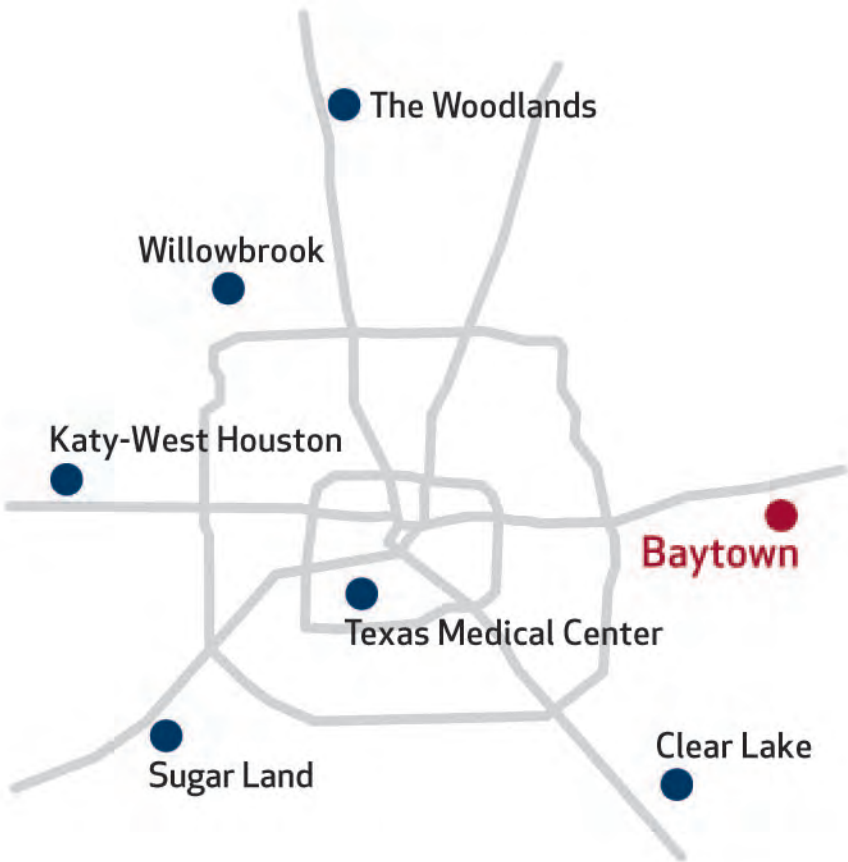
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