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CHANNEL CURRENTS

EVENTS

Waste Pits Meeting 1/23

The San Jacinto River Coalition will hold an important update meeting Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 pm at the Highlands Community Center. THEA will announce changes in the Superfund Clean-up.

TXDOT I-10 East Public Meetings Jan. 23-31

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is engaging the community in a study to identify current and future transportation needs along I-10 East from I-69/US 59 to SH 99 (Grand Parkway). TxDOT is hosting a VIRTUAL public meeting with IN-PERSON options in multiple locations to share project information and receive input from the community.

In-Person Open Houses are from 5 – 7 p.m.
TUESDAY, JAN. 23
Houston Food Bank
Conference Center
535 Portwall St.
Houston, TX 77029

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24
Lee College PAC
805 W. Texas Ave.
Baytown, TX 77520

TUESDAY, JAN. 30
North Channel Branch Library
15741 Wallisville Rd.
Houston, TX 77049

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31
Barbers Hill ISD
Leadership Support Center
9600 Eagle Drive
Mont Belvieu, TX 77523

The public meetings will be conducted in English and Spanish.

View the Virtual Public Meeting and take the online survey beginning Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024 at 5 p.m.:
[www.txdot.gov/projects/
hearings-meetings.html](http://www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html)
Or scan the QR code
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Public Health Watch Report Identifies Rising Benzene Issue in Channelview

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

CHANNELVIEW – It's an issue that's familiar to the residents of the North Channel, but now an Austin-based nonprofit that labels themselves as a non-partisan investigative news organization, released a report in December claiming the Channelview and Jacintoport neighborhoods are being exposed to dangerously higher levels of benzene than reports confirmed some two decades ago.

The report spawned a meeting at the Martin L. Flukinger Community Center in Channelview early Friday evening with panelists entirely made up of those included in the report. No industry representatives were present. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) was invited but, according to Public Health Watch who sponsored the meeting, never responded to the request.

"We are journalists. And that's it. We're not advo-



Public Health Watch hosted a town hall meeting in Channelview at the Flukinger Community Center last Friday. Panelists included Ana Bueno from Univision; David Leffler, journalist with PHW; Loren Hopkins, PhD from Rice University who specializes in the environment; Juan Flores of Air Alliance Houston and a resident of Galena Park; and Tim Doty, a former TCEO employee.



Juan Flores of Air Alliance Houston and a resident of Galena Park told his personal story of health issues he believes are a direct result of the benzene releases.



David Leffler is an investigative journalist with Public Health Watch in Austin, Texas who hosted the town hall. Leffler and his colleagues wrote a report identifying the higher levels of benzene in the Channelview area.



Loren Hopkins, PhD from Rice University who specializes in the environment and formerly worked for the City of Houston, told of her experiences after reading the elevated numbers from the Channelview area.



Tim Doty, a former TCEO employee and air monitoring expert told attendees that TCEQ knew about the benzene infractions and really did little about it.

catates. We're not subject matter experts. Fortunately, we have some true subject matter experts here today and you can see them along the sides of the wall," said PHW executive director and editor-in-chief Jim Morris speaking of the numerous non-profits who had tables to promote their organizations.

Morris, the founder of Public Health Watch, has been a journalist since 1978.

"We're not going to offer advice. It's not a political event. This is not a fundraising event. It is an informational event. It's our way to hear directly from you what are your concerns, your questions about our work or the other panelists' work," he said.

A report written by investigative journalist David Leffler with PHW found that the Channelview-Jacintoport neighborhoods were being exposed to levels of benzene, allegedly as

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Texans Advance in Playoffs... Blowout Browns 45-14

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. ~ Saturday, January 13, 2024 the Houston Texans hosted the Cleveland Browns and shocked the football world with an astonishing performance by their entire team. Over seventy-two thousand in the sellout game were in attendance. The 45 – 14 lopsided score was a shocker because a majority of the pro-football analyst predicted a much closer game, some predicted a Browns win.

Three weeks ago on December 24th the Browns enjoyed a 36-22 win over the Texans who were playing without C. J. Stroud their starting quarterback.



#7 Texans quarterback C.J. Stroud & #69 Texans offensive guard S. Mason in the Playoff game last Saturday at NRG Stadium.

Much of the Texans success this 2023 season is because Texan owner Janice McNair and son CEO Cal McNair hired DeMeco Ryans as their head coach. But then Ryans' will be the first to tell you he's not solely responsible for the winning season. I know him well enough to say he'll first say God gets all the glory. Then he'll say it's an entire team's effort; management, coaches, players, and all the staff combined.

Ryans and General Manager Nick Caserio work together very well. This is a big plus because in many cases there's friction between these two positions usually over player's assistant

coaches to hire.

General Manager Caserio was hired in 2021 so he's relatively new with the team. Before coming to the Texans he was the New England Patriots Director of Player Personnel. He played quarterback at John Carroll University in Ohio.

I'm amazed as I look-over this year's roster, not just at the first time rookie players but the new assistant coaches too. These assistant coaches haven't worked together until this season. Shortly after Ryans was hired on January 31, 2023 he hired Offensive Coordinator Bobby Slow-

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County Attorney sues Concrete Plant

Menefee Takes Legal Action Against
North Houston Concrete Batch
Plant

Houston, Texas — Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee has announced that Harris County is taking legal action against Texcon Ready Mix, a concrete batch plant located in north Houston near the Kashmere Gardens neighborhood and the County's LBJ Hospital.

Harris County Pollution Control found multiple violations over the course of more than a dozen separate inspections, including materials discharged into a nearby

drainage ditch.

"This facility clearly violated the Texas Clean Air Act and rules set by the TCEQ. We have given them plenty of opportunity to clean up their act and follow the law, but since they have failed to do so we are taking action," said County Attorney Menefee. "We have to hold these companies accountable for putting the people who work and live nearby at risk. We will not tolerate businesses in our communities failing to meet basic minimum standards when it comes to public health and the environment."

Harris County's law-

suit asks that Texcon Ready Mix keeps pollution capture equipment in good working order, cleans up spills promptly, reduce emissions by paving and treating roads, install a PM monitor on the fenceline, and ensures materials are stored away from property boundaries. Additionally, Harris County is requesting Texcon Ready Mix provide a written report in response to each required improvement.

"We have outlined several next steps that will ensure this facility meets

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County UPLIFT Program now open Program offers \$500 monthly support for Low Income households

Harris County has opened Applications for the Uplift Harris Guaranteed Income Pilot Program starting Friday, January 12th.

The Pilot Program is to Provide Monthly Cash Support to Eligible Households Struggling with Poverty.

Houston – Harris County community members facing financial hardship can apply for the Uplift Guaranteed Income Pilot Program beginning Friday, January 12, at 9:00 a.m.

The updated application period begins this

Friday, January 12, and closes on Friday, February 2, at 11:59 p.m. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis; the program is not first come, first served.

Uplift Harris is made possible by a \$20.5 million grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Harris County Commissioners Court approved the ARPA funding for the program on June 6, 2023.

The initiative, the fifth largest publicly funded cash assistance project in the U.S., will distribute \$500 monthly to over 1,900 eligible

households for 18 months. Recipients can use the monthly payments from Uplift Harris to cover essential needs, such as rent, groceries, transportation, housing, utilities, health care, and other necessities.

The program will support families living below 200% of the federal poverty line, approximately \$60,000 for a family of four. Families can be selected for the program through a randomized process if they live in one of the 10 targeted high-

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon ISD Thanks Our Board of Trustees



January is recognized by the state of Texas as School Board Appreciation Month. We are thankful for our seven hardworking school board members for their dedication to the community, students and staff of Sheldon ISD. School board members include: President Fred Rivas, Vice President Angela Cormier, Secretary Erika Martinez, Members Latricia Archie, Devora Myles, Eileen Palmer and Kristin Williams-White.

KHS Student Artwork Selected for Display at State Art Show

King High School senior Zoe Quiroga has been selected to have their artwork displayed at the Texas Art Education Association Youth Art Month Show in Austin this spring. This is the first Sheldon ISD student selected for this distinction. Each year, prekindergarten through 12th grade students have an opportunity to apply. Zoe's picture "Into Me" will be displayed at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum from February 26-March 30.



KHS Panther Athletes Featured on Fox 26



King High School athletes Kennedy and Brooklyn Alexander, both members of the girls' basketball team, were recently featured on Fox 26 news segment "Making the Grade." The team has been performing exceptionally well and is now ranked 7th in the Greater Houston area. Fox 26 news highlighted the sisters' achievements and dedication to their sport at a live pep rally on television Tuesday, January 9.

You can read the North Channel Star curent and back issues on our website:
www.northchannelstar.com

Sheldon ISD Honors Constables on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day



Sheldon ISD is so appreciative and grateful for the partnership we have with local law enforcement agents and our own School Resource Officers. January 9 is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. On this day and everyday, we are thankful for the work they do in our schools and community.

King High School Sets School Record, First Student to achieve All State Choir

King High School senior Sara Saeed has been selected as an All-State Choir member making her the first person in school history to achieve this honor. She competed in the Alto 1 division. Junior Arielle Monuma-Antoine competed in the Soprano 1 division and was ranked second alternate to the All-State Choir.

"These two musicians have set a new record and therefore a new standard for King Choir," said Assistant Choir Director Crysty



Cruz.

Each fall, more than 70,000 Texas high school students begin the All-State audition process. Approximately 1,810 are selected to rehearse and perform during the clinic and convention in one of 18 Texas All-State ensembles.

Sara will represent Sheldon ISD's King High School in San Antonio at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in a performance in February.

GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Chevron and DonorsChoose Donate to GPISD



At the January 9, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting, Galena Park ISD thanked Chevron Corporation for their DonorsChoose grants to four Galena Park ISD (GPISD) schools. Chevron recognizes that supporting education—particularly in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is essential to prepare students of today for jobs of tomorrow. In partnership with DonorsChoose, Chevron provided grants to Galena Park Elementary School, MacArthur Elementary School, Galena Park Middle School, and Galena Park High School to increase educational opportunities. These funds will be used to support this GPISD community and to move closer to a nation where students in every community have the tools and experiences needed for a great education. A plaque was presented to Chevron Corporation and DonorsChoose on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, superintendent of schools.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Believing

What are you believing for in 2024? As I rested over the past few days in anticipation of what the weather would bring to our area, I did some deep soul searching trying to complete my calendar for 2024. There are so many amazing organizations and opportunities out there that I have been a part of for decades that it is sometimes hard to commit 100% to one project at a time. Yet, I realize that when you are stretched too thin, you end up wondering if you are effective at all.

These thoughts started back in December after I found myself blacking out not once, but twice at the same community event. I remember feeling warm, even though others told me it was cold at the outdoor event. I started walking to my car to put my coat away when I felt as though I was falling into a dark tunnel. I landed on the ground (as well as falling on a dear friend) and was out for the count. I heard familiar voices telling me to stay down, let them lift me up, let them get me a chair, to breathe, to drink some water and then it happened again. I heard them talking about calling an ambulance, I heard several people praying and I blinked to find two EMS employees loading me onto a stretcher and running all sorts of tests on me.

The more I told them, the more they told me that I was dealing with too many things. Of course, the next morning when the staff at the local emergency room was doing x-rays, I heard the same thing. I had family members, friends and coworkers agreeing that I needed to slow down.

In the six weeks that followed, I missed thirty-one events to which I had committed. During this season of my life, I reflected on many things.

One of the quotes that ran though my head was “Do you want to make a difference, or just make a living?” Those words had been shared with a work colleague over twenty years ago and they impacted my life. I reflected on other statements that set the tone for my life. One of those was “we need to agree that we can disagree and still care for each other.”

As I began to prepare for the new year, I heard messages from so many sources, yet the central theme I kept hearing was “All In,” as if I were being told to give it 125% or do not give it anything. Now the decision was what will “it” be for 2024? So many things matter to me, but I know I cannot give them as much time as I would like to. I have made a list and prayed about the time I can commit and have continued to narrow it down to a more manageable set of goals for the new year. I have had to set some limits on what I can do. If it is not something that I believe in wholeheartedly, I will have to walk away. I must stand up for those things I believe in and be effective.

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Concrete Plant Lawsuit,

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proper standards and is not polluting our air. Hopefully this will serve as notice to other concrete batch plants that we are serious about enforcing environmental laws here in Harris County,” added County Attorney Menefee.

About the Harris County Attorney’s Office Christian D. Menefee serves as the elected, top

civil lawyer for Texas’ largest county. The Harris County Attorney’s Office represents the county in all civil matters including lawsuits. Menefee leads an office of 250 attorneys and staff members. He entered office at 32 years old, making him the youngest person and first African American elected as the Harris County Attorney.

County Uplift Progam opens,

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poverty ZIP codes or participate in the ACCESS (Accessing Coordinated Care and Empowering Self-Sufficiency) Harris County program.

The target ZIP codes include:

77026

77028

77033

77050

77051

77060

77081

77091

77093

77547

Eligible applicants from the target ZIP codes above will be randomly selected for the program.

For more information, including a link to the application and live updates on the program, please visit the Uplift Harris website, Uplift.HarrisCountyTX.gov.

HCPH is the local public health agency for the Harris County, Texas jurisdiction. It provides a wide variety of public health activities and services aimed at improving the health and well-being of the Harris County community.

Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia has offered this additional information regarding the program:

APPLY TODAY: You could receive funds through Uplift Harris!

An important community update regarding the Uplift Harris guaranteed income pilot program. Thanks to the federal American Rescue plan Harris County received \$20.5 million dollars that will now be providing financial assistance to low income households in our

community! This initiative is working to address the impacts of poverty and health disparity that were intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This program aims to provide \$500 in monthly cash assistance, with no strings attached, to select participants over a period of 18 months. Applications for this program open January 12th at 9:00 AM and ends on 11:59 p.m. on February 2, 2024.

Eligibility: Applicants must be over the age of 18, reside in Harris County, and have a household income falling below 200% of the federal poverty line. About \$60,000 for a family of 4 or \$29,000 for an individual. Individuals must also live in one of the following zip codes (77026, 77028, 77033, 77050, 77051, 77060, 77081, 77091, 77093, or 77547)

To access the application visit: <https://uplift.harriscountytexas.gov/>

All applications must be submitted online by computer, tablet, or smartphone. All eligibility documents can be uploaded as photos from a tablet or smartphone. There is no paper application. Applicants without access to a computer, tablet, smartphone, and/or the internet are encouraged to visit an application assistance partner to receive help completing their application.

I encourage you to take advantage of this program if you qualify and don’t wait to apply!

Sylvia R. Garcia
Member of Congress

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ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “What is the Birthstone for January?”



January’s Birthstone is Garnet



“Happy New Year everyone! I hope that 2024 is full of prosperity, health, and happiness for you all. Be well!” ~ Diamond Jim

For babies born in January, the garnet is the perfect gem to represent their birthstone. This beautiful stone, which is most commonly red but can be found in a range of other colors, symbolizes peace, prosperity and good health. Some say it even has the power to give the wearer eternal happiness, health and wealth.

We say it’s the perfect way to start each year!

Garnet is actually the name of a group of minerals that comes in a rainbow of colors, from the deep red of the Pyrope garnet to the vibrant green of Tsavorite. Some rare garnets are even blue, colorless, or—most rare of all—change colors in different lights. But the most common color is a beautiful range of reds, from rust colored to deep violet-red.

The garnet is a very durable gemstone (6.5-7.5 on the Mohs scale) found all over the world, including Wyoming, Czech Republic, Greece, Russia, Tanzania, Madagascar, Sri Lanka and India.

The folklore on garnet is extensive. Legend has it that the garnet can bring peace, prosperity and good health to the home. Some even called it the “Gem of Faith,” and it’s believed that to those who wear it and do good, more good things will come. (Conversely, it was also said to bring very bad fortune to those who commit bad acts while wearing it.)

It is also believed that the garnet symbolizes deep and lasting friendship. With that “legend” in mind, give a garnet to someone whose friendship you deeply value. No matter why or how you wear garnet, this beautiful gemstone is perfect for those who share January birthdays and get to start each New Year with a sense of goodwill, happiness, and purpose.

HOW TO BUY GARNET

If you’re looking to purchase a garnet for yourself or a loved one, it is a great way to celebrate friendship, toast a 2nd wedding anniversary or recognize the wearer’s January birthday. When you’re ready to buy a garnet, visit a jeweler you can trust to assist you like Pineforest Jewelry. Look at how the garnet reacts under light and check for an intense, saturated color.

Try to find a cut that spreads light evenly over the surface of the gemstone. This will help to bring out the overall beauty and color of the garnet. No matter which stone or piece you choose, remember that the garnet is known for its durability and richness of color, so your investment will not only have great emotional value but could be a piece that stands the test of time.

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

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COUNTY MATTERS

Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee



Menefee pushes for EPA to Strengthen Air Quality Standards

Houston, Texas – Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee submitted formal comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) advocating for stronger national air quality standards for fine particulate matter (PM2.5), which is airborne pollution typically emitted in large quantities at refineries and plants, construction sites, and other industrial facilities. PM2.5 exposure can lead to respiratory issues, irregular heartbeat, death in people with heart or lung diseases, and aggravated asthma.

“This is an environmental justice issue. Study after study has shown that air pollution has a greater impact on lower-income communities, and Black and Hispanic people,” said Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee. “There are many communities in Harris County where people live a stone’s throw away from industrial and toxic waste facilities. Every level of government should be doing all we can to protect them. I’m grateful that the Environmental Protection Agency is considering strengthening this air quality standard, and I fully support making sure every person living in Harris County has clean air and water.”

In a pivot from an April 2020 decision by the EPA under the Trump administration, the EPA in January 2023 announced a proposal to lower the threshold of acceptable annual PM2.5 emissions. If adopted, this rule would impact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality’s (TCEQ) process for issuing permits to industrial facilities, as the TCEQ is the state agency charged with ensuring that the permitted emissions in Texas do not rise to a level that is harmful to human health and welfare.

The EPA’s comment period has now closed, and the agency has stated it plans to issue final standards later .

Home Country



with Slim Randles

Street Party. It must have been the weather

It began the way most miracles do: by accident or the hand of God, take your pick. It might have been the weather, at least partly. For December, the day had been almost balmy and warm. You know, sweaters instead of heavy coats. No mittens in sight.

Then there were Christmas lights on the stores, and that little bunch of Girl Scouts out raising money in front of the Read Me Now bookstore. Jasper Blankenship was inside going through the books to fortify his cabin’s library for winter and sat, listening with a smile to the girls as they laughed and waited for customers that weren’t really coming along too briskly.

“It’s a shame there aren’t more people out today for those girls,” said Sarah McKinley, behind the counter. Jasper nodded and paid for his books, then walked out to the truck. He stopped and thought for a while, then brought out his violin, rosined the bow, and walked over to the sidewalk next to the girls.

“You girls like fiddle music?” he asked.

Carla Martinez was driving down the street, headed for the Soup ‘R Market when she saw the Girl Scouts dancing with each other in front of their table to Jasper’s music. Before he’d had time to finish that tune, she’d returned with her guitar and joined the fun. Jim Albertson, the elementary school principal, showed up with a harmonica, and he wasn’t bad at it.

Dud got out his accordion and was able to at least do the bass buttons as accompaniment.

By this time, it was getting dark in the street, and several people turned headlights on the area in front of the bookstore. Older people had joined the Girl Scouts dancing in the streets, and Delbert Chin from the Chinese restaurant across the street sent one of his girls out with a huge pot of coffee and paper cups.

The party was on.

It lasted until the cars’ headlights began to wear down the batteries, but during its brief lifetime, the street dance and mid-winter party cast a blessing on us all.

It must have been the weather.

In loving memory of times we spent with Polka Dan Zantek and Herman the German Hastreiter. No one could get a street party started more quickly.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Quakes Prompt Officials to Limit Disposal Wells

The Texas Railroad Commission has suspended nearly two dozen permits that allow oil and gas companies to inject saltwater into the ground, which regulators say has contributed to increased earthquakes of greater magnitude in West Texas.

The Austin American Statesman reported the 23 disposal wells hold hundreds of thousands of barrels of produced water, which is a toxic brine. A 2022 report said the state generated 3.9 billion barrels of produced water from extracting oil and gas.

The RRC instructed major companies to no longer dispose of saltwater in Reeves and Culberson counties, which had seven earthquakes last year, including a 5.2 magnitude temblor that was the fourth highest in state history.

Meanwhile, the RRC has developed a framework for pilot programs to recycle produced water “safely and economically.”

“Operators will apply for authorization to conduct pilot studies, and RRC will issue a permit or letter of authorization if the application meets requirements. The operators would compile data of how treated produced water can be reused in certain activities that are safe and protective of human health and the environment,” the news release said.

The goal is to reduce the amount of produced water injected back into the ground, reducing earthquake incidents.

“This framework opens up the potential to use treated produced water in ways that have never been seen before in Texas, which is a win-win for conserving water resources, and protecting the environment and Texans,” Wei Wang, executive director, said.

LAST YEAR WAS HOTTEST EVER FOR TEXAS

It likely comes as no surprise to all of us who endured last summer, but 2023 was the hottest ever recorded in Texas, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



and reported by the Texas Tribune.

The average temperature in the state measured 68.1 degrees last year, beating the previous 2012 record by 0.3 degrees. Every year since 2000 in Texas has been warmer than the 20th century average, said John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist. Last year was 3.5 degrees hotter than the 20th-century average in the state.

“That consistent warmth is because of climate change,” Nielsen-Gammon said.

Texas wasn’t alone in feeling the heat. Since federal record keeping began in 1895, last year was the fifth warmest in the contiguous United States, not counting Hawaii and Alaska.

“You can think of (2023) as kind of a preview of the future and it’s not pretty,” Andrew Dessler, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University, said.

PAXTON ASKS HIGH COURT TO SHIELD HIM FROM DEPOSITION

Attorney General Ken Paxton is asking the Texas Supreme Court to keep him from being deposed in a long-running whistleblower lawsuit filed by four former employees at the agency.

The aides claim they were wrongfully fired after complaining to the FBI about Paxton’s conduct concerning a prominent campaign donor.

The Statesman reported Paxton filed the motion with the high court after an appeals court rejected his attempt to avoid being deposed. That ruling allows the

whistleblowers to continue their suit, which comes after a \$3.3 million settlement agreement last year imploded when the Legislature refused to pay for it.

An investigation into the whistleblowers’ claims led to an investigation that resulted in the House impeaching Paxton, who was acquitted in the Senate. Paxton contends he complied with the non-monetary terms of the settlement agreement, which included retracting a disparaging news release, and that the Legislature’s refusal to fund the settlement does not warrant continued settlement talks or a trial.

“The Legislature considered and rejected OAG’s request for funding, and even added a rider to the appropriations bill forbidding OAG from settling this case with taxpayer funds,” the attorneys for the whistleblowers wrote in their response.

HOMELESSNESS IN TEXAS ON THE RISE

Homelessness in Texas grew by more than 12% last year, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Tribune reported more than 27,000 Texans were unhoused when homelessness advocates conducted their annual Point-in-Time count last January, with 43% of those living on the streets.

Higher rents and the end of pandemic-era safety nets such as federal rent relief funds and a moratorium on evictions are being blamed for the increase. Homelessness rose in nearly every demographic group, according to the Point-in-Time estimate.

“We’re in a huge affordability crisis,” said Eric Samuels, president and CEO of Texas Homeless Network. “There’s a lot of people out there at risk of homelessness. And if they fall into homelessness, we have a lot fewer units to help them escape homelessness.”

RABIES VACCINE BAIT AIRDROP MARKS 30 YEARS

Planes are taking to the air in South Texas to kick off the 30th annual oral rabies vaccine airdrop, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

“Our goal is to vaccinate coyotes and gray foxes along the border to maintain herd immunity against rabies and keep new or previously eliminated rabies variants from becoming established in Texas,” said Kathy Parker, project director. “We will be distributing vaccine baits over 18 border counties this year.”

The project is expected to last two weeks. Vaccine baits are dropped along half mile intervals. More than 820,000 oral vaccine baits will be dropped. Since the airdrop program began, the number of animal rabies cases caused by the variants found in South Texas dropped from 122 cases in 1994 to zero cases by 2000.

There have been no human cases of rabies attributable to the rabies cases found in that region since the program began.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Sharing a Story

My nephew, Beau, keeps me on my toes.

Keeping on my toes is a good way to develop balance and agility. It is also a good way to fall on my face and embarrass myself. But since I don’t spend a lot of time with teenagers—and not nearly enough with Beau—I am trying.

Right now, he’s trying to convince me that I need a mechanical keyboard for my computer. I am old enough to remember typing class in high school. The “thunk, thunk, thunk!” sound of hitting keys is not a pleasant memory. My parents gave me a state-of-the-art typewriter when I left for college, and it had (wonder of wonders!) a self-correcting function, which was a huge improvement over the machines from high school, but it was still messy and time-consuming.

Then I didn’t write anything for years and, by the time I wrote again, I was using a wireless keyboard and wireless mouse with a great big monitor. Now, when I see typewriters, rather than experiencing a pleasant nostalgia, I feel something closer to dread. But Beau is trying to tell me that a mechanical keyboard is the way to go, and I am trying to keep an open mind.

“It’s really easy to use,” he assures me. “And it will last much longer than a membrane keyboard.”

“Hmmm.”

“And you can adjust it to any touch you want.”

“Uh-huh.”

In addition to his interest in computer peripherals, Beau is also a voracious reader. I gave him a book over Christmas, and he texted me a few days later saying he wanted to discuss it with me. The problem was, I hadn’t read it. (I had no idea I was expected to actually read the books I gave to him at Christmas.) So I went back to my local bookstore to buy a copy. As I approached the front desk, I saw a collection of books and a sign that read “Signed Copies.” I then realized one of the books on the table was the meditations of Marcus Aurelius, who died in A.D. 180.

“I guess you wouldn’t have a signed copy of Marcus Aurelius,” I said to Patrick, who works the front desk.

“Well, we wouldn’t have three for sure!” Patrick replied. Patrick is a smart aleck.

Also displayed in front was an old typewriter, much older than any I was forced to use. “I feel lucky to be writing now,” I told Patrick. “I bet we would have three more novels by Charles Dickens if he’d had word processing.”

“A lot of writers back then had their wives transcribe their manuscripts!” Patrick noted, disapprovingly.

“I’ve heard he read his books to his daughter,” I told him.

“You can tell,” Patrick said. “His writing sounds like a story you would tell aloud.”

I left the bookstore with the book I gave Beau and a copy of Marcus Aurelius. I thought how fortunate I was to be able to buy a book so easily and to have all these tools that make writing so effortless.

But as different as it all seems, I know that reading and writing have not really changed all that much. Whether the story was written with a quill pen or on a fancy computer, whether it was read off a stone tablet or an electronic one, it is still just someone sharing a story.

I’m going to give Beau’s mechanical keyboard a try. It will keep me on my toes. And it will remind me—once again—that there is no one right way to tell a story.

Till next time,
Carrie

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Houston Petset and L3 design
deliver 50 dog houses to BARC
ahead of Freezing Temperatures

The houses will be stored at BARC and distributed to pet owners who are unable to provide adequate shelter for their outside pets.

HOUSTON, Texas (Jan. 12, 2024) – Houston PetSet, a local nonprofit organization working to end Houston’s homeless animal crisis, coordinated with L3 Design, Landscaping & Outdoor Living, delivered 50 custom-built dog houses to BARC Animal Enforcement ahead of the approaching hard freeze.

Houston PetSet and L3 Design have been working with leadership at BARC to address the influx of reports made about dogs left outside in the cold. In 2022, the State of Texas enacted the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act that prohibits owners from leaving pets outside in extreme weather with no access to appropriate shelter.

Built by Houston PetSet’s exclusive landscaping and outdoor living partner L3 Design with lumber donated by Gabriel Home Builders, these dog houses will enable pet owners to properly care for their pets in the face of cold or inclement weather. The dog houses will be distributed at the discretion of BARC animal enforcement officers as they respond to calls from the community.

“With temperatures dropping and thousands of pets left without shelter, Houston PetSet is happy to be able to partner with BARC and the rescue community to distribute dog houses to those in need,” said Houston PetSet Co-President Tama Lundquist. “These life-saving measures will ensure that family pets are safe, and we

are grateful for this exclusive partnership with L3 Design and the generosity of Gabriel Home Builders.”

“At L3 Design, we are all pet people,” said Owner and Chief Growth Officer Lauren Olenius. “They are members of our family and we feel obligated to do what we can for dogs that are on their own and don’t have a family to love and take care of them. We believe in giving back to our community and dogs are a big part of our community. We are grateful to this organization that gives us the opportunity to be involved with such a worthy endeavor.”

“As BARC’s staff works hard to prepare our shelter pets for the incoming cold front, we urge the public to care for their own pets, bring them indoors, and provide them with proper safety from next week’s hard freeze,” said BARC Shelter Director Jarrad Mears. “We will have additional enforcement crews working overnight throughout the freezing weather to respond to Harris County Animal Cruelty Task Force calls. We’ll be staffed throughout each evening at the shelter to provide humane care as well for the animals in our care and any we collect in the community.”

Houston PetSet reminds the public to use straw to insulate dog and cat houses instead of blankets, as fabric can hold moisture and make pets even colder than the ambient air temperature. Access to food and fresh clean water (that isn’t frozen) is also vital for pets who are staying outside. Whenever possible, please bring pets inside when temperatures drop below freezing, as they are currently forecasted to do.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Sofia Coppola finally revealed why her Elvis Presley (Jacob Elordi) didn’t really sing in “Priscilla.” She explained, “I originally wanted to have three Elvis songs, but I always knew that we might not be able to get them. I wanted it to really be focused on [Priscilla’s] story ... and to me, it is really more important to have Dolly Parton at the end, to have a woman’s voice at the end.”

Despite being an Oscar-winning director and the daughter of Francis Ford Coppola — and also having a career that spans decades with films such as “Marie Antoinette” (2006) and “Lost in Translation” (2003) — Sofia’s been competing with male directors to get bigger budgets. “I just see all these men getting hundreds of millions of dollars, and then I’m fighting for a tiny fraction of that,” she revealed. And that’s why Elvis didn’t get to sing much in “Priscilla.”

Has the flood of rom-coms on Hallmark, Great American Family, Lifetime and UPTV ruined the genre for movie theaters? Case in point: Glen Powell and Sydney Sweeney’s new film “Anyone But You.” Powell got noticed in “Hit Man” and “Top Gun: Maverick,” while Sweeney excelled in “The White Lotus” and “Euphoria,” but they couldn’t fill theater seats despite good reviews. In their first week, they grossed \$16 million against a \$25 million cost.

And despite having incredible battle scenes and Oscar winner Joaquin Phoenix as Napoleon, the epic Ridley Scott film “Napoleon” grossed \$213.4 million, but cost \$130 million. The first week of “Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom” only grossed \$58 million against its \$215 million cost. (The original grossed \$136 million in its first week.) But “Barbie’s” \$1.5 billion grosses prove that if you’ve got what moviegoers want, they’ll run in to fill those seats.

Ever wondered how much “Dancing with the Stars” pays their celebrities



Director Sofia Coppola (“Priscilla”)

and why it’s so important for them to make the semi-finals? Semi-finalists get \$50,000 for each week they remain in the competition. Plus, those who make it to the end will more than likely walk away with \$345,000, and one of them even gets a mirror ball trophy! It’s a lot of hard work, but can be fun and worth the prize money, especially compared to “America’s Got Talent.” The winner of “AGT” gets \$1 million, but the prize is spread out over 40 years — yes, I said it, 40 years!

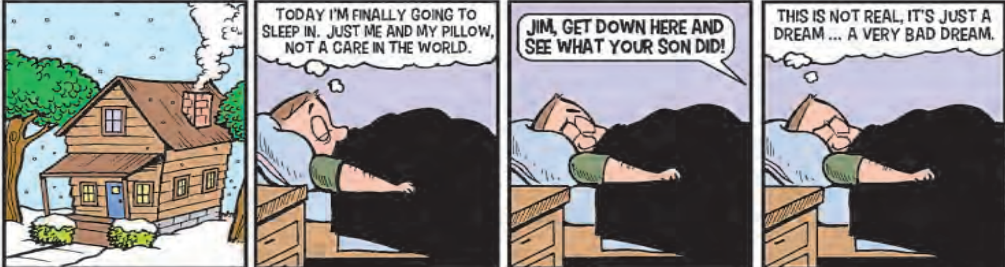
Though, that’s still a better case than “American Idol,” who gives its winners \$125,000 for winning the competition and another \$125,000 to complete an album in just four months. A \$300,000 advance is also given, but the musicians won’t receive a penny from their music until the advance is paid back. Some winners even felt trapped by the record label and weren’t able to get out of the contract to record with someone else.

“The Voice” awards \$100,000 to the winner and a record deal as well, but as of this date, not one of its winners has made it big. What’s your get-rich-quick scheme for 2024?

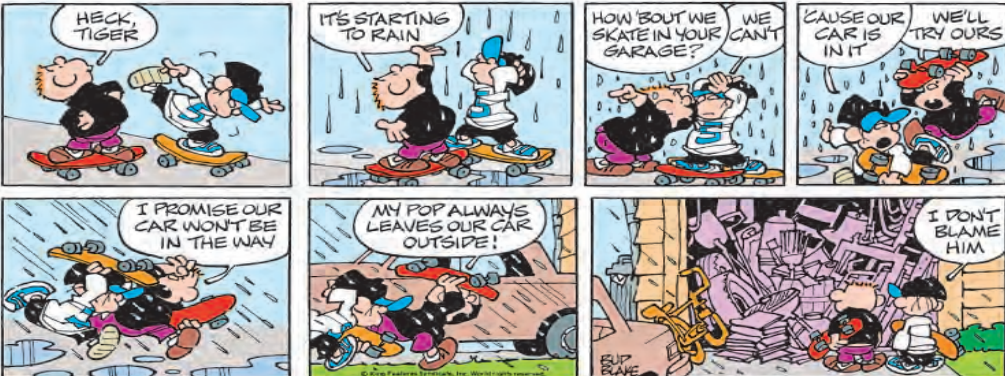
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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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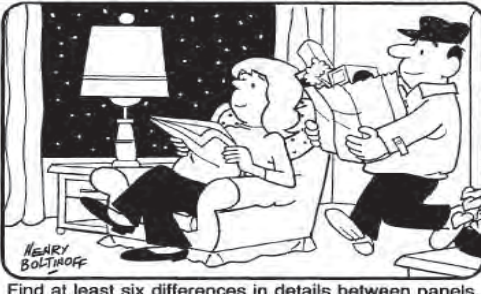
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lampshade is wider. 2. Curtain is shorter. 3. Leaf is missing from plant. 4. Sleeve is longer. 5. Foot is smaller. 6. Arm of chair is different.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Essence
- Sprint
- Weed whacker
- Part of a French play
- Draft status
- Jackson 5 hit song
- Bribe of a sort
- Kanga's kid
- Hindu hero
- Mature, as fruit
- Laugh track sounds
- Painter Joan
- "East of Eden" son
- College life
- Kitten's cry
- Nearby
- USN bigwig
- Shaded
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- Sluggish
- Carrier to Amsterdam
- Sean Astin film
- Wan
- October outing
- Brother of Groucho
- Bassoon's kin
- Nobel Prize subj.
- More (Sp.)
- Fury
- Soccer star Mia
- Region
- Cowboy's greeting
- Sail support
- Priests' garments
- Runner Sebastian
- Notion
- Iowa city
- Moth repellent
- Vichy water
- Nobel-winning Mother
- Highland hat
- Drench
- Russian river
- Ran in the wash
- Nashville venue
- Outback bird
- Refusals
- Show to a seat, slangily
- Utter

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What state is the setting for the 1990s movie “Twister”?
- GEOGRAPHY: Lake Okeechobee is in which U.S. state?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president adopted the expression, “Speak softly and carry a big stick”?
- MUSIC: Actor/singer Jared Leto also is the front man for which rock music band?
- HISTORY: The U.S. Civil War ended in 1865 when Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union forces in which Virginia town?
- SCIENCE: Which element has the symbol Pb?
- GAMES: What is the destination in the board game Candy Land?
- TELEVISION: Who was the long-running host of “American Bandstand”?
- U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Alaska?
- LITERATURE: Who is the author of the autobiographical work “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings”?

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GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023						
Data Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	CRRSA Act ESSER II	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
5700 Local, Intermediate, and Out of State Revenues	\$ 127,265,819	\$ 35,396,579	\$ 2,604,313	\$ -	\$ 3,680,987	\$ 168,947,698
5800 State Program Revenues	121,353,954	748,522	-	-	1,534,610	\$ 123,637,086
5900 Federal Program Revenues	11,824,110	-	-	19,548,786	53,074,919	\$ 84,447,815
5020 Total Revenues	260,443,883	36,145,101	2,604,313	19,548,786	58,290,516	377,032,599
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011 Instruction	130,223,525	-	-	8,035,277	21,893,065	160,151,867
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,614,829	-	-	25,254	35,055	2,675,138
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	4,636,857	-	-	345,431	4,743,796	9,726,084
0021 Instructional Leadership	5,695,701	-	-	36,583	968,183	6,700,467
0023 School Leadership	17,197,475	-	-	169,114	171,079	17,537,668
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	9,306,125	-	-	481,820	899,556	10,687,501
0032 Social Work Services	735,650	-	-	7,317	662,571	1,405,538
0033 Health Services	2,245,044	-	-	383,125	299,540	2,927,709
0034 Student Transportation	9,394,667	-	-	125,048	706,288	10,226,003
0035 Food Services	77	-	-	178,904	20,480,998	20,659,979
0036 Extracurricular Activities	4,372,315	-	-	5,322	2,114,571	6,492,208
0041 General Administration	9,395,759	-	-	181,340	13,117	9,590,216
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	28,401,669	-	-	6,861,124	5,082,792	40,345,585
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	3,797,467	-	-	2,298,315	41,284	6,137,066
0053 Data Processing Services	5,638,522	-	-	524,286	7,483	6,170,291
0061 Community Services	1,590,410	-	-	33,258	1,454,153	3,077,821
Debt Service:						
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	990,505	18,350,063	-	53,425	202,892	19,596,885
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	2,366	17,744,611	-	-	40	17,747,017
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	-	6,000	-	-	-	6,000
Capital Outlay:						
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	1,521,165	-	35,422,813	1,330	363,754	37,309,062
Intergovernmental:						
0093 Payments related to shared service arrangements	-	-	-	-	291,152	291,152
0099 Payments to County Appraisal District	1,083,695	-	-	-	-	1,083,695
6030 Total Expenditures	238,843,823	36,100,674	35,422,813	19,746,273	60,431,369	390,544,952
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	21,600,060	44,427	(32,818,500)	(197,487)	(2,140,853)	(13,512,353)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7912 Sales of Real or Personal Property	5,890,562	-	-	-	55,598	5,946,160
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	-	10,348	10,348
7949 Proceeds from SBITA Assets	157,527	-	-	197,487	900,791	1,255,805
8911 Transfers Out	(115,348)	-	-	-	-	(115,348)
8949 Other uses - court ordered tax refunds	(1,646,545)	(477,931)	-	-	-	(2,124,476)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	4,286,196	(477,931)	-	197,487	966,737	4,972,489
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	25,886,256	(433,504)	(32,818,500)	-	(1,174,116)	(8,539,864)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	194,683,206	2,523,142	65,994,980	-	8,672,613	271,873,941
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 220,569,462	\$ 2,089,638	\$ 33,176,480	\$ -	\$ 7,498,497	\$ 263,334,077

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Alarming Benzene Levels In Channelview-Jacintoport Areas,

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much as 20 times higher than was allowed almost two decades ago.

Leffler said his research began more than 18 months ago with multiple visits to the Channelview area.

"In that time, I've talked to dozens of people, many of whom are in this room, and many of the organizations that are around here," he said. "The unincorporated area of Channelview is a very, very strong and vibrant community and one where people take care of one another."

Panelists included Juan Flores of Air Alliance Houston and a resident of Galena Park; Tim Doty, a former TCEQ employee; Loren Hopkins, PhD from Rice University who specializes in the environ-

ment; and moderators Ana Bueno from Univision and Leffler.

The report singles out Channelview-based K-Solv Chemicals and Maritime Services, a chemical distribution company, as the chief offender on the TCEQ list. Shockingly, PHW alleges K-Solv was a known offender for decades, and despite their troubles, have been allowed to expand their services.

"Today, K-Solv can legally release almost 20 times more volatile organic compounds, including benzene, into the air each year. More than it did in 2005," Leffler said.

Leffler said he was drawn to the area by former TCEQ employee and air monitoring expert Tim Doty.

"We tried to look at

things, not in a biased manner, but impartially to find out where emissions were coming from," Doty said. He explained that the area was littered with barges containing benzene and had optical gas imaging videos they had taken.

"The agency, internally, tried to decide what to do about it and at one time we were very proactive," he said. "We would call in the company to have a technical talk and they were asked to reduce their benzene content and change their business practices to try to lessen the exposure in this neighborhood or for the residents that lived here at the time," he described it.

Doty admitted in the meeting that he felt like TCEQ was now much more pro industry.

Hopkins said she was disappointed with the feds and the state for raising the allowable levels of benzene muddying what was really acceptable and what was not.

"It's (benzene) the highest concentration around here including all of the monitors that I have looked at for decades," she said. The Rice professor also said Galena Park and the Lynchburg Ferry area have competing numbers, "but the numbers here are higher than that. It's not the contest you want to win," she said.

Galena Park resident Juan Flores, who now advocates for Air Alliance Houston, believes his blood cancer diagnosis comes from the elevated benzene levels in Galena Park.

"I'm 46 years old, was

born in Tidelands Hospital in Channelview, and raised in Galena Park all my life," he told the crowd at the meeting.

"You could smell things in the air," he said. "Even as a kid I remember in the middle of the night, you could smell it. Early in the morning, you could smell it. After a rain died down, your could smell it," he explained.

Following his diagnosis, he has become more proactive in his community, trying to warn the residents of the dangers lurking in the very air they breathe.

"We now place monitors not just where the vehicle traffic is or next to the ship channel, but in the community next to homes so we can see exactly what the elevations are," he said.

No political leaders were present at the meeting; however, the report caught the eye of State Representative Carol Alvarado who pledges to propose legislation to bring help to the area during the next legislature in 2025.

While the area continues to smell the wafts of chemicals most days, a group of citizens is organizing to challenge their state leaders to do something meaningful now that addresses what is an "acceptable cancer risk" standards by the EPA and TCEQ.

Leffler said this wasn't the end of the story. "We're not going anywhere," he said. "As we know, there's no shortage of environmental issues that are occurring here."

Texans Advance in Playoffs... Blowout Browns 45-14,

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ik and Defensive Coordinator Matt Burke.

Bobby Slowik joined the Texans at the start of the 2023 season. He has previously served as an assistant coach for the Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers. He attended Michigan Tech University and played wide receiver for the Huskies in 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Slowik accepted his first NFL coaching position as a defensive assistant with the Washington Redskins in 2011-2013. He joined the San Francisco 49ers as a defensive quality control coach in 2017 and 2018. In 2019 through 2022 he moved to the offensive side of the ball. He and DeMeco Ryans worked together as assistant coaches for the 49ers.

Defensive Coordinator Matt Burke enters his 20th season coaching in the NFL. He joined the Texans at the start of 2023 after spending last season serving as the Arizona Cardinals defensive line coach. A native of Hudson, Mass., Burke played safety at Dartmouth. He was part of the school's undefeated Ivy League championship team in 1996.

DeMeco Ryans, Texans Rookie Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator Matt Burke working in tandem produced a stingy defensive shutting down the Browns quarterback Joe Flacco. To compliment the offense the defense had two pick-6 touchdown interceptions.

The Texans ended Flacco's magic wild game 5 – 0 win streak. Flacco is their backup quarterback who took-over after former Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson in Week 10 suffered a season-ending shoulder injury requiring surgery.

C. J. Stroud, Texans rookie quarterback led the explosive offense with a brilliant performance. Stroud used the game plan of Rookie Offensive Coordinator Bobby Slowik. Slowik designed a master class game plan that took apart one of the NFL's best defenses.

Cleveland's defense never sacked Stroud and only hit him once. He completed 16-of-21 for 274 yards and three touchdowns. Five of his passes were over 20 yards.

The rookie sensation completed 16-of-21 for 274 yards and three touchdowns scattering passes to seven different receivers. Total offensive yards were 356.

Running back Devin Singletary nicknamed "Motor" averaged 5 yards per carry and made one TD. Running back Dameon Pierce helped in the ground game. Texans place kicker Ka'imi Fairbarin made 9 points, 6 after TD's and one field goal.

This Sunday DeMeco and his wife Jamila were greeted with lots of congratulatory praises from our church members. The Ryans' and my wife Linda are members of the Fifth Ward Church of Christ. The Ryans' were appreciative to receive last week's copy of the North Channel Star and the Texans front page article.

The Texans next play on Saturday, January 20th at 3:30pm to be televised on ESPN and ABC. They'll play the tough number one seed of their division, the Ravens in Baltimore. The big difference this time is the weather. The Texans lost to the Ravens back on Sept. 10th in Baltimore 25 – 9 on a beautiful day with 78 degree weather.

Saturday's forecast in Baltimore calls for a high of 23 and low of 16. The Texans may luck out and miss the snow. The Baltimore area got more than four inches of snow Monday and more is expected Friday. However, Saturday's conditions look cold, but dry.

"I think as long as you know what you need to wear, make sure you prepare, make sure you wear the proper things that will help you while you're standing around on the sideline, but once you hit the field, you're going to get cold," Texans coach DeMeco Ryans said Monday.



2022 HOUSTON ASTROS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY TOUR!!

Rotary Club of North Shore

We had an incredibly exciting lunch meeting today!

We presented the Galena Park Education Foundation and The Cody Stephens Foundation our club donation in recognition of the amazing work they both do!! The Rotary Club of North Shore supports you!!

Thanks to our guest speaker , Dr. Kenneth Tidwell, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, for your presentation on the San Jacinto College Maritime Campus.

Special Thanks to our fellow Rotarian, Hugo Reyna, for including us in the 2022 Houston Astros World Series Championship Trophy Tour!! We had fun taking photos with the trophy and are ready for another champions!!

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To learn more about The Cody Stephens Foundation: <https://www.codystephensfoundation.org/>

To learn more about the SJC Maritime Campus : <https://www.sanjac.edu/about/locations/maritime>



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North Shore Rotary Club Christmas Celebration



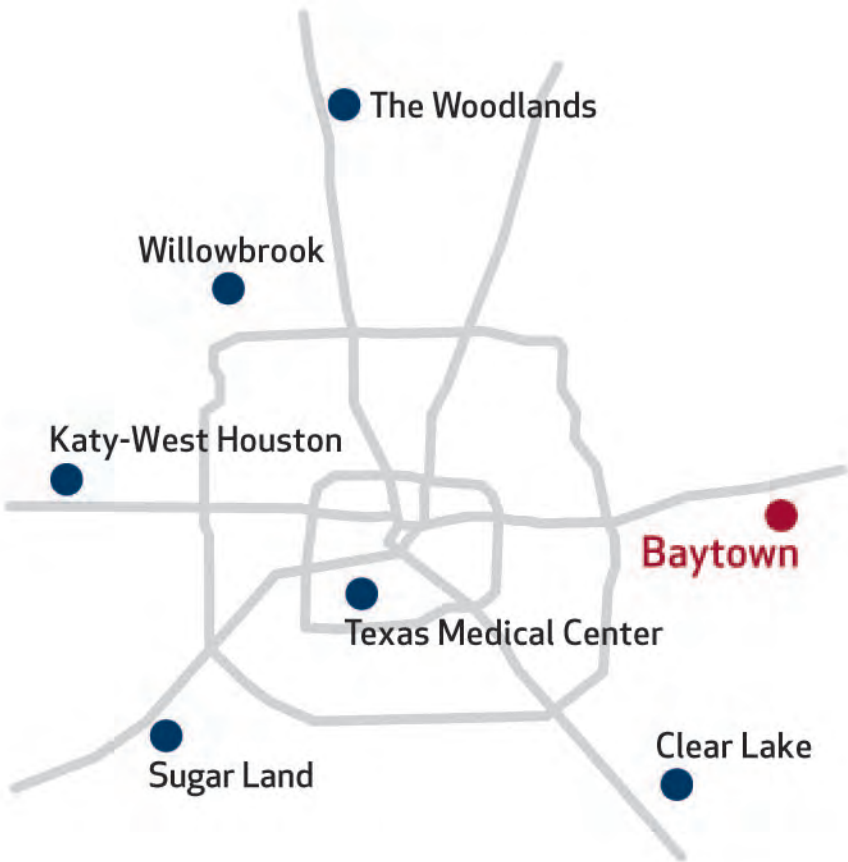
Grateful for the warm hospitality and magical moments at our annual Christmas party held last month. Heartfelt thanks to our wonderful party host, Dr. Hallisey and family. Your creativity and attention to detail turned the gathering into a festive masterpiece. Cheers to Doc and Danna Nino for your work on executing this event! Here's to a year of success and more joyful moments!!



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