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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### North Shore Rotary FISH FRY Saturday April 20

North Shore Rotary will hold its 49th Annual Catfish Fry, Shrimp and Crawfish Boil. Serving from 11:00am to 3:00pm, at the Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville Road behind the Courthouse.

Also a Live and Silent Auction, and a Raffle to award a lucky ticket holder a new Toyota Tundra Pickup truck, or a Toyota Rav4 SUV, from Community Toyota\*Honda\*Kia. Raffle tickets \$100, Food Tickets \$15, available from all North Shore Rotarians.

### Pilot Club Puzzle Competition Sunday April 21

The public is invited to the San Jacinto Pilot Club Puzzle Competition, Sunday April 21 from 3pm to 5pm at the Hampton Inn, 14120 Karissa Court, Houston 77049. \$25 per person includes beverages and snacks. Tickets from any club member, or 281-701-9993 or 281-221-1616.

### GP/JC Rotary Baked Potato Lunch and Cake Auction Apr. 4

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## 'Mane Event' Helps fill Coffers for Bay Area Homeless Shelter; Wadzinski roasted

By David Taylor

He was a good sport—for the most part—for friends and acquaintances lobbed a few good-natured insults and jokes at the expense of Jim Wadzinski all in the name of raising funds for the Bay Area Homeless Shelter on Feb. 24 at the Hyatt Regency in Baytown.

The Mane Event 2024 famously hosts the dinner, live auction, and roasts an area celebrity to raise funds for maintenance and operation costs of the ministry at 3406 Wisconsin Street in Baytown.

Bill Eckert, executive director for BAHHS, was thrilled with the outcome.

"I've been here since 2012 and we've been doing this every year. This was the most beautiful venue," he said. "We were so impressed the staff at the hotel who was really responsive to our needs and helped us put on the best one so far."

Eckert didn't have a fi-



Jim Wadzinski laughs at a zinger delivered by his boss Roger Elswick, Community Auto Group, at the annual The Mane Event which raises money for the Bay Area Homeless Shelter. Elswick was among several who roasted Wadzinski.



This was the first year that the late former Mayor of Baytown Pete Alfaro was not at the banquet. The formidable leader helped bail the non-profit out when they were financially strapped.



Wadzinski wipes the brow of Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Randle O'Brien during the live auction as the price for an item grows exponentially. O'Brien got his revenge when he roasted Wadzinski later in the program



Roger Elswick of Community Auto Group hired Wadzinski in 2010 as the Community Affairs/ Customer Relations Director. He enjoyed his opportunity to tease his employee at The Mane Event on Saturday, Feb. 24.

nal number on how much was raised because the total involved a combination of things.

"We had a very successful live auction, and the silent auction totals won't come in for a few days. We also have the donations for the beautiful flowers on the tables and we won't know till later how many scanned the QR code on the tables to make donations," he said. Despite having the exact numbers, Eckert felt like it was the best fundraiser they have held since his coming.

"It will be a record-setting year for us," he said proudly.

One of the tables front and center was decorated with a black tablecloth and a rose. Next to it was a photo of former Baytown mayor, the late Pete Alfaro who helped the floundering shelter when they were in financial need.

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### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREE - (3RD OF A SERIES)

## CELEBRATING AMELIA EARHART

By Allan Jamail

March 18, 2024 ~ Women's History Month is from March 1st. thru March 31st. ~ One of my favorite women in history is Amelia Earhart, she deserves my recognition for her contributions to women's right and the aviation industry. Contributions to this story came from hours of research from numerous sources.

Even though I was a child, I do remember my parents and the news accounts being discussed about the female pilot Amelia Earhart's accomplishments and mysterious disappearance 87 years ago. At age 40 she disappeared



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on July 2nd, 1937; she had become an American aviation pioneer and writer.

Why Amelia Earhart Still Matters? In 1920, a Kansas woman took her first flight—and soon changed the aviation world. She deserves lots of credit for both women's progress in a man's world and for her contributions to Women's Rights.

Amelia Mary Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas, in 1897, six years before the Wright Brothers first took flight. In her 1932 book Last Flight, she wrote that she saw her first airplane in 1910 at the Iowa State Fair, but that "I was more interested in an absurd hat made of an inverted peach basket which I had just purchased for fifteen cents."

After attending school in Pennsylvania, she worked as a nurse's aide during World War I in Canada. While there, she attended an airplane flying exhibition. She said, "Watching the planes soar in the sky and buzz the crowd had an enormous impact on

me. I did not understand it at the time, but I believe that little red airplane said something to me as it swished by."

In 1920, she took her first flight with the U. S. Army's World War I record-breaking pilot Frank Hawks. A year later she was one of the few women in flight school, and in 1923 she became the 16th female to get her pilot license from the World Air Sports Federation.

In 1930, she purchased the plane that would carry her into history, the iconic red Lockheed 5B Vega she

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## Rotary Fish Fry will include Auction, Raffle...and Fish



Rotary Fish Fry Chairman Danna Nino and Club President Lee Brown hold a Raffle Ticket for the April 20th 49th Annual FISH FRY (Officially Catfish Fry, Shrimp and Crawfish Boil). Tickets are available from any Rotarian and many stores and banks in the area. Call 713-410-5352 for tickets or information. Raffle Tickets (for a new Toyota vehicle) are \$100, and Meal Tickets are \$15. Food is served from 11am to 3pm, during the Live Auction and Raffle Draw.

## UIL realignments announced for area

### Channelview, GC Memorial moved into 'Little SEC' District 23-6A

By David Taylor  
Managing Editor

If iron sharpens iron, then Channelview and Goose Creek Memorial's game on the gridiron can only get better in their newly minted district. The Falcons and Patriots were moved into the same district with North Shore, Atascocita, Humble, Kingwood, Summer Creek, and C. E. King in the University Interscholastic League's biennial reclassification and realignment for the 2024-25 and 2025-2026 school years.

For the last half decade or more, District 23-6A has earned the reputation of being the 'little SEC' in Houston area football competition. Many of the district's teams have experienced various levels

of success together developing their dominance in Houston and across the state.

The supremacy of 23-6A has come in the form of 5 state title appearances by North Shore in the last six years, and three titles in that time; 1 state title appearance by West Brook; 1 state title appearance by Summer Creek; dozens of bi-district, area, regional semi's, and regional final appearances (three between North Shore and Atascocita) and semi-final appearances all along vanquishing Houston area opponents.

The football gods at UIL realign and reclassify teams based on their enrollments to balance fair play between schools every two years.

The new enrollment fig-

ures this next biennium are 6A numbers are 2,275 and above, 5A is 1,315-2,274, while 4A numbers are 545-1,314, 3A enrollments 254-544, 2A from 105-253, and 1A 104.9 and below. Some districts petition to be moved up, some move up or down because of increasing or decreasing enrollments. Others petition the changes based on driving distance or what might seem to make more sense for them. The appeals have been filed and UIL granted some and refused others.

Gone from the district are former foes Beaumont West Brook and Beaumont United.

In 2022, the Falcons finished with one of their best

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# SHELDON ISD NEWS

## KHS Administrator Named TABSE Assistant Principal of the Year



Ms. Charlotte Harris, C.E. King High School Assistant Principal, has been named the Assistant Principal of the Year by the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators (TABSE) at the state conference's Awards Banquet. This accolade comes as a testament to her dedication and exceptional leadership within the educational community.

During her heartfelt acceptance speech, Ms. Harris attributed the progression in her twenty-one-year educational ca-

reer to her robust support system. She expressed profound gratitude to her parents, acknowledging their unwavering encouragement and guidance. Additionally, she recognized the pivotal role played by mentors Dr. Demetrius McCall, Superintendent, and Dr. Brenda Dearmon, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, for their continuous support and inspiration. Ms. Harris also extended her appreciation to campus principal Dr. Jillian Howard,

whose leadership has been instrumental in fostering a conducive environment for growth and excellence. She expressed gratitude to her colleagues, recognizing the collaborative spirit that has shaped her professional journey.

A group of Sheldon ISD educators were present to celebrate Charlotte Harris for this well-deserved honor and acknowledge her as an exemplary leader in the field of education.

## Sheldon ISD Communications Department Wins State Awards



The Sheldon ISD Communications Department has brought home seven state medals from the Texas School Public Relations Association. The team's awards include: Gold Star Awards for Pre-K Brochure and Holiday Greeting Card, Silver Stars for Safety in Sheldon Flyer, Sheldon Stars Logo, The Scoop Staff Newsletter, The Source eNewsletter and the Ready Set Grow Video.

Members of the department include Emily Conklin, APR, CPC, Monica Arredondo, Cynthia Galeano and Beverly Stephenson. The team was recognized at the annual conference during the Star Awards Banquet on February 28.

## AVID Reader contest designed to promote reading



Sheldon ISD held its annual AVID Reader Contest on March 7. The contest is designed to foster the love of literacy, while challenging students to think critically to answer the question about the book. Students are responsible for reading 30 award winning books. This year's contest featured students in kindergarten through third grade, with more than 160 students participating. Congratulations to Cravens Early Childhood Academy, the district Kindergarten Champion and Elementary Champion Royalwood Elementary.

## KHS Welcomes National visitors to tour School Programs

Representatives from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation visited King High School on February 14 to learn more about our dual credit opportunities for students. They interviewed CTE, KNIT and STEM students and administrators to gather research and information. The KNIT program stands for King Nurses in Training and is designed to give students who are interested in the field of nursing opportunities to be prepared for a future career. Thanks to a partnership with San Jacinto College,



students are able to take dual credit courses to jump start their passion for the nursing field.

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**CHARLOTTE'S WEB**  
By Charlotte Jackson 

## Where Would You Turn

I take pride that my circle of influence is not all identical. I have always said if they were, who would be influencing who. I am truly blessed to have lived in the same community since 1971. My primary employers for the past twenty-seven years have been within our community. Not only did my children attend the same schools that I did, but now my granddaughters are attending those as well.

Over the years, I have seen the community change. Sometimes for the better, sometimes changes were not so good. I am truly fortunate that at an early age, I understood the importance of giving back. I may not always have the financial means to give to an organization, but I can find time to volunteer. And when volunteering, I have made some remarkable friendships. Some of those projects led to part-time work and many led to resources that I can share with others.

From volunteering with political campaigns to volunteering to serve as a Precinct Chair, it has opened many doors. My goal is to always learn about the new person and how they can help our community. Serving in the position that I now do, I often hear from senior citizens that they have an issue and do not know where to turn. One of the first places I tell them to reach out to is their elected leaders. These individuals work for them. And from my own experience, those of us who live in the North Channel Area have some of the hardest working elected officials. Rarely do they say they cannot help. They have staff members who go the extra mile to find assistance for the constituents. I have communication with those who live in the City of Houston, and they do not have the same success. It is as if they are hired for a job and that is all they do, whereas the staff in North Channel Area offices take it as a challenge to find the resources. They proudly go the extra mile to find an answer.

Yet there are sometimes when even they have exhausted every resource and contact. Over the past few months, I have had disabled senior citizen who was evicted and currently his application for Social Security Disability is in the review process. He can no longer work due to many health issues. He has depleted his savings, which had been used to pay his rent over the past few years. We were able to locate rental assistance for four months, yet that funding is no longer an option. He has no family and has built a wall around himself after his wife died just prior to the pandemic. In addition, he has specific guidelines of where he can live, as he is a registered sex offender. This crime was committed decades ago, he served his sentence in prison, completed his parole with no issues. At the time of his conviction, he was told that once those things had been taken care of, he would no longer carry the title of a registered sex offender. Unfortunately, it seems as if each session in Texas, legislators have changed the rules, and now he has a lifetime title. He seems hopeless and running into a brick wall with no energy to continue.

As I have depleted my resources, I pray for him daily. I encourage him to pray for himself and his situation. I have many friends who are praying for him. And sadly, he is not the only one in this type of situation. I am wondering if anyone who is reading this column knows of any resources? Where would you turn if this were you? Or a loved one? Or just a neighbor?

## Mane Event Fundraiser Roasts Wadzinski for Bay Area Homeless Shelter,

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Wadzinski took a ribbing on the love for his Green Bay Packers. He was born and raised in Rhinelander, Wisconsin and attended the University of Wisconsin where he studied Theater Performance and Business Administration.

Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District superintendent Dr. Randle O'Brien salivated returning the favor to Wadzinski after O'Brien was subject to the ridicule last year.

"We all know Jim supports public education because he named his son Sterling," O'Brien said. "He shouldn't have stopped there. He could have named his other son Robert E. Lee instead of Sean, or Charisse could have been named Goose," he joked.

One of the surprises of the night came when Wadzinski's hero, former Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre, made a cameo appearance via video courtesy of roaster Robin McDougald from Baytown Theater.

"I've heard you have a tendency to cheat at golf and you pre-cast your shows at the theater," Favre said to the laughter of the audience.

Retired police chief Keith Dougherty, a golf ringer that always seems to end up on Jim's team to help him allegedly win more trophies.

"He forgot to unblock my phone calls when I was chasing him down on an open warrant for hunting a Hodag out of season," Dougherty laughed while he was trying to call him back to agree to roast him at the event.

Jim's boss at Community Auto Group, Roger Elswick, opined Wadzinski's collection of community awards. "I just want you to think about how much these awards have cost me and not one of them has my name on them! All these items and awards should be company awards," he joked with Wadzinski.

The funds raised at The Mane Event are used to take care of the daily expenses including sala-

ries, supplies, food, and miscellaneous expenses that arise.

"We have a capital campaign that's underway as well to tear down two old buildings and install two state-of-the-art facilities to replace them," he said. Those funds are separate from the Mane Event fundraiser.

As a facility that operates 24/7 and 365 days each year, Eckert said this fundraiser was key to maintaining the viability of their work.

The executive director said that donations have been down, and he blames the state of the economy.

"The economy has a lot to do with it. Nationally, the philanthropic community has shifted their focus. Homeless shelters are not exactly on the top of everybody's list of things to support," he said.

Eckert said the shelter services a huge area of 2,100 square miles in east Harris County that includes Baytown, Channelview, Galena Park, Jacinto City, up to Crosby, and most of Chambers County.

"It's difficult. Most people when they leave work can shut out the lights out and walk out for a day off. We can't do that," he said. It's a lot of shifts and often overworked employees.

Master of Ceremonies Steve Don Carlos, former mayor of Baytown, urged the community to invest into the shelter.

"Our mission is different from most other homeless shelters," he explained. "We don't just provide a bed and a roof and food for folks, we give out what I like to call a hand up, not a handout. When families, men or women come into the homeless shelter, they are given financial counseling, we help them to find a job, out of their checks we will hold some until we have saved enough for them to get their own home or their own apartment" he said, helping them make their own way and fulfilling their own dreams.

## ASK DIAMOND JIM

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## Women's History Month Celebrating Amelia Earhart,

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nicknamed "Old Bessie. It's been on display at the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum since its opening in 1976.

In 1932, piloting a Lockheed Vega 5B, Earhart made a nonstop solo transatlantic flight, becoming the first woman to achieve such a feat. She received the United States Distinguished Flying Cross for this accomplishment. And in 1935, she became the first person to fly from Hawaii to the United States mainland.

She set many other records, was one of the first aviators to promote commercial air travel, wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences, and was instrumental in the formation of The Ninety-Nines, an organization for female pilots.

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS:** In 1935, Earhart became a visiting faculty member at Purdue University as an advisor to aeronautical engineering and a career counselor to female students. She was also a member of the National Woman's Party and an early supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment. She along with her close friend-

ship of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt together they made a lasting impact on women's causes from that period.

During an attempt at becoming the first woman to complete a circumference flight circling the globe in 1937 in a Purdue-funded Lockheed Model 10-E Electra, Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the central Pacific Ocean near Howland Island. The two were last seen 87 years ago in Lae, New Guinea, on July 2, 1937, on the last land stop before Howland Island and one of their final legs of the flight.

As the plane flew over a desolate portion of the Pacific, it became increasingly clear that they were in danger. The plane was too heavy, they were short on fuel, and the tiny island was always going to be difficult to locate—a two-and-half-square-mile tiny piece of land in a big ocean.

As the hours ticked by and the morning sun obscured her view, Earhart's voice rose in panic and confusion as she sent several clipped radio transmissions. Her last words were, "We are on the line 157-337

flying north and south, we are on you but cannot see you." After those words only silence came from the plane. That silence 87 years ago would be the quiet beginning of one of the greatest mysteries in American history.

It is generally presumed that she and Noonan died somewhere in the Pacific during their attempt to be the first to circle the globe. A year and a half after their disappearance they were officially declared dead. Investigations and significant public interest in their disappearance still continue over 87 years later.

After her presumed death, Earhart was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 1968 and the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1973. She now has several commemorative memorials named in her honor around the United States, including a commemorative US airmail stamp, an urban park, an airport, a residence hall, a museum, a research foundation, a bridge, a cargo ship, an earth-fill dam, four schools, a hotel, a playhouse, a library, multiple roads, and more. She also has a minor planet, plane-



tary corona, and lunar crater named after her. She is ranked ninth on Flying's list of the 51 Heroes of Aviation.

**POSSIBLE PLANE'S DISCOVERY:** On January 29, 2024 it was announced there could be a breakthrough in search for Amelia Earhart's plane after wreckage was found on sea-

bed HUGIN 6000, the most advanced unmanned underwater drone available.

The company announced that it has detected a plane-shaped object lying on the ocean floor close to Howland Island, between Fiji and the Hawaiian islands.

The searchers have a grainy image in black and yellow which appears to show a small plane lying on the sea floor more than 3,000 meters down (10,000 ft). CEO Tony Romeo stressed this may be 'the most exciting thing I'll ever do in my life'. 'I feel like a 10-year-old going on a treasure hunt,' he told the Wall Street Journal.

His crew launched in September, 2023 from Tarawa, Kiribati, a port near Howland Island, with 16 people on a research vessel. Their job was to take images of the deep sea bed in the hope of locating anything that could give a hint as to what happened to Earhart's plane. The grainy picture was taken a month into the mission but was only discovered in December when the images were checked. It takes hundreds of hours to scan pictures to find potential wreck sites.

Before a solid confirmation can be made more visits must take place. After scanning 5,200 miles of seabed near Earhart's last known position, surveyors Deep Sea Vision believe they may have located her Lockheed 10-E Electra.

The 16-person crew has spent months combing through the Pacific Ocean with a Kongsberg Discovery

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**OPINION**  
By **BILL KING**



# HPD Not Investigating Crimes is No Surprise

I am sure you have seen the recent media coverage of a scandal that has broken, regarding the Houston Police Department routinely dropping the investigation of crimes by using a code indicating the case was being dropped for a lack of manpower. The fact that HPD was not investigating thousands of crimes should have been a surprise to absolutely no one.

In this Houston Chronicle column in 2008, I wrote about how awful HPD's clearance rates were. There has been no improvement since 2008. Here are the latest numbers for HPD from the Texas Department of Public Safety:

Offense	Percent Cleared
Murder	60%
Rape	19%
Robbery	15%
Aggravated Assault <sup>3</sup>	28%
Burglary	5%
Larceny <sup>4</sup>	4%
Auto Theft <sup>5</sup>	6%
Arson	15%
Human Trafficking	21%

To be fair to HPD, the clearance rates are shockingly low for just about all law enforcement agencies. Here are the statewide averages and the clearance rates for the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Offense	Statewide	Harris County Sheriff's Department
Murder	58%	55%
Rape	20%	9%
Robbery	22%	23%
Aggravated Assault <sup>3</sup>	38%	54%
Burglary	9%	7%
Larceny <sup>4</sup>	10%	7%
Auto Theft <sup>5</sup>	7%	2%
Arson	24%	20%
Human Trafficking	35%	0%

Law enforcement predictably responds to criticism of their embarrassingly low clearance rates by complaining that it needs more resources and personnel. There is undoubtedly some validity to their complaint. But raising the clearance rate will require more than just throwing more money at law enforcement agencies.

Since I wrote my 2008 column, HPD's budget has increased by 73% (\$600MM\$1BB). That is about 20% higher than inflation. That could be explained had the department expanded to match Houston's population growth during that time, but rather its personnel has slightly declined (6,3756,254).

Some of you may recall that in 2009, Houstonians voted to allow the City to raise property taxes above the 2003 referendum cap by \$90 million. However, that increase did not result in any increase in personnel.

I agree with law enforcement that if we want to significantly move the needle on the clearance rate will take more resources. But that does not mean just blindly adding more "boots on the ground." We will have to be much smarter about how we approach the clearance rate problem.

First, we must devote more resources to forensics. While there have been some high-profile scandals about DNA tests being abused, the reality is that we have more forensics tools to solve crimes today than any time in history. But the backlogs at the Houston Forensic Science Center (HFSC) are completely unacceptable. According to its website, the average time to process a rape kit is 173 days. This is a total failure of our City to seek justice for rape victims and almost certainly contributes to HPD's abysmal 19% clearance rate for rapes, which is a disgrace. The backlog for firearm examination is a jaw-dropping 307 days.

Second, we must do more to prioritize investigation rather than patrol. I know that seeing a patrol car rolling through a neighborhood makes people feel safer, but actually taking dangerous criminals off the street will actually make them safer.

In this year's budget, about 22% of HPD's headcount (1,352) is assigned to investigation. That percentage has been gradually increasing in recent years but I would argue it has not increased nearly enough. There are a little over double that number assigned to patrol (2,874). About a third of the department's personnel are assigned to support, administrative, airport security, and other miscellaneous areas. I think the department should take a hard look at what support and administrative services could be outsourced or handled by civilian employees to increase the number of investigators.

Another idea I heard from one retired officer is to bring back retired detectives to work on cases on a contract basis. I am sure a detailed review of the department's operations would discover other ways to increase our investigative efforts. A better use of technology is likely one.

But if we want to solve more crimes, it must be made a priority. When I was running companies, one of my mantras was, "if you cannot measure it, you cannot manage it." So, clearance rates should be reported by HPD on a monthly basis. And we need to start paying attention to the clearance rates. The media needs to start paying attention to the clearance rates. When is the last time you heard the media report how awful the clearance rates are? I suspect never.

But most of all, City Council needs to start paying attention to the clearance rates and demanding answers from the Department as to why the rates are so low. The upcoming budget hearings would be an excellent time to do so.

Until we, as a community, demand better performance from all of our law enforcement agencies at solving crimes, the vast majority of victims will continue to be denied justice for the crimes committed against them. That should be on all of our consciences.

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**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By **Gary Borders**



# Massive Wildfires Ignited by Power Lines

Two wildfires that burned more than 1 million acres in the Panhandle were caused by downed power lines, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Juan Rodriguez, with the service, told the Texas Standard that its law enforcement investigators had concluded their probe into the source of the Smokehouse Creek and Windy Deuce fires.

"In this case, we saw winds that were over 60 and 70 miles an hour. And so, when the winds are doing that, driving down the roadways, you can just see power lines just bouncing up and down," Rodriguez said. "It's bound to cause one of these power lines to fail or something like that. So, you know, one of them or some of them may have fallen or just got out just due to the sheer wind."

Xcel Energy last Thursday issued a statement acknowledging that its facilities "appear to have been involved in an ignition of the Smokehouse Creek fire."

The company is urging people who lost property or livestock during the fires to submit a claim to the company.

As of Sunday, the Smokehouse Creek fire was 87% contained, while the Windy Deuce fire was 92% contained.

## SOME INCUMBENTS LOSE IN PRIMARY

At least nine Texas House incumbents targeted by Gov. Greg Abbott and others lost bids for reelection in the March primary, while eight more are headed to runoff, The Dallas Morning News reported.

In addition, three sitting judges on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals lost their races after Attorney General Ken Paxton and former President Donald Trump endorsed their opponents.

Abbott spent more than \$6 million to target incumbents who blocked his school choice proposal last year.

"He's made it clear that if you cross him, you're going to have to fight for your reelection," Austin-based lobbyist and political consultant Bill Miller said. "For some people, that's like, 'Bring it on.' For



others, it means, 'I quit.'"

House Speaker Dade Phelan faces a runoff without support from Abbott, who thus far has remained neutral in that race. Paxton and Trump backed his opponent, David Covey, after the House voted to impeach Paxton on corruption charges. The Senate ultimately acquitted Paxton.

Phelan trailed Covey in the March primary and called the upcoming runoff a battle for the "soul" of the Southeast Texas district.

"In the next couple of months, the deceit and vitriol we've witnessed from my opponent and his dark money allies is poised to escalate to even greater heights," he said in a statement.

The Texas runoff election for races where no candidate exceeded 50% is on May 28. Early voting begins on May 20 and ends on May 24.

## CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK PLACED UNDER CONSERVATORSHIP

The state's largest charter school network has been placed under conservatorship by the Texas Education Agency following a three-year investigation into its spending practices, the Texas Tribune reported. The arrangement is part of a settlement agreement between TEA and IDEA Public Schools, which has 143 campuses.

During the investigation, TEA learned IDEA officials used taxpayer dollars to purchase luxury driver services and spent \$15 million to lease a private jet.

IDEA's schools serve about 80,000 students in grades K-

12. While independently run, they are funded with state money, totaling about \$821 million in the current school year.

Under the arrangement, conservators have the authority to oversee and direct all district actions, though they will not fully take over governing the district.

IDEA said in a statement that it's "pleased to have reached a settlement agreement ... to resolve compliance issues our organization self-reported to regulators after an internal investigation in 2021."

## TPWD APPROVES LAND SWAP WITH SPACE X

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last week voted unanimously to swap 43 acres of state park to SpaceX in exchange for nearly 500 acres of privately-owned land near Port Isabel, the Texas Standard reported. The decision came despite hearing from Rio Grande Valley residents who opposed the swap.

The Boca Chica State Park land sought by SpaceX, owned by Elon Musk, is spread around the company's launch facilities. It contains some of the most sensitive habitats in the world, particularly for migrating shorebirds.

SpaceX has not purchased the 477 acres yet. TPWD will now conduct an environmental assessment of the land, which will include a 30-day comment period.

Dozens of Rio Grande Valley residents drove to Austin to attend the hearing and voice opposition. They questioned including why the hearing wasn't held in Brownsville.

"The process, the notice and this public meeting seems to have been intended to impede participation by the public, especially those who would be most impacted by the decision," Marisa Perales, an environmental justice attorney based in Austin, told commissioners.

## COUNTIES BRACE FOR MASSIVE TRAFFIC AHEAD OF SOLAR ECLIPSE

Hundreds of thousands of tourists are expected to flock to the Hill Country and other small towns in the prime viewing path of a rare solar eclipse on April 8. Some counties have already issued emergency declarations to help them prepare and respond to an expected strain on their infrastructure, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Bell and Kerr counties have already issued emergency declarations, and San Saba County is expected to do so as well. Hill Country officials are urging residents to stay home, avoid driving, refill prescriptions, buy groceries and fuel vehicles several days before the eclipse.

Some counties expect their population to double or even triple as folks flock to Texas to glimpse the rare phenomenon.

When the moon passes between the sun and Earth, the eclipse will result in total darkness for more than four minutes in areas in the path of totality. It will enter the state southwest of Uvalde at 12:10 p.m. and exit at 3:06 p.m. north of Texarkana.

**THE POSTSCRIPT**  
By **Carrie Classon**

# Rod Stewart Hair



"I like your hair!" a woman at the party said.

This is always nice to hear. My hair is my least endearing feature, primarily because there is not much of it. But since my husband, Peter, started cutting it, I worry a lot less.

"How does my hair look?" I ask as I head out the door. Peter always pretends to take this question very seriously. (He should, as my hairdresser.) He scrutinizes the top of my head for a long moment. He asks me to turn all the way around. Then he reaches over and tousles something on the top.

"Perfect!" he says. And I choose to believe him.

"My husband cuts it," I told the woman at the party. "He cuts his own hair, too!"

"Ooh! Isn't that hard?" "He's been doing it since he was 17, when the local barber wouldn't give him the haircut he wanted."

This is true. Peter started cutting his hair when the barber was threatening to give him a buzz cut—because that was the only kind of haircut he gave. Peter got up from the barber chair, walked out, and cut it himself. I like that story. Peter has always known what he wanted and has always figured he could learn new things.

"Don't tell people I cut my own hair!" Peter told me on the walk home.

"Why not?"

"They'll think I'm strange."

"You're married to me! I think they may have already formed an opinion."

Peter granted this was true. As it happens, I was feeling particularly pleased with my hair that evening because Peter had given me a haircut just that morning. Usually, the haircuts were his idea.

"Your hair could use a trim," he will announce in a way that makes it clear I am looking pretty scruffy. So I put on a raincoat, and raise my office chair as high as it will go, and he gets out his sharp scissors that make a satisfying "Snick! Snick! Snick!" noise and, in less than five minutes, he has cut my hair. He doesn't have much to work with, after all.

But this time, getting a haircut was my idea. I'd just watched an interview with Rod Stewart, the iconic rock star. He is 79 years old, and he has just released a jazz album. He is also a keen builder of model trains. But I was more interested in his hair than either his jazz or his trains. His hair looked great. I wondered how a man approaching 80 managed to have such ineffable style, and I decided it was, in large part, because he wasn't too worried about being tidy. Rod Stewart has the untidiest hair you're likely to find on an octogenarian (outside a long-term senior care facility), and I decided he was my new role model. His music is good. But his hair is terrific.

"I want hair like Rod Stewart!" I announced, after watching the interview, and Peter got out his noisy little scissors and set to work.

I'm not saying I look like Rod Stewart. I don't. He has a lot more hair and a lot more experience looking unkempt. But I woke up this morning and looked at myself in the mirror. I left the comb on the shelf. I ran my fingers through my hair and made it stand a little more on end than usual.

"How do you like your haircut?" my hairstylist asked.

"I love it," I told him. "I look just like Rod Stewart!"

"You do," he said.

And I choose to believe him.

Till next time,  
Carrie

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# Medicaid, CHIP Postpartum Coverage Extension To 12 Months

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) today announced that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved Texas' request to extend Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage from two to 12 months after pregnancy.

"This past regular legislative session, I was proud to sign a crucial bipartisan law that extends postpartum coverage for Texas mothers from two to 12 months," said Governor Abbott. "With Texas' application approved by CMS, this postpartum extension will help Texas mothers receive high-quality healthcare across our great state. I thank the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Senator Lois Kolkhorst, and Representative Toni Rose for their work to ensure this critical postpartum extension is available to new moth-

ers in need across Texas."

"I thank Governor Abbott and the Texas Legislature for standing by our families," said HHS Executive Commissioner Cecile Erwin Young. "Twelve months of postpartum coverage will help mothers across this state gain access to high-quality healthcare."

Last year, Governor Abbott signed House Bill 12 into law, which extended Medicaid and CHIP postpartum coverage from two to 12 months. The law will take effect on March 1, 2024. Under the state plan amendments, anyone enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP who is pregnant or becomes pregnant will be automatically enrolled for 12 months of postpartum coverage. Services covered by Medicaid and CHIP include prenatal doctor visits, prenatal vitamins, labor and delivery, and postpartum checkups.

Coverage will be auto-

matically reinstated for individuals who are not current Medicaid or CHIP recipients, but who were enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP in Texas while pregnant and are still within their 12-month postpartum period, as long as they are still residents of Texas. Their coverage will be reinstated for the remainder of their 12-month postpartum period.

Women who are enrolled in Healthy Texas Women who are still within their 12-month postpartum period will be transitioned back to full-coverage Medicaid or CHIP for the remainder of their 12-month postpartum period.

Texas projects approximately 137,000 women will benefit from 12-months postpartum coverage in fiscal year 2025. To apply for Medicaid or CHIP, call 2-1-1 and choose Option 2 or visit [YourTexasBenefits.com](http://YourTexasBenefits.com).

# North Shore HS football Player Honored During Celebration of Life service

HUMBLE, Texas — It's been one week since an 18-year-old North Shore High School honors student and football player Jarvon Coles was shot and killed at a house party in Humble.

On Saturday morning, hundreds paid their last respects. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and Houston Mayor John Whitmire declared March 16 "Jarvon Coles Day."

The North Shore High School honors student and football player planned to pursue his passion at Lamar University before his life was tragically cut short.

If you could package the love in the room, it would burst at the seams for Jarvon. The main sanctuary was packed with more visitors filing into the auditorium.

Many celebrated the young person he was while encouraging others to follow his drive and compassion.

It's not how long you live, but how you live. That's one of the many messages shared with family and friends gathered at Light of the World Christian Fellowship Church for Jarvon "Veezy" Coles celebration of life service.

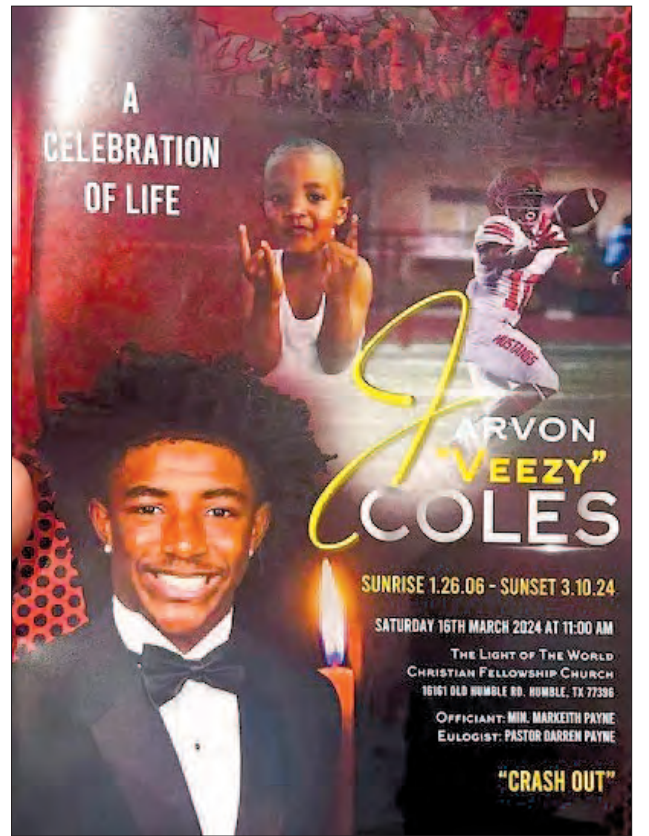
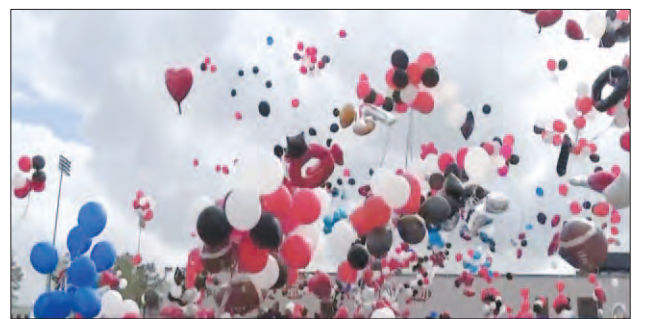
A roster of people from family, pastors, friends, and teammates, remembered the young man for a life cut short while honoring the amazing work he did in that time.

"That smile, that leadership, the active in the community," said Pastor Joseph Bailey, whose son played on the football team with Jarvon.

Everyone shared grief but also shared the joy of knowing Jarvon because to know him they say is to love him. His commitment to family, education, community and football is all evident through their stories and the mass turnout.

"Nothing but love they came out to support my son. I don't know what to say," said Jarvon's father, Jarvis Payne.

Jarvon was supposed to be preparing for prom, graduation and starting college, but all those dreams are now gone. It's been a week since he was



Jarvon Cole's Funelar Service



Jalen Hurts NFL's star pays for funeral service.

shot and killed for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"I would just like for them to turn themselves in you know admit what they did, what they did was wrong, you took an innocent life," said Bailey.

And while the prayer is for justice, his father has a personal message for whoever is responsible for this family's loss.

"The Bible says you should fear no man, but God. So, if anybody knows anything, just come clean," said Payne.

In addition to the recognition from local and state leaders, NFL quarterback and Houston native Jalen Hurts, sent in a video message for the family. As for the investigation, deputies are still trying to find the person responsible.

# UIL Realignment for Area teams,

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records in years at 8-3 on the season and a spotless 6-0 record in district. They entered the first round of the playoffs in the last two years against a much-improved C. E. King and lost both contests, 70-14 and 70-21.

North Shore will play Crowley High School and Dallas South Oak Cliff the first two games of the season. SOC won the state title two years ago and made an appearance in the state championship game last year but succumbed to Port Neches-Groves.

The Galena Park Yellow

Jackets find themselves in the midst of several Houston Independent School District foes in District 10-5A Division 1 that include Houston Austin, Houston Madison, Houston Milby, Houston Sharpstown, Houston Sterling, Houston Waltrip, and Houston Westbury.

The Jackets leave behind District 9-5A Division 2 and tough rivals in Nederland, Fort Bend Marshall, Texas City, and Port Neches-Groves who won the state title this year and was a state finalist last year. District champion

Galveston Ball and Houston Wisdom were moved out of the district.

Football schedules are still being finalized.

Comprehensive details, including district alignments for football, basketball, and volleyball, as well as conference and division cutoffs, and realignment maps, can now be accessed on the UIL website at <http://www.uiltexas.org/alignments>.

Alignments for other UIL sports and academic contests will be released later.

## GoFundMe Benefit for Greg Moss



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Saturday March 2nd one of our longest and most supportive members of C.H.I.C. and the Channelview community lost his home to a fire. Greg and his rescue dog "Dog" lives and has his boat repair business in an area near the San Jacinto River and had raised his home 17 feet to safeguard against flooding, but lost everything to a fire instead. Greg could use your support as he rebuilds.

Greg is a veteran and many of you may know Greg through the many things he does to help the Channelview community; his advocacy for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits clean up and the river itself, his advocacy for a better and safer Channelview, seen him on the holidays delivering meals or he may have repaired your boat or golf cart. If you have attended the boat races at Good Times Marina, Greg officiates at them. Greg is an excellent photographer so you may have enjoyed his pictures and videos of our area's wildlife, especially the eagles, and other activities on the San Jacinto River that he posts on several Channelview, Highlands and Baytown Facebook pages. If you have ever attended a C.H.I.C. meeting or visited the C.H.I.C. Facebook page you have met Greg. I don't believe Greg has missed a single C.H.I.C. meeting since we held our first community meeting in 2019 and he manages our FaceBook page. Greg does so much for us.

Thank you in advance for any support you may be able to provide.



## ROTARY CLUB NEWS



# NS Rotary hears about RodeoHouston



Don Nichols of the RodeoHouston Speakers Bureau, receives a Souvenir Cup from North Shore Club President Lee Brown for his presentation about the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Nichols emphasized the four Pillars of the Rodeo: Education, Entertainment, Agriculture, and Western Heritage. Nichols is a past president of the Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club, and a native of Jacinto City.

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# COMMUNITY WATCH

## Woman's Body found on old US90 Beaumont Highway

Investigation into Female Found Deceased at 10000 Beaumont Highway.

Houston police are awaiting autopsy results in the death of a female found at 10000 Beaumont Highway about 10 a.m. on Tuesday (February 27).

The female's identity and cause of death are pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives E. May and C. Sharp reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a person down call at the above address and were advised that a passerby called 911 after finding an unresponsive female in a ditch near the road-

way. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the female deceased.

The investigation is pending the female's manner and cause of death, to be determined by an autopsy.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600.

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Martin Freeman, left, and Jenna Ortega star in "Miller's Girl."

"Miller's Girl"

"Miller's Girl" (R) — Martin Freeman ("Black Panther: Wakanda Forever") and Jenna Ortega ("Wednesday") star opposite each other in this erotic thriller, produced by Seth Rogen. Ortega portrays Cairo Sweet, an 18-year-old Tennessean girl who lives alone in her family's mansion. Cairo begins taking the creative writing class of Jonathan Miller (Freeman), a semi-successful author who is impressed by Cairo's extensive knowledge of literature. Cairo's best friend, Winnie (Gideon Adlon), raves about the idea of a teacher-student affair and even convinces Cairo to seduce Miller. Cairo does attempt to entice Miller, but the repercussions that follow are quite dangerous. Out now to rent. (Prime Video)

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"Wonka" (PG) — The origin story of chocolatier

Willy Wonkawas such a success at the box office that it became the eighth highest-grossing film of 2023. Starring Timothee Chalamet as the title character, the movie kicks off in a dreary 1934 Europe, where Willy arrives with a few coins in his pocket and an intention to establish his own chocolate shop. However, a grimy pair of locals hoodwink Willy into staying at their boarding house, tricking him into signing a contract that he wouldn't be able to pay off for years. Not to mention, the rival chocolatiers won't let him sell chocolate anywhere in the town. But even with all the odds stacked against him, the happy-go-lucky chocolatier is determined not to fail. Co-starring a great ensemble cast, including Calah Lane, Keegan-Michael Key, Sally Hawkins and Olivia Colman, "Wonka" is out now. (Max)

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"Damsel" (PG-13) — Millie Bobby Brown ("Stranger Things") leads this dark-fantasy film out now! Elodie (Brown) is a princess whose father has found a match for her in Prince Henry (Nick Robinson). Ever the dutiful daughter, Elodie agrees to marry Prince Henry, amid warnings from her stepmother, Lady Bayford (Angela Bassett), that she doesn't trust his family, especially his mother, Queen Isabelle (Robin Wright). Elodie quickly discovers this for herself after participating in a ceremony that leads to the prince himself chucking her into a cave with a dragon to repay an ancient debt. Stuck with nothing but the clothes on her back, Elodie must outwit the fearsome dragon to escape the cave in one piece. (Netflix)

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"Love Island: All Stars" (TV-MA) — You might've heard of the "Love Island" dating game show and its many versions around the world. But the U.K. series came back in a major way with a season featuring former contestants and fan favorites from previous seasons. The show follows its original format, with a handful of men and women who enter the "Love Island" villa for a few weeks and "couple up with" another contestant to win the prize money of 50,000 pounds. But you should expect some insane twists along the way, in true "Love Island" style. Notable contestants are footballer Tom Clare, Georgia Steel ("Celebs on the Ranch"), former Playboy Bunny Hannah Elizabeth and Chris Taylor ("Barbie"). The full season is out now! (Peacock)

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Q: When does Lisa Vanderpump's new show premiere? Will any of the cast of "Vanderpump Rules" be in it? — K.J.

A: "Vanderpump Villa" will debut on Hulu beginning April 1. It features an all-new cast selected to work at an exclusive French estate by "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" alum (and restaurateur) Lisa Vanderpump.

According to Hulu, each episode follows her elite staff working and living together 24/7 while they try to provide a curated experience for their guests. Meanwhile, Vanderpump is also deciding whether she wants to make this French pop-up experience — and its staff — a full-time business for her growing empire.

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Q: What happened to the show "Elsbeth"? They aired one episode, and now it's gone. Has it been canceled already? — C.I.

A: You're not the only one to ask. The new detective show — and spin-off of "The Good Wife" and "The Good Fight" — generated fantastic ratings when it premiered in late February, attracting 4.5 million viewers to CBS. The show stars Carrie Preston as a quirky but whip-smart, "Columbo"-type lawyer from Chicago who ends up in the Big Apple. Don't worry, though; it's coming back.

The show begins by revealing who the murderer is each week to the audience, similar to another hit show, Peacock's "Poker Face." But don't let this deter you! The fun is watching Elsbeth outwit the NYPD and trick the suspect into confessing. Her purpose is to observe the police force for any corruption, but she somehow always ends up solving their cases.

In addition to Preston, "Elsbeth" has a solid cast that includes Wendell Pierce, Carra Patterson and Gloria Reuben. Guest stars include a who's who from past hit sitcoms, including Jesse Tyler Ferguson ("Modern Family"), Jane Krakowski ("30 Rock"), Retta ("Parks and Recreation") and Linda Lavin ("Alice").

Unfortunately, "Elsbeth" had to go on a four-week hiatus because of President Biden's State of the Union Address and the NCAA March Madness tournament. CBS plans to re-air the pilot before "Elsbeth" returns with its second episode on April 4.



Lisa Vanderpump ("Vanderpump Villa")

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Q: Is it true that Eddie Van Halen's son played guitar on the "Barbie" soundtrack? I thought I saw the name "Van Halen" in the credits. — N.N.

A: Yes, Wolfgang Van Halen, son of the late "Van Halen" guitarist Eddie Van Halen, ended up on the "Barbie" soundtrack by chance, but also because of his talent. He met the movie's music producer Mark Ronson while performing at the Taylor Hawkins' tribute concert in 2022. The two became friends, and Ronson asked him if he'd collaborate on the fabulous composition titled "I'm Just Ken." He even performed the song on stage alongside Ryan Gosling's Ken at the Academy Awards this month, along with another great electric guitarist — Slash from Guns N' Roses.

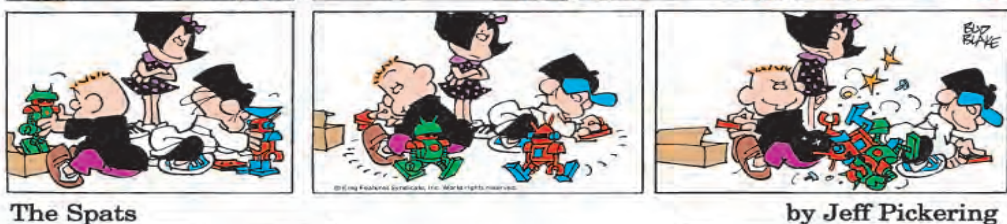
"I'm Just Ken" was not only nominated for an Oscar, but made it into the Top 5 of Billboard's Hot Rock & Alternative Songs chart.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Grid with numbers 1-9. Difficulty: Moderate, Challenging, HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Two panels of a boy fishing. Find at least six differences in details between panels.

March 18, 2024 Posting Date King Crossword

Crossword grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Gold-loving king, 6 Soviet space station, 9 Actress Dennings, 12 "That — I ask", 13 Longoria of TV, 14 Writer LeShan, 15 "What — mean?", 16 Journal, 18 Singer Timberlake, 20 Monster, 21 Med. plan option, 23 Sweetie, 24 Different designs, 25 Exile isle, 27 Russian villa, 29 Deceived, 31 There, 35 Rocker Adams, 37 Harvard rival, 38 City near Venice, 41 Prefix with gender, 43 Shriek bark, 44 Teensy bit, 45 Frenzied, 47 Pampering places, 49 Dizzying designs, 52 Dad on "Black-ish", 53 Swiss canton, 54 Bellini opera, 55 Feminine side, 56 Favorite, 57 Idyllic spots, 6 Islamic holy city, 7 Infamous tsar, 8 Shaft of light, 9 IRA relative, 10 Worship, 11 Greedy sort, 17 Plant science, 19 Hot rum drink, 21 Skirt edge, 22 Roman 1051, 24 Discoverer's call, 26 Photo collections, 28 Doubtful, 30 Notable time, 32 Workplace perk, maybe, 33 Yalie, 34 Gym unit, 36 Nails the test, 38 Rice field, 39 Arcade pioneer, 40 Senior member, 42 14 pounds, 45 Aesopian also-ran, 46 Apple product, 48 Young dog, 50 LBJ's successor, 51 Prof's aides.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. 10 questions on literature, history, science, and food.

Answers for King Crossword and Trivia test.

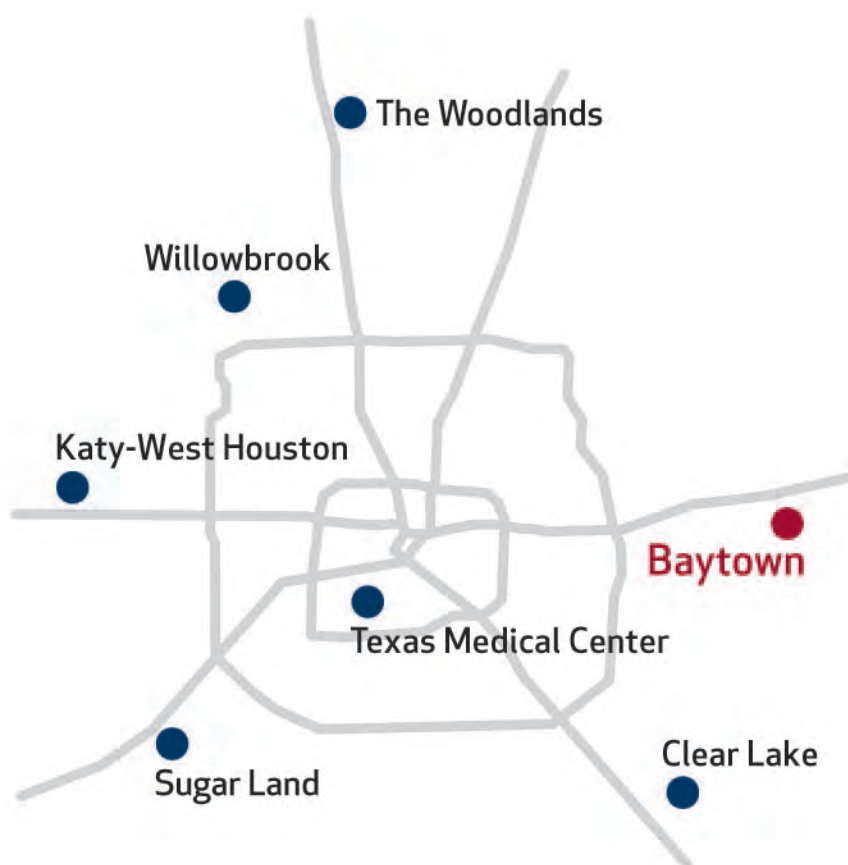
1. Florin; 2. Mountbatten-Windsor; 3. "The Big Bang Theory"; 4. Arizona; 5. Loose lips; 6. Andorra; 7. Hypothalamus; 8. The head; 9. Red; 10. Tequila.



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