



Cameron Smith Clutches the ball as he crosses the goal on 42 yd TD pass play from Kaleb Bailey for the game's first score. (photo by Allan Jamail)

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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Mei Hoffman opens new Art Studio Saturday Sept. 14

Mei Hoffman will open her new Art Studio and Gallery, Saturday Sept. 14 from 12 noon to 6pm at the Silos at Sawyer Yards, Studio #113, 1502 Sawyer Street Between I-10 and Washington Street. Exit Taylor Street exit on I-10. PUBLIC INVITED. ART ON DISPLAY. Details on Page 2.

Rotary Washer Tourney set for Sept. 14

Highlands Rotary Club will hold their annual 3-Hole Washer Board Charity Tournament on Saturday, September 14, 2023 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

The Tournament starts at 1:00pm Sharp, at Charlie's Ice House, 906 N. Main Street in Highlands.

All teams must register and sign in no later than 12:30pm the day of the tournament.

TEAMS: 2 person teams, \$50 per team entry, Double Elimination rules. Awards and Prize Money for the top 3 teams, \$150, \$100, and \$50.

SPONSORSHIPS: Board Sponsors at \$100 and \$200; T-Shirt Sponsors at \$150 and \$250; Major Sponsor available at \$500 with benefits.

Event includes a Raffle for a Liquor Wagon.

Contact Gay Lynn Prescott Milliron gaylynn@yourtxhome.com or Denise Smith niecy1616@gmail.com, or Patricia Scott plscott1957@gmail.com to enter or for info.

Proceeds benefit the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus.

Wallisville Reimagined Project Moves Forward with Community Input; Pct. 2 Gives Update

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

It's still a vision but last Tuesday's community meeting brought the Wallisville Reimagined project another step closer to reality. Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia met with constituents in North Shore at the Anderson Center for the Fine Arts on Wallisville Road last Tuesday to present the progress made on his project and reveal the results of the wishes of the community offered at the previous meeting.

"Today is a community engagement meeting to make sure that we begin the study process for what the Reimagined Wallisville Road project can be," said Pct. Commissioner Adrian Garcia. "And as I mentioned to the crowd, I like to engage them, make sure



A North Channel resident takes a photo of one of the storyboards presented at the public meeting held by Pct. 2 showing Wallisville Reimagined. The meeting was held on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024, at the Anderson Center For The Arts on Wallisville. (Photo by David Taylor)

that they're being heard and that their history and perspective of the community is incorporated so that we can get these projects done."

Garcia said his incredible engineers could go build a better Wallisville Road on their own, but that wasn't what he wanted.

"The community knows better than we do some of the historic issues that have confronted the community, and those issues we need to hear so that we

can incorporate them into the work that these folks are doing," he said.

The study costs approximately \$800,000.

"Once we complete the study and refine the project, then our goal is to go find some resource to do the design portion of this project. Once the design is done, we'll find the resources to do the construction," the commissioner explained.

The project, he estimated, would cost approximately \$40 million to complete.

Outside of the cost for the project, the next biggest question looming with residents was when construction would get started.

"We'll incorporate the details we receive tonight

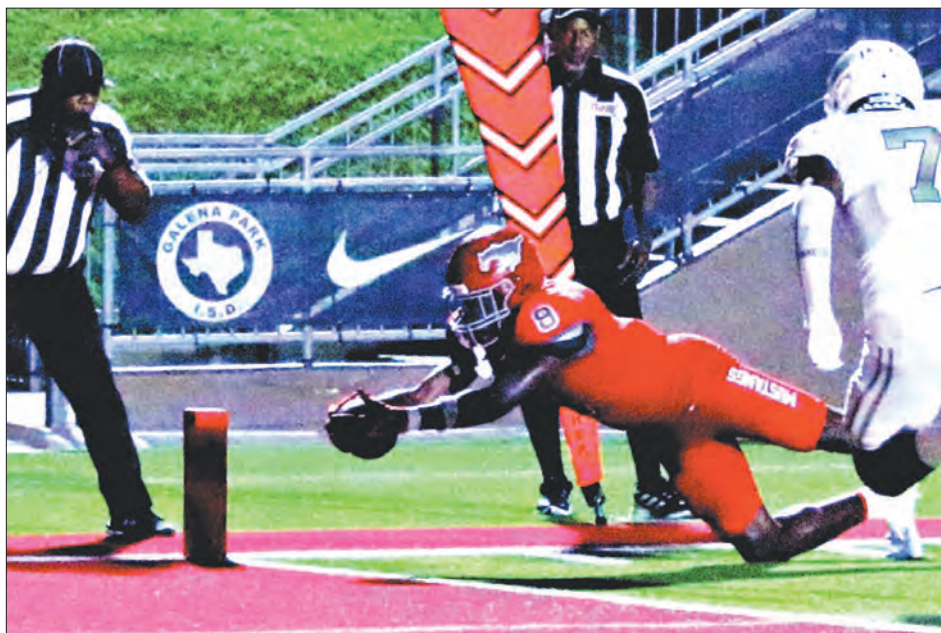
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NS Mustangs Trample S. Oak Cliff Bears 38-0

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park ISD Stadium – Houston, TX. – Friday, 7pm August 30, 2024 the North Shore Mustangs (Stang's) under Head Coach Willie Gaston had their offense and defense performing like they're hungry for another chance at a state championship title. Gaston's East Side Boys easily defeated the Golden Bears and sent them on a long drive back home to their Dallas neighborhood.

In what was billed as a battle of two Texas powerhouse teams ended up being what appeared to be a Mustang's pre-season scrimmage game. Golden Bears Head Coach Jason Todd must be wondering where he goes from here. The team rode in on nice chartered buses, which are probably the only things his team and coaching staff enjoyed about their trip



Cameron Smith Mustang receiver air-borne-in-flight stretches the ball across the goal for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

here.

Coach Gaston has said he wants his offense to start fast and end fast; well the scoreless first quarter is anything but a fast start.

The first quarter started out like it was going to be a defensive game with no points scored by either team.

But then the East Side

Boys offense led by one of the nation's leading high school quarterbacks Kaleb Bailey woke up. Field Marshal Bailey led his offense into making five touch-

downs (TD's) in the second quarter. Halftime score was Mustangs 35 Golden Bears 0.

The Stang's swarming defense beat up, whupped up and physically thrashed the Golden Boy Bears offense sending them home with a night they'll never forget. We have to remember though these young men are teens (Bears) and practiced their hearts out getting ready for this year's season to begin. To end up without scoring a single point must be demoralizing for them. This game surely gave Bears Coach Todd things he needs to think about going forward.

The score would have been even worse but Coach Gaston smartly rested his offensive starters the second half. Mustang's kick

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Harris County Public Health Releases Air Pollution Report

Channelview, Galena Park highest in Common Pollutants and Deaths

HOUSTON – Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has released its latest annual report on air pollution and its significant impact on community health. Air pollution, caused by the release of harmful gases, particles, and liquid aerosols into the atmosphere, poses severe health risks to humans and other living organisms. Prolonged exposure to air pollution can lead to respiratory issues and chronic diseases.

According to the U.S. Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI), Harris County ranks the highest in Texas for pollution sources and associated health risks. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) identifies six "criteria pollutants" due to their common occurrence and harmful effects on health:

particulate matter (PM), ozone (O3), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), carbon monoxide (CO), lead, and sulfur dioxide. Harris County exhibits the highest levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and the most EPA violations for air, soil, and water pollution in Texas. The county also has elevated levels of ozone and PM2.5, exceeding safe limits for human health. Additionally, ethylene oxide, a volatile organic compound (VOC) with severe health effects, is a significant pollutant from chemical manufacturing facilities in Harris County.

This report's air pollution information is based on data from existing air monitoring locations, with acknowledged gaps where monitoring stations are absent. HCPH is actively working to enhance air

quality coverage by integrating satellite data with current monitoring efforts.

Air pollution exposure can increase the risk of developing chronic diseases and exacerbate existing conditions. Chronic disease prevalence data was used to compare the number of people with chronic diseases among different communities, while chronic disease death rates highlighted the severity of these outcomes. Data was analyzed across demographics, including sex, race, and ethnicity.

Areas with Increased Air Pollution and High Minority Populations in Harris County

The highest concentrations of harmful air pollut-

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GP Yellow Jackets Lose Opener to Porter Spartans

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park ISD Stadium – Houston, TX. – at 7pm August 29, 2024 the Galena Park Yellow Jackets under Head Coach Spiro Amarantos couldn't get their offense or defense playing consistently enough to pull out a win in their season opener against the visiting Porter, Texas Spartans 37-13.

At the end of the first quarter the Jackets led 7 to 0 over the New Caney ISD Spartans. At first it appeared the Jackets offense and defense was being helped by their home-field advantage crowd who was cheering them on.

But then the visiting Spartans woke up in the second quarter and scored three touchdowns (TD's) and a defensive safety in one quarter, they led at



Cary Clay #5 Yellow Jackets junior running back dashed 42 yards for a 2nd quarter TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

halftime 23 to 13.

The third quarter was mostly a defensive battle, at one point the Jackets offense moved the ball down near the Spartans end of the field. A TD then would have brought the

Jackets within 3 points of the Spartans and boosted their momentum but they couldn't score and failed to score the rest of the game.

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon receives TAEA 2024 District Distinction Award

The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) announced the 94 winners of the 2024 District of Distinction Award. Among the list of honorees is Sheldon ISD! The districts received the honor for providing a well-rounded education that advocates and integrates visual arts curriculum to inspire creativity and build social emotional learning that connect

learners to their community and beyond. TAEA is the leading advocate for the visual arts in the state. The organization has previously honored outstanding TAEA members for work in their classrooms and districts. This is the fifth year that TAEA is honoring districts that meet rigorous criteria as evidenced from data. For the 2024 award,

over 1,200 districts were eligible to apply. Each district submitted documentation they met from the 14-point rubric over the 2023-2024 school year. Only 94 districts met the high standard and will receive the outstanding honor indicating they are in the top 5.5 percent in art education of districts in the state.

Stadium Policies

By Beverly Stephenson

Dear Panther Nation, Sheldon ISD is committed to keeping you informed of matters relating to the safety and security of our students. With the start of a new school year and upcoming football games at Panther Stadium, we want to remind our Panther fans of our stadium procedures:

Elementary and Middle School students must have a parent or guardian to enter the game and must sit with their parents throughout the game.

High School students must present a district-issued school ID badge to enter the stadium.

High School students must be seated in the student section if they are not sitting with a parent. The student section will be located on the first level of the home side on the north side of the stadium or the upper concourse on the south side of the stadium.

No loitering on the con-



course. Security will ask anyone not in line for concessions or restrooms to return to their seat.

District administrators ask spectators to adhere to the above expectations. Failure to comply will result in removal from the event.

Please remember that we have a clear bag policy at Panther Stadium. Metal detectors are used in the stadium upon en-

trance, and no umbrellas are allowed. The first home football game at Panther Stadium is Friday, August 30, and these procedures will be monitored and enforced. Please reach out to your campus administration any time you have concerns regarding the safety of our students and staff.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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Early College High School Earns 3 distinctions

Congratulations to Sheldon ISD Early College High School for receiving all TEA distinctions in access, attainment, and achievement. To earn the three distinctions, the ECHS has met outcomes-based measures in three categories that focus on attainment, achievement and access for distinction. This distinction is one of the highest recognitions the state awards to an early college high school.

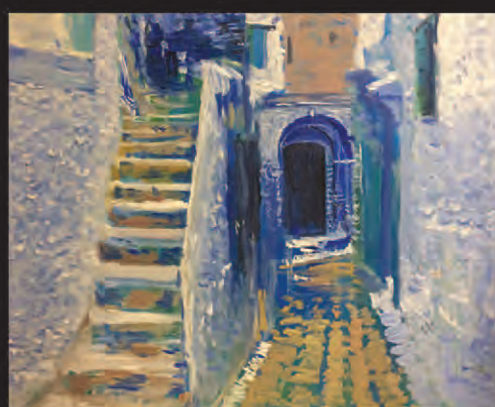
STUDIO opening



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SEP. 14, 2024
12-6 PM

The Silos at Sawyer Yards
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A Studio of My Own

Hello, I'm Mei Hoffman, who you might know as the co-owner of this newspaper. Did you also know that I am a painter?

At the beginning of this year, I was invited to share a studio at Houston's premier art community at Sawyer Yards. Over these months I have become friends with many talented artists there. I like their work, and they like mine and encourage me tremendously. We are each other's cheerleaders.

Now I decided to have a studio all by myself, starting September 1. I am so excited! It was a big decision, a big leap of faith in myself. But with time, and with the support of this community, I have become more confident in producing my work, and more eager to show people my paintings. I want to be brave enough to pursue this as my dream.

So please **SAVE the DATE** for the first Open House in my new studio!

September 14, 2024 from 12-6 PM
The Silos at Sawyer Yards
Studio #113
1502 Sawyer St. Houston, TX 77007

I hope you will come visit me, and visit my friends in their studios too. Bring your kids, your grandkids, your friends, their friends... I am sure everybody will have a lot of fun at the studios! Every "Second Saturday and third Saturday" of the month, many artists open their doors and welcome visitors with drinks, cookies, and other treats. And don't worry, it is indoors with cool air conditioning too!

It is free to come, and you could spend hours there and still not see everything. Kind of like going to a museum, but even better, because the artists are right there, so you can talk to them directly. And if you find a piece of art that really speaks to you, you can walk out the door with it! No matter what your budget -- from affordable mementos to expensive masterpieces -- you can buy your favorite art piece and take it home.

Thanks to everyone who supports me and my art, and I hope to see you there soon!

CHARLOTTE'S WEB
By Charlotte Jackson



Take Time to Relax

Life is not easy. There are so many trials that come our way that we must stay vigilant. Several single parents that I know struggle with preparing their child(ren) for school before they work a full-time job. They pray constantly that there will be no unexpected expense before the next payday. They struggle to provide the necessities, and their children learn to live without luxuries. I have known many families who have never taken a vacation. I talk with people who do not have a vehicle and must rely on others, often rideshare programs, to get to where they are going. I talk to senior adults who must choose between paying for medicine or paying for electricity. I have talked to young adults who never attended a high school sporting event, as their parents could not afford it. I know adults who will tell you they have not bought a new pair of shoes for themselves in over two years.

Stress is very real, yet we hear about how it can lead to health issues and even death. Do yourself a favor as well as those that you love. Take time to relax. In the Houston area, there are many free events to attend and amazing places to visit. Plan a trip to take a free boat tour of the Port of Houston. Visit one of the many local museums that often have several nights a month with no admission fees. Spend a few dollars to catch METRO with some friends or family members and explore our city. Pack lunch, take some bottled water, and do not forget to take some pictures while you are out. Enjoy an evening of the arts while at Miller Outdoor Theatre. Or if you want to stay in the community, visit the websites for the local school districts as well as San Jacinto College to find information on upcoming performances. Do not forget that Anderson Center for the Arts, located at 13334 Wallisville, has many events to choose from. Some of these events are free to the public, others have affordable tickets.

There have been many improvements made to our local parks and attending a local Little League game is less expensive than parking at a venue to see a professional team play. Chances are good that you will know at least one child playing and your presence will make an impact. Years ago, families would take a Sunday afternoon drive. If you have not ventured out into other areas of Harris County, take some time, and relax as you drive to see how much East Harris County has grown. There are many new developments as well as familiar landmarks that you can revisit. When you get home, write down what you have seen. Make a list of other attractions you are interested in visiting. And while you are out exploring, turn your phone on silent and use it only to take pictures. None of us are so important that we cannot take an hour or two to simply relax and explore the area.

Air Pollution Report in Harris County,

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ants, based on air monitoring locations, were found predominantly in areas with higher Black and Hispanic populations:

- North Wayside, Settegast (77028, Precinct 1)
- Houston North Loop, Independence Heights (77022, Precincts 1 & 2)
- Baytown (77520, Precinct 2)
- Channelview Drive (77530, Precincts 2 & 3)
- Galena Park (77547, Precinct 2)

Air Pollution-Related Chronic Disease Trends in Harris County

While Harris County generally exhibited lower chronic disease death rates compared to Texas and the United States, certain ZIP codes had notably higher prevalence rates. The ZIP codes with the highest levels of PM2.5 and benzene also showed higher chronic disease prevalence. Notably impacted areas include Settegast (77028, Precinct 1), Independence Heights (77022, Precincts 1 & 2), and Galena Park (77547, Precinct 2), which exhibit the following trends:

- Highest levels of air

pollution and chronic disease prevalence

- Higher chronic disease prevalence compared to the county average
- Predominantly racial and ethnic minority populations, with high social vulnerability according to the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)

Improving public health in Harris County by preventing excess exposure to pollution is a critical opportunity. HCPH, with the support of Harris County Pollution Control Services (HCPCS), is committed to addressing air pollution activities. HCPCS has launched the Community Air Monitoring Program (CAMP) to measure pollution levels affecting public and environmental health, identify harmful emission sources, inform the public and officials on clean air priorities, and support environmental regulatory activities. Improving the health of all county residents requires ongoing disease surveillance, community engagement, and public health interventions.

For more information, visit hcphtx.org.

ASK DIAMOND JIM



Diamond Jim: "What is the Birthstone for September?"

The world is your oyster
The world is you

The September birthstone is sapphire – a gem that's been cherished for thousands of years. Although the term sapphire usually refers to the blue variety of corundum (ruby is the red variety), this birthstone comes in a rainbow of other colors. Sapphires have been long associated with royalty and romance and are also said to symbolize fidelity and the soul. "Sapphire" comes from the Greek word sappheiros and blue sapphire is one of the most popular colored stones. Read on to learn more about the September birthstone, specifically its history and where it can be found.

In addition to being the September birthstone, sapphire is also the gem commemorating the 5th and 45th wedding anniversaries.



The famed Rockefeller Sapphire weighs 62.02 ct. Here it is flanked by two cut-cornered triangular cut diamonds, mounted in a platinum ring signed Tiffany & Co. Courtesy: Christie's Images Ltd., 2015

The September birthstone has traditionally symbolized sincerity, truth, faithfulness and nobility. For countless centuries, sapphire has adorned royalty and the robes of the clergy. The elite of ancient Greece and Rome believed that blue sapphires protected their owners from harm and envy. Clerics of the Middle Ages wore sapphires because they symbolized Heaven. Ancient Persians believed the earth actually rested on a giant sapphire, which made the sky blue.

The September birthstone was reputed to have healing powers as well. Medieval Europeans believed that sapphire cured plague boils and diseases of the eye. The sapphire birthstone was also thought to be an antidote to poison.

Famous sapphires include the Rockefeller Sapphire, a 62.02 carat (ct) rectangular step cut stone that was unearthed in Myanmar (Burma). Acquired in 1934 by financier and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (1874–1960) from an Indian maharaja, the gem was recut and remounted over the years. The sapphire was first set as a brooch and later as a ring featuring two cut-cornered triangular diamond side stones. Perhaps the best-known sapphire in recent years is the 12 ct blue gem surrounded by diamonds in the sapphire engagement ring first worn by Princess Diana and then given by her son to Kate Middleton, now Duchess of Cambridge.

Where Is Sapphire Found?

Kashmir, Myanmar (formerly Burma) and Sri Lanka are three historically important sources for the September birthstone. Significant quantities of the September birthstone have also been found in Australia, Thailand, Cambodia, Madagascar and the United States (Montana), among other countries in Asia and Africa.

Sapphire Birthstone Care & Cleaning

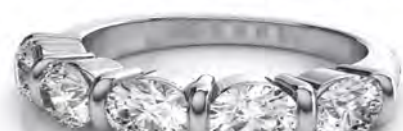
The September birthstone is relatively hard, ranking 9 on the Mohs scale. It has excellent toughness and no cleavage, which is a tendency to break when struck. This makes it a great choice for rings and other mountings subject to daily wear. Note, though, that sapphires are often treated to improve their color or clarity. Heat treatment is common – and the results permanent – so it is well accepted in the trade. Less common treatments such as lattice diffusion, fracture filling and dyeing may require special care. In some cases, the color induced by lattice diffusion is so shallow it could be removed if the stone was chipped or had to be recut. Fracture-filled and dyed sapphires can be damaged by even mild acids like lemon juice. Before you buy a sapphire, always ask if it is treated and by what method. Warm, soapy water is always a safe choice for cleaning the September birthstone. Ultrasonic and steam cleaners are usually safe for untreated, heat-treated and lattice diffusion-treated stones. Fracture-filled or dyed material should only be cleaned with a damp cloth.

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

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★ OPINION PAGE ★

OPINION
 HC Pct. 2 Commissioner
Adrian Garcia



Register with the State's STEAR Program for Assistance in an Emergency

Three months into the hurricane season and the Houston area has suffered two storms—the Derecho and Hurricane Beryl—that brought massive damage. Both also brought power outages that prompted evacuations for some to escape the summer heat. Some of those evacuations were hampered for First Responders who didn't have information on those who needed evacuation.

A text with a recorded message from Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia to residents reminds them to register with STEAR—the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry.

"It is a free registry created by the State of Texas for residents with disabilities and or residents that are medically fragile, such as those with limited mobility, those who may require personal care assistance, have communication barriers or that require transportation during a county emergency such as a severe weather event," Garcia said in the recording.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) coordinates the state emergency management program which ensures the state and local governments respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters. They implement plans and programs to help prevent or lessen the impact of emergencies and disasters by increasing public awareness about threats and hazards, coordinate emergency planning, and provides extensive specialized training for emergency responders and local officials, according to their website.

"By registering, you're helping emergency responders understand and plan for the assistance you may need in a crisis," the recording continued.

Registering does not guarantee that residents will receive a specific service during an emergency since those services vary by community. To know precisely how your community will use the STEAR information, contact your local emergency management office.

Who should register?

The state of Texas offered a list of those who should register including those with disabilities, medically fragile, those with access and functional needs such as limited mobility, communication barriers, any wo might require additional medical assistance during an emergency event, and those who require personal care assistance.

How to Register

To register online go to <https://stear.tdem.texas.gov/Login.aspx>. Residents may also dial 2-1-1 or use your video telephone relay option of choice to contact 211 at 877-541-7905 (Texas Information Referral Network). Forms for nursing homes and assisted living centers are available online as well as individual registration forms.

Registration forms

Nursing Home & Assisted Living STEAR Registration Form (PDF)

STEAR Individual Registration Form (2024) (PDF)

Required Information to Register

Only basic information is required for registration such as name, address, phone number, primary language and some additional questions to capture vital information for local emergency planners and responders. Emergency contact information is requested along with caregiver information, any pets, transportation assistance for home evacuation, and whether there is a communication barrier, disability, functional or medical needs.

Garcia also reminds residents that registration is required every year to keep the list up-to-date. For more information, visit www.stear.tdem.texas.gov.

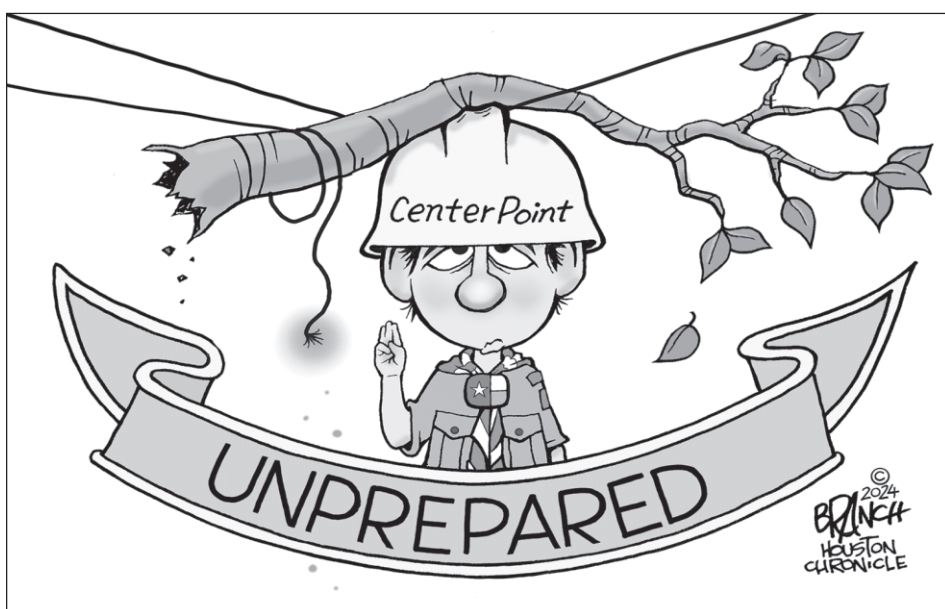
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"The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on."
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★
STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
 By Gary Borders



Power Grid Again Reaches Record Demand

The dog-day heat wave has sent power demands to new records, the Austin American-Statesman reported. With much of the state enduring an excessive heat warning, power demand peaked at 85,559 megawatts last week, breaking a record set last August.

While searing outside temperatures certainly boost demand, other factors are in play as well — the state's growing population and increased expansion by large-scale industrial users such as data centers and cryptocurrency miners.

Texas is the only state that operates its own power grid. In June, the Electricity Reliability Council of Texas predicted the grid would face challenges this month and increased likelihood for emergency alerts during peak times of the day.

"Reserve shortage risks are the highest during the evening hours ... when daily loads are typically near their highest levels and solar production is ramping down," the report from June says. While power throughout the state remained largely untouched, around 8,500 customers in Harris County last week experienced outages believed to be related to demand.

CENTERPOINT TO PUSH BERYL DAMAGE COSTS TO RATEPAYERS

CenterPoint plans to pass costs for electricity infrastructure damages caused by Hurricane Beryl on to its customers. It plans to pass bonds that will ultimately be paid through rate increases, the Texas Standard reported. The company testified last week before the Public Utility Commission.

In its latest quarterly report to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the company estimated recovery costs related to Beryl and an earlier May windstorm — a derecho — will approach \$2 billion for both events. As is customary, ratepayers will be on the hook.

"In my almost 35 years of experience in this utility business, the customers end



up paying. They always end up paying," said energy consultant Karl Rabago, who served on the PUC under Governors Ann Richards and George W. Bush.

"That's because electricity is essential for modern life, and you can't just go around bankrupting or allowing utilities to go bankrupt by forcing shareholders to bear what some people might say is the fair consequences of mismanagement."

TRANSGENDER TEXANS CAN'T CHANGE SEX ON DL

Texans will no longer be allowed to change the gender on their driver's license even if they have obtained a court order, the Houston Chronicle reported. In a statement, the Texas Department of Public Safety said that as of Aug. 20, the agency will no longer comply with court orders mandating a change to a driver's license. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has raised questions about the validity of such court orders.

The department said that was because "neither DPS nor other government agencies are parties to the proceedings and because officials have questions about the legal basis for courts to issue the orders."

Brad Pritchett, interim CEO of the advocacy group Equality Texas, said the new policy "denies trans people the minimum respect of having a state ID that reflects their identity" and will hurt more than 92,000 transgender adults in Texas.

BUSING OF MIGRANTS IS IN IDLE MODE

After sending thousands of migrants to northern cities run by Democrats, Gov. Greg Abbott's bus trips have largely ended after the number of migrants apprehended at the border plunged, The Texas Tribune reported.

The state has not sent any buses north since late June, according to a report in The New York Times.

"Texas has decreased illegal crossings into the state by over 85% thanks to our historic border mission," Abbott spokesperson Andrew Mahaleris said in a statement.

Abbott plans to continue the busing program, which only takes migrants who voluntarily get on board.

An executive order by President Joe Biden in June effectively stopped granting asylum to migrants. In the first month the order was in place, 32% fewer migrants were apprehended, a sharp drop that continued into July.

Since the busing program began in 2022, nearly 120,000 migrants have been transported to other states, according to Abbott's office.

PEAK OF HURRICANE SEASON ARRIVES

As the peak of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season arrives, forecasters have their eyes on four tropical waves with the potential to turn into something more menacing, the Statesman reported. All four systems are moving westward across the Atlantic.

We have entered the traditional peak of hurricane season, with the most activity occurring between now and mid-October, according to the National Hurricane Center. To date, five named hurricanes have been noted this season.

Hurricane season ends officially on Nov. 30.

TEAMING UP TO PREVENT DWIS

With the Labor Day holiday coming up, the Texas Department of Transportation is teaming up with law enforcement officers to remind motorists about the dangers of drunk driving. The "Drive Sober. No Regrets" campaign reminds motorists of the consequences of driving drunk.

"Every drunk driving fatality is preventable, plain and simple," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "If you plan to celebrate Labor Day by drinking, make sure you arrange a sober ride using a ride share, taxi, public transit or a designated driver."

In 2023, there were 334 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes over the Labor Day holiday weekend, resulting in 14 fatalities and 35 serious injuries. TxDOT is working with law enforcement agencies across Texas to identify and arrest drunk drivers through the Labor Day holiday, ending Sept. 2.

The state continues to work to end the streak of daily traffic deaths, now approaching 24 years. The last deathless day on Texas roadways was Nov. 7, 2000.

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THE POSTSCRIPT
 By Carrie Classon

Dog Days



It's the best time of year for dogs.

I don't have a dog. I have a cat—as of this year. His name is Felix, and he came from Mexico. When we adopted him, he was skinny and timid after living on the streets for two years. Now, he is plump and playful, with a luxurious coat and an entitled attitude that seems to imply that, since he had it rough for a couple of years, he now expects things to operate according to his plans. Things usually do.

But every day on my walk, I see dogs. And this time of year—when the hydrangeas have started to turn pink around the edges and the berries are turning red on the trees—this time of year is called the dog days of summer, and I believe the dogs know it.

I see them in the distance, and I usually catch up, because the dog stops to inspect something, and the owner has to wait while the dog dutifully catches up on all the news that has transpired since he last passed this particular electric pole.

"It's dogs' Facebook, you know," I told a man who was impatiently shifting from one foot to the other while his dog did a close reading of the area beneath the pole.

"Uh-huh."

"There's probably been a lot of posts since your last visit."

The dog finally satisfied himself that he had caught up on all the latest news, lifted his leg, added his contribution to the post and was ready to go.

Even I can tell there's a lot more to smell this time of year, when it is humid, and things are starting to ripen. An elderly dog appears fixated on a spot beside the sidewalk. Her owner stands motionless beside her.

"You're not trying to rush her, are you?" I ask.

The owner rolls her eyes. "As if I could."

I watch the arthritic old dog, smelling something invisible in the grass. Her eyes are cloudy, and I suspect she is hard of hearing, but her nose appears to be working perfectly well.

Yesterday, I saw one of my favorite dogs. He's a very large, fierce-looking short-haired German shepherd, and he always carries a toy. Yesterday, it was a ball that seemed to be wrapped up in a hand-knitted bright blue sock. It was wagging back and forth as he walked.

"You have a new toy!" I exclaimed.

His two people were with him. His female person sighed. "He always has to bring his toy."

"But last time I saw him, it was a different toy."

"He lost that one! He always loses his toy. He has to bring it along, then he gets distracted and he loses it!" The German shepherd's female person did not sound entirely happy about this. "I am no longer the toy minder!" she added, shooting a glance at her husband. "I think he is a little spoiled!"

I assumed she was talking about the dog.

"That's not possible," I said. "Dogs can't be spoiled."

The German shepherd and his male person seemed to agree that this was the case, and they went on their way, the blue knitted toy swinging from the happy German shepherd's mouth.

It is a good time for dogs and it's a good time for their people, and the people like me, who enjoy their company. Dogs get us to slow down and smell our surroundings. They remind us that this warmth won't last forever, and maybe it's a good idea to enjoy it while it lasts.

Till next time,
 Carrie

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 2: Texans begin their quest for bigger things in 2024: No. 4 Texas has tough road assignment at Michigan

The college and high school seasons began last week and this week, the big boys take the spotlight as the NFL begins its 105th season when the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs host the Baltimore Ravens on Thursday night in a rematch of their AFC title game from a year ago.

While the national spotlight will be on the Chiefs and Ravens on NBC to kickoff the season, locally Houston Texans fans are optimistic that second-year head coach DeMeco Ryans and second-year quarterback C.J. Stroud will lead their team to bigger and better things in 2024.

In their first year on the job, Ryans and Stroud were instrumental pieces in the puzzle that produced 11 wins, the AFC South title, a Wild Card blowout win over the Browns and a berth in the AFC Divisional round, where they fell at Baltimore to the Ravens.

During the offseason, Texans General Manager Nick Caserio added more talent to the roster by trading for one of the league's most productive wide receivers in former Buffalo Bill Stefon Diggs (107 receptions, 1,183 yards, 8 TDs), running back Joe Mixon (1,034 yards, 9 TDs/52 receptions, 376 yards, 3 TDs with Cincinnati) and signing free agent defensive end Danielle Hunter (16.5 sacks) from Minnesota. Caserio also drafted Georgia cornerback Kamari Lassiter with the team's first pick in the second round. Lassiter was a shutdown corner for one of the best defenses in college football a year ago. He will play opposite up-and-coming start cornerback Derek Stingley Jr. (5 interceptions in '24) to give the Texans a dynamic duo at corner.

The Texans' quest for a shot at the Super Bowl begins on Sunday in Indianapolis where they face the division rival Colts. Houston finished its regular season a year ago in Indy and left with a division-clinching 23-19 victory.

While the Texans open at Indy, Texas' other team, the Dallas Cowboys head to Cleveland to take on a Browns team that may have the best defense in the NFL. Dallas owner Jerry Jones said he was "all in" during the offseason, but he did not back up his bluster with any big moves. Dallas lost starting running back Tony Pollard in free agency, and their answer was to bring back an aging Ezekiel Elliott. QB Dak Prescott is coming off a big season (he was second in voting for the league MVP) where he passed for 4,516 yards and tossed 36 touchdowns. There was some good news for Dallas fans as Jones finally signed superstar wide receiver CeeDee Lamb 135 receptions, 1,749 yards, 12 TDs to a four-year, \$136 million contract (\$38 million guaranteed). The Cowboys will rely heavily on Prescott and Lamb until they find a viable running game.

Week 1 will also feature the Eagles against the Packers in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Friday night.

The Sunday Night game will feature a rematch of last year's NFC Wild Card game when the Rams visit the Lions. Detroit won 12 games a year ago and reached the NFC title game and Lions fans are hoping head coach Dan Campbell takes his team one step further this year.

Week 1 concludes with Monday Night Football as a healthy Aaron Rodgers leads the Jets into San Francisco to take on the NFC champs the 49ers.

The big game on the college schedule pits No. 4-ranked Texas visiting the Big House in Ann Arbor to take on defending national champion Michigan (ranked No. 9) at noon on FOX. This will be a good road test for Steve Sarkisian's team as it plays its first year in the SEC.

Now, onto this weekend's game.

HIGH SCHOOL

Aldine at North Forest – Coach Cirilo Ojeda's Mustangs visit North Forest on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. North Forest made the Class 4A playoffs a year ago and finished 7-4. NF returns six offensive and four defensive starters. My pick, Aldine 17, North Forest 14

Channelview at MacArthur – Coach Blake Ware's Generals host Channelview on Saturday at 6 p.m. at Thorne Stadium. Channelview is coached by former MacArthur assistant Averion Hurts, the father of Philadelphia Eagles QB Jalen Hurts. Channelview finished 5-6 a year ago and returns five offensive and six defensive starters. My pick, MacArthur 20, Channelview 17

NCAA

Texas at Michigan – This will be a good road test for Sarkisian's team as the Longhorns visit the No. 9-ranked Wolverines. Michigan lost a ton of talent from its national



championship team, and its head coach as Jim Harbaugh left to take over the Los Angeles Chargers. Harbaugh left first-year head coach Sherrone Moore with talent, especially on defense with pre-season All American defensive tackle Mason Graham and cornerback Will Johnson. It's the offense that might take some time to come around. Michigan lost starting QB J.J. McCarthy to the NFL draft, which means backups Jack Tuttle (6 games, 130 passing yards, 1 TD) and Davis Warren (3 games) will get a chance to run the offense. If the Texas defense can limit running back Donovan Edwards (497 yards, 5 TDs), then it can attack whichever QB is in the game. Look for Texas to run at the Wolverines early to soften up the defense for Quinn Ewers to take some shots downfield. Texas is the more talented team, but playing in the Big House will be tough, but if UT survives this game, it might pay off handsomely once SEC play begins. My pick, Texas 26, Michigan 23

NFL

Baltimore at Kansas City – A good one to start the 2024 NFL season as the last two teams standing in the AFC a year ago kickoff a new season. The Ravens had the Chiefs right where they wanted them in last year's AFC title game. They had them at home and were facing a KC team that was struggling on offense. But once again, KC QB Pat Mahomes (4,183 yards, 27 TDs) and tight end Travis Kelce (93 receptions, 984 yards, 5 TDs) rose to the occasion to lift the Chiefs to the win. Baltimore should have another solid team and with the addition of running back Derrick Henry (1,167 yards, 12 TDs), Ravens QB Lamar Jackson (3,678 passing yards, 24 TDs/821 rushing yards, 5 TDs) should finally have a running game that opposing defenses will have to honor. Jackson, the league MVP a year ago, will be out to prove he can win the big one and while it would be nice to open with a win over the defending Super Bowl champs, I think he'd rather win in January than in September. Look for the Chiefs to be focused this time around, unlike last year when they lost to Detroit at home in the season opener. The Chiefs are looking to be the first team to win three straight Super Bowls and a season-opening win over the Ravens should make the rest of the AFC shudder. My pick, Kansas City 26, Baltimore 23

Green Bay vs. Philadelphia – The NFL plays its first game in Brazil when the Packers and Eagles meet on Friday night. Green Bay and first-year starting QB Jordan Love struggled early last year, but got hot winning four of their last six and embarrassed the Cowboys in the Wild Card round before falling to SF in the Divisional round. Love (4,159 yards, 32 TDs) proved he can play at this level, and with the addition of running back Josh Jacobs (805 yards, 6 TDs), the GB offense should flourish this year. The Eagles, on the other hand, started hot, but lost six of their last seven games. Head coach Nick Sirianni might be coaching for his job if the Eagles falter again. Sirianni is hoping QB Jalen Hurts (3,858 yards, 23 TDs/605 rushing yards, 15 TDs) plays like he did in 2022 when the Eagles won the NFC title. The addition of former Giants running back Saquon Barkley (962 yards, 10 total TDs) should help the offense. Philly has two solid receivers in A.J. Brown (106 receptions, 1,456 yards, 7 TDs) and DeVonta Smith (81 receptions, 1,006 yards, 7 TDs). This should be a high-scoring, fun game to watch. Look for the Eagles to make one or two more plays on offense than will the Packers as they get off to a good start in '24. My pick, Philadelphia 31, Green Bay 28

Houston at Indianapolis – The Texans start their season where they ended the regular season with hopes of similar results in Week 1 of the 2024 season. Stroud has a year under his belt and with the addition of Diggs and Mixon to go along with Nice Collins (80 receptions, 1,297 yards, 8 TDs) and Tank Dell (47 receptions, 709 yards, 7 TDs in 11 games), Houston could have one of the most explosive offenses in the NFL. They should be solid on defense with the addition of Hunter to pair with Defensive Rookie of the Year Will Anderson Jr. (7 sacks). Indy is hoping QB Anthony Richardson (577 passing yards, 3 TDs/136 rushing yards, 4 TDs in just four games) is fully healthy after missing most of the season with an injury. In the one game he

played against the Texans in Houston, Richardson scored two rushing TDs before leaving with the season-ending injury. The Colts return running back Jonathan Taylor (741 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver Michael Pittman Jr. (109 receptions, 1,152 yards, 4 TDs). This will be a good test for the Houston defense, which I think makes the plays down the stretch to help pull out a season-opening win. My pick, Houston 27, Indianapolis 23

Dallas at Cleveland – This should be a defensive game when the Cowboys and Browns hook up in Cleveland on Sunday. This game will also mark the debut of seven-time Super Bowl winning QB Tom Brady in the FOX broadcast booth as he begins his career as the lead color commentator for FOX NFL coverage. This game will pit two of the top defensive players with Micah Parsons (14 sacks) and Miles Garrett (14 sacks) trying to out do one another. Prescott will need a running game to slow down Garrett and his mates, but that might be asking a lot in Week 1. The Browns are hoping QB Deshaun Watson (1,115 yards, 7 TDs in 6 games) is fully recovered from a shoulder injury that limited him a year ago. He will be looking to wide receiver Amari Cooper (72 receptions, 1,250 yards, 5 TDs) to attack the Dallas secondary, that gets big-player corner Trevon Diggs back. That's huge considering Dallas will be without corner DaRon Bland (nine interceptions, five returned for TDs) for six to seven weeks as he recovers from a fractured foot. I think the Browns win a tight, defensive battle as the Cowboys begin to look for answers in the running game. My pick, Cleveland 18, Dallas 14

Los Angeles Rams at Detroit – A good one to start the season for the Sunday Night Football crew as the air should be filled with footballs when these two offensive powers meet in the Motor City. A year ago, the Lions held on to beat the Rams, 24-23 in the NFC Wild Card round, then followed that up with a Division Round win over the Bucs before losing in the NFC title game at SF. The Lions are loaded on offense with QB Jared Goff (4,575 yards, 30 TDs), running backs David Montgomery (1,015 yards, 13 TDs) and Jahmyr Gibbs (945 yards, 10 TDs), wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (119 receptions, 1,515 yards, 10 TDs) and tight end Sam LaPorta (86 receptions, 889 yards, 10 TDs). The Rams are no slouches either with QB Matthew Stafford (3,965 yards, 24 TDs), running back Kyren Williams (1,144 yards, 12 TDs) and wide receivers Puka Nacua (105 receptions, 1,486 yards, 6 TDs) and Cooper Kupp (59 receptions, 737 yards, 5 TDs in 12 games). Look for Kupp to have a big year after he was hobbled the last two years with various leg injuries. Detroit will be rocking on Sunday night, so look for Goff and Co. to have the home-town fans leaving the stadium with smiles on their faces. My pick, Detroit 34, Los Angeles Rams 31

New York Jets at San Francisco – Week 1 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Jets traveling cross country to take on the 49ers. A year ago, Jets fans were full of optimism with the prospects of Aaron Rodgers leading them to the promise land, but that optimism was dashed four plays into the season when Rodgers sustained a season-ending Achilles injury. He's back to health now and ready to lead the Jets to the playoffs. He has some weapons in running back Breece Hall (994 rushing yards, 5 TDs/76 receptions, 591 yards, 4 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Garrett Wilson (95 receptions, 1,042 yards, 3 TDs). A lot of folks believe Hall could have a breakout season, and with Rodgers at QB, that could very well happen. The 49ers are looking for a return to the Super Bowl and have a team loaded with talent, led by QB Brock Purdy (4,289 yards, 31 TDs), running back Christian McCaffrey (1,459 rushing yards, 14 TDs/67 receptions, 564 yards, 7 TDs), wide receiver Deebo Samuel (225 rushing yards, 5 TDs/60 receptions, 564 yards, 7 TDs) and tight end George Kittle (65 receptions, 1,020 yards, 6 TDs). If disgruntled wide receiver Brando Aiyuk (75 receptions, 1,342 yards, 7 TDs) ends his holdout and returns to the team, the 49ers could be lights out on offense. Look for SF to make a statement on Monday night and send the Jets back home in a sour mood. My pick, San Francisco 26, New York Jets 16

Pct. 2 Gives Community Update on Wallisville Project,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



One of the storyboards demonstrated the top streetscape elements chosen by residents at the first meeting and adopted to be used in the final design. (Photo by David Taylor)



A map more than four tables long showed the area that was being considered for a refresh between Maxey Road and Uvalde Road on Wallisville. (Photo by David Taylor)

and have the engineers work their magic to bring it all together. Once that's done, we'll have another public conversation about the design phase. The study takes about a year, design takes about a year-and-a-half, and then construction takes about two years to do so in total, assuming we have the resources, we've got about five years in front of us," he explained.

At the previous meeting, residents voted for streetscape elements naming pedestrian and roadway lighting as their first choice. Street trees, shade, sidewalk and shared use paths along with art followed in order. Residents also sought to add economic development, placemaking, and bus shelters along the 2.1-mile route.

Pct. 2 Assistant Director of Engineering Amanda

Marshall said they are using two consultants, Cobb Fendley and Associates and HR Green Engineering

"When we came out the first time, we came just to listen. We had no design in mind. Today, we want to know if we heard them correctly," Marshall said.

"So far, I haven't heard any major changes and everyone that's come to this meeting has agreed pedestrian lighting, and sidewalks are in the top tier."

Marshall admitted \$40 million was a substantial cost, but the cost of concrete, pedestrian amenities, lights, and other parts of the construction cost more now since the pandemic.

"We're looking for money wherever we can, plus, we have an annual budget that we can allocate some money from too," she

hoped.

According to one of the storyboards, "The North Shore Plan was one of the first Precinct 2 community plans (see https://www.hcp.com/community_planning). It was adopted by Commissioner's Court in 2021, and it outlines a community-led vision for North Shore. Our plans are living documents so there will be community engagement on a regular basis to keep the plan fresh. The plan recommended many improvements including the re-imagining of Wallisville Road."

Marshall felt confident that the project would proceed as soon as possible depending on funding.

"I will say that the commissioner does not like to study something and have it sit on the shelf and never be built," she added.







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Aug. 30	Friday	Spring Westfield	Panther	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Friday	Dickinson	Panther	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 12	Thursday	Spring Dekaney	Planet Ford	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20		BYE		7:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Thursday	Atascocita*	Turner	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	Friday	GC Memorial*	Stallworth	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Friday	Summer Creek*	Panther	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Thursday	Humble*	Turner	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	Friday	Kingwood*	Panther	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	Friday	North Shore*	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	Friday	Channelview*	Panther	7:00 p.m.

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GALENA PARK HIGH SCHOOL YELLOW JACKETS

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TIME
Aug. 29	Thursday	Porter	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Friday	Sterling	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 12	Thursday	Madison*	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Saturday	Houston Sterling*	Barnett Stadium	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Friday	Houston Milby*	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Thursday	Spring Woods*	Tully Stadium	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Friday	Houston Waltrip*	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Saturday	Houston Sharpstown	Butler Stadium	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25		BYE		
Oct. 31	Friday	Westbury*	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	Saturday	Houston Austin*	Barnett Stadium	7:00 p.m.

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CHANNELVIEW HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TIME
Aug. 30	Friday	Pasadena Memorial	Veterans Memorial	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 7	Saturday	Aldine MacArthur	W. W. Thorne	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Friday	Clear Creek	Ray Maddy	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20		BYE		7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Friday	Summer Creek*	Ray Maddy	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Saturday	Humble*	Turner	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Friday	Kingwood*	Ray Maddy	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Thursday	North Shore*	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	Friday	GC Memorial*	Ray Maddy	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	Friday	Atascocita*	Ray Maddy	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	Friday	C. E. King*	Panther	7:00 p.m.

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NORTH SHORE SR. HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TIME
Aug. 30	Friday	Dallas South Oak Cliff	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Friday	Fort Worth Crowley	Crowley ISD	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Friday	Spring Westfield	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20		BYE		7:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Thursday	Humble*	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Thursday	Kingwood*	Turner	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Thursday	GC Memorial*	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Thursday	Channelview*	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
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Suspects arrested in attempted auto theft; shots fired by HPD

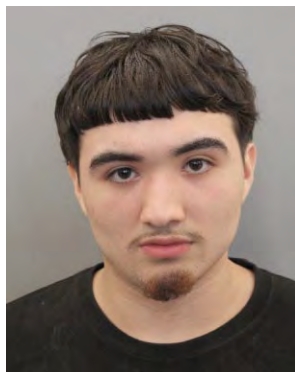
Suspects Arrested, Charged in Incident at 10314 East Freeway

Charges have been filed against two suspects arrested in an incident in which a Houston Police officer discharged his weapon at a suspect at 10314 East Freeway (East Interstate Highway 10) about 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday (August 21).

The suspect, Eric Meza, 20, is charged with theft in the 263rd State District

Court. A second suspect, Nathan Ybarra, 20, is charged with felony evading arrest in a motor vehicle in the same court. Booking photos of both suspects are attached to this news release.

HPD Officer I. Sosa-Castillo, who discharged his duty weapon, was not injured in the incident. Officer Castillo is assigned to the Downtown Patrol Division and was sworn in as an officer in October



Eric Meza, 20



Nathan Ybarra, 20

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HPD Special Investigations Unit Sergeant M. Glover and Detectives J. Windham and A. Henderson reported:

HPD patrol officers observed an auto theft-in progress and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the suspect(s). The suspect (Meza) drove toward an officer and Officer Sosa-Castillo discharged his duty weapon at the suspect vehicle, causing it to become

disabled. Meza was not struck, then fled on foot across the freeway. Ybarra fled in the stolen vehicle. Both suspects were detained a short time later by responding HPD patrol officers.

As is customary in HPD officer-involved shooting incidents in the Houston city limits, this case is being investigated by the HPD Special Investigations Unit and the Internal Affairs Division.

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Mustangs Crush Bears and Dominate in Season Opener,

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er Jonathan Soto kicked a 20 yrd field goal in the fourth quarter making the final score 38 - 0.

East Side Boys scores were made by: Cameron Smith (2), Chris Thomas (1), D'Andre Hardeman (1), Kaleb Bailey (1 running TD and 2 passing TD's) and kicker Jonathan Soto had a perfect outing, making all 5 extra point kicks and one 3 point field goal. Last season he had a perfect record with no misses, there was one kick blocked.

Kaleb Bailey was exciting to watch he played so well he removed any doubt that his season one ending leg injury was still a factor. Last season after getting back on the field from the injury he took the team to the state championship. His leg appeared good then even though they lost to Duncanville. Against the Bears he rushed for over 70 yds making one TD on a 63 yard run and passed 12 times for 145 yds and two more TD's.

The Mustangs have one weak spot in their playing and that's their lack of discipline by creating too many penalties. They had six penalties for 15 yds each (personal fouls and unsportsmanlike conduct), giving away 90 yards. Then another 7 penalties totaling 140 penalty yds given away. This time with a weak opponent they were able to still win with 15 penalties, but with a tough opponent penalties can spell a loss for them. Usually a team getting



Charles Ross #18 senior defensive linebacker sacks Bear senior quarterback Carter Kopecky for a loss in the backfield. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Showing 10 fingers and # 10 jersey held by Kaleb Bailey in honor and in memory of former player #10-Javon Coles, who was shot and killed in a drive-by shooting in March 2024. (Photo by Linda Jamail)

this unusual amount 15 yd penalties is from a lack of self discipline which reflects negatively on the coaches.

North Shore takes their show on the road next week to Crowley, Texas to play the Eagles, another predicted power house

team at the Crowley ISD Stadium on Friday, September 6th at 7PM. Both teams are undefeated with one win each.



D'Andre Hardeman #28 senior running back knocks down a South Oak Cliff Bear defender for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Kaleb Bailey #15 Mustang quarterback sprints 63 yds for TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Yellow Jackets Fall to Spartans 37-13 in Season Opener,

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It looked like the Jackets lost their second half momentum due to an unsportsmanlike 15-yard penalty for a Jacket called for taunting a Spartan player. Taunting usually refers to challenging an opposing player in a sarcastic, insulting, or scornful way by intentionally upsetting an opposing player by making unkind or insulting remarks or gestures.

Their offense has a good running quarterback with several good running backs. But without any consistent passing game to mix their offensive game plan up some the Spartans defense knew what to expect and kept the Jackets offense shutdown.

The gallant fighting Jackets ended up losing 37 - 13. They scored one TD each in the first and second quarter and were shut-out the second half.

The Jackets led in penalties with 7 giving up 60 yards to the Spartans 5 penalties for 30 yards. Two GP penalties were for 15



Andrew Cortes #2 Yellow Jackets senior running back scores first TD of the season in the 1st quarter to put GP ahead 7-0. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

yards each, one unsportsmanlike taunting 15-yard penalty and one personal foul 15-yard penalty for grabbing the facemask. Statistician & photographer Linda Jamail provided

records for this article. Galena Park will once again play before their home crowd on Friday, September 6th at 7PM at the same GPISD stadium against Baytown Sterling.



GP Team Captains - L-R: #77-Reuben Escobar, #16-Hunter James, #67-Marc Lopez & #18 Daylin Boyd. (Photo by Linda Jamail)



SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK 1

LAST WEEK'S SCORES
Thursday, August 29
 Aldine Eisenhower 27, Beaumont Westbrook 17, Fort Bend Kempner 19, Aldine 3, Porter 37, Galena Park 13, Baytown Lee 14, S. Houston 10

Friday, August 30
 Willis 30, Aldine Davis 23, Pasadena Memorial 43, Channelview 42, Dayton 19, Crosby 14, North Shore 38, Dallas South Oak Cliff 0, Baytown Sterling 42, Goose Creek Memorial 20, Huffman Hargrave 49, La Marque 16, Aldine Nimitz 34, Katy Morton Ranch 14, Barbers Hill 54, New Caney 8, Spring Westfield 34, C. E. King 28

Saturday, August 31
 Cypress Ridge 17, Aldine MacArthur 16

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Thursday, September 5
 Aldine at North Forest, 7 p.m., Jones-Cowart Stadium in Houston
 Strake Jesuit at Aldine Davis, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston
Friday, September 6
 Baytown Lee at Goose Creek Memorial, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown
 Baytown Sterling at Galena Park, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston
 Clear Brook at Aldine Eisenhower, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston
 Dickinson at C. E. King, 7 p.m., Sheldon ISD Panther Stadium in Houston
 Huffman Hargrave at Furr, 7:30 p.m., Jones-Cowart Stadium in Houston
 Iowa Colony at Crosby, 7 p.m., Freedom Field at the Heritage Complex in Iowa Colony
 Manvel at Barbers Hill, 7 p.m., Eagle Stadium in Mont Belvieu
 North Shore at Crowley, 7 p.m., Crowley ISD Stadium in Fort Worth
Saturday, September 7
 Channelview at Aldine MacArthur, 6 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Elderly Channelview man found dead after mobile home fire

CHANNELVIEW, Texas - Fire officials say a 60-year-old man was found dead after a fire in Channelview.

It happened Sunday just after 11 a.m. in the 16200 block of 2nd Street in Channelview.

The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office said firefighters with the Channelview Fire Department responded to the scene and found

the man dead inside the mobile home. No one else was hurt in the fire.

The Fire Marshal's Office said the fire was determined to have started behind a refrigerator in the kitchen.

It is also believed the fire was the result of an electrical failure with the appliance cord.

FEMA opens Disaster Recovery Center in Jacinto City & Spring

HOUSTON - FEMA is opening two Disaster Recovery Centers in Harris County Fri Aug. 30 to provide one-on-one help to Texans affected by Hurricane Beryl.

Center locations:
George H.W. Bush Community Center
 6827 Cypresswood Drive
 Spring, TX 77379

Milton Lusk Activity Center
 1022 Mercury Drive
 Houston, TX 77029

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) operate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Saturday, closed Sunday. Any DRC can help with both Hurricane Beryl and the April 26 - June 5 storms and flooding. To find a center location near you, go to fema.gov/drc.

All centers are accessible to people with disabilities or access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology.

To shorten wait times at the DRC, Texans are encouraged to apply to FEMA on-

line, by phone or using the FEMA App before going to a center for follow-up help. To apply, homeowners and renters can:

- Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices.
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.
- Visit any Disaster Recovery Center.

To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: [Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance](https://www.fema.gov/disaster) - YouTube.

For more information about Texas disaster recovery, visit: [fema.gov/disaster/4798](https://fema.gov/disaster/). Follow FEMA Region 6 on social media at x.com/FEMARegion6 and on Facebook at facebook.com/FEMARegion6/.

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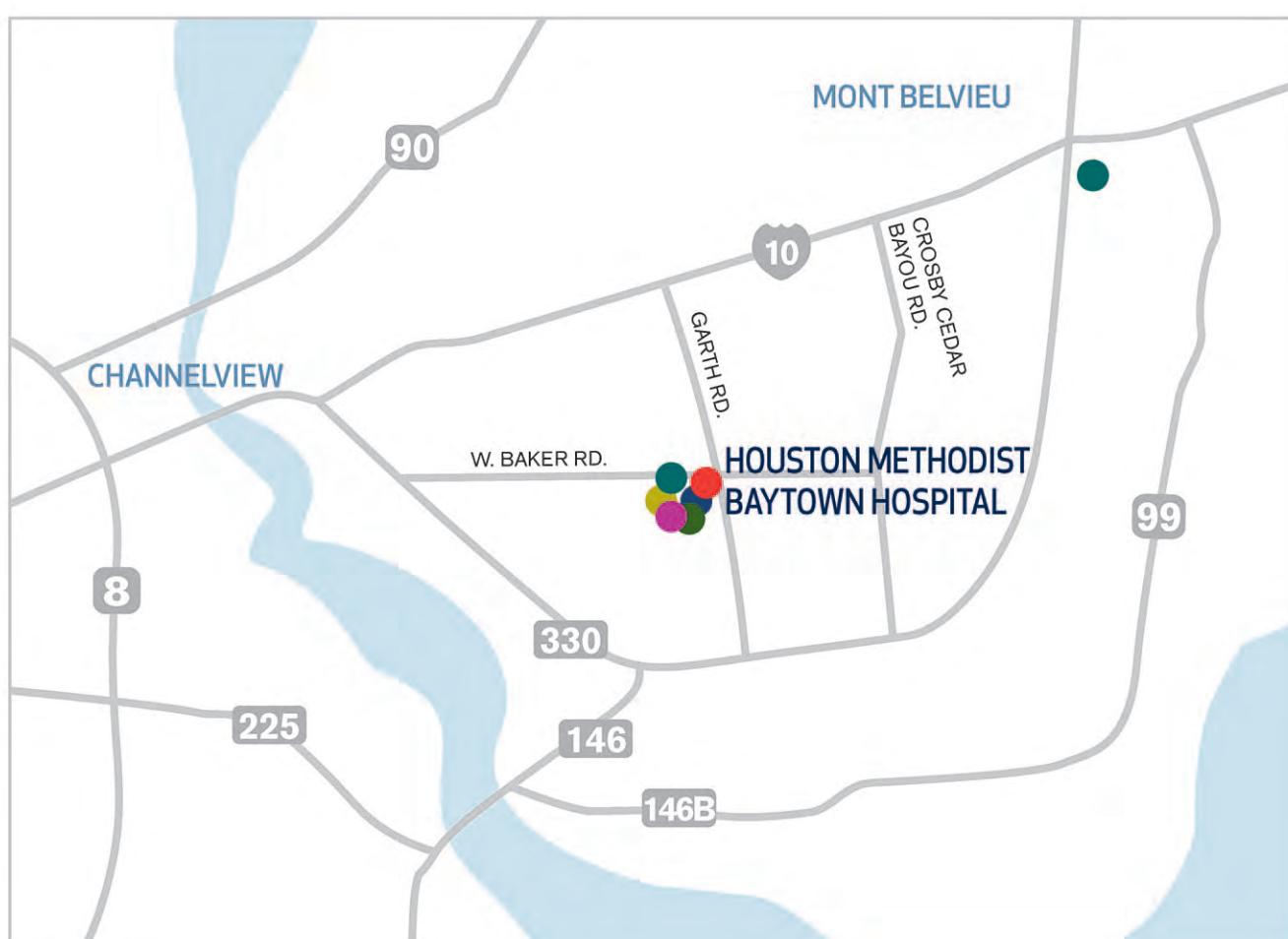
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