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North Channel Chamber "Salutes"

On Thursday, November 7, 2024, the North Channel Area Chamber will host the annual Business EXPO & Health Fair, known as "SALUTES".
The event is from 10am to 2pm, with lunch at 11:30am, and a Salute to Veterans & First Responders at 12pm noon.
Prize for the Best Decorated Booth. Food by Armenta's Mexican Restaurant, 893 Sheldon Road, Channelview 77530. \$25 Lunch ticket.
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NS Rotary TRUNK OR TREAT Oct. 31

On Thursday, October 31, 2024, the North Shore Rotary will hold a Halloween Trunk or Treat at the WD Ley YMCA from 6pm to 8pm. 15055 Wallisville Road.
Everyone welcome, wear your costume and come have some fun, and some TREATS! SEE YOU THERE!

Fireworks Okayed Oct. 25-Nov. 1

County approves sale of fireworks for Diwali, and Dia de Los Muertos
By David Taylor Managing Editor
Harris County Commissioners recently approved the eight-day calendar for selling fireworks for the celebration of Diwali, a
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Candidates bring campaigns to Texas; Harris holds star-studded rally in Houston: Trump in Austin

By David Taylor Managing Editor

Both presidential campaigns made visits to the Lone Star state last Friday making their final pitch for votes. While former president Donald Trump made a daytime visit to the state's capital, it was Vice President Kamala Harris who tapped Houston talent to highlight at her rally Friday night.

Beyoncé was the star of the rally not only with her willingness to share with the crowd in her first-ever appearance at a political rally.
"I'm not here as a celebrity. I'm not here as a politician. I'm here as a mother," she told the audience.
Willie Nelson, 91, joined



Kamala Harris holds Star-Studded Rally at Shell Energy Stadium in Houston; Trump appears in Austin, tapes long TV interview with Joe Rogan.

Harris onstage to show his support for whom he called "Madam President."
Earlier, bolstered by a large blue and white sign behind them that read "Reproductive Freedom," a group of physicians dressed out in their lab coats and filed onto the stage to speak out about abortion rights.

"In 10 days, we're going to beat Ted Cruz, and we'll make Roe v Wade the law of the land again," said Colin Allred, the Democratic candidate trying to unseat current Sen. Ted Cruz.

Allred was at the rally needing the boost to close the gap between him and Cruz.

Emerson College polling has Senator Cruz with a one-point lead over Allred, who has narrowed the gap from a four-point lead by Cruz in September.

According to the latest RealClearPolitics polling numbers, Harris trails Trump by 51.6 percent to 45.6 percent (https://www.realclearpolling.com/polls/president/general/2024/texas/trump-vs-harris) The six-point lead didn't deter Harris who was there primarily to bolster the Democratic Senate candidate's campaign and promote reproductive freedom rights across the country.

"We are fighting for freedom," Harris exclaimed to the large crowd. "As a community of people, as people of this country,

who stand strong for the freedom of a woman to make decisions about her own body."

The Trump rally in Austin sported a different tone as he was flanked by Border Patrol officials and the families of many whose lives had been disrupted by the Biden-Harris policy of open borders. "We're here in Texas which under Kamala Harris has been turned into Ground Zero for the largest border invasion in the history of the world," Trump said at the news conference.

Alexis Nungaray, whose 12-year-old daughter Jocelyn, was murdered allegedly by illegal aliens also

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Mustangs Win Thriller 27-23 in Last 7 Seconds

By Allan Jamail

Turner Stadium, Humble, TX. ~ October 25, 2024 ~ in a showdown between the two 6A Region III District 23 first place teams in front of a standing room only sellout crowd the North Shore Mustangs squeaked past the Atascocita Eagles (Humble) 27 - 23. This Eagles loss makes 9 consecutive losses to their rival.

The Eagles scored first with a 3 point field goal in the 1st quarter followed by a Mustangs touchdown and a missed extra point to finish the 1st quarter, ahead 6 - 3.

In the 2nd quarter the Mustangs scored 2 TD's with the Eagles making 3 TD's. The first half ended with the Eagles ahead at halftime 23 - 20.



North Shore #9 Quaneil Farrakhan Jr. with 7 seconds left in the game hauls in QB Kaleb Bailey TD pass to win the game over Atascocita. Yellow Arrow points to Ball. (Photo by Linda Jamail)

The 3rd quarter was a defensive battle, neither team scored, the Eagles remained ahead 23 - 20 going into the 4th and final quarter. The fourth quarter continued as a defensive battle with neither team scoring until late in the fourth quarter with the Mustangs making the final go-ahead TD.

With 1 minute remaining the Eagles punter made a bad kick giving Nshore the ball on the Eagles 40 yard line. On a crucial play QB Bailey connected to Cameron Smith on a 35 yard pass putting the ball on the 5 yard line.

The Mustangs had the ball on the 5 yard line with just 12 seconds left on the clock and trailing by 3 points, it appeared Nshore was on the brink of losing

their first game of the season and dropping down to 2nd place.

But when the ball was snapped to quarterback Bailey he threw a perfect strike to wide receiver Quaneil Farrakhan Jr. in the end zone to put the Eastside Boys ahead 26 - 23 with 7 seconds on the clock. Jorge Campos kicked the extra point making the game's final score 27 - 23.

QB Kaleb Bailey, rushed for 129 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries averaging 11.9 yards per carry. He threw passes for 123 yards and completing 73.3% of his passes. D'Andre Hardeman Jr. was unstoppable rushing for 82 yards and a touch-

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Harris County Sheriff's Captain Darrell Criss an FBI National Academy Graduate

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. ~ October 27, 2024 ~ It gives me great pleasure to announce that Harris County's Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Captain Darrell Criss has successfully graduated from the FBI National Academy, the most prestigious criminal justice academy in the nation. This achievement places him in the top 1% of law enforcement professionals in the United States.

Captain Criss said, "This achievement will help me and along with my agency to stay connected with leaders from around the world in times of need and to offer assistance whenever resources, wisdom and knowledge can be leveraged to improve our law enforcement and peacekeeping services to our community in the United States and abroad. I was able to forge lifelong bonds and connections with over 200 law enforce-



FBI Director Christopher Wray (left) & HCSO Captain Darrell Criss

ment top leaders and executives from across the nation and several other countries and continents."

On August 26, 2024 Lieutenant Criss achieved

another career milestone when he was promoted to captain. Upon his promo-

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NS Rotary Club & Local Students Deliver Hot Meals to Seniors Affected by Hurricane Beryl



Rotarians Ken Wembley, and NS President Danna Nino (center) join other Rotarians and volunteers from Pct. 2 to help distribute the hundreds of senior meals on the table behind them.

CHANNELVIEW - Last week several members from the local Rotary Club of North Shore volunteered to assist staff members from Harris County Precinct No. 2, Commissioner Adrian Garcia's senior meal's program.

They were accompanied by several volunteers from the North Shore Senior



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SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon Holds Annual Pink Out at Panther Stadium

On Friday, October 11, Sheldon ISD hosted its annual Pink Out Night for Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the C.E. King High School home football game at Panther Stadium. Two incredible women were recognized for their fight: Board Member Devora Myles and Assistant Director of Transportation Lilian Sampson. During half-time, the Pantherettes and Mini Pantherettes performed. This was part of a fundraiser held by the Pantherettes to support their programs and share information about their award-winning program with future Panthers!



Sheldon ISD educator named Administrator of the Year

Sheldon ISD's Director of Early Childhood Dr. Denise Mustin has been named the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Administrator of the Year. Each year, the TXAEYC recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the field of early childhood education in Texas. She was recognized last weekend in Frisco at the TXAEYC annual conference.



GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Highly Rated GPISD Campuses



Photo Credit: Sherrhonda Hunter

By Dr. Tommie L. Smith

At the October 7th Board of Trustees Meeting, Galena Park ISD (GPISD) recognized Woodland Acres Elementary School, Galena Park Middle School, North Shore Middle School, and CTE Early College High School for earning an 'A' rating for the 2023-2024 school year from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). While official ratings have not been received from TEA due to ongoing litigation, GPISD's calculations, verified utilizing TEA's Data Match Opportunity, indi-

cate these campuses received an 'A' rating.

Receiving an 'A' rating reflects outstanding academic performance, excellent student progress, and high reading levels for post-secondary success. The TEA's rigorous evaluation criteria ensure these campuses have demonstrated exceptional dedication to fostering a positive and effective learning environment. This achievement reflects the collective efforts of the entire GPISD community.

A certificate was presented to Woodland Acres Elementary School, Gale-

na Park Middle School, North Shore Middle School, and CTE Early College High School on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools.

In the photo: Board Trustee, Noe Esparza; Woodland Acres Elementary School Principal, Sandra Rodriguez; Galena Park Middle School Principal, Elizabeth Nava; North Shore Middle School Principal, Dr. Christopher Eckford; Early College High School Principal, Dr. Jeff Hutchinson; and GPISD Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John Moore

C.E. King Theater presents Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

C.E. King High School theater will offer three days of its annual musical in November. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will be performed at the King High School Performing Arts Center on Friday, November 1 at 7 p.m., Saturday, November 2 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.sheldonisd.com.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB
By Charlotte Jackson 

Never Stop

What an election season. One of my younger friends shared that after attending the Harris political rally on Friday and then watching television coverage of Trump's Sunday night's rally in New York, she is worn out. We discussed how when she was younger her parents took her along when they voted. She had memories of kind people from the community working as the polling staff. She mentioned that as she grew older, she looked forward to seeing them and that one day she wanted to opportunity to work an election. I explained to her about how to apply to work and that yes, it is an opportunity to see your neighbors and make a difference. She said with the anger she has witnessed from some candidates, she wondered if it were safe to vote, much less work a polling location. I explained that the locations are safe, that law enforcement regularly stops in to check on the workers and that despite the tension, I would recommend it.

In my life, it seems that I have been involved with handing out political information for decades. When I look back, I have memories of volunteering for a wide variety of candidates. The list includes Judson Robinson, Jr. as well as Louis Macey, Ronald Reagan, Jack Fields, Gene Green, Ana Hernandez, Sylvia Garcia, Joe Stephens, and many more. Perhaps because I learned years ago that if you do not vote, you have nobody to blame except yourself when you do not like the turnout.

Before Obama ran for President, I had worked on several Election Days. Between his first victory and his second race, I got involved and became a Precinct Chair. It was alarming to me as to how few registered voters took the time to vote. My next move was to take the free class and become a Volunteer Deputized Voter Registrar. This has provided an opportunity to meet neighbors, explain why voting is important and to get to know many candidates as well as elected leaders.

You may ask why does that matter? Over the years, as I have needed assistance with various situations, I have been able to reach out to them and express concerns and listen to valid reasons as to why some issues take priority. I have been able to reach out when a friend, neighbor or even a stranger needed to find help. In my opinion, the more involved you are, the more doors that will open when you need information.

Some people tell me that to be involved in politics, it takes money, or you must vote for someone for them to listen to you. I disagree. I have poured my heart out on different matters, and I have found that elected leaders listen. They may not agree with your stand, but they truly want to understand their constituents, not just their supporters.

Never let the opinions of others keep you from exercising your right to vote and take the time to get involved.

If you have not voted, you have time until Friday to Early Vote or please make it to the polling locations nearest to you on Tuesday. Your vote matters!

Fireworks okayed Oct. 25 to Nov. 1,

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major religious festival celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs. For Hindus, it symbolizes the triumph of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance and light over darkness. Setting off fireworks is a cherished part of the celebrations around the world.

"This was added to the fireworks legislation last legislature," said Sue Davis, spokesperson for Top Dog Fireworks. The fireworks were for the Diwali holiday, but Davis said they also added in the Dia de Los Muertos since it falls on the last day of the holiday on Nov. 1.

"The Indian community would tell me they would go buy a bunch of fireworks on the Fourth of July, then store them, which is completely legal, and shoot them off during Diwali in the fall," she said. "I would just cringe at the thought of those fireworks sitting in 100-degree temperatures over the summer and the risk it brought to homeowners.

Davis said since the commissioners only approved the measure in early October, they have been scrambling to staff at least four of their stores at 16720 I-45 North, 20432 Highway 290, 14424 I-10 East in North Shore and 23822 Highway 249 in Tomball.

"We've been lobbying them for awhile to do this," she said, "but they only approved it recently so these will be all we will have this go-around."

The fireworks sales begin on Friday, October 25 and stores open at 10 a.m. and will run through Nov. 1.

The following day is Dia de Los Muertos.

"It's a traditional Mexican holiday, it is believed that on this day the souls of the dead return to visit their living family members. For Dia de los Muertos, people visit the graves of deceased loved ones and set up altars," Davis said.

Buy one/get one free and other discounts will be available throughout the stores. In addition, Top Dog will donate a portion of its proceeds during this season to organizations in the Diwali community.

Davis reminded everyone that Harris County is under a burn ban.

"That makes it even more important that fireworks safety rules be observed, including always shooting fireworks on open, level ground; not aiming at buildings or vegetation and, especially, disposing of fireworks by dousing them with water and putting them in garbage cans away from buildings. (The complete list of safety rules is below.)," she said.

The burn ban prohibits the shooting of rockets with sticks and missiles with fins. Top Dog Fireworks will not be stocking these products.

Toss it into the can. It's a neat idea. 

Captain Darrell Criss Joins Top 1% of U.S. Law Enforcement,

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tion he said, "I'm humbled and honored to have the rank of Captain bestowed upon me. I'm one of twenty-six Captains amongst a command of approximately 5500 sheriff's personnel. Leadership is a calling that I have embraced as a Texas Peace Officer, and to have the opportunity to serve at top levels in such a respected and noble agency is truly a blessing."

"As a servant leader now commanding over 250 personnel I'll provide all the mental wellness and physical support and/or assistance needed to ensure personnel within my command are able to successfully carry out and complete their duties with as much joy and peace as possible. Serving in the role of a Captain is truly an honor and with this, I am committed to fulfilling my duties to my country, state and county to the best of my ability with unwavering commitment and loyalty."

Criss began his law enforcement career with the HCSO twenty years ago as a Detention Officer in the

Harris County Sheriff's Office in July 2004. His first assignment as Captain will be in the Detention Support Services Bureau, where he will serve as the Division Commander of the Inmate Services Division.

Captain Criss holds a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Houston, a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management from Sam Houston State University.

Captain Criss and his wife of 21 years, LaShanda, are proud parents of twin daughters and a son. He enjoys spending quality time with his family and is a dedicated servant to the Fifth Ward Church of Christ.

My wife Linda and I have known Brother Criss by his teaching our Bible classes. We feel his successes are due to him always placing the needs of others above himself. We extend our congratulations to Captain Darrell Criss on his well-deserved promotion.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "A behind-the-scenes look at mined diamonds"



Millions of people buy diamonds every single year as gifts or even as investments, but now more than ever, consumers are focused on how to obtain quality, mined diamonds, and with good reason. Over the past several years, some have turned to other stones or even lab-grown diamonds instead of the beautiful, naturally occurring stone that has been a symbol of love for decades. Fortunately, it's easier than ever to get high-quality, mined "natural" diamonds, but the key is to understand where to turn as you begin to shop.

Where Do Mined Diamonds Come From?
Diamonds are found close to the surface of the earth in a few key places. A little-known fact is that mining companies unearthing the diamonds are held to very strict standards around the world. Mining companies are required to create a positive impact on the environment and societies located around the mines. According to De Beers, nearly 76% of their mining sight-holders undertake social initiatives outside of the mining process. Those initiatives include a number of different programs including offering food and shelter to orphaned children and the homeless population, as well as scholarship funding for those who cannot afford an education at any level. For example, diamond manufacturer Shree Ramkrishna Exports is committed to sustainability, and they were the first to achieve a LEED Gold Green Building Certification. They've since attained additional green certifications including an ISO 50001 and ISO 14001 environmental certification for their ongoing efforts to conserve energy.

From the Mine to the Jeweler
Once they're pulled from the earth, companies like De Beers hold Sights or events that allow them to market "rough" diamonds to sight-holders. Typically, nearly 90% of diamonds are sold this way, and customers include some of the biggest diamond dealers who work with the major diamond centers in the world today. These kinds of events happen routinely, about ten times a year, in London. Customers usually inspect the rough diamonds, then decide whether they wish to make a purchase. Every diamond at these events, though, comes from De Beers Group's operations, all of which have been certified by the Responsible Jewelry Council Code of Practices. Moreover, they're compliant with today's Best Practice Principles that help guide the industry. Often there are auctions, too, to help manufacturers and retailers meet their sourcing needs. In most cases, the manufacturers or retailers must be registered buyers, but because the industry is growing so quickly, big names like De Beers understand that this is the ideal way forward, serving as a catalyst for the diamond business today.



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North Shore Rotarians





Delivering Meals to Seniors at their homes



North Shore Rotarians, Pct. 2 Volunteers, and GPISD students prepared and distributed over 100 Senior Meals packages after Hurricane Beryl.

High School's INTERACT Club. Together we set out in several mini-buses loaded with hot meals and groceries to help seniors negatively impacted by hurricane Beryl. Rotary District Number 5890 graciously provided a generous grant that was used to help make this possible. We are thankful and blessed to have been granted an opportunity to be a part of this relief project.

Several people not pictured worked tirelessly behind the scenes to facilitate this partnership. Our Precinct 2 homebound seniors received a special treat. A bag of groceries provided by the North Shore Rotary with assistance from their volunteers, Crosby Crawford Shack and Galena Park ISD students. The smiles on their face, "PRICE-LESS".


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OPINION PAGE

OPINION

By Jackie Young Medcalf
Founder/CEO THEA



Climate change is making polluted sites more susceptible to flooding

A mailbox is partially submerged on a flooded street in an unincorporated area in east Harris County near Houston on Sunday morning, May 5, 2024.

The physical and psychological scars from Hurricanes Helene and Milton will take weeks, months and years to repair.

It's not something people usually think about, but as climate change produces more frequent and intense storms, we need to recognize the damage they do to Superfund sites and large numbers of smaller, unrecognized toxic waste sites.

Flooding from Hurricane Helene impacted a shockingly wide area. Milton brought less flooding, but it cut through the center of Florida.

These visuals show the hurricanes' tracks and the current or proposed Superfund sites.

While rudimentary and not to scale, they give a rough idea of what's at stake as climate change-induced weather events become more common.

That is something we know too well here in Houston. When Hurricane Harvey tore through this region in 2017, it exposed a local site named the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site to historic water levels.

The containment areas storing dioxin and other paper mill waste material were breached. Chemicals flowed freely into the river and Galveston Bay.

That is not the only local site threatened by climate change. The Houston area has the most such sites in Texas, and the General Accountability Office estimates that 80 percent of them are at risk.

Even as we see more intense rain events, researchers believe sea levels in the Gulf of Mexico at Galveston are rising by more than half an inch a year as Houston experiences the worst subsidence in the country.

In addition to the challenge that storms pose to known Superfund sites, we share another challenge with communities around the country experiencing increased flooding.

Houston expanded quickly with the growth of its petrochemical, port and rail industries. Hundreds of smaller industrial sites popped up to service those industries.

How many sites are there? A team from Rice University, NYU and Brown went back through the records and identified nearly 2,000 long-gone sites in Houston.

Our analysis of known toxic sites in the city identified chemicals that have been linked to more than 30 cancers and other illnesses.

When flooding hits neighborhoods that never typically flooded in the past, the water mixes with chemicals from old sites, releasing them from the soil.

The people who live closest to the sites are at a higher risk. The study authors estimate that 854,000 Houstonians live within a block of an abandoned site.

The tragic storms that struck the southeast created an immediate need to rebuild damaged homes and shattered lives.

Our experience here in Houston may be a warning to other communities that we are unprepared for this climate change threat.

Looking at the Superfund sites that were inundated in Houston this year, the EPA had inadequate protocols for testing the integrity of the sites following the flooding or notifying the public of the results.

As a nation, we lack the legislative and regulatory framework to address this evolving pollution problem.

Finding answers will take time, but based on what we have seen this hurricane season, we need to get started on solutions now.

Jackie Medcalf is the CEO and founder of Texas Health and Environment Alliance, a Houston-based nonprofit that works with communities threatened by Superfund and other historic toxic waste sites.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



5th Circuit Court Removes Judge from Foster Care Suit

The federal judge who has repeatedly found Texas in contempt for not fixing its foster care system has been removed by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after a three-judge panel faulting U.S. District Judge Janis Jack's 'highly antagonistic demeanor.'

'We are pleased that the 5th Circuit recognized the significant efforts DFPS and HHSC have invested in serving the children and families of our state,' according to a shared statement from the health commission and social services agency.

About 9,000 children are permanent wards of the state after being removed from their homes because of neglect or abuse. Jack has been hearing that case since 2011.

A lawyer for the plaintiffs said an appeal is planned.

'Frankly, this is a sad day for Texas children,' attorney Paul Yetter said in a statement Friday. 'For over a decade, Judge Jack pushed the state to fix its broken system.'

CRUZ, ALLRED FACE OFF IN DEBATE

Republican incumbent Ted Cruz and Democratic challenger Colin Allred debated abortion, immigration and other contentious issues in their only scheduled debate last Tuesday, just days before early voting began on Monday.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Allred aggressively attacked Cruz for supporting the repeal of Roe vs. Wade, overturning that landmark abortion decision, while Cruz defended allowing the state's right to determine abortion policy.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

whether rape or incest should be exceptions to the state's abortion ban, while Allred said he supports a federal law to essentially reinstate Roe.

The two also fought over immigration, with Cruz claiming Allred has voted against funding a border wall three times. Allred in turn slammed Cruz for helping kill a bipartisan border security bill that GOP nominee Donald Trump urged Republicans to reject for political reasons.

The Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol also was a point of contention. Allred, a former NFL linebacker who is now a three-term congressman, said he 'took off my suit jacket' to prepare to defend the House from the mob.

'When the mob came, Senator Cruz was hiding in a supply closet,' he said.

TOOL HELPS STUDENTS LEARN WHICH UNIVERSITIES WILL ACCEPT THEM

Texas high school students can now see which of the state's public universities would accept them based on their academic information, using a new tool called Direct Admissions, according to the Texas Standard. The tool is meant to streamline the college application process and let students quickly know which participating Texas public universities will accept them based on their class rank, grade point average, and test scores.

'Direct Admissions has the potential to reduce time, boost confidence, and increase transparency, encouraging Texans who might not otherwise consider college to take the next step,' Interim Commissioner of

Higher Education Sarah Keyton said in a press release.

A total of 31 public universities in the state are using the new tool.

Meanwhile, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is extending the state financial aid application priority deadline a month to Feb. 15 for the 2025-2026 application cycle because of continued delays with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which slowed applications last school year.

The state's priority deadline is intended to encourage students to complete their application promptly in order to raise the likelihood of receiving state funding.

REPORT: PURGE OF NONCITIZENS FROM VOTER ROLLS LIKELY INFLATED

An investigation by ProPublica and The Tribune found that of the more than 6,500 voters taken from the state's rolls because they were deemed noncitizens, many likely were removed because they did not respond to letters about their citizenship. Gov. Greg Abbott recently said that more than 1 million ineligible voters were stricken from the state's rolls, though a number of election experts said the culling is routine to remove people who have died or moved.

While Abbott touted the 6,500 figure, the secretary of state's office identified 580 people as noncitizens in a report it gave Abbott in late August.

Both Abbott and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton have pushed claims that noncitizens are seeking to vote in the November election. Many election officials have said there is little to no evidence that is the case.

EARLY VACCINATIONS URGED AS FLU SEASON ARRIVES

The Texas Department of State Health Services is urging Texans to get vaccinated against flu as soon as possible, as cases traditionally begin to rise this time of year. It takes about two weeks for the body to make flu antibodies after getting the shot.

'We recommend everyone ages six months and older get a flu shot as soon as possible,' said DSHS Commissioner Jennifer Shuford.

People with the flu are most contagious in the first three days of illness, with the virus being spread through droplets. Vaccines for other respiratory illnesses, such as VOCI-19 and RSV, are also available and can be taken at the same time as a flu shot, depending on advice from one's health-care provider.

STATE'S LATEST POPULATION ESTIMATES ARE IN

The state's estimated population as of Jan. 1, 2024 was 30,749,519, according to the Texas Demographic Center. That is an increase of 1.6 million since the 2020 census count - or 5.5%.

The two fastest-growing counties in terms of percentage increase are Kaufman, up 26.7% since 2020, and Rockwall, up 25% for the same time period.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Other Mothers



Over the weekend, Felix met his three other mothers.

Felix is our cat, and we adopted him from Mexico. We are now back in Mexico for the first time since we adopted him and, of course, Felix is with us.

When my husband, Peter, and I first discussed adopting a cat, I had in mind some needy little creature who would cuddle on my lap when I read. Instead, we got Felix.

Felix was a street cat for two years before he was scooped up by his foster mothers. He was very skinny when they found him. He is black and white, with silky fur and a sly grin, and he is not at all interested in sitting on anyone's lap.

I had half-hoped there might be a mariachi band playing when we landed, congratulating Felix on his triumphant return. Instead, we were met by a customs official who made a photocopy of Felix's health records, took his temperature, and wished us all a pleasant visit.

Once we got to our little apartment surrounded by painted suns and got all our stuff back into the usual cupboards and cabinets, we contacted Felix's foster mother, Marcela, and told her we were back, and said we would love to have her over for cake.

Felix's foster mother works at the environmental preserve where Peter takes his long daily walk. She lives with her sister and her sister's daughter, and they all live with whatever animals they have collected and are caring for on that particular day. At present, there are two cats, four birds and eleven dogs.

'I think she spends all of her salary on animal food!' Marcela's boss told Peter. Marcela has a big heart. She was delighted to come with her sister and niece to our apartment for cake and to see how Felix was doing.

'Do you think they'll be surprised how big he is?' Peter asked.

'They'll think he's fat!' I said.

I was a little nervous because I knew that having them over for cake would be a challenge. They speak almost no English, and Peter speaks no Spanish, so I am the one who is supposed to be translating for everyone, and I do not speak enough Spanish to be a translator.

But it really didn't matter because no one was there to listen to me. They were there to visit Felix.

'Oh! He's big.' That's what they all said—and even Peter understood that.

'He is!' I agreed. 'Do you think he's fat?' The two women and the young girl all looked at Felix very seriously while eating their carrot cake.

'No,' they all said, after a moment's consideration. They did not think he was too fat.

'But he is a little spoiled, don't you think?' I asked.

All three of them laughed and said, no, he couldn't be spoiled because he was a precious cat, and he deserved the best—and even Felix understood that.

So we finished our carrot cake, and the young girl played with her bubble machine, which looked like a camera but shot out bubbles, which Felix thought was very exciting.

'He has found a good family,' Marcela said.

'We are all Felix's family now,' I told her. And everyone agreed—especially Felix.

Till next time, Carrie

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 9:

Texans visit Jets on Halloween night: Aggies have tough road test at S. Carolina

The Texans hit the road for the second time in three weeks when they take on Aaron Rodgers and the Jets on Thursday Night Football on Halloween night. Let's hope the ghouls and goblins don't get the Texans.

A year ago, Houston lost to the Jets 30-6 as starting QB C.J. Stroud left the game with a concussion and the Texans offense never got untracked. This time around, the second-year signal caller should be available and Texans fans are hoping for a better result this time around.

They'd better hope Stroud and his teammates aren't in the giving mood this Halloween and that the offensive line plays better than it did two weeks ago in their 24-22 loss at Green Bay. The O-line gave up four sacks and Stroud had his poorest passing performance of the season as the Packers defense limited him to 86 yards.

Texans fans hope the offensive line will have the kinks worked out when they head to The Meadowlands to take on a struggling Jets team that despite the addition of Rodger's favorite receiver when the two played in Green Bay, Davante Adams, fell to 2-5 two weeks ago after their 37-15 loss at Pittsburgh.

While the Texans and Jets open Week 9 on Thursday Night Football, the struggling Cowboys head to Atlanta on Sunday to take on a Falcons team that has been up and down this year. Ironically, the Cowboys have played better on the road (all three of their wins heading into last Sunday's game at San Francisco) have come on the road, while they have lost all three of their home games. The Falcons are also having trouble winning at home as they've dropped three home games thus far this season. The latest came two weeks ago when they were blown out at home by Seattle, 34-14.

The Game of the Week takes place in Green Bay when the Packers host the Lions in a key NFC North contest. Two weeks ago, Dan Campbell's Lions brought an end to the Vikings undefeated season with a 31-29 road win. The Packers improved to 5-2 win their win over the Texans. The NFC North is the best division in the league, as all four teams have winning records. This should be a good one at Lambeau Field on Sunday.

Jacksonville visits Philadelphia on Sunday Night Football and Week 9 concludes on Monday Night Football with Tampa Bay visiting the defending Super Bowl champion Chiefs in what should be an interesting contest.

The biggest game on the college schedule pits No. 4 Ohio State visiting No. 3-ranked Penn State in what should be a prime time contest. Oregon took the No. 1 spot away from Texas after the Longhorns' 30-15 home loss to Georgia on Oct. 19. The top-ranked Ducks have a tough road contest against a Michigan team that lost its third game of the season two weeks ago at Illinois. The Wolverines are struggling this year after winning the national title a year ago and they would like nothing more than to pull off the upset on Saturday.

No. 14-ranked Texas A&M has a tough road contest as well when they play at South Carolina against a Gamecocks team that dominated OU in Norman two weeks ago, 35-9.

The District 14-6A season enters its next-to-last week with Davis, Eisenhower and Nimitz still in the playoff hunt. Nimitz has a big game against Spring on Thursday night, while MacArthur hosts Dekaney on Friday night and Davis takes on league leader Westfield also on Friday. On Saturday, Eisenhower and Aldine meet at Thorne Stadium. Entering Week five of league play, Westfield lead the district with a 4-0 record, followed by Davis and Dekaney at 3-1 and Nimitz and Spring stood at 2-2. Nimitz closes the league season against Dekaney on Nov. 7, while Davis finishes with MacArthur on Nov. 7. Spring faces Aldine on Nov. 8 and Westfield and Eisenhower meet also on Nov. 8.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's unfortunately, review last week's record. A 5-7 record brought the season record to 55-29 (65%). Now, onto this weekend's game.

NCAA



Oregon at Michigan – No. 1-ranked Oregon heads to Ann Arbor to take on the defending national champs in the Big House. The Ducks are rolling towards a berth in the College Football Playoffs, while the Wolverines are struggling to get bowl eligible. Michigan dropped its third game of the season two weeks ago at Illinois when its inept offense could muster just 7 points. The Wolverines are struggling at QB, as evidenced by just six TD passes thrown by the trio of Davis Warren, Jack Tuttle and Alex Orji. Michigan can run the ball with Kaleb Mullings (676 yards, 7 TDs), but Oregon can run it and throw it behind QB Dillon Gabriel (2,080 yards, 15 TDs), running back Jordan James (717 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Tez Johnson (57 receptions, 536 yards, 7 TDs). Look for the Wolverines to come out fired up for this one, but Oregon's the much better team and will provide it on Saturday. My pick, Oregon 31, Michigan 18

Texas A&M at South Carolina – No. 14-ranked Texas A&M has a tough road test at South Carolina on Saturday. The Aggies will be coming off an emotional game the week prior against LSU, so they may be emotionally and physically worn out. But first-year head coach Mike Elko has done a very good job of having his team well prepared week-by-week. This will be a big test for him and his team on Saturday. Two weeks ago, the Gamecocks dominated Oklahoma in Norman and left with a 35-9 win. SC has a decent QB in LaNorris Sellers (968 passing yards, 5 TDs/247 rushing yards, 3 TDs), a solid running back in Raheim Sanders (426 yards, 6 TDs) and big-play wide receiver in Mazeo Bennett (19 receptions, 276 yards, 3 TDs). The Aggies have a stout defense and opportunistic offense led by QB Conner Weigman (718 yards, 6 TDs), running back Le'Veon Moss (674 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Noah Thomas (21 receptions, 289 yards, 3 TDs). Look for the A&M defense to step up and be the difference maker in this one as the Aggies magical season continues. My pick, Texas A&M 30, South Carolina 23

Ohio State at Penn State – The Game of the Week is set for Saturday evening in State College, PA when the No. 4-ranked Buckeyes visit the No. 3-ranked Nittany Lions in a key game for both team's CFP and Big 10 title hopes. Ohio State already has one loss on the season (32-31 to Oregon on Oct. 12). Ryan Day's team might be able to lose one more game and still make the playoffs, but the Buckeyes probably don't want to take any chances. OSU has a potent offense that can make plays on the ground and through the air. The Buckeyes are led by QB Will Howard (1,574 yards, 14 TDs), running backs Quinshon Judkins (491 yards, 6 TDs) and TreVeyon Henderson (424 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receivers Jeremiah Smith (32 receptions, 553 yards, 7 TDs) and Emeka Egbuka (40 receptions, 526 yards, 6 TDs). Penn State isn't fancy on offense. The Nittany Lions take what teams will give them and QB Drew Allar (1,492 yards, 11 TDs) is a veteran signal caller who has played in a lot of big games over the last two years. He has a strong running game with Nicholas Singleton (434 yards, 3 TDs) and Kaytron Allen (423 yards, 3 TDs) and a big-play tight end in Tyler Warren (40 receptions, 513 yards, 4 TDs). Penn State has the better defense, but something tells me Howard and Co. will rise to the occasion and lead the Buckeyes to a big road victory on Saturday night. My pick, Ohio State 31, Penn State 29

NFL

Houston at New York Jets – The Texans and Jets kickoff Week 9 on Thursday Night Football with the Texans looking to avenge last year's 30-6 loss at the hands of the Jets. The Texans need to shore up things in the offensive line after allowing Stroud to be sacked four times two weeks ago in their 24-22 loss to Green Bay. The Jets struggled at Pittsburgh and fell, 37-15. It appears the Aaron

Rodgers (1,663 yards, 10 TDS) experiment isn't working out. The Jets have weapons on offense with running back Breece Hall (348 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Garrett Wilson (46 receptions, 460 yards, 3 TDs) and Davante Adams, Rodgers buddy from their years in Green Bay. But the offensive line is an issue. Look for Will Anderson Jr. and Danielle Hunter to get after Rodgers early in this one and force a turnover or two, while Stroud (1,663 yards, 10 TDs) will look to running back Joe Mixon (401 yards, 5 TDs) to get things going in the running game. That should allow Stroud to make some plays downfield to Stefon Diggs (42 receptions, 415 yards, 3 TDs). The Texans pick up a big road win on Thursday night. My pick, Houston 26, New York Jets 18

Dallas at Atlanta – The Cowboys hit the road for the second straight week, which might be a good thing, when they take on the Falcons on Sunday in Atlanta. As bad as the Cowboys have played thus far, they've actually played decently on the road (three road wins). Dallas needs for QB Dak Prescott (1,602 yards, 8 TDs) to get things going with wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (32 receptions, 467 yards, 2 TDs) because the Cowboys have no running game. The Falcons do with second-year running back Bijan Robinson (483 yards, 4 TDs). QB Kirk Cousins (1,830 yards, 10 TDs/7 interceptions) was brought in to lead the Falcons to the promise land and he's been up and down thus far. He has two solid receivers in Drake London (44 receptions, 491 yards, 5 TDs) and Darnell Mooney (32 receptions, 414 yards, 3 TDs). The Cowboy secondary has been an issue this year, so look for Cousins to attack that unit early and often as the Falcons send the Cowboys home with another loss. My pick, Atlanta 31, Dallas 24

Detroit at Green Bay – This is probably the best game on the Week 9 schedule and it's also a big one in the NFC North, the best division in what appears to be the best division in the NFL this year. Two weeks ago, the Lions picked up a huge road win with their 31-29 upset of previously undefeated Minnesota. While the Lions were taking care of the Vikings, the Packers beat the Texans on a last-second field goal. This game matches two of the top QBs in the league in Detroit's Jared Goff (1,610 yards, 10 TDs) and GB's Jordan Love (1,351 yards, 15 TDs). Both teams have strong running games as the Lions are led by Jahmyr Gibbs (464 yards, 5 TDs) and David Montgomery (382 yards, 6 TDs) and the Pack is led by Josh Jacobs (540 yards, 2 TDs). Both teams have quality wideouts as the Lions are led by Amon-Ra St. Brown (39 receptions, 401 yards, 4 TDs) and the Packers are getting production in the passing game from Jayden Reed (29 receptions, 452 yards, 3 TDs) and Romeo Doubs (23 receptions, 312 yards, 2 TDs). This could be an offensive shootout, but look for the ball hawking Green Bay defense to force a mistake or two from Goff late to lead the Packers to victory. My pick, Green Bay 34, Detroit 30

Jacksonville at Philadelphia – The Jaguars head to Philly to take on the Eagles on Sunday Night Football. Two weeks ago, the Jags picked up their second win of the year with a 32-16 thumping of New England in London, while the Eagles dominated the Giants, 28-3, in New Jersey. Jacksonville will need a big game from QB Trevor Lawrence (1,527 yards, 9 TDs), running back Tank Bigsby (415 yards, 4 TDs) and rookie wideout Brian Thomas Jr. (30 receptions, 513 yards, 4 TDs). The Eagles are loaded on offense with QB Jalen Hurts (1,308 passing yards, 7 TDs/218 rushing yards, 4 TDS), running back Saquon Barkley (658 yards, 5 TDs) and wideouts DeVanta Smith (25 receptions, 301 yards, 2 TDs) and A.J. Brown (16 receptions, 324 yards, 3 TDs). Look for the Philly offense to put on a show in prime time on Sunday night. My pick, Philadelphia 36, Jacksonville 20

Tampa Bay at Kansa City –

Candidates bring Campaigns to Texas,

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spoke at the press conference.

"She was just being a child, but due to the Biden-Harris policies, she's no longer here anymore," her mother said. "I will forever be a grieving mother."

Paul Perez, interim president for the National Border Patrol Council, said "President Trump strikes fear in the enemies of America. That is the type of leadership we need in this country."

Trump left the press conference to join Joe Rogan on his podcast for approximately three hours.

Texas boasts the second largest haul in the electoral college with 40, only behind California who has 54.

Candidates on both sides of the aisle call this the most consequential election of a lifetime and early voting poll numbers seem to show that. At many locations, the lines are enormous.

"By the end of today, after 6 days of voting early in person, the 2024 early in-person voting in Harris county will be ahead of the 2020 six-day record pace," said Rosie Torres-Segura, spokesperson for the Harris County Clerk's Office who handles elections.

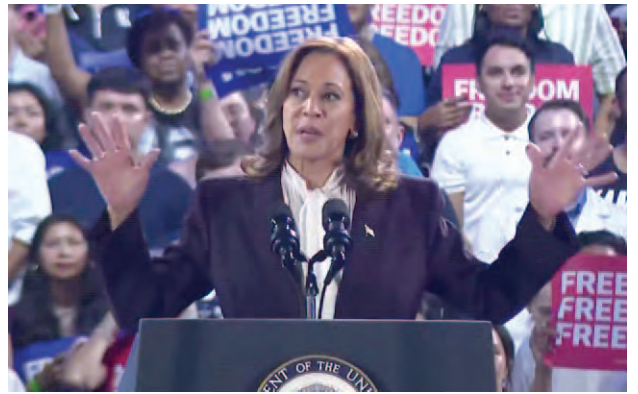
As of Saturday afternoon, 686,567 votes had been logged in only six days of voting.

"The only similar election was the record-breaking turnout in the 2020 presidential election," Torres-Segura said.

Segura said she believed in raw numbers, at minimum, this year's overall turnout will be similar to 2020.

"If the percentage turnout is repeated, the number of votes will jump by 138,000 from 1,656,686 to an estimated 1,795,226," she said.

Outside of the long lines, which she said are common at traditionally popular vote centers, no major issues have been re-



KAMALA HARRIS, SPEAKING AT THE RALLY IN HOUSTON'S SHELL ENERGY STADIUM, BEFORE A CROWD OF 30,000



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WILLIE NELSON SANG 'ON THE ROAD AGAIN' AMONG OTHERS

ported.

"With Countywide Voting, voters can vote at any of the 88 polling locations across Harris County during Early Voting and at 700 vote centers on Election Day, November 5. A list of vote centers is available at HarrisVotes.com," she said.

Segura said they hope to avoid any concerns about ballot paper for this election.

"Voting Centers have been allocated an abundance of ballot paper for both Early Voting and Election Day," she said. "Still, the paper supply at each voting center is being monitored on a daily basis to enable replenishing the supply if needed."

With less than 10 days before the election, the poll numbers are tighter than ever and both sides are encouraging voters to let their voice be heard at the polls.

Early Voting by personal appearance is underway

and runs through Friday, Nov. 1. Election day is Nov. 5 and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There are 88 polling locations throughout Harris County and voters can use any of them to cast their vote. Harris County has the reputation for long ballots so be prepared before entering the voting booth by visiting HarrisVotes.com to familiarize yourself with your ballot. Don't forget to bring some form of personal identification. That can include a Texas driver license, Texas personal identification card, Texas handgun license, U.S. Military ID with photo, Texas election ID certificate, U.S. Passport, or U.S. citizenship certificate with photo.

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SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK 10

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
Aldine Nimitz 41, Aldine Eisenhower 21
Spring Westfield 52, Aldine MacArthur 0

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
Aldine Davis 42, Aldine 7 Barbers Hill 62, Galveston Ball 60 OT
Baytown Lee 17, Santa Fe 14

Baytown Sterling, bye
Channelview 27, Goose Creek Memorial 21
Galena Park, bye
Huffman Hargrave 76,
Livingston 22
Kingwood 21, C. E. King 20

OT
La Porte 52, Crosby 6
North Shore 27, Atascocita 23

WEEK 10-- THIS WEEK'S GAMES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
Humble at Goose Creek Memorial, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown
Westbury at Galena Park, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium (Senior Night) in Houston

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Aldine at Spring Westfield, 7 p.m., Planet Ford Stadium in Spring

Atascocita at Channelview, 7 p.m., Ray Maddry Stadium in Channelview
Barbers Hill, BYE
C. E. King at North Shore, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium (Senior Night) in Houston
Dekaney at Aldine MacArthur, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston
Lamar Consolidated at Baytown Lee, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown
Little Cypress-Mauriceville at Huffman Hargrave, 7:30 p.m., Falcon Stadium in Huffman

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Aldine Eisenhower at Aldine, 2 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston
Crosby at Porter, 7 p.m., Randall Reed Stadium in Spring
Port Arthur Memorial at Baytown Sterling, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium

Week 9 concludes on Monday Night Football when the beat up Buccaneers visit the defending Super Bowl champion Chiefs. Two weeks ago in their 41-31 loss at home to Baltimore, TB lost starting wide receiver Chris Godwin to a dislocated ankle and Mike Evans (26 receptions, 335 yards, 6 TDs) to a pulled hamstring. Godwin should be out for a long period of time, while Evans appears to be day-to-day. If both are out, that will make things difficult for QB Baker Mayfield (1,859 yards, 18 TDs) as he will be going up against a Kansas City defense that has been one of the top defenses in the league this year. That's good news for the Chiefs because QB Patrick Mahomes (1,389 yards, 6 TDs/8 interceptions). The KC offense has been decimated by injuries, especially its receiving corps. It's time for tight end Travis Kelce (28 receptions, 245 yards) and rookie wideout Xavier Worthy (15 receptions, 198 yards, 3 total TDs) to pick up their games. The Chiefs have gotten nice production from running back Kareem Hunt (249 yards, 3 TDs), who was signed after starter Isaiah Pacheco was injured early in the season. Look for Mahomes to get things going in prime time, while the KC defense will be its usual stifling self and shut down Mayfield and Co. My pick, Kansas City 30, Tampa Bay 13

North Shore Rotary Hosts 15th Annual Mark Mulloy Memorial Golf Tournament; Celebrates Winning Teams and Top Honors



The North Shore Rotary Club hosted their 15th Annual Mark Mulloy Memorial Golf Tournament. Dr. Donald Nino, left, joins the first place winning team from left, Mark Tice, Cary Stephens, Mike Padgett, and Kevin Morris.



The North Shore Rotary Club hosted their 15th Annual Mark Mulloy Memorial Golf Tournament. Dr. Donald Nino, left, joins the third place team from left, Mike McKay, Jarod Link, Lee Ramirez, and Nathan Brown (not pictured).



The North Shore Rotary Club hosted their 15th Annual Mark Mulloy Memorial Golf Tournament. Dr. Donald Nino, left, joins the second place team from left, Zach Fade, Levi Gaston, Lee Brown, and Julien Guillory.



The North Shore Rotary Club hosted their 15th Annual Mark Mulloy Memorial Golf Tournament. Dr. Donald Nino joins the winner of the Closest to Pin Jim Szudlo.



The North Shore Rotary Club hosted their 15th Annual Mark Mulloy Memorial Golf Tournament. Mike Padgett won the longest drive award for the tournament.

North Shore Edges Atascocita 27-23 in Thrilling Comeback,

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down. Other scorers: Quane Farrakhan Jr. had the game winning TD pass catch. Extra point kicker Jorge Campos made 3 extra points.

STATEWIDE HIGH SCHOOL 6A HISTORY: This win gives the Mustangs the inside track to the District 23-6A title. It also gives Nshore 35 consecutive regular-season wins, which moves the program past Southlake Car-

roll and Arlington Lamar for the 11th-longest Class 6A streak in Texas high school football history. The Mustangs can match Lufkin's mark of 36 from 2003-07 with a win over C.E. King this week.

North Shore has a per-

fect 8 wins & 0 losses season in tack and on top of the 6A Region III District 23. Linda Jamail, statistician and photographer.

Mustangs will next play the C. E. King Panthers on Friday, November 1st at 7PM, their Senior Night.



NS Mustangs Team Captains: L-R: #15-Kaleb Bailey, #8-Cameron Smith, #5-Nigel Pringle, #6-Devin Sanchez. Showing 10 fingers 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)



Mustang's #15 QB Kaleb Bailey runs 24 yards for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Mustang's defensive linebacker #37 Elijah Holland tackles Atascocita running back for a loss of yards. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

BOX SCORE:	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
North Shore	6	14	0	7	27
Atascocita	3	20	0	0	23

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Joey King stars in 'Uglies.'

'Trap'

'TRAP' (PG-13) — Director M. Night Shyamalan's latest feature is now available to rent, after a stint in the theaters that brought in \$72.2 million. Led by Josh Hartnett ('The Bear'), the film follows firefighter Cooper Adams and his teenage daughter, Riley, as they attend a pop star's concert. At the venue, a huge police presence surrounds each exit, and Cooper learns from a vendor that they were put in place by the FBI to secretly catch a serial killer named the Butcher, who plans to be in attendance. Realizing that this is a trap set for himself, Cooper must employ his Butcher tactics to evade the police and get his daughter out of the concert without getting detected. (Amazon Prime Video) ***

Me 4") leads this sci-fi film based on the novel by Scott Westerfeld. Viewers get to experience a post-apocalyptic dystopian world where everyone is considered "an ugly" until they undergo cosmetic surgery at the age of 16 to become "a Pretty." After surgery, Pretties are then allowed to cross a river to a section of the city where they get to lead a fun-filled, vibrant life. But when an eager Tally Youngblood (King) decides to sneakily cross the river before her surgery, suspicions arise that this pretty life isn't at all what it seems. Keith Powers ("The Perfect Find"), Chase Stokes ("Outer Banks"), and Laverne Cox ("The Blacklist") co-star in the film, premiering Sept. 13. (Netflix) ***

'HOW TO DIE ALONE' (TV-MA) — If you're looking for a new sitcom-style series, look no further than this

eight-episode comedy series starring Natasha Rothwell ("The White Lotus"). Rothwell plays a lowly JFK Airport employee named Mel, who is desperately missing a certain spark in her life. Her life is characterized by loneliness, fear, and a lack of motivation ... until she has a near-death experience that completely shifts her outlook on the remainder of her life. Now armored with more gusto than ever, Mel begins to take flight and live life according to her terms. The first four episodes premiere Sept. 13. (Hulu) ***

'FIGHT NIGHT: THE MILLION DOLLAR HEIST' (TV-MA) — Based on the true-crime podcast of the same name, this series with an all-star cast is out now to stream! On a fateful night in 1970, Muhammad Ali plans to make his return to boxing. And after Ali's fight against Jerry Quarry, Chicken Man (Kevin Hart) will host an after-party to celebrate Ali's win. But little do they know that a heist has been in the works to take place that very same night. When Chicken Man is suspected of facilitating the robbery, he must work alongside Detective J.D. Hudson (Don Cheadle) to clear his name. Check out the rest of the cast: Taraji P. Henson ("The Color Purple"), Terrence Howard ("The Best Man: Final Chapters"), Samuel L. Jackson ("Argylle"), Chloe Bailey ("Swarm"), and Lori Harvey in her first starring role. (Peacock) (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

FHOLLYWOOD — Somehow we knew when we saw Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce together at the Super Bowl back in February, we'd see him in a lot more places than just football fields. He's already in commercials for Subway and State Farm, and now the Kansas City Chiefs tight end will lead the action-comedy film "Loose Cannons," as one of two loose cannons who are forced to partner up after their precincts merge. It's described as "Lethal Weapon" meets "Bad Boys" and "Rush Hour." Kelce will also host Amazon Prime's reboot of "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?" — renamed to "Are You Smarter than a Celebrity?" But first, we'll see if he has any acting talent in Ryan Murphy's upcoming FX horror show "Grotesquerie," where he will star opposite Niecy Nash and Courtney B. Vance. It premieres Sept. 25. When will he ever find the time for football and Swift, with her schedule? ***



Travis Kelce (Upcoming in 'Grotesquerie')

Margot Robbie's completed her first film post-"Barbie," titled "A Big Bold Beautiful Journey," which co-stars Colin Farrell. The film is scheduled to open in May 2025.

Meanwhile, Farrell currently stars in the HBO spin-off series of "The Batman," titled "The Penguin." The first episode premieres on Sept. 19. He will also lead an upcoming Netflix psychological thriller, titled "The Ballad of a Small Player," along with Tilda Swinton. ***

Could it actually be possible that Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck went into their recent ill-fated marriage without a prenuptial agreement in place? I thought they had better business minds and were less naive than that. That's like a trapeze artist flying without a net ... especially with their love history! ***

If you liked "The Greatest Showman," which starred Hugh Jackman, Zendaya and Zac Efron and earned \$462 million worldwide, get ready for another go-round because Disney's adapting the hit film into a big, splashy Broadway musical! The front runner for Jackman's role is 39-year-old Jeremy Jordan, a Broadway actor who

recorded demos of Jackman's songs for the songwriters during preproduction. But he ended up losing the second major lead role to Efron. He starred in NBC's Marilyn Monroe series "Smash" (2013) and the CW series "Supergirl" (2015-2021). ***

In England, actors have usually claimed that they were retiring from filmmaking, until the press they got from their threat made producers line up to hire them. Michael Caine announced that after "The Great Escaper," he would be retiring, and he has since stuck to his word. But Nicolas Cage cleverly announced that he may have three or four more lead roles in him. Director David O. Russell has taken the bait and cast Cage to play football coach and sports commentator John Madden, who died Dec. 28, 2021, at 85.

The catch is that the film is about Madden's NFL video game, which became one of the most successful franchises of all time. Although Hugh Jackman was considered for the role pre-"Deadpool & Wolverine," Nic knew how to tip the scales. Pretty Cagey of him, don't you think?! (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



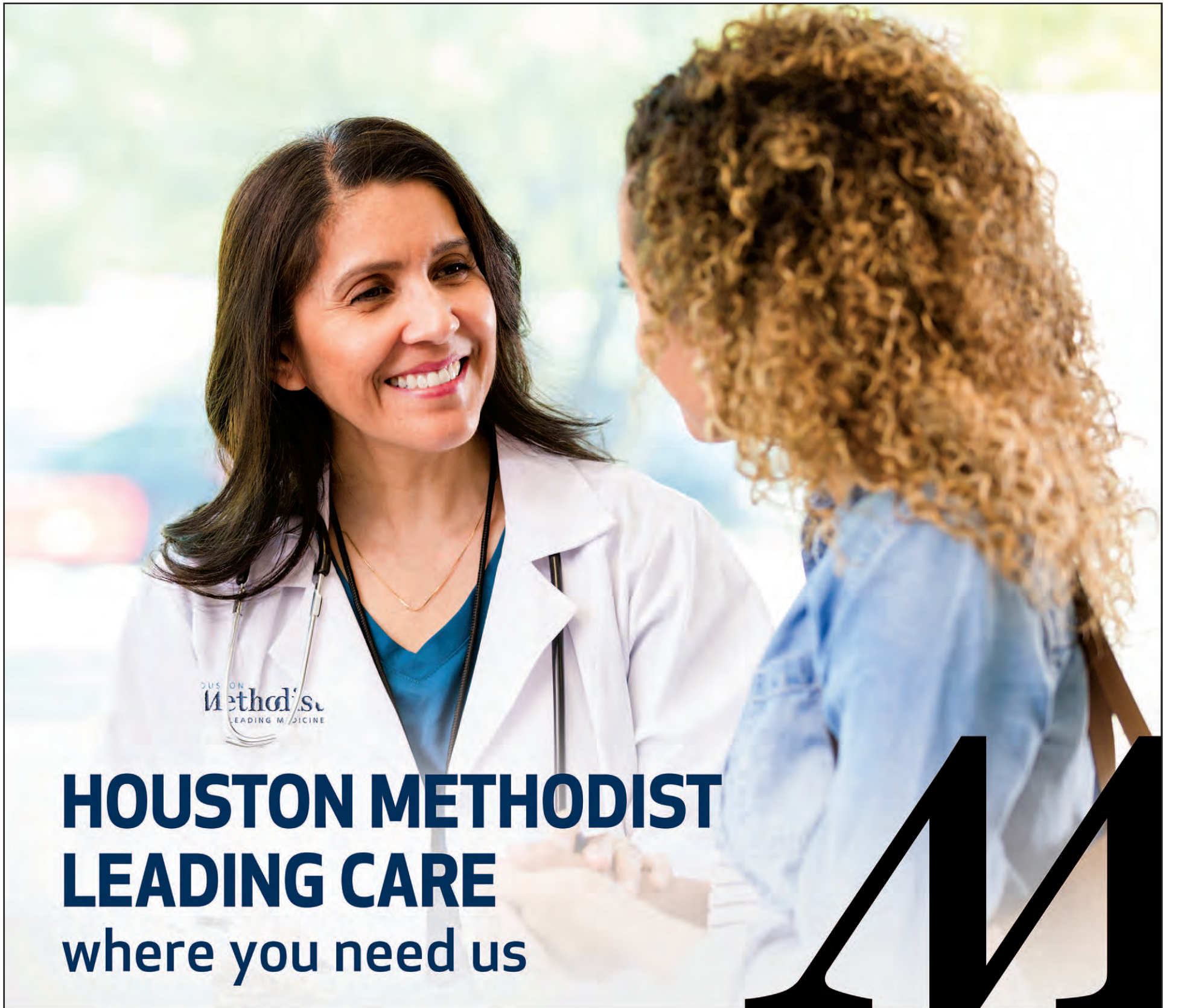
Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty level: Moderate, Challenging, HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Find at least six differences in details between panels.

October 28, 2024 Posting Date King Crossword. Includes ACROSS and DOWN clues and a crossword grid.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. Includes 10 trivia questions and a crossword grid.

Trivia Test Answers: 1. Alec Guinness; 2. A penny; 3. John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon; 4. Orchid; 5. Number One; 6. Carbon dioxide; 7. Nautlius; 8. Lawyer; 9. Breastbone; 10. Amsterdam

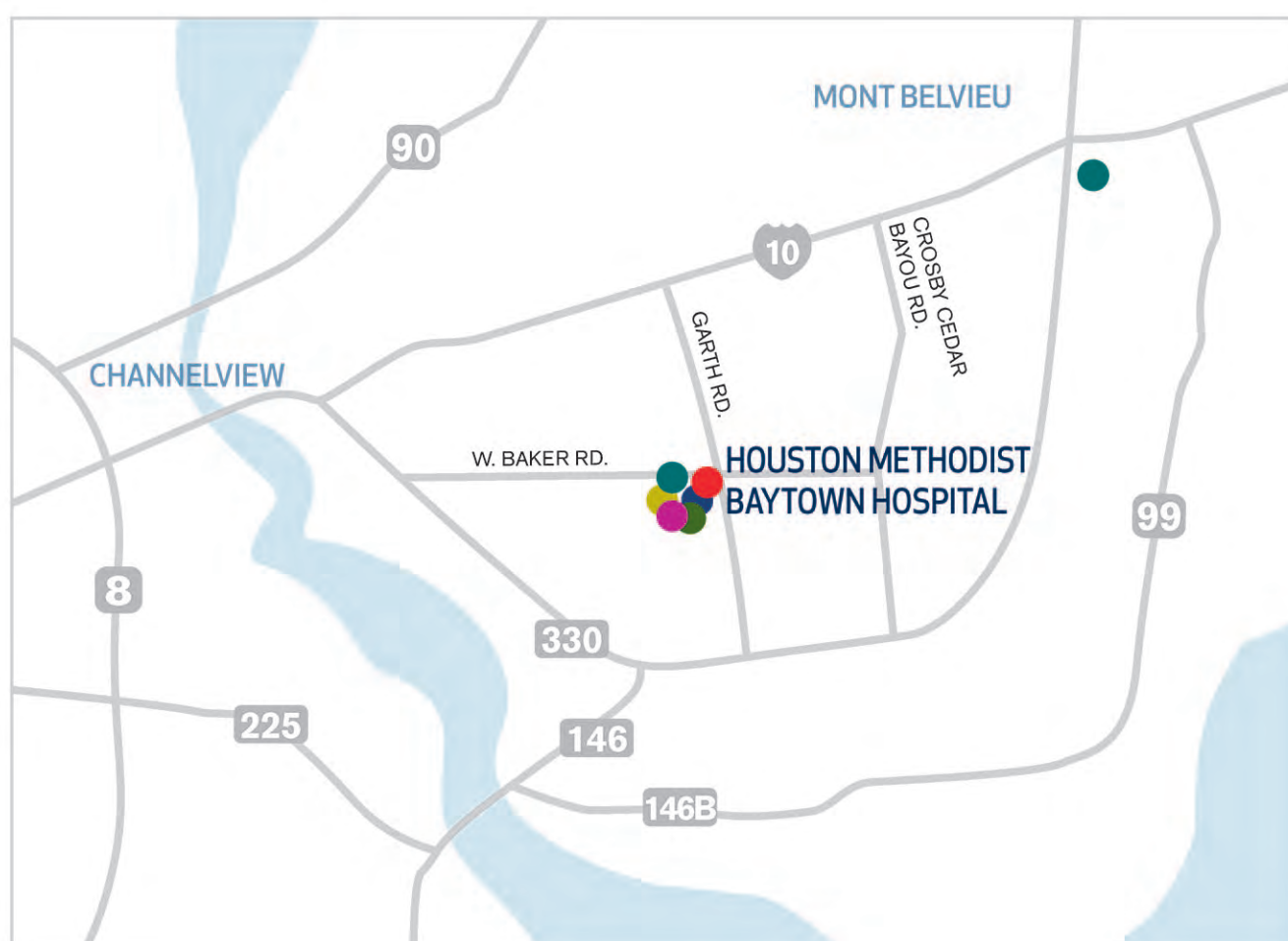


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