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CHANNEL CURRENTS

North Channel Chamber 48th Annual Gala

North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce presents its 48th Annual Gala on Friday, January 31, 2025 6:30pm Reception, 7:00pm Dinner. Attire: Cocktail Masquerade.

Awards and Installation Gala Banquet, at the Hyatt Regency Baytown Houston Hotel. Tickets \$100. RSVP 713-450-3600 or yesenia@ncachamber.com.

North Channel Chamber Holiday Open House

The public and members are invited to a Holiday Open House, Tuesday, December 10 at the Chamber office, 13301 East Freeway, Suite 100 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

Please RSVP to 713-450-3600 or info@ncachamber.com.

North Channel Community Salutes Veterans and First Responders

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

It's become one of the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce's beloved annual programs because it touches the heart of the community.

For more than a decade, the chamber has set aside the Thursday before or on Veteran's Day to show their appreciation for veterans and first-responders in the community. Thursday's program was a little more poignant.

"That morning, we learned that a firefighter was killed in the line of duty," said Chamber Board Chairman Bill Palko.

Houston firefighters Marcelo Garcia and Shane Cox entered a burning warehouse to put out the



Presentation of Flags of each of the Services, as their Anthem played. At right, emcee Bill Palk, a Veteran and Rotarian, led the solemn ceremony. Flags represent the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Marines, and Space Force.

flames on Wednesday night around 11. Garcia was killed when a wall collapsed on top of him. A woman has been charged in his death allegedly for starting the fire.

"That's the reason we have a 'Salutes' every year. To remember those who sacrificed and who serve us every day," Palko said.

Palko explained it's also a business Expo with businesses showing off their wares but the focus in the program is clearly on veterans and first responders.

"We give them a free meal, goodie bags, we have a couple of drawings every year," he said.

One of those drawings is for a beautiful, patriotic quilt that was created by

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Mustangs Crush Deer Park, Heading to Area Round

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park ISD Stadium ~ Houston, TX. ~ November 14, 2024 ~ The Eastside Boys under head coach Willie Gaston wasted no time letting the Mustang Nation's fans know who'll be advancing to the next playoff game. After showcasing his starters Gaston pulled them early with a 28 - 13 halftime lead.

In the first half Quarterback (QB) Kaleb Bailey started strong, throwing two touchdowns (TD's) before Gaston let junior QB Kaleb Maryland takeover.

Maryland completed 15 of 18 passes for 286 yards for an 88 percent completion record with two TD's. The Mustangs offense made 8 TD's with 592 yards.

The relentless and awe



Mustang #99 John Nealy sacks Deer QB #12 Landon Kieselhorst. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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2024 Galena Park HS Jacketeers



The GPISD Jacketeers are the pride and joy of Galena Park High School. They have a long standing history of traditions and community involvement. The Jacketeers Dance Team provides entertainment and promotes spirit at various events throughout the year.

Mrs. Vanessa Boyce, Director (photo right side) of the dance team will be entering her thirteenth year with the Jacketeers. She's experienced Grand Champion Awards and trips to New York and Los Angeles. She said this is her profession, passion, and purpose. Ms. Alyza Vasquez (photo left side) is the Jacketeers Assistant Director and a former four year member of the North Shore Scarlets. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Erica Lee Carter Congressional District 18 Swearing in Ceremony



Congresswoman Erica Lee Carter with hand resting on the Bible held by her son Roy Carter III takes the oath of office by Commissioner Rodney Ellis. Family members L - R: Dr. Elwyn Lee, father, Ellison Carter, daughter, Roy Carter II, husband, Roy Carter III, son, Congresswoman Erica Lee Carter & Commissioner Rodney Ellis (Photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. Saturday, November 16, 2024 at the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church Erica Lee Carter took her Oath of Office at a community swearing ceremony to fill out the term of her mother, the late Honorable Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee who passed away in July of this year.

At the ceremony her

twin children daughter Ellison and son Roy Carter III led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag. Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia and Congressman Al Green along with lots of other elected officials were present.

Carter (Democratic Party) ran in a special election to the U.S. House to represent Texas' 18th Congressional

District. She won in the special general election on November 5, 2024 with 69 percent of the votes over two Republican candidates.

She officially assumed office on November 12, 2024 in a formal swearing in at the US House of Representatives, after weeks she made her first speech before congress.

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GP Jackets Lose Bi-District



Galena Park Team Captains L-R: #67-Marc Lopes, #16-Hunter James, #18-Daylin Boyd and #77-Reuben Escobar. (Photo by Linda Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park Stadium ~ Houston, TX. ~ November 15, 2024 ~ The 5A district champion Galena Park Yellow Jackets football team took a thrashing from the Port Authur Memorial Titans to end their playoff hopes. The lopsided bi-district game score was 70 - 0.

This season the Jack-

ets made some noticeable improvements by adding a good passing game along with their running game. Coach Spiro Amarantos will have several starters returning for next season, their future looks promising and it looks like they'll be a strong contender for another district championship title.

The Titans recently

moved from a UIL 6A classification to their now 5A status and it was noticeable in the game that the Jackets were under-matched.

The gallant and courageous Jackets offense never quit, and time and time again they tried to advance the ball but couldn't. Their defense wasn't able to compete well enough to stop the Titans offense either.

3 KHS Seniors Commit to NCAA Sports teams



On November 13, three C.E. King High School student athletes signed with their intended colleges to play at the collegiate level. Congratulations to these determined young individuals:

From Lady Panther Softball, Emily Rivera-Vasquez signed with Concordia University.

From Lady Panther Basketball, Deavion "Dee" Wilson signed with New Mexico State University.

From Mens Panther Basketball, Christian Thomas signed with Lamar University.



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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



It is Beginning

As I opened my planner to this week, I realized that it is beginning. The days that fly by too quickly. The evenings with three and four opportunities. The many different collections happening for those less fortunate than us. The holiday activities. The anticipation of seeing those we never have enough time to spend time with. The food. The sweets. The photo opportunities. The love. The reasons to count our blessings.

For twenty-two years, I worked with young people who would begin to knuckle down this time of the year and prepare their final projects as well as to prepare for those dreaded Final Exams. It also meant that Dr Randy Snyder would be finalizing details for the Fall Concerts at San Jacinto College North. There would be committees working to prepare for the December Commencement Exercises as well as the Annual Holiday Party. As I moved on to my new place of service, I realized that many older adults have so much to share and often nobody to share those memories with. For many reasons, families are scattered not just around the city, but across the state as well as more often than we realize, across the world. Just yesterday at church, an older gentleman shared with me that he will be leaving for Fort Worth, as he has a son that lives there and there will be ten family members arriving from New York, Spain, Germany, and Brazil. As he shared the details, I could not help but feel pride in knowing that his son passed on the honor of serving in the military to each of his four children who also enlisted in the various branches. No doubt, he will have plenty to share when he returns home.

As I began making calls to the Senior Citizens who enrolled in the program where I work, I heard several telling me that they were on their way to the Post Office to purchase stamps so they could get their Christmas cards in the mail. My thoughts turned to how my mother is someone who has always mailed a multitude of cards and always wanted the perfect stamp on each envelope, especially at Christmas.

As my day progressed, I had so many people telling me that they are trying to learn how to shop online. Their children and grandchildren are spending Thanksgiving as well as Christmas off at different locations and it will be easier to shop online than to have to find a ride to the store, then wrap the gifts and get another ride to ship them. I could hear sadness in their voices that they would be alone for the holiday. I try to keep my eyes and ears open for low-cost events that they can attend and then try to find others who can provide transportation. And God is faithful as He seems to put some of the most amazing and generous people in my life. I have enjoyed getting to connect different friends with different activities where they share a common bond.

As we move into the holidays, look for the opportunities to enjoy the people God places in our lives.

Erica Lee Carter Sworn in to Complete Late Mother Sheila Jackson Lee's Term,

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Congresswoman Erica Lee Carter addresses the attendees at her community swearing in ceremony. She pledged to speak truth to power and to continue the legacy of her mother, the late Sheila Jackson Lee. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Her current term ends on January 3, 2025.

Carter will serve the district until former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner takes his oath in January for a full two-year term. Carter endorsed Turner in the general election on November 5, 2024 for the full term.

The 18th District covers a large section of the Houston metro area, including Downtown Houston and including parts of the North Channel area.

Erica Lee Carter

earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree from Duke University's Terry Sanford School of Public Policy. Her career experience includes working in the policy division for Commissioner Rodney Ellis (D) in Harris County Precinct One, as a budget analyst for the Governor of New York, and as a first-grade teacher in the Houston Independent School District.

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OPINION By BILL KING

Houston TIRZs: Taxing the Poor to Spend on the Rich

When the Texas Legislature originally established tax increment reinvestment zones (TIRZs), the intent was to provide a mechanism for underdeveloped areas to retain a portion of the property taxes collected in those areas to invest in projects that would spur development.

Houston now has 25 TIRZs that raked in nearly \$260 million in property taxes in 2023. It is important to understand that this \$260 million in property tax revenue was diverted from the general fund of the City of Houston and, to a lesser degree, the general funds of HISD or other sponsoring entities.

About two-thirds of that \$260 million went to just seven TIRZs: Uptown, Midtown, Market Square (Downtown), Lake Houston (Kingwood), Upper Kirby (River Oaks), Greenspoint (IAH) and Memorial. I don't know about you but when I think about areas in Houston with a "substantial number of substandard, slum, deteriorated, or deteriorating structures," none of these areas come to mind.

Over the years I have been observing the operations of the Houston's TIRZs, it has always appeared to me that the bulk of the TIRZ money was going to projects in affluent areas of the City. However, I could never figure out how to prove or quantify that suspicion.

Shortly after I started at the Center, I shared my suspicions about the TIRZs with my colleagues and asked if we could come up with a way to test whether the TIRZs were mostly benefiting more affluent areas of the City. The methodology they developed was to overlay the boundaries of the TIRZs on a map of census tracts using ArcGIS software.

Half of the TIRZs had household incomes higher than the City's \$62,637 median household income. In 11 of the TIRZs, the household income was more than 50% higher than the City's median and in three it was more than double the City's median.

But the comparison between the TIRZs is even more glaring. Thirteen of the TIRZs have median household incomes above the City's average. Those 13 TIRZs collected 71% (\$184 million) of the property taxes rebated to all TIRZs.

Another way to judge the benefit conferred by the tax rebates to the TIRZs is the total amount spent on projects in those TIRZs over their lifetimes. In total, the TIRZs have spent \$3.5 billion.1 Of that total, 70% (\$2.5 billion) has been spent in the Uptown, Midtown, Market Square (Downtown), Lake Houston (Kingwood), and Upper Kirby (River Oaks) TIRZs.

The team created this table of some of the key metrics for Houston's TIRZs. Clicking on this image will take you to an Excel pivot table that will allow you to sort the TIRZs by any of these metrics.

As our team said in its report, it would be a mistake to overly generalize about the operations and financial effects on the City of the TIRZ program. Each of the TIRZs has a unique history and the manner and scope of their operations vary widely.

But the data is clear that the TIRZ program, at least the way it has evolved in Houston, has strayed far from the Legislature's original intent and has become a perverse regressive redistribution of the property tax burden within the City.

Hopefully, the current administration and Council, as well as the Legislature, will implement a long overdue overhaul of this program.

Note 1 - The total amount the TIRZs have spent far exceeds the total of their tax rebate revenue because just about all of them have gone deeply into debt.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

Republicans largely flip Rio Grande Valley from Blue to Red

REPUBLICANS LARGELY FLIP RIO GRANDE VALLEY FROM BLUE TO RED

More counties in the Rio Grande Valley and surrounding areas went Republican this election, continuing what GOP leaders are calling the culmination of a years-long strategy.

The economy clearly was a major issue among voters in this election between former president Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris.

"A lot of the rural parts of Texas are shifting red because the economy is less good," said Brandon Rottinghaus, a University of Houston political scientist.

For example, in Starr County, Biden beat Trump by five points in 2020, but four years later voters there chose the former president over Harris by 16 points.

ELECTION DAY RUNS SMOOTHLY ACROSS STATE

Voting in Texas went fairly smoothly in Texas with no major disruptions reported, according to The Texas Tribune. Roughly half of the state's 18.6 million registered voters cast ballots in person either in person or by mail.

There was only one violent incident reported at the polls, when a man punched an election worker in Bexar County after being asked to remove his Trump hat.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

date or proposition inside a Texas polling location is illegal. After the assault, the man was charged with a felony.

In another case, a Tarrant County man claimed a voting machine flipped his ballot from Trump to Harris, but election officials say he made a mistake while filling out his ballot.

"In Tarrant County, we have only had one person say their vote was flipped out of 591,885 votes cast to date," he said.

STATE POPULATION ESTIMATES RELEASED BY DEMOGRAPHIC CENTER

The Texas Demographic Center has released its population estimates for July 1, 2023, and Jan. 1, 2024. Final population estimates are available for counties and places by age, sex, and race/ethnicity at demographic.texas.gov.

The state's estimated population rose from 29,145,505 in 2020 to 30,749,924 on Jan. 1, 2024 - an increase of 5.5%. Counties showing the largest percentage in-

crease in that time period were Kaufman (26.7%); Rockwall (25%); Kendall (22.2%); and Liberty (20.3%).

The U.S. Census Bureau also makes annual population estimates, and TDC says differences in input data and methodologies lead to slight variations between the two.

DFW AREA PREDICTED TO BE HOTTEST REAL ESTATE MARKET IN 2025

A real estate trends study reported by The Texas Standard predicts the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be the hottest real estate market in the nation for investment and development next year.

"Obviously, it's the really strong post-pandemic recovery. It's also size," Nick Wooten, real estate reporter for The Dallas Morning News, said. "We've seen the metro top 8 million people in the latest census estimates."

Both sales and home prices are fairly flat in 2024, with supply reaching levels not seen in a dozen years, Wooten said.

"You're not seeing sales change a lot," he said. "I think a lot of people are still sitting on the sidelines trying to figure out what's going to happen in 2025."

RECORD NUMBER OF TEXAS HORNED LIZARDS RELEASED TO THE WILD.

The state reptile, the Texas horned lizard, has been listed as a threatened species since 1977. The Houston Chronicle reports that thanks to captive breeding efforts to populate the wild with the iconic critter, more than 600 hatchlings were recently released to the Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Central Texas in cooperation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The lizards are popularly referred to as horny toads. Their population decline is blamed on the pet trade, wild habitat loss, and the spread of invasive fire ants. The Texas horned lizard was designated as the state reptile in 1993. Their range takes them across the state's borders to northern Mexico and throughout much of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Monks in the Morning



"There will be monks here tomorrow morning," is what I figured Jorge was telling me. In Spanish, "monks" sounds like "monkeys" in English.

Jorge is my landlord here in Mexico, and he speaks only Spanish to me. He will speak some English when my husband, Peter, is around. But if it's just me, he'll stick to Spanish, and I am fine with that, but it doesn't mean I get 100% of what he says.

"Very good!" I answered, because I didn't know how else to respond. Then he said something about meeting them, if I wasn't too busy.

"Oh, certainly!" I said, although I honestly had no idea what I was agreeing to. "What time tomorrow?"

"9:00." "OK!" I said, trying to sound enthusiastic.

This sort of thing happens to me a lot. I actually speak Spanish fairly well. The problem is that Spanish speakers (like Jorge) grossly overestimate how much I understand. I can only ask someone to repeat something so many times without seeming rude or incurably stupid, or both.

Later in the day, I quizzed the kitchen staff to see if I could get more intel.

"There are monks coming in the morning?"

"Yes." "Do they speak Spanish?"

"No." "Do they speak English?"

"I don't think so." "Do you know why Jorge wants me to meet the monks?"

The kitchen staff shrugged in unison.

"OK. I will just say, 'Hello, monks!'"

The kitchen staff laughed. So that was the plan.

What I know is that Jorge is always volunteering. He makes more than 100 sandwiches for children who come to visit the city from small villages every month. He sets up displays at the nearby fountain over Holy Week. He creates an enormous altar celebrating those who have died for All Souls' Day.

The monks showed up early. They were Buddhist monks in orange robes. Jorge was nowhere to be seen, but every other staff person was in the kitchen preparing a huge breakfast.

Peter and I cautiously approached the monks. They spoke English, as it turned out.

"Are you enjoying your stay?" "We are enjoying it very much."

"How long will you be staying?" "Five weeks."

"It's nice you get enough time to see the city." Everyone smiled, and Peter and I returned to our apartment.

After breakfast, they began to chant.

At least two of the monks were doing "throat singing." It is a low, growling harmonic sound that carried throughout the courtyard. (Our cat, Felix, did not like it at all, and hid under the bed.)

The procession of monks carried incense and bells up the outdoor stairs from the courtyard, past our apartment, and up to the roof. It appeared to be a kind of blessing, and one of the monks playfully splashed us with water as he passed. (Felix remained under the bed.)

And I marveled, as I so often do, how little of what happens I really understand. I don't know half of what happens at this hotel. I don't know why the monks came. I don't know what they were doing or why they were doing it.

But I know I felt good, listening to them chant, and I know when they splashed water on us, they were wishing us well. And really, that's all that matters.

Till next time, Carrie

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 12:

**Texans look to take control of AFC South against Titans:
No. 8 Indiana has tough task against No. 2 Ohio State**

Things are winding down in the college football season, and as teams prepare to take on their traditional rivals during the Thanksgiving weekend, there is a huge game in the Big 10 this Saturday.

No. 8-ranked Indiana, one of, if not, the best stories of the 2024 season takes its 10-0 record to No. 2-ranked Ohio State on Saturday. The Hoosiers aren't just a basketball school anymore, not since they hired Curt Cignetti from James Madison. Cignetti forged a 52-9 record at James Madison and brought his Midas touch to Indiana, where he just keeps winning.

Cignetti's team will face its toughest test of the season against a Buckeye team that is rolling and has its sights set on not only a Big 10 title, but a national title as well.

This should be a good one in Columbus on Saturday.

There aren't a lot of big games on the college schedule this weekend, aside from the clash in Columbus, but there is an interesting one slated for Yankee Stadium in New York where No. 25-ranked Army (9-0) will face No. 10-ranked Notre Dame. This game used to be one of the biggest in college football back in the '40s and '50s, but has lost a big of its significance due to the fact Army struggled to be relevant over the last few decades, but this Black Knights team is one of the top rushing teams in the nation and will face its sternest test against an Irish defense that has allowed just nine points a game through their first nine contests.

No. 11-ranked Alabama heads to Norman to take on the disappointing Sooners, who could very well be playing for head coach Brent Venables job. OU fell to 5-5 two weeks ago after their 30-23 loss at Missouri, while the Crimson Tide rolled to a 42-13 victory at LSU thanks to four rushing TDs by QB Jalen Milroe. Alabama needs to win out to have a shot at one of the 12 College Football berths, so look for Kalen DeBoer's team to be focused come Saturday.

In the NFL, the Texans host the Titans as DeMeco Ryan's team will be looking to take control of the AFC South. Two weeks ago, the Texas lost a tough one at home to the Lions, 26-23 on a last-second 57-yard field goal. Houston needs to get its offense back on track. The Texans scored 23 points in the first half against the Lions, but were shutout in the second half.

In other games on the Week 12 schedule, Pittsburgh and Cleveland renew their heated rivalry on Thursday Night Football, while the disappointing Dallas Cowboys travel to Washington to take on the Commanders. Dallas appears to be playing out the string on what could very well be a double-digit loss season. Starting QB Dak Prescott has been lost for the year with a severe hamstring injury. The offense wasn't playing all that well with him as the starter, and it is really struggling now with Cooper Rush and Trey Lance under center.

The Lions, perhaps the best team in the NFL, head to Indianapolis to take on the Colts, while Minnesota and the Bears do battle in Chicago in a key AFC North contest. There's a good one in the NFC West this Sunday as the surprising Arizona Cardinals (6-4 after their 31-6 dismantling of the Jets) head to Seattle. The 49ers head to Green Bay to take on the Packers in an important game for both team's playoff hopes, while Sunday Night Football will feature the Eagles at the Rams. Week 12 concludes with a good one on Monday Night Football as Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens visit the Los Angeles Chargers.

Before we take a look at this weekend's schedule, let's review last week's record. A phenomenal 11-1 week upped the season record to 83-37 (69%).

Now, onto this weekend's game.

NCAA

Alabama at Oklahoma - No. 11-ranked Alabama heads to Norman to take on a Sooners team that has found that life in the SEC isn't all sunshine and puppy dogs. OU dropped to 5-5 on the season two weeks ago with its 30-23 loss at Missouri, while the Crimson Tide played perhaps its best game of the season with its 42-13 pasting of LSU in Baton Rouge. 'Bama QB Jalen Milroe (2,046 passing yards, 13 TDs/565 rushing yards, 16 TDs) ran over and



around the Tigers for 185 yards and four TDs. It was the second straight year that Milroe scored four rushing touchdowns against the Bayou Bengals. Look for another from Milroe, running back Jam Miller (488 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver Ryan Williams (37 receptions, 731 yards, 7 TDs). Look for the 'Bama defense to harass OU QB Jackson Arnold (1,243 yards, 12 TDs) all afternoon. My pick, Alabama 33, Oklahoma 16

Army vs. Notre Dame - No. 25 Army takes on No. 10 Notre Dame at Yankee Stadium in a big game for both teams and their CFP chances. Army is run of the top rushing teams in the country, and that ground game will get a stern test against one of the top defenses in the country. The Irish defense has allowed just 100 points in their first nine game, but they will face a QB in Bryson Daily (1,062 rushing yards, 21 TDs/644 passing yards, 7 TDs) who is one of the best option QBs in the country. Daily also has a solid running back in Kanye Udoh (856 yards, 9 TDs). The ND defense will look to shut down the Black Knights run, which won't be easy. The Irish have a pretty fair running QB as well in Riley Leonard (1,575 passing yards, 9 TDs/609 rushing yards, 13 TDs) and a capable runner in Jeremiyah Love (583 yards, 10 TDs). ND also has a decent passing game, led by wideout Beaux Collins (29 receptions, 374 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the ND defense to be the difference maker in this one as the Irish pad their CFP resume with a big win in Yankee Stadium. My pick, Notre Dame 31, Army 23

Indiana at Ohio State - The Game of the Week pits the surprising No. 8 Indiana Hoosiers against No. 2 Ohio State in Columbus on Saturday. Indiana first-year head coach Curt Cignetti has done a masterful job in his first year on the job. He has a big-play QB in Kurtis Rourke (2,410 passing yards, 21 TDs), a strong running game led by Justice Ellison (688 yards, 9 TDs) and Ty Son Lawton (508 yards, 9 TDs) and a quality wideout in Elijah Sarratt (35 receptions, 685 yards, 6 TDs). The Hoosier offense will get its biggest test against a fast and experienced OSU defense. Indiana had an extra week to prepare for this game and that might not be enough against a Buckeye team that is focused on winning a national championship. The Buckeyes have a pretty fair offense as well led by QB Will Howard (2,237 passing yards, 22 TDs), two quality runners in Quinshon Judkins (647 yards, 6 TDs) and TreVeyon Henderson (588 yards, 5 TDs) and two big-play wide receivers in true freshman Jeremiah Smith (45 receptions, 765 yards, 9 TDs) and veteran Emeka Egbuka (47 receptions, 557 yards, 8 TDs). I think Indiana hangs with the Buckeyes, but look for OSU to pull away in the fourth quarter to pick up a big late-season win. My pick, Ohio State 31, Indiana 22

NFL

Pittsburgh at Cleveland - Week 12 begins with Thursday Night Football as the surging Steelers visit the slumping Browns in a renewal of one of the nastiest rivalries in the NFL. To say these to teams do not like one another would be an understatement, which means the Browns will probably put forth a solid effort in this one, but it won't be enough to slow down Pittsburgh and QB Russell Wilson (737 passing yards, 6 TDs in three games), running back Najee Harris (645 yards, 3 TDs) and big-play wideout George Pickens (40 receptions, 639 yards, 2 TDs). The Steelers will be coming off a tough game against another division rival, Baltimore, but look for the Steeler defense to be the difference maker against a suspect Browns offense. My pick, Pittsburgh 26, Cleveland 13

Detroit at Indianapolis - The high-flying Lions hit the road for the second time in three weeks to take on the reeling Colts in Indianapolis. Two weeks ago, Detroit overcame a 23-7 first half deficit at Houston and rallied for a 26-23 win on a last second field goal. The Lions won in spite of five interceptions by QB Jared Goff (2,080 yards, 16 TDs). Goff

has a load of weapons led by running backs Jahmyr Gibb (727 yards, 8 total TDs), and David Montgomery (520 yards, 8 total TDs) and dependable wideout Amon-Ra St. Brown (54 receptions, 524 yards, 7 TDs). The Detroit defense will get after Indy QB Joe Flacco (1,167 yards, 9 TDs) and look to slow down running back Jonathan Taylor (616 yards, 5 TDs). The Lions can help the Texans in their quest for a second straight AFC South title with a win in Indy. My pick, Detroit 33, Indianapolis 20

Dallas at Washington - The Cowboys head to Washington looking like a dead team at this point of the season. Two weeks ago, Jerry Jones' team fell to 3-6 after getting curb stomped at home by the Eagles, 34-6. Starting QB Dak Prescott is finished for the season with a severe hamstring injury. The offense is now in the hands of Cooper Rush (a whole 45 passing yards against Philly) and turnover-prone Trey Lance. Good luck with that Jerry. Washington has been one of the biggest surprises of the season and is squarely in the playoff hunt thanks to sensational rookie QB Jayden Daniels (2,147 passing yards, 9 TDs/464 rushing yards, 4 TDs). Look for Daniels to run around the suspect Dallas defense, while running backs Brian Robinson (464 yards, 6 TDs) and Austin Ekeler (326 yards, 4 TDs) run over it and wide receiver Terry McLaurin (47 receptions, 711 yards, 6 TDs) will make plays downfield. This one should be over by halftime. My pick, Washington 36, Dallas 13

Minnesota at Chicago - A big one in the NFC North for the Vikings who have come back to earth a bit after winning their first five games. QB Sam Darnold (2,141 yards, 17 TDs) needs to get back on his early-season roll. Two weeks ago, Darnold and the Vikes offense only mustered four field goals against that juggernaut Jaguars defense. Look for Darnold and wideout Justin Jefferson (53 receptions, 831 yards, 5 TDs) to get back on track against a suspect Bears defense. The Chicago offense has also been in a funk lately as rookie QB Caleb Williams (1,785 yards, 9 TDs) has not played well over the last month. Look for the Vikes defense to make it another long day for Williams and the Bears. My pick, Minnesota 26, Chicago 16

TENNESSEE AT HOUSTON

- The Texans will look to put a clamp on the AFC South when the struggling Titans visit NRG Stadium on Sunday. Tennessee might just be the perfect tonic for the Texans offense that has struggled in the second half lately. QB C.J. Stroud (2,371 yards, 12 TDs) hopes to get star wide receiver Nico Collins (32 receptions, 567 yards, 3 TDs in first 5 games of the season) back for this one and that would be a huge boost for the offense. Running back Joe Mixon (655 yards, 8 total TDs) should have a big day against the Tennessee defense. Look for the Texans defense to get after Titans QB Will Levis (574 yards, 7 TDs/7 interceptions) and force the turnover over prone QB to give it to the Texans a time or two, or three. My pick, Houston 33, Tennessee 16

Arizona at Seattle - Don't look now, but the Arizona Cardinals are cooking on both sides of the ball and are a legitimate playoff contender. Two weeks ago, the Cards dismantled the Jets, 31-6. QB Kyler Murray (2,058 passing yards, 12 TDs/371 rushing yards, 4 TDs) and he's getting help from running back James Conner (697 yards, 5 TDs) and rookie wideout Marvin Harrison Jr. (33 receptions, 499 yards, 6 TDs). Seattle has some offensive weapons as well in QB Geno Smith (2,560 yards, 11 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (398 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receivers DK Metcalf (35 receptions, 568 yards, 3 TDs) and Jaxon Smith-Njigba (50 receptions, 565 yards, 3 TDs). This could turn into an offensive shootout, but I think Arizona has the better defense, which will carry the Cardinals to a big road win. My pick, Arizona 31, Seattle 27

**Mustangs Dominate Deer Park
56-13 Heading to Area Round,**

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Team Captains: L-R: #77-Jakoby Isom, #6-Devin Sanchez, #5-Nigel Pringle and #9-Quanell Farrakhan, Jr. (Photo by Linda Jamail)

some defense of the Stang's shutdown the passing and running of the Deer. The Deer were scoreless after the 2nd quarter ending the game with only 212 offensive yards.

Nshore scorers: Kendrick DeBlanc, 2 TD, Chris Thomas, 2 TD's, Terence Blackshure, 1 TD, D'Andre Hardeman Jr., 1 TD, Quanell Farrakhan Jr., 1 TD, Courtney Cloud, 1 TD, place kickers Jorge Campos, Daniel Cruz & Christopher Montoya made 8 points. Linda Jamail statistician/photographer.

North Shore, 11- 0 record will next play on a neutral field vs. Ridge Point Panthers, 10-1 record (Missouri City, TX) on Friday, November 22 @ 7pm at the Pearland ISD (Rig) Stadium. The Area Round playoff game is a part of the 2024 UIL Conference 6A D1 tournament Texas Football State Championships.



Nshore # 4 Kendrick Deblanc catches a Kaleb Bailey 34 yd TD pass. (see arrow) (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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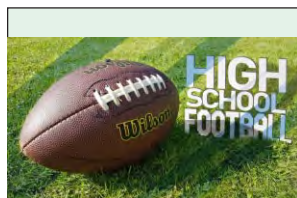
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**LAST WEEK'S
SCORES**

**THURSDAY
6A, Division 1**
Galena Park North
Shore 56, Deer Park 13

**FRIDAY
6A, Division 1**
Conroe 34, Aldine
Davis 7
The Woodlands 42,
Aldine Nimitz 20

5A, Division 1
Barbers Hill 84,
Houston Sterling 13
College Station 41,
Crosby 10
Port Arthur Memorial
70, Galena Park 0

4A, Division 1
Needville 49,
Houston Furr 7
Tyler Chapel Hill 44,
Huffman-Hargrave 35

**THIS WEEK'S
PLAYOFF SCHEDULE**

6A, Division 1
Galena Park North
Shore Mustangs (11-0,
7-0) vs. Fort Bend Ridge
Point Panthers (10-1, 7-
0) at Pearland ISD
Stadium, in Pearland on
Friday night, Nov. 22 at
7 p.m.

5A, Division 1
Barbers Hill Eagles (8-
3, 4-2) vs. La Porte
Bulldogs at Galena Park
ISD Stadium in Houston.
Game time is Friday
night, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

San Francisco at Green Bay

- A good one for the Lambeau Field faithful pits the surging 49ers against the solid Packers on Sunday. The 49ers got over the .500 mark two weeks ago with a tough road win at Tampa Bay, while the Packers had the week off. SF got superstar running back Christian McCaffrey back and he looked solid in the win. He gives QB Brock Purdy (2,454 yards, 12 TDs) one more weapon, along with tight end George Kittle (43 receptions, 560 yards, 7 TD). The Packers will need a big day from QB Jordan Love (1,820 yards, 15 TDs), who used the bye week to heal up from a number of nagging injuries he has sustained so far this season. Love will need help from running back Josh Jacobs (762 yards, 4 TDs) and wideouts Jayden Reed (36 receptions, 620 yards, 3 TDs) and Romeo Doubs (30 receptions, 412 yards, 2 TDs). The 49ers have owned the Packers the last few years and appear to be ready to go on a run. Look for SF to pick up a big road win on Sunday. My pick, San Francisco 26, Green Bay 23

Philadelphia at Los Angeles Rams

- The Eagles and Rams get after it on Sunday Night Football as Philly will bring its high-flying offense to LaLa Land. Two weeks ago, the Rams lost at home to what was a two-win Miami team (23-15) as QB Matthew Stafford (2,262 yards, 9 TDs) could not muster even one TD pass. Stafford will need help from running back Kyren Williams (664 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Cooper Kupp (41 receptions, 382 yards, 2 TDs) when it takes on a very good Philly defense. The Eagle offense is pretty potent as well led by QB Jalen Hurts (1976 passing yards, 12 TDs/375 rushing yards, 10 TDs), running back Saquon Barkley (991 yards, 8 total TDs) and big-play wide receivers A.J. Brown (28 receptions, 553 yards, 3 TDs) and DeVonta Smith (37 receptions, 457 yards, 4 TDs). Philly also has tight end Dallas Goedert back, which gives Hurts one more weapon. My pick, Philadelphia 32, Los Angeles Rams 23

Baltimore at Los Angeles

Chargers - Week 12 concludes with a good one for the Monday Night Football crew as the Ravens and Chargers meet in LA. This game will pit the Harbaugh brothers, as John will lead the Ravens, while Jim leads the Chargers. Jim Harbaugh is a master strategist and you had better believe he will have something in the works to slow down Ravens QB Lamar Jackson (2,669 passing yards, 24 TDs/538 rushing yards, 2 TDs). Good luck with that, Jim. Jackson is not a one-man offense as evidenced by running back Derrick Henry (1,120 yards, 14 total TDs) and big-play wideout Zay Flowers (50 receptions, 686 yards, 3 TDs). LA will need a big night from QB Justin Herbert (1,589 yards, 11 TDs) and running back J.K. Dobbins (670 yards, 6 TDs) and young, budding wide receiver Quentin Johnson (20 receptions, 306 yards, 5 TDS). I think the Chargers hang around in this one, but look for Jackson to be the difference maker late as Baltimore picks up a huge road win. My pick, Baltimore 30, Los Angeles Chargers 26

Chamber Members Enjoy Educational Boat Tour



Thank you to everyone who was able to come out and join us for our annual M/V Sam Houston Boat Tour with Port Houston. To our member Port Houston for hosting us on this educational tour, we greatly appreciate you! We hope you enjoyed yourselves!
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Chamber Hosts Superintendents State of the District Luncheon



One of the most popular luncheons at the North Channel Chamber of Commerce is the Superintendents State of the District. Our three districts, Galena Park, Sheldon, and Channelview are very competitive. Guests from left are Dr. Alexander Okwonna, Brandon O.(student), Karen Gallow, Davin S. (student), Dr. Tory Hill, Danneshae J.(student), Dr. John Moore, Ken Wimbley, and Margie Buentello, president and CEO of the North Channel Chamber of Commerce.

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Exhibit C-3

SHELDON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Data Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
5700 Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 51,841,544	\$ 34,765,963	\$ 4,986,329	\$ 1,024,268	\$ 92,618,104
5800 State program revenues	66,886,768	2,053,155	-	930,366	69,870,289
5900 Federal program revenues	2,269,044	-	1,543,658	22,739,702	26,552,404
5020 Total Revenues	120,997,356	36,819,118	6,529,987	24,694,336	189,040,797
Expenditures					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	73,126,140	-	-	13,543,445	86,669,585
0012 Instruction resources and media services	978,598	-	-	4,017	982,615
0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development	182,684	-	-	-	182,684
0021 Instructional leadership	4,410,124	-	-	484,869	4,894,993
0023 School leadership	7,565,567	-	-	-	7,565,567
0031 Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	2,209,427	-	-	329,497	2,538,924
0032 Social work services	38,580	-	-	-	38,580
0033 Health services	944,817	-	-	21,569	966,386
0034 Student transportation	6,681,776	-	-	-	6,681,776
0035 Food services	-	-	-	9,268,224	9,268,224
0036 Extracurricular activities	2,673,769	-	-	-	2,673,769
0041 General administration	3,618,030	-	-	-	3,618,030
0051 Facilities maintenance and operations	15,355,124	-	-	119,099	15,474,223
0052 Security and monitoring services	2,268,528	-	-	39,135	2,307,663
0053 Data processing services	1,682,077	-	-	411,445	2,093,522
0061 Community services	10,251	-	-	54,876	65,127
Debt Service:					
0071 Principal on long-term debt	283,964	13,845,000	-	-	14,128,964
0072 Interest on long-term debt	20,430	17,088,317	-	-	17,108,747
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	833,817	-	36,801,370	214,154	37,849,341
Intergovernmental:					
0099 Other intergovernmental charges	730,586	-	-	-	730,586
6030 Total Expenditures	123,614,289	30,933,317	36,801,370	24,490,330	215,839,306
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(2,616,933)	5,885,801	(30,271,383)	204,006	(26,798,509)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
7912 Sale of real or personal property	4,768	-	-	-	4,768
8911 Transfers out	(110,000)	-	-	-	(110,000)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(105,232)	-	-	-	(105,232)
1200 Net change in fund balances	(2,722,165)	5,885,801	(30,271,383)	204,006	(26,903,741)
0100 Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	45,452,071	17,787,547	105,955,859	3,022,297	172,217,774
3000 Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$ 42,729,906	\$ 23,673,348	\$ 75,684,476	\$ 3,226,303	\$ 145,314,033

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NC Chamber's Annual Salute Honors Veterans and first Responders Amid Heartfelt Tribute to Fallen Firefighter,

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Palko's wife Debbie. "She's done this now for the last three years," Palko said.

During the ceremony, there is a recognition of all the various service branches with music and this year included the newly created Space Force.

The North Shore Rotary Club passes out goodie bags to the veterans at the end of the program. They receive help from the Channelview High School Rotaract Club who pack them up the morning of the Salute.

"They stuff the bags for us right there outside the reception hall and then we take five of them with us downtown to the Veterans Hospital," Palko said.

A bus is secured from Precinct 2 and they deliver 75 bags to unsuspecting veterans who are hospitalized.

"They have no idea that we're coming, and we show up and they have no idea who we are. We explain that we're a service organization and we're there to tell them thank you for their service to us and to our nation," he said.

"It makes you feel good and it's especially good for those Interact students because they usually don't really have any connection and when they see how appreciative they are, it's powerful," Palko said.

Palko is a proud U.S. Army veteran.



North Shore Rotary president Danna Nino, center, with Rotarians at their booth.



Veteran and Rotarian Bill Palko was emcee of the event. Behind Palko are presidents of all the service clubs that participated, and guest speakers.



North Channel EMS demonstrated CPR techniques on the dummy, and entertained everyone with their Robot Ambulance.



Allatia Harris of San Jacinto College, State Representative Ana Hernandez, and Linda Jamail of the Representative's office were some of the guests at the Luncheon.



Veterans were honored at the Luncheon, and received a Gift Bag from the North Shore Rotary Club. After the luncheon, a bus took the Veterans to the VA Medical Center to visit others.



BEST BOOTH: Brittney Pequeno, Brittany Monn, and Kim Seabran of Nothing Bundt Cakes took home the prize for the best display among the business expo booths.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Tunisia is shorter. 3. Fencepost is taller. 4. Chimney is shorter. 5. Fencepost is taller. 6. Zipper is replacing buttons.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Clutch
- 6 Modern messages
- 11 "Queen of Soul" Franklin
- 12 Used a modern car service
- 14 Irish singer O'Connor
- 15 More promising
- 16 "— Mine" (Beatles song)
- 17 "Zorba the Greek" star
- 19 Hit CBS series
- 20 Morning droplets
- 22 Pump up the volume
- 23 Bit of dust
- 24 Road curves
- 26 Test monitor
- 28 Wardrobe malfunction
- 30 Sharing word
- 31 Driving instructor?
- 35 Flavor
- 39 "Les Etats—"
- 40 Hosp. areas
- 42 Earth sci.
- 43 Astern
- 44 "Star Trek" doctor
- 46 Computer acronym

DOWN

- 1 Tony winner
- 2 Extends, as a lease
- 3 Devoured
- 4 Cager O'Neal, for short
- 5 City near Venice
- 6 Start playing for pay
- 7 Black, in verse
- 8 Ballot marks
- 9 Lingerie fabric
- 10 Handles
- 11 Stage comment
- 13 Less damp
- 18 Little rascal
- 21 Feudal farmers
- 23 Jazz singer Carmen
- 25 Use a straw
- 27 Ump's call
- 29 Method
- 31 Sentry
- 32 Walking
- 33 Lengthy list
- 34 Tolkien creature
- 36 Abrasion
- 37 Horn blower
- 38 Gantry of fiction
- 41 Italian wine
- 44 Surrealist Joan
- 45 Saint Laurent of fashion
- 48 "Le Coq —" (Suff.)
- 50 Follower

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Trivia Test Answers

- Heart of the Ocean; 2. Tunisia; 3. Fox Mulder and Dana Scully; 4. O. Henry; 5. 1945; 6. Nicotina; 7. Benjamin Harrison; 8. Lithium; 9. Minotaur; 10. A special bread in Jewish cuisine

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES:** What is the name of the necklace that Rose throws into the sea at the end of "Titanic"?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where was the ancient city of Carthage located?
- TELEVISION:** What are the names of the FBI agents on "The X-Files"?
- LITERATURE:** Who wrote the short story "The Gift of the Magi"?
- HISTORY:** When was the United Nations organization created?
- SCIENCE:** What is the addictive substance in tobacco?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president signed into law the Sherman Antitrust Act?
- CHEMISTRY:** What is the lightest of metallic elements?
- MYTHOLOGY:** What is the name of the half-man, half-bull creature that inhabits the Labyrinth?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is challah?

Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

ACROSS

1. CLUTCH
6. TEXT MESSAGES
11. AREtha Franklin
12. Uber
14. BOB DYLAN
15. PROMISING
16. MINA MONROE
17. PAUL BOGARDY
19. THE TWINNINGS
20. DRIZZLE
22. BOOST
23. DUST
24. CURVES
26. MONITOR
28. MALFUNCTION
30. WORD
31. INSTRUCTOR
35. FLAVOR
39. LES ETATS-UNIS
40. HOSPITALS
42. EARTH SCIENCE
43. ASTERISK
44. DR. MCKAY G. CRACKER
46. CPU

DOWN

1. OSCAR
2. EXTENDS
3. DEVOUR
4. CARMELO
5. VENICE
6. PLAY
7. BLACK
8. MARKS
9. LINGERIE
10. HANDLES
11. STAGE
13. DAMP
18. RASCAL
21. FARMERS
23. SINGER
25. STRAW
27. UMPIRE
29. METHOD
31. SENTRY
32. WALKING
33. LIST
34. CREATURE
36. ABRASION
37. BLOWER
38. FICTION
41. WINE
44. SURREALIST
45. LAURENT
48. COQ
50. FOLLOWER



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