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IN THE STARS

County settles lawsuit against Arkema

Hurricane Harvey Environmental Lawsuit by State of Texas remains unresolved

Crosby Library Book Sale Rescheduled

Friends of the Crosby Library will hold their Back to School Book Sale on:

Friday, Sept. 6 - 1pm - 6pm
Saturday, Sept. 7 - 10am - 5pm.

Hardback books \$1.00
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Children's books, mysteries, romance, cookbooks and craft books are just a sample of book choices, thanks to donations from patrons.

All proceeds from the Book Sale benefit the library and support the Summer Reading programs. Questions call the Library - 832-927-7790.

Mei Hoffman opens new Art Studio Sept. 14 Saturday

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

Crosby Historical on Football History Sept. 7

Crosby Historical Society hosts a look back at Crosby High School Football history presented by former Head Coach Ronnie Davenport. The meeting will be hosted at Crosby Brethren Church gymnasium, 5202 1st Street, Crosby, 77532 and begins at 2 p.m. The public is invited to bring their Crosby memorabilia to display at the meeting. For more information, contact Donna Davenport at 281-731-7010.

Harris County Debris Drop-Off

Residential debris drop-off sites are now open for Harris County residents to take their vegetative, construction, and demolition debris free of charge. A monitor will be on site verifying Harris County residency.

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Crosby Sports Complex

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IT May Park

2100 Wolf Road Huffman, TX 77336

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For more information, call 713-274-3100.

In Precinct 2:

Fonteno Family Park

14350 Wallisville Road Houston, TX 77049

CROSBY — Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee has announced that the county has reached a \$1.1 million settlement with Arkema Inc., enhancing safety and notification improvements following the 2017 plant fire and emissions event at the company's Crosby facility during Hurricane Harvey.

The incident led to the release of hazardous chemicals and the evacuation of nearby residents, prompting investigations and legal action by multiple government agencies.

Under this settlement, Arkema has agreed to several crucial safety measures to prevent future incidents and ensure quick

communication with the community and government agencies if something does go wrong. Arkema implemented significant flood mitigation measures, such as constructing a large detention pond, reinforcing buildings to withstand flooding, and raising generators out of the floodplain, while also upgrading fire safety to meet current standards. Moreover, before Arkema can resume any chemical processing or manufacturing at the Crosby facility, they must obtain fire safety and flood management permits from Harris County, ensuring the facility meets the highest safety standards before any new



The Arkema chemical plant in Crosby had multiple fires and explosions, due to flooding and power failure of refrigerated chemicals.

operations begin. Arkema must also report any significant release of pollutants within two hours, ensuring prompt notification to both the government and the public.

“With this settlement, we're holding Arkema accountable and taking steps to protect the health and safety of Harris County residents,” said County Attorney Menefee. “The

changes Arkema has agreed to has significantly improved how future incidents will be handled, ensuring our community and first responders get the information they need quickly.”

“As we continue to face the realities of climate change and the increasing frequency of severe weather events, it's crucial that facilities housing hazardous materials are thinking about disaster preparedness plans. This settlement with Arkema sets a precedent for how we expect companies to operate and communicate during

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Rotary Washer Tournament Sept. 14

25 Teams will compete for prizes and bragging rights in Annual Event

HIGHLANDS — The Rotary Club is all set to hold their 17th annual 3-Hole Washer Board Charity Tournament, on Saturday, September 14th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

The event is open to the public, as well as all Rotarians. It will be held at Charlie's Ice House, 906 N. Main Street. 2 person teams must register by 12:30pm that day, and the cost to play is \$50. Tournament play will start shortly thereafter, at 1:00pm. Awards include trophies and cash prizes, and competition is fierce. Two person teams compete, \$50 per team entry, Double Elimination rules.



Rotarians competing for honors and prizes last year in the Annual Washer Tournament. Two person teams are made up of Rotarians from Highlands and throughout the City. The public is invited to form a team.

Awards and Prize Money for the top 3 teams, \$150, \$100, and \$50.

Rotary is also looking for sponsors, individuals or companies. Sponsorships are available, Board Sponsors at \$100 and \$200; T-Shirt Sponsors at \$150 and \$250; Major Sponsor available at \$500 with benefits.

Monies raised by the tournament go to the Rotary International Foundation, to be used for fighting polio, and half of the money is returned for a community project.

For more information, or to become a sponsor, contact Rotary president GayLynn Milliorn at 832-262-6828.

Lake Houston area celebrates Labor Day with Boat Parade

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Roger Randall is the Pied Piper of Lake Houston. Randall has devoted most of his life to lake activities and his 501(c)(3) charity, Texas Adaptive Aquatics. Of course, on Labor Day weekend Randall planned a boat parade to celebrate the holiday. He never needs an excuse to get out onto the water.

“This was the second time we did the Freedom Boat Parade to celebrate on Labor Day,” he explained, “the first was actually four years ago.”

It was during the pandemic, and he said many were looking for a great reason to get out of their houses and out onto the lake. The event attracted more than 500 boats and a boatload of money for Texas Adaptive Aquatics.

Saturdays event, how-



Roger Randall organizes the boat parade on Lake Houston as a benefit for his charity, Texas Adaptive Aquatics. (Photo courtesy Gwen Luckey)



The paddle boat was decked out in red, white, and blue for the Freedom Boat Parade on Labor Day weekend. (Photo courtesy Gwen Luckey)

ever, was dramatically affected by the inclement weather and threat of postponement.

“We were down considerably but still had about 60 boats out on the water today,” he said.

It didn't discourage Randall or anyone else.

Weather reports might have dampened the spirit of many who would have normally been on the water.

“At first it looked like 80 or 90 percent chance of rain, then by 4 p.m. on Friday it was down to 40 percent, and we decided to go ahead,” he said. They did get hit with a small shower that passed over them during the parade, but nothing excessive.

The site of the red, white, and blue themed decorations on the boats was still inspiring to the supporters who watched from the bridge crossing

the lake and along the banks of the lake.

“We were able to raise money with an auction for a truckload of water sports gear that was donated to us from Kent Water Sports in Tyler, Texas,” Randall said.

Participants in the raffle, silent and live auction were able to score some good deals on life jackets, paddle boards, knee boards, wake boards, and many other water sports toys.

Some had multiple flags, red, white, and blue bunting, and even some that were Trump supporters.

“These are mostly Lake Houston community folks who come out and support the end cause of the program, but they also like to have a good time partying

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Labor Day Boat Parade,

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Houston Police Department Lake Patrol also participated in the Freedom Boat Parade on Lake Houston last Saturday. (Photo courtesy Gwen Luckey)



Boats assembled at the Lake Houston Brewery before embarking on the Freedom Boat Parade on Lake Houston last Saturday. (Photo courtesy Gwen Luckey)

and decorating their boat," he said.

It's not the first parade he's organized on the lake. Every year Texas Adaptive Aquatics sponsors the Christmas Boat Parade that attracts a lot of entries and is a winter favorite because of the beautiful colors and serenity of the water.

Randall was grateful for Lake Houston Brewery who hosted the event for them. Despite the on-

again, off-again weather and uncertain forecast, he was happy to have as many as they did to turn out.

Safety is always a top priority for the parades and the Lake Patrol is always present.

"If we ever have any issues, they're always there to support us or perform a rescue," he said.

Randall tried a Fourth of July boat parade, but that one didn't go so well.

"I ended up having a heart attack," he said. "We'll put off the summer ones," he smiled.

It's not too late to support Texas Adaptive Aquatics. Learn more about Randall's mission to help disabled citizens by providing them the thrill of skiing and water sports on the lake.

Visit their website at taasports.org or contact Randall at Roger1@taasports.org.

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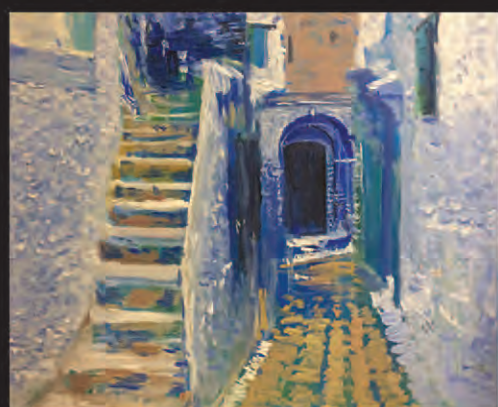
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A Studio of My Own

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Missing out on the latest City news or events? We've got you covered! Inside your utility bill, you'll find all the community highlights and upcoming events with our MBTX Extra newsletter. If you don't receive a physical bill, no worries - you can still catch the monthly issue online at www.montbelvieu.net/newsletter.

Baytown Unveils 'Project Vector' Sports Facility Plan

Ryan Walsh, CEO of the Harris County Sports and Convention Corporation (HSCC), presented "Project Vector" to the Baytown City Council, a proposed sports facility aiming to enhance the city's appeal and quality of life. The project, still in the preliminary stages, involves an interlocal agreement between Baytown and HSCC to leverage the corporation's expertise. Walsh provided examples of similar facilities across the U.S., emphasizing that Project Vector would bring regional benefits and potentially attract visitors. City Manager Jason Reynolds was asked about where the project Vector Facility might be constructed in Baytown.

"We do not know at this point. We have things lined up," Reynolds said. "We've done roughly two years of due diligence at this point. We are having a feasibility study to show the concept is viable. That will be able to support the vision."

The Project still with further studies and budget planning ongoing. The project is part of a broader vision, supported by funds from a 2022 tax abatement deal with ExxonMobil, though rumors of a professional sports team moving to Baytown were dismissed.

Mont Belvieu Council okays Increase in Tax Rate, Budget

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

On Monday night, Aug. 26, 2024, the aldermen of the city of Mont Belvieu voted unanimously to a slight increase in the tax rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2025. The new budget begins on Oct. 1.

The rate will be the highest tax rate in the history of the city.

"The FY25 tax rate of .471118 per \$100 valuation is still the lowest rate in the area when compared with surrounding cities," said Brian Ligon, communications and marketing director for the city.

Ligon also added that this year's budget is set at \$38,115,452 up from FY24's \$36,779,547, a 3.36 percent increase year-over-year.

Despite the increase, Ligon said they have had little resistance to the new rate.

The new tax rate is about a 6 percent increase over last year's .44252 per \$100 valuation and Ligon said the city needs the new funds to help address the fast growth the county is experiencing.

"Just recently, in a presentation from U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (R), he stated that the Census Bureau has said that Chambers County



City councilmen hard at work making decisions for the city of Mont Belvieu as they face enormous growth. According to the Census Bureau, Chambers County is the sixth fastest growing county in the nation.

is the sixth-fastest growing county in the nation and that the west side, mainly Mont Belvieu, accounts for most of that growth," Ligon reported.

To ensure the city keeps up with the growth demand and can meet the service requirements of residents, Ligon said the councilmen took the rate increase cap.

"If you look at a \$400,000 home here in Mont Belvieu, they will see an increase of \$86.19 on their 2025 tax bill," he explained.

Once broken down to the smallest denominator, it effectively means about 24 cents per day more.

"That's a pretty good val-

ue considering the high amenity community that is Mont Belvieu," he stressed.

Ligon pointed out the additional money would help pay for some key hires and projects.

"I'm a taxpayer and live here too and will have to pay that 6 percent increase in my property taxes, but the thing that I can feel good about is what I'm getting for that extra 24 cents a day," he said.

Some of that money will go toward six full-time firefighters for the city fire department.

"We are becoming more and more of a blended department with volunteers.

We're keeping our volunteers. We rely on having a strong volunteer firefighter corps, but to help with those response times because the call volume has gotten so high with the growing population we serve, we need six new firefighters," he explained.

He also said the city would add another four over the next fiscal year.

"We'll also be adding four more 911 dispatchers so that we have a little bit of bench strength there," Ligon said.

Funds would be applied to the design of three major road projects.

"It would be just the design portion for taking Langston Boulevard extending from SH 99 all the way out to SH 146," he described it.

Another project would widen Eagle Drive from FM 565 north to SH 146.

"That's a project that we've heard from a lot of our residents," he said.

"We'll get under design and address that."

Ligon said they were also going to go to the design process on widening FM 565 from Canal Street to SH 99 to help alleviate some traffic concerns through there.

"We're also going to be building what they're kind of referring to as the Restau-

rant Loop Road that kind of comes through our growing restaurant and retail area that's right there on I 10. We want to give our residents better access so they don't have to go out to I-10 to get on the access road. We've acquired some land that's going to allow us to build this Loop Road, and it gives us additional development opportunities in that area because there's some demand there. We're looking forward to that," he said.

Another key project is entering Phase Three of Hackberry Park.

"Since it opened, it has become a community favorite. This is our 200-acre nature park. With this small increase in property taxes, it will also allow us to expand the trail system and add two bridges so that our residents can have more area to exercise and explore. We're happy to bring that to our residents," he said.

Since the proposed tax rate was not greater than the voter-approval tax rate, the city was not required to hold an election to give voters the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed tax rate. Voters were given the opportunity to attend the public hearings and voice their approval or disapproval.

Goose Creek CISD Launches GC2035 Committee with Over 170 Applications, Begins Long-Range Planning

By Norma Martinez

Goose Creek CISD received over 170 applications for the newly created Goose Creek 2035 (GC2035). The committee's purpose is to evaluate, identify, and prioritize the needs of the school district and provide a platform for community members to offer input and stay informed about the district's plans for the future. The Board of Trustees oversaw the selection process, as each was tasked with picking up to 15 committee members from each of their



GC2035 Committee Members came together for their first meeting on Tuesday, August 27.

districts.

This week, the GC2035 committee came together for its first meeting at IMPACT

Early College High School. Dr. Randal O'Brien, Superintendent of Schools for GCCISD, opened the meeting by thank-

ing attendees for their service to the district. Kendall David, Executive Director of Community Engagement, welcomed the committee members and explained that among them, table groups also included students and campus principals. "We have incredible high school students to share what school looks like day to day in the schools. We also have our GC-CISD principals who know what it's like to work in our buildings every day."

The GC2035 will meet 7 times this semester to work on

the long-range facilities plan in various parts. The first meeting, labeled as "Part One", included introducing the committee members to the long-range facilities plan components, and reviewing the curation report, educational specifications, and assessment work. The committee was provided multiple opportunities throughout the night for "table talk" and to ask questions to the group as a whole.

The second GC2035 Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10th.

Appeals Court Upholds \$2M Bond for Sarah Hartsfield in Husband's Murder Case

CHAMBERS COUNTY, Texas - On Thursday, the First Court of Appeals upheld the \$2 million bond for a woman accused of murdering her husband, rejecting her lawyers' request for a reduction.

Sarah Hartsfield's attorney filed an appeal in March to have her bond reduced from \$2 million to \$150,000, claiming the bond amount is "excessive."

Sarah Hartsfield is currently in the Chambers County Jail.

Hartsfield, who has been married five times, was the only person with her 46-year-old husband Joseph Hartsfield when he became unresponsive at their Beach City home in January 2023. The diabetic was rushed to the hospital where he died a week later, the medical examiner's office ruled due to com-

plications of toxic effects of insulin.

Sarah Hartsfield asks higher court to reconsider \$2M bond in murder case

Hartsfield's bond has already been reduced three times since she has been in jail. She was arrested in February 2023 after being indicted on a murder charge. At that time, her bond was set at \$5 million. A motion to reduce her bond was filed and her bond was dropped to \$4.5 million on February 9, 2023. A second motion was filed to reduce her bond again in March 2023 and it was dropped to \$4 million. Her bond was eventually reduced again to \$2 million in October 2023.

In the written request for the appeal, Hartsfield's attorney argued her \$2 million bond is "clearly excessive"



and has resulted in Hartsfield being "effectively denied bail."

Hartsfield's attorney argued she has the constitutional right to reasonable bail and that the court that issued Hartsfield's bond has made it impossible for her to make bail. The attorney argues that although murder is a serious offense, Hartsfield's bond should not be used to keep her in jail with no hope of making bail.

The First Court of Appeals considered the following in

setting Hartsfield's bail:

1. The bail and any conditions shall be sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the undertaking will be complied with.

2. The power to require bail is not to be so used as to make it an instrument of oppression.

3. The nature of the offense and the circumstances under which it was committed are to be considered.

4. The ability to make bail shall be considered, and proof may be taken on this point.

5. The future safety of a victim of the alleged offense, law enforcement, and the community shall be considered.

6. The criminal history record information for the defendant shall be considered, including any acts of family violence, other pending criminal charges, and any

instances in which the defendant failed to appear in court following release on bail.

7. The citizenship status of the defendant shall be considered.

After considering all of the factors above, the First Court of Appeals found that "the trial court weighed the relevant factors and properly exercised its discretion in refusing to further lower Hartsfield's bond." They concluded that the trial court did not abuse its discretion in reducing Hartsfield's bond to \$2,000,000.

Chambers County District Attorney Cheryl Lieck Henry released this statement after the ruling:

"We've always been confident in Judge Cain's decision to impose a high bond given her history of not only violence but transient history."

OPINION PAGE

OPINION HC Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia

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

Three months into the hurricane season and the Houston area has suffered two storms—the Derecho and Hurricane Beryl—that brought massive damage. Both also brought power outages that prompted evacuations for some to escape the summer heat.

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

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

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

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

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

Who should register?

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

How to Register

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

Registration forms

Nursing Home & Assisted Living STEAR Registration Form (PDF)

STEAR Individual Registration Form (2024) (PDF)

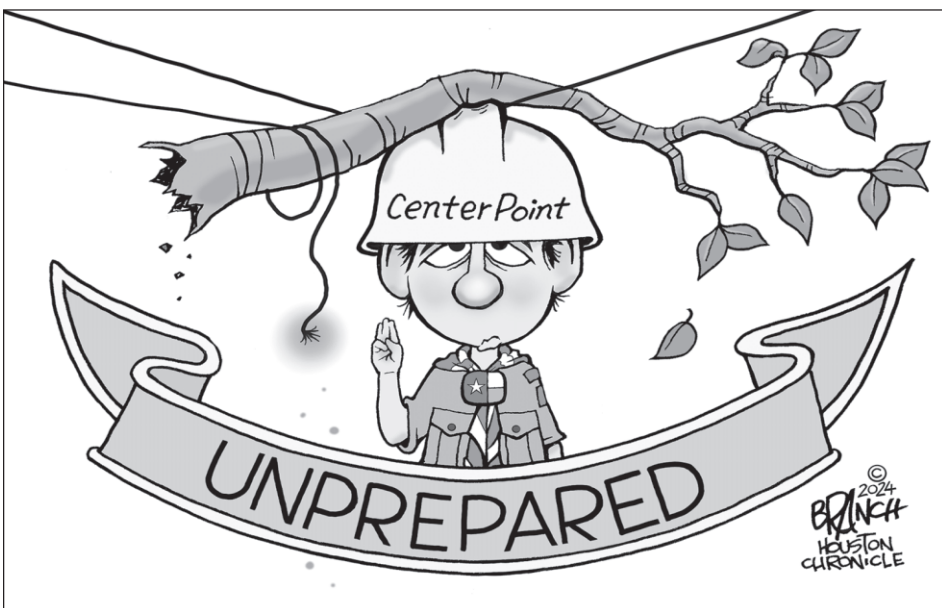
Required Information to Register

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

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

--Article By David Taylor Managing Editor

Americanisms "The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on." — Julia Alvarez



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

Power Grid Again Reaches Record Demand

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

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

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

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

CENTERPOINT TO PUSH BERYL DAMAGE COSTS TO RATEPAYERS

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

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

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



up paying. They always end up paying," said energy consultant Karl Rábago, who served on the PUC under Governors Ann Richards and George W. Bush. "That's because electricity is essential for modern life, and you can't just go around bankrupting or allowing utilities to go bankrupt by forcing shareholders to bear what some people might say is the fair consequences of mismanagement."

TRANSGENDER TEXANS CAN'T CHANGE SEX ON DL

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

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

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

BUSING OF MIGRANTS IS IN IDLE MODE

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

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

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

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

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

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

PEAK OF HURRICANE SEASON ARRIVES

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

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

Hurricane season ends officially on Nov. 30.

TEAMING UP TO PREVENT DWIS

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

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

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

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

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Dog Days



It's the best time of year for dogs.

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

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

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

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

"Uh-huh."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"You have a new toy!" I exclaimed.

His two people were with him. His female person sighed. "He always has to bring his toy." "But last time I saw him, it was a different toy."

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

I understood she was talking about the dog.

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

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

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

Till next time, Carrie

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 2:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



KEENEY'S KORNER

By
MIKE KEENEY

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

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

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

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

Now, onto this weekend's game.

HIGH SCHOOL

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

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

NCAA

Texas at Michigan – This will be a good road test for Sarkisian's team as the Longhorns visit the No. 9-ranked Wolverines. Michigan lost a ton of talent from its national championship team, and its head coach as Jim Harbaugh left to take over the Los Angeles Chargers. Harbaugh left first-year head coach Sherrone Moore with talent, especially on defense with pre-season All American defensive tackle Mason Graham and cornerback Will Johnson. It's the offense that might take some time to come around. Michigan lost starting

QB J.J. McCarthy to the NFL draft, which means backups Jack Tuttle (6 games, 130 passing yards, 1 TD) and Davis Warren (3 games) will get a chance to run the offense. If the Texas defense can limit running back Donovan Edwards (497 yards, 5 TDs), then it can attack whichever QB is in the game. Look for Texas to run at the Wolverines early to soften up the defense for Quinn Ewers to take some shots downfield. Texas is the more talented team, but playing in the Big House will be tough, but if UT survives this game, it might pay off handsomely once SEC play begins. My pick, Texas 26, Michigan 23

NFL

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

Green Bay vs. Philadelphia – The NFL plays its first game in Brazil when the Packers and Eagles meet on Friday night. Green Bay and first-year starting QB Jordan Love struggled early last year, but got hot winning four of their last six and embarrassed the Cowboys in the Wild Card round before falling to SF in the Divisional round. Love

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

Houston at Indianapolis – The Texans start their season where they ended the regular season with hopes of similar results in Week 1 of the 2024 season. Stroud has a year under his belt and with the addition of Diggs and Mixon to go along with Nice Collins (80 receptions, 1,297 yards, 8 TDs) and Tank Dell (47 receptions, 709 yards, 7 TDs in 11 games), Houston could have one of the most explosive offenses in the NFL. They should be solid on defense with the addition of Hunter to pair with Defensive Rookie of the Year Will Anderson Jr. (7 sacks). Indy is hoping QB Anthony Richardson (577 passing yards, 3 TDs/136 rushing yards, 4 TDs in just four games) is fully healthy after missing most of the season with an injury. In the one game he played against the Texans in Houston, Richardson scored two rushing TDs before leaving with the season-ending injury. The Colts return running back Jonathan Taylor (741 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver Michael Pittman Jr. (109 receptions, 1,152 yards, 4 TDs). This will be a good test for the Houston defense, which I think makes the plays down the stretch to help pull out a season-opening win. My pick, Houston 27, Indianapolis 23

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

for six to seven weeks as he recovers from a fractured foot. I think the Browns win a tight, defensive battle as the Cowboys begin to look for answers in the running game. My pick, Cleveland 18, Dallas 14

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

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



SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK 1

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

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

Saturday, August 31
Cypress Ridge 17, Aldine MacArthur 16

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 5
Aldine at North Forest, 7 p.m., Jones-Cowart Stadium in Houston
Strake Jesuit at Aldine Davis, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston

Friday, September 6
Baytown Lee at Goose Creek Memorial, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown
Baytown Sqterling at Galena Park, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston
Clear Brook at Aldine Eisenhower, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston
Dickinson at C. E. King, 7 p.m., Sheldon ISD Panther Stadium in Houston
Huffman Hargrave at Furr, 7:30 p.m., Jones-Cowart Stadium in Houston
Iowa Colony at Crosby, 7 p.m., Freedom Field at the Heritage Complex in Iowa Colony
Manvel at Barbers Hill, 7 p.m., Eagle Stadium in Mont Belvieu

North Shore at Crowley, 7 p.m., Crowley ISD Stadium in Fort Worth

Saturday, September 7
Channelview at Aldine MacArthur, 6 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston

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LAKE HOUSTON 2024 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

BARBERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL EAGLES

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TIME
Aug. 30	Friday	New Caney	Eagle	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Friday	Manvel	Eagle	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Friday	Deer Park	Abshier	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Friday	Foster	Eagle	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Friday	Lufkin*	Abe Martin	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	Friday	Baytown Sterling*	Eagle	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Friday	PA Memorial*	Memorial	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Friday	Beaumont United*	Eagle	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	Friday	Galveston Ball*	Kermit Courville	7:00 p.m.
		BYE		
Nov. 8	Friday	West Brook*	Eagle	7:00 p.m.

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GOOSE CREEK MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOTS

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TIME
Aug. 30	Friday	Baytown Sterling	Stallworth	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Friday	Baytown Lee	Stallworth	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Friday	Clear Brook	Veterans Memorial	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20		BYE		
Sept. 27	Friday	Kingwood*	Stallworth	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	Friday	C. E. King*	Stallworth	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Thursday	North Shore*	Galena Park ISD	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Friday	Summer Creek*	Stallworth	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	Friday	Channelview*	Ray Maddry	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Thursday	Humble*	Stallworth	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	Thursday	Atascocita*	Turner	7:00 p.m.

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CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL COUGARS

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TIME
Aug. 30	Friday	Dayton	Bronco	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Friday	Iowa Colony	Cougar	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Friday	FB Marshall	Cougar	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 20		BYE		7:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	Thursday	Pasadena*	Veterans Memorial	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Friday	Friendswood*	Cougar	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Thursday	Kingwood Park*	Turner	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Friday	FB Kempner*	Cougar	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	Friday	La Porte*	TBA	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Saturday	Porter*	Randall Reed	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	Saturday	Angleton*	Cougar	7:00 p.m.

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HUFFMAN HARGRAVE HIGH SCHOOL FALCONS

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TIME
Aug. 30	Friday	La Marque	Falcon	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Friday	Furr	Jones-Cowart	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Friday	Splendora	Falcon	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 20		BYE		7:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Friday	Liberty*	Memorial	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Friday	Lumberton*	Falcon	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Friday	Vidor*	Pirate	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Friday	Hardin Jefferson*	Falcon	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Friday	Livingston*	Lion	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Friday	Little Cypress*	Falcon	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Friday	Bridge City*	Larry Ward	7:30 p.m.

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crises," added Menefee. Money from the settlement will go into Harris County's general fund and will be allocated through Commissioners Court. The County couldn't sue Arkema for most claims under the state's main environmental law because Attorney General Ken Paxton took control of those claims. Any money from the attorney general's lawsuit will go into the state's general fund.

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CHARLOTTE MARIE BREWER a/k/a CHARLOTTE MARIE BREWER POGUE

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this AUGUST 28, 2024


by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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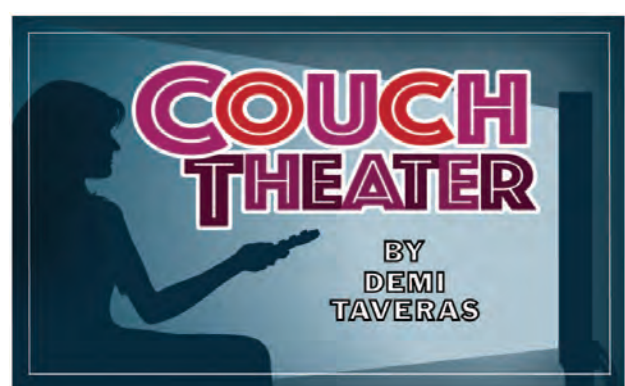
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Ryan Gosling, left, and Emily Blunt star in 'The Fall Guy.'

"The Fall Guy"

"THE FALL GUY" (PG-13) — Let's move on to a film that actually underperformed at the box office, even with its two notable stars. This action comedy loosely based on the 1980s TV series of the same name gave us another "Barbenheimer" moment by putting "Barbie's" Ryan Gosling opposite "Oppenheimer's" Emily Blunt. Gosling plays stuntman Colt Seavers, who is tasked by his film's producer to find the missing lead actor, Tom Ryder (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), and stop his ex-girlfriend's (Blunt) film from being ruined. Turning into somewhat of a bounty hunter, Colt starts to track Tom's whereabouts, but the closer Colt gets to finding him, the more Colt realizes that he's been seriously misled as to what's really going on with Tom. Premieres Aug. 30. (Peacock) ***

"INSIDE OUT 2" (PG) — The sequel to Disney's "Inside Out" (2015) has become the second highest-grossing animated film of all time after bringing in a whopping \$1.597 billion, and it's well deserving of its immense success. The film boasts a star-studded cast, with new additions Maya Hawke ("Stranger Things") and Ayo Edebiri ("The Bear") joining Amy Poehler, Diane Lane, and Kyle MacLachlan, who reprise their roles from the first film. Taking place two years after she first moved to San Francisco, Riley is now officially a teenager and faces a new learning curve in life as she hits puberty. Insert four new emotions for her to deal with: anxiety, envy, embarrassment and ennui — oh, my! To keep their storytelling as authentic as possible, the film's production team even consulted psychologists so that teenage viewers could truly relate to Riley's

pestilent pubescent problems. Rent it now! (Apple TV+) ***

"TWISTERS" (PG-13) — Almost three decades after Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton's "Twister" hit the big screen back in 1996, a standalone sequel was released and pulled in \$315.3 million in the box office so far. The new cast of tornado chasers is led by Daisy Edgar-Jones ("Normal People"), Anthony Ramos ("Transformers: Rise of the Beasts"), and the always-grinning Glen Powell ("Hit Man"). Their adrenaline-loving, yet brilliant characters take on a myriad of bone-chilling storms throughout rural Oklahoma, facing tornadoes that reach a Category 5 of incredible damage on the EF Scale. While the story's scientific accuracy has been critiqued, the stunning visual effects make it a mesmerizing, nail-biting watch. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

"SIMONE BILES RISING" (TV-MA) — If you didn't get enough of the talented Simone Biles during the recent Paris Olympics, you should definitely give this two-part documentary series a try. Viewers can follow along as Biles prepares to make her return to the Olympic stage after withdrawing from the 2020 Tokyo Games due to her struggles with mental health. Starting from the point where Biles felt herself coming apart in Tokyo and leading up to moments before she would snag four medals in Paris, the series gives fans an intimate, up-close portrait of the world-renowned gymnast in all aspects of her life — as a daughter, a sister, a teammate, a friend and a wife. Two more episodes of the series are planned to be released later in the fall for a total of four episodes, but you can check out the first two now. (Out now, Netflix) (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

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
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. House is not as wide. 5. Leaves are missing. 6. Tree trunk is different.

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- Stellar musician
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- Batting practice area
- "Lucky Jim" author
- With gusto
- de deux
- Sports bar fixture
- Candied veggie
- Gullets
- Knucklehead
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- Walking sticks
- Radiator sounds
- Soap unit
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- Playwright Wilder
- Stadium top
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- Stadium top
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- Downwind
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- Harvard rival
- Ripped
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- Conceal
- PC picture
- Big rig
- This and that
- Grass shack
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- Leftover bit
- Code-breaking gp.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: How many lakes are in the Great Lakes Basin?
- MOVIES: What is the little girl's last name in the film "Matilda"?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the teacher on the animated kids' series "The Magic School Bus"?
- LITERATURE: In which historic period is Jack London's novel "Call of the Wild" set?
- U.S. CITIES: Which city's nickname is "City by the Bay"?
- ANATOMY: How much of the human body is made up of water?
- SCIENCE: What is heliology?
- HISTORY: Which world leader's birth name is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?
- ASTRONOMY: In what year did a U.S. astronaut land on the moon?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which famous actor who starred in "The Notebook" was once a member of "The Mickey Mouse Club"?

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

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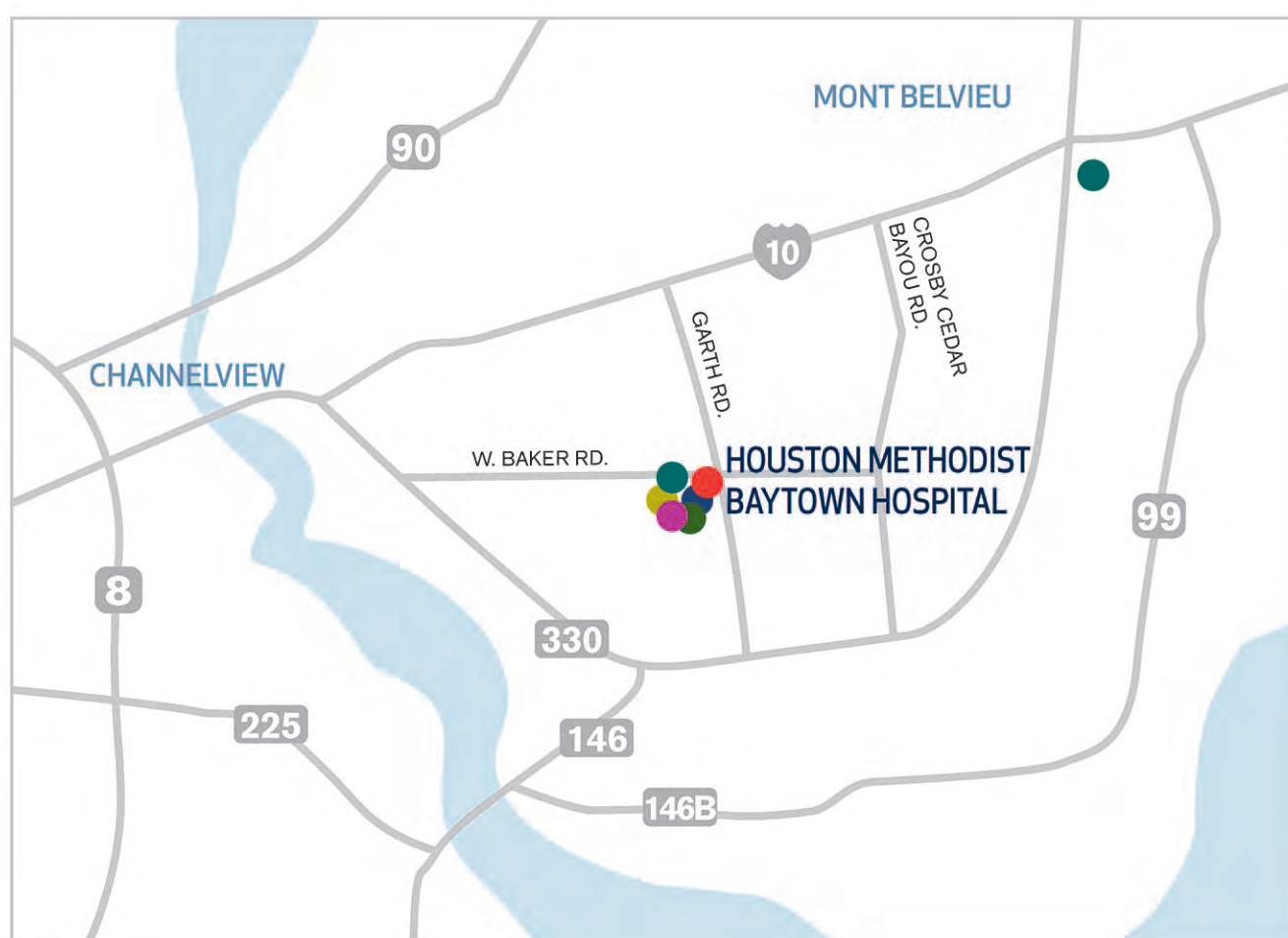
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