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IN THE STARS

Highlands/Lynchburg Chamber Lunch Nov. 14

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Crosby/Huffman Chamber Lunch Nov. 21

November Luncheon Thursday November 21 from 11:30am. At May Community Center, 2100 Wolf Rd., Huffman.

Speaker: Lara Umberger
Tickets on the website: crosbyhuffmancc.org.

Election Results: Trump coattails affect local races

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

It's over. Around 1:30 a.m. Central Standard time Wednesday, former president Donald J. Trump was declared the winner in the presidential election ensuring one of the most incredible and bizarre comebacks in U.S. political history. The former president avoided attempts to remove him from the ballot in several states, is still involved with lawsuits, and avoided assassination twice and still managed to emerge victorious last Tuesday as the 47th president elect.

Trump's win was decisive. As of Sunday afternoon, he maintains an



Voters in Crosby were greeted by hundreds of political campaign signs for the Nov. 4, 2024 General Election last week.

enormous lead over Vice President Kamala Harris with 312 electoral votes to Harris' 226. Only 270 votes are needed to win the presidency.

Trump's coattails were

especially long with the Republicans solidifying a majority in the Senate of 53 to Democrats 46 with only one seat outstanding as of Sunday night. Republicans have flipped four

seats thus far.

In Texas, the only U. S. Senate race was with incumbent Ted Cruz who won by almost a million votes. Cruz defeated his challenger Colin Allred,

53.13 percent (5,973,420 votes) to 44.50 percent (5,002,501 votes). Polls just a week before showed a much closer race within the margin of error but Cruz pulled away on election day for another six-year term.

Control of the House of Representatives teeters between the two parties with the Republicans currently holding the lead as of Saturday afternoon.

The number needed to reach a majority in the House is 218 and Democrats are fighting from behind with 203 while the Republicans inch closer with 212. There are 20

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Historical Society offers program on local Czech history Nov. 16

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Dobr den! The Crosby Historical Society will wrap up their speaker series for the year on Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Crosby Brethren Church, 5216 First Street, in Crosby with a history of how the Czechs found their way to Crosby and Eastgate.

Featured guest speaker Johana Dickerson from the Czech Center Museum Houston will discuss the evolution of what is not the Czech Republic. Crosby resident Randy Kubin will present the early Czech settlers and the Crosby and Eastgate settlements.

The Crosby Brethren Church pastor Rev. Larry Koslovsky will share the history of the church and their significance in the growth of the community.

"We'd like for Czech members of the community to share their Czech heritage stories and bring photos and artifacts to display," said Donna Davenport, president of the Crosby Historical Society.

In addition to the presentations, Davenport said they have invited Czechs to show off their kolache baking skills.

"We decided to do a kolache bake-off contest to make things even more interesting," Davenport said.

To participate in the

bakeoff, participants are asked to bring a minimum of two dozen fruit kolaches or more and come early to the meeting for judging between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. Winners will be announced during the meeting at 2 p.m.

"Please bring your kolache on disposable serving plates or pans with your printed name on a sheet of paper," Davenport asked. "Also bring a paper copy of the recipe you used."

She also said contestants should use whatever filling will help them win. Contestants can use up to

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NEWPORT VOTERS PASS \$110 MILLION BOND

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Margaret Chasteen could hardly catch a breath as she discussed the good news already coming the way of Newport Municipal Utility District. Last Tuesday, the voters approved the largest bond authorization for the growing community in their history, a \$110 million request. Chasteen wanted to address how they're going to handle that amount of money.

"Our board is extremely grateful to the residents

of Newport for passing the bond by more than 52 percent," said Chasteen, who is president of the Newport MUD. "I really think that they understood that this was something that was needed and in the last five years residents have gotten to know the board a little bit more personally and they trust us."

Chasteen said the work done with this bond will long outlive her and set up the district with strength in the future.

She explained that many MUD districts have forgone major repairs and

upgrades because they didn't want to raise taxes.

"In the meantime, they fell so far behind that they need will require larger bonds to catch up," she said. Newport's infrastructure is between 50-60 years old but has been well maintained.

"What this will do is set up Newport residents with help on their home equity higher than the surrounding neighborhoods because they have superior water

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OMG! Commissioner Garcia in Parachute Jump from airplane



It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Commissioner Garcia! Garcia started his day early last week, and more than 10,000 feet in the sky with the Golden Knights, the U.S. Army Parachute Team. The mission: To encourage people to consider enlisting in the army

and to explore its different career paths.

Garcia said "Thank you to the Golden Knights for this incredible experience and to all men and women in the military for their service."

Garcia wore a shirt emblazoned "BE ALL YOU CAN BE". So

appropriate.

Learn about the Houston Recruiting Battalion by clicking this link <https://recruiting.army.mil/5thde/4ebn/> PHOTOS COURTESY USARMY & PCT 2. MORE ON PAGE 7

County Uplift 2.0 okayed by court to proceed

Provides Financial Assistance for Low Income Families

HARRIS COUNTY - A District Court has approved a revised Harris County program to support low-income families.

Harris County is moving forward with an initiative that provides financial aid to Houstonians that need it most.

On Friday, the Harris County Attorney's Office confirmed that the 165th District Court had denied the Texas Attorney General's Office's attempt to shut down the plan, which is titled the "Community Prosperity Program."

The program will provide financial support to approved families that are living at or below 200% of the federal poverty line. The aid will be handled on preloaded debit cards that

are restricted to essential items like housing, utilities, transportation, groceries and bill payments.


The Community Prosperity Program was developed after the Texas Supreme Court halted a different initiative for low-income communities called Uplift Harris. Uplift Harris would have provided \$500 per month to underserved households with fewer spending parameters.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton disapproved of the Uplift Harris proposal, and the state eventually stopped it.

In a statement announcing the court's decision, Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee said

his office was proud of the state's decision.

"My office is pleased with today's ruling, and I hope this will put an end to the state's attempt to shut down a program that offers financial stability to our residents who need it the most," Menefee said. "Harris County addressed the State's concerns about Uplift Harris, but the AG still felt the need to sue the County again. This shows that the AG's lawsuit is not about the law; it's about using people living in poverty as a means to score political points. I will continue to fight for the people of Harris County against state leaders trying to undermine local control."

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Newport Bond Passes,

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and will help if they decide to upgrade and sell their homes," she said.

The board has put the capital improvement plan (CIP) on the front page of their website and will be updated every month with the new projects underway and the ones that have been completed to demonstrate to taxpayers where the money is going.

She also announced that the district would be switching to a Purifics water plant. According to their website, Purifics offers a filter destroy and recover process that has a zero liquid discharge, smaller footprint, and five times the flux.

"Since it will require a minimal amount of chemicals, it will bring our costs down, not only with the amount of chemicals, but also reduce the number of operators by almost half," she said.

In other good news, the board was able to negotiate a new contract with their operator Si Environmental LLC that will save the district approximately another \$400,000.

"The contract goes into effect on Jan. 1," Chasteen said.

The district anticipates drawing down a little over \$10 million in the first year to complete projects.

"We want to balance it out as much as possible so we can keep taxes as low as possible," she said.

The tax rate for the district will not change this year.

For more information on the bond and how it's being spent, Chasteen invited the public to their meetings which are held regularly on the third Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the community center.

Czech History in Crosby,

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two different fillings for judging. Entries will be judged on the texture of the dough, presentation, filling and popsika (crumb topping). Extra kolaches will be served to guests at the meeting.

Davenport also reminded the public that if they needed a recipe for kolach-

es, the recently published Bicentennial Cookbook has up to 25 recipes in a section devoted solely to kolaches.

For more information on the meeting or kolache contest, contact Davenport at 281-731-7010 or email her at w2i3n@aol.com.

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Harris County Pets (HCP), resourced by Harris County Public Health (HCPH), is expanding its reach to provide services and resources to residents in neighborhoods throughout Harris County. County Pets On Wheels will provide a variety of services and resources for pet owners and their furry companions. For more information and updates, follow Harris County Pets on Facebook and Instagram or call the Harris County Pets Resource Center at (281) 999-3191.

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\$40 SPAY & NEUTER EVENT DETAILS

- When: Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024
- Where: Highlands Park, 604 Highland Woods Dr, Highlands TX 77562
- Who: Pet owners in 77562 ONLY
- What: Spay/Neuter, Microchip, Vaccinations, Harris County License, Flea/HW Prevention, Post-Op Package

CRITERIA FOR PETS AND OWNERS

- Animal must be at least 4 months old
- No animals over 50 pounds
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ON THE HILL

Chili Cook-off & Car Show Nov. 16

Saturday, November 16, 2024 | City Park
Classics on classics. We want to see you show out in November with a classic chili cook off and a classic car show! Come check out the coolest hot rods while we judge some hot chili.

Christmas Events in December

Christmas on the Hill Parade

Sunday, December 8, 2024 | Eagle Drive
One of Mont Belvieu's biggest and most beloved events is the Christmas on the Hill Parade. This "can't miss" holiday event occurs on the first Sunday in December. You'll want to bring the entire family to see amazing floats, cool cars, marching bands, and more light up the night as they stream down Eagle Drive. And, you better not pout or cry, because you never know if Santa himself will come to town!

Visit our [Parade page](#) for more info.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Bring the family out and capture a special moment with Santa at our selfie station while we cater a tasty breakfast including a biscuit bar full of goodies. After breakfast, keep the kids engaged with a decorate-it-yourself ornament for your tree.

TICKETS

Purchase your breakfast tickets below! Choose from 3 time allotments: • 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. • 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tickets will go on sale Fall 2024.

Buy your tickets in advance because this will sell out! Each person in attendance will need a ticket.

Santa in the City

Santa Claus will be riding in style onboard one of the Mont Belvieu Fire Department engines through a neighborhood near you! 2024 Dates TBD.

Pictures with Santa

Friday, December 13, 2023 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Santa's last stop is at Eagle Pointe for a photo op where kids can pick up some cookies & milk after their photo with Santa!

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Chambers County Election 2024 Results

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

President
Donald Trump, R: 20,557
Kamala Harris, D: 4,187

Senate
Ted Cruz, R: 19,735
Colin Allred, D: 4,613
Ted Brown, L: 508

US Representative, Dist. 36
Brian Babin, R: 20,627
Dayna Steele, D: 4,004

State Representative, Dist. 23
Terri Leo Wilson, R: 20,491
Dev Merugumala, D: 3,776

District Attorney, Judicial District. 344
Cheryl Lieck Henry, R: 100%

County Attorney
Ashley Cain Land, R: 100%

Sheriff
Brian Hawthorne, R: 100%

County Tax Assessor-Collector
Laurie G. Payton, R: 100%

County Commissioner, Precinct 1
Jimmy E Gore, R: 100%

County Commissioner, Precinct 3
Tommy G Hammond, R: 100%

Constable, Precinct 1
Rodney Kayla, R: 100%

Constable, Precinct 2
John Mulryan, R: 100%

Constable, Precinct 4
Ben L "Butch" Bean Jr, R: 100%

Constable, Precinct 5
Josh Kahla, R: 100%

Constable, Precinct 6
Kirk W. Ritch, R: 100%

City of Baytown Mayor
Charles Johnson, 444
Mike Wolfe, 555
Brandon Capetillo, 551
Mercedes Renteria III, 212

City of Beach City Mayor
Ken Pantin, 1,358
Kyle Diamond, 222

City of Beach City Alderman at Large
Dana Colquitt, 1,187
Danielle Blair, 492

Chambers County Sheriff's Office Honors Veterans for Service to Nation and Community

CHAMBERS COUNTY – Sheriff Brian Hawthorne and the Chambers County Sheriff's Office extend heartfelt gratitude to the courageous men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces. The bravery, dedication, and sacrifices of these veterans have safeguarded the freedoms we enjoy every day.

This Veterans Day, the Sheriff's Office proudly recognizes the veterans within its own ranks, who continue to serve the Chambers County community with exceptional dedication. "We are honored to have these individuals in our CCSO family," said Sheriff Hawthorne. "Their commitment to service, both in the military and in



Sergeant Gordon Andrews, Deputy Michael Herzog

law enforcement, exemplifies true patriotism." Sheriff Hawthorne and the entire CCSO team encourage residents to pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by veterans and their families. "We honor your bravery today and every day," said Sheriff Hawthorne, inviting the community to join in expressing appreciation for all veterans whose service has strengthened our country and local community.



Top of Photo One: Deputy Lance Bauer, Sergeant Kyle Barnes, Deputy William Carnahan, Jailer Luiz Silva, Corporal John Standley, Deputy Jarrod Marks Bottom of Photo One: Deputy Brent Shipman, Sergeant Christopher Hudson, Jailer Nicole Shipman, Deputy Santiago Turrubiate, Jailer Gregory Eneks, Corporal Tyler Cowart

Deputy EMC Jeffery Choate Completes Fire Executive Management Training Program

Jeffery Choate, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, has successfully completed the Fire Executive Management Training Program, an accomplishment that marks a significant step in his career and a valuable asset to the community. This intensive program equips leaders with advanced skills to manage fire service operations and enhance community safety.

Colleagues praised Choate's dedication and commitment to excel-

lence, noting that his new expertise will bring meaningful improvements to the department's operations. His colleagues expressed enthusiasm for the positive impact his training will have, saying Choate's commitment to continuous growth is an inspiration to all.

"We're excited to see Jeffery apply the knowledge he's gained," were some of the comments in the department. "His dedication to service truly benefits the entire community."



Deputy Emergency Jeffery Choate, posing with Certificate.

Chambers County Emergency Services Joins Anahuac Primary for Festive Halloween Book Walk

A Huge thank you to Anahuac Primary School for including our Chambers County Emergency Services staff in your Halloween book walk!

We had a great time seeing all the creative costumes and celebrating the spirit of the season with the amazing students. We appreciate your hard work in organizing this fun event!



OPINION PAGE

OPINION By BILL KING

Houston ISD Bond Goes Down in Historic Defeat

Voters decisively rejected Houston ISD's request to approve \$4.4 billion in bonds to rebuild and renovate some of its facilities.

For many years, it was unusual for voters to give the thumbs down to bonds for public schools. That trend began unwinding a few years ago, as taxpayers began to recoil from proposals that included lavish athletic facilities in particular.

But not so in HISD's case. The final vote was 58-42 against. I could not find definitive statistics, but I suspect this is one of the worst school bond defeats in the State's history.

I think there were two factors.

First, rightly or not, for many the election became a referendum on Mike Miles' leadership of the District. It is clear that Miles is wildly unpopular.

But beyond the Miles factor, the bond proposal was ill-conceived. There is no doubt that many of HISD's schools are decrepit and badly in need of repair and renovation as was dramatically laid out in this Houston Chronicle story.

Those laying out this proposal seemed to be oblivious to HISD's declining enrollment. In the last decade, the District's enrollment has dropped from about 220,000 to under 180,000.

At least some of recent decline is likely the result of the state takeover and Miles' controversial administration of the District. But far more consequential, especially in the long term, is that the District's population has stalled and is likely to drift lower.

This demographic reality is what made me scratch my head over the bond proposal's inclusion of about \$2.1 billion to completely rebuild thirteen elementary schools and eight middle schools.

The thirteen elementary schools that were to be rebuilt are currently at 108% of the design capacity. However, all of the excess enrollment was accounted for in just two schools, Bonham and McNamara.

Building a school is a long-term investment, typically 50 years or longer. Given the demographic trends, what do you think the enrollment of HISD will be in 50 years? How many elementary schools will the District need in 2075?

The logical thing for the district to do at this point would be to come back to the voters with a dramatically reduced bond proposal that focuses exclusively on the immediate needs. Ideally, the District also should develop a plan to begin reducing the number of schools.

However, the real conundrum for HISD is that even if comes back to the voters with a downsized plan, I am not sure any plan can be passed as long as Miles is in charge. While I agree that Miles' accomplishments in raising test scores have been underappreciated, his personal style has become a serious distraction for the District and is now impeding the very reforms his supporters so desperately want.

Note 1 - I have some experience in HISD bond elections. I co-chaired and managed the HISD's last bond campaign in 2012, which passed with 60% voter approval.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

Insurance hikes make affordable housing tougher

A growing number of Texas homeowners are forgoing buying homeowners insurance as premiums skyrocket, according to a recent report from the Texas comptroller.

Recent natural disasters - hurricanes, severe storms and wildfires - have prompted some insurers to limit or even eliminate coverage in Texas. Daniel Oney, research director of the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University, says premium increases in Texas have outpaced the rest of the country.

"At the end of 2023, Texas had the biggest percentage point increase of any state in the last five years," he said. "You file claims, the insurance companies pay that, then they have to get that covered by the reinsurers. So, some of the price increases we're seeing now are from storms that happened a couple of years ago."

Oney said a "surprisingly large number of people" are choosing not to have insurance once their home is paid for. Mortgage lenders require homeowner insurance, but there is no requirement to do so once a home is paid for.

The high cost of insurance is just one factor affecting the state's housing shortage, which is driving up home prices and rental costs. The Texas Tribune reported that in 2022 the state needed about 320,000 more homes than existed, according to an estimate by Up For Growth, a housing policy organization.

"While Texas has been building a lot of housing overall, in many places, it just has not been enough to keep up with demand in the state and people moving in from out of state," said David Garcia, Up For Growth's policy director.

NORTHEAST TEXAS OFFICIALS ATTACK RESERVOIR STUDY

A recent study by the Texas Water Development Board on the long-proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir is under attack by northeast Texas officials, The Dallas Morning News reported. The proposed 66,000-acre lake would be



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

built in Franklin, Red River and Titus counties to pump water more than 100 miles to the Dallas-Fort Worth area at an estimated cost of \$7 billion. It has been on the state's planning books since 1968, drawing staunch opposition from landowners and officials in the affected counties.

The Region D water planning group, which represents those counties, said the draft report is biased and misleading. Opponents of the reservoir say it would destroy homes, farms, churches and cemeteries while not providing any benefit for people living in that area.

"It's a flawed project. It should not go forward," Jim Thompson, chair of the Region D planning group, said. "It should be removed from the state water plan."

Kevin Ward, the chair of Region C, which represents the metroplex area, said the concerns of northeast Texas residents have been heard.

"We've heard it, so you've got to believe that if we thought there was another way to do what we're trying to do right now ... we'd certainly latch onto it as fast as we could," he said.

TEXAS BUYS TWO RANCHES NEAR THE BORDER

The state General Land Office announced last week that it has bought a massive ranch in the Big Bend Region and a smaller ranch in Starr County, The Tribune reported. The 353,785-acre Brewster Ranch that borders Big

Bend National Park is a collection of 28 ranches put together by its previous owner over two decades. Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham said the ranch could be used for hunting, agriculture, and carbon sequestration.

"With such a beautiful and expansive property, the GLO has the opportunity to generate many forms of revenue for the schoolchildren of Texas," she said in a statement.

Also purchased was a 1,400-acre ranch in Starr County, along the Texas-Mexico border. The state plans to build a border wall on the property to deter illegal migration.

BATTLESHIP TEXAS STILL LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

The U.S.S. Texas has been undergoing repairs at a dry dock near Galveston after the Legislature approved \$25 million to keep the ship seaworthy, but wharves officials have rejected a proposal to dock it there permanently, according to the Texas Standard.

The battleship is the only one still in existence that served in both World Wars. For decades it was docked in the Houston Ship Channel near the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site and served as a museum. Over the years it developed leaks and was in danger of sinking before it was towed to a dry dock in Galveston for renovation. The Texas is currently berthed next to the Elissa, the official tall ship of Texas.

However, there has been a backlash from business owners near the ship, who are concerned that if not moored correctly the ship could cause damage if a hurricane or tropical storm struck Galveston.

Repairs likely will take at least another year, during which the ship's supporters hope to find a permanent location for the venerable vessel.

RRC DIGITIZES MORE THAN 83 MILLION OIL AND GAS RECORDS

The ongoing effort by the Texas Railroad Commission to digitize its oil and gas records continues, with 83.4 million now searchable online from any place with an internet connection. The records date back to the 1930s and include oil and gas production records, such as well depths and location of producing fields.

"Putting millions and millions of oil and gas records online is a win-win for the public and the agency," said Danny Sorrells of the commission. "Not only does it give the public easy access to historical information dating back almost 100 years, but our staff can now devote the time they would have spent tracking those records for the public for other tasks at the agency."

The link to the digitized records can be found at https://tinyurl.com/msmtst86.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Less Than Perfect



So I'm doing a show after all.

The problem with me (and I might not be alone in this) is that I have a hard time imagining anything between close to perfect and nothing at all.

I'd been planning to do a first show featuring material from my columns, and it was overwhelming. A fully realized show involves a lot of preparation and getting every detail down all at once.

When I got a grasp of what "close to perfect" would involve, I realized I had set myself up for an almost impossible task. I do this with other things, large and small.

I want to stop eating sweets. But then I eat one small sweet and ruin my perfect record of no sweet eating, so I might as well have a piece of cake. What does it matter? Perfect isn't possible.

I was thinking the same way about this show. I knew I would be completely crazy if I tried to memorize 9,000 words and perform for the first time in almost five years in front of a full house with music and light cues and costume changes and a video crew catching every less-than-perfect moment. It was too much. I felt enormously relieved when it didn't come together.

But after I got to Mexico, a new idea started to emerge. What if I tried the less-than-perfect approach? What if I didn't memorize 9000 words, but only a few hundred, and read the rest? What if I did an abbreviated sample of the show, stayed in one costume, skipped the music, and invited a few friends to come and see it for free? I would still get some video to use for promotion. It would be less than perfect, but it would happen, and I could make the next performance a bit better. And so on.

As soon as the less-than-perfect idea took hold, everything fell into place in a moment. Now I'm doing a show after all.

It's just a baby show. I'm advertising it as a "soft opening," as a "no bells or whistles" show. It will be only 30 minutes long, and I will have a videographer I just met in town, named Alejo, come to the theater to videotape. And I am very happy I am doing it.

The theater was delighted to host me. Alejo was eager and professional and affordable. Rehearsing the script was easy and stress-free because I knew I did not have to keep all those words in my head. If I needed them, they were right there in front of me. And, best of all, it all started to sound like fun. What had seemed like a terribly scary and ambitious thing turned into a fun experiment.

"Perfection is the enemy of progress," Winston Churchill famously said. I would also add that nothing close to perfection is even possible unless I am first willing to be less than perfect.

So I am embracing less than perfect today.

And here's the funny thing: The people coming to see my less-than-perfect show seem excited. Getting in on something in the early stages, with a few bumps in the road, when everything is not all smooth and shiny, can be fun. It's new. It's fresh. It's a little scary. It's less than perfect.

I'm thinking there's a lot in my life that would be better less than perfect. I'm thinking a less-than-perfect life might be the best life of all.

Till next time, Carrie

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 11:

Texans visit reeling Cowboys on MNF: UT has tough road test at Arkansas

Week 12 in the NFL will feature Texas' two professional football teams as the Texans will visit the Cowboys on prime time on Monday Night Football. This will be Houston's third straight prime time game (they lost to the Jets on Thursday Night Football and hosted the Lions last week on Sunday Night Football).

This is an important game for DeMeco Ryan's team as they need to let the rest of the AFC know they are capable of winning on the road and taking on a reeling Dallas team might be just what the doctor ordered for the Texans under the bright lights of Monday Night Football.

The Cowboys are one of the most disappointing teams thus far in the 2024 season. Mike McCarthy's team dropped to 3-5 two weeks ago after it 27-21 loss at Atlanta. Not only did Dallas lose the game, they also suffered key injuries to their two best offensive players, QB Dak Prescott (hamstring injury) and wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (shoulder injury). Prescott is slated to miss multiple weeks with the hamstring injury, which means Cooper Rush will guide the Dallas offense. While Rush is a capable backup (he went 4-2 as the starter in 2022 when Prescott sustained a hand injury in the season opener against Tampa Bay), he doesn't have the mobility of Prescott, which could make him a sitting duck against the Texans fierce pass rush.

While the Texans and Cowboys will close out Week 11, there's a big one slated to start off the weekend in the NFC East. The Washington Commanders, perhaps the most surprising team in the league this year (they improved to 7-2 two weeks ago with their win against the Giants), visit the Eagles on Thursday Night Football in a key NFC East contest. Sensational rookie QB Jayden Daniels will get to show off his immense talents in front of a national TV audience as he takes on veteran Philly QB Jalen Hurts.

There's also a big one in the AFC North on Sunday as the Ravens and their explosive offense visits the Steelers and their stingy defense.

The Chiefs put their undefeated season on the line when they visit the Bills on Sunday. These two teams have played some epic games over the last few years and this Sunday's game should continue that trend.

The Packers take on the Bears in Chicago in the NFL's oldest and bitterest rivalries, while the Falcons will take tier high-flying offense to the Mile High City to take on the Broncos, who came crashing back down to earth two weeks ago after the 41-10 thumping they suffered against the Ravens.

The Bengals visit the Chargers in an important game for both teams' playoff chances. Cinci is starting to get on a roll behind QB Joe Burrow and needs to start stringing some wins together after going 1-4 after their first five games. The Bengals improved to 4-5 after their 41-24 win over the Raiders two weeks ago. The Chargers are playing solid on both sides of the ball, but Burrow will give that unit a real test on Sunday.

On the college landscape, No. 7-ranked Tennessee visits No. 2-ranked Georgia in a big SEC contest, while No. 5-ranked Texas has a tough road test against an Arkansas team that is potent on offense, but has issues on defense.

No. 19-ranked Clemson visits No. 23-ranked Pitt in a key ACC contest, while No. 14 LSU visit Florida looking to pad its College Football Playoff resume. Speaking of padding their CFP resume, No. 10-ranked Notre Dame will look to take care of Virginia early to impress the CFP Committee.

Now that the high school regular season is completed, this space will concentrate on the college and pro schedules for the remainder of the year. Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review last week's record. An 8-4 record upped the season record to 72-36 (66%). Now, onto this weekend's games.

NCAA

Tennessee at Georgia – No. 7-ranked Tennessee visits No. 2-ranked Georgia in the Vols biggest and toughest road test of the season. Tennessee has a solid defense, which should travel well against a Georgia offense that has been inconsistent most of the season. Georgia



QB Carson Beck (2,302 yards, 17 TDs) threw three interceptions two weeks ago in the Dogs 34-20 win over an average Florida team. Georgia let the Gators hang around for three quarters behind third string QB Aiden Warner, who took over after starter DJ Langway left with a hamstring injury. Beck will have a tough test against the Vols front seven, which is one of the best in the SEC. He will need a big day from running back Trevor Etienne (453 yards, 7 TDs) and wideout Arian Smith (31 receptions, 503 yards, 3 TDs) on Saturday. The Vols are led by QB Nico Iamaleava (1,703 yards, 9 TDs) who has been up and down this season. Their top offensive weapon is running back Dylan Sampson (982 yards, 19 TDs). Look for the 'Dawgs defense to slow down Sampson and then set their sites on Iamaleava, who is prone to turnovers. It's time for Georgia to separate itself from the rest of the SEC. My pick, Georgia 32, Tennessee 18

Texas at Arkansas – Steve Sarkisian's No. 5-ranked Longhorns head to the hills of Arkansas to take on a Razorbacks team that would like nothing more than to pull off the upset against their former SWC rivals. The last time UT played at Fayetteville, the Hogs were rude guests in Sark's first year on the job and dominated the 'Horns, 40-21. Texas can't let that happen this year or their CPF hopes will be dashed. Look for UT QB Quinn Ewers (1,389 yards, 14 TDS) to come out firing against a suspect Razorback defense that gave up 63 points to Ole Miss two weeks ago. He will look to make plays downfield to wide receivers Isaiah Bond (23 receptions, 380 yards, 4 TDs) and Matthew Golden (24 receptions, 332 yards, 4 TDs) and tight end Gunnar Helm (31 receptions, 419 yards, 2 TDs), which should open up the running game for Quinterevion Wisner (409 yards, 2 TDS). The UT defense will need to contain dual-threat QB Taylor Green (2,213 passing yards, 11 TDs/411 rushing yards, 5 TDs) and running back Ja'Quinden Jackson (592 yards, 10 TDs). Look for UT to take the starch out of the 'Hogs early and cruise to victory. My pick, Texas 36, Arkansas 18

Clemson at Pittsburgh – A good one in the ACC pits No. 19 Clemson against No. 23 Pitt in a game both need to remain in contention in the league race. Two weeks ago, Clemson lost at home to Louisville, 33-21, for their first conference loss and second loss of the season, while Pitt was blown out at SMU, 48-25. Clemson needs a big game from QB Cade Klubnik (2,064 passing yards, 21 TDs/270 rushing yards, 4 TDs), running back Phil Mahaf (853 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Antonio Williams (34 receptions, 418 yards, 6 TDs). The Panthers are led by QB Eli Houston (2,056 yards, 17 TDs) and running back Desmond Reid (590 yards, 4 TDs). Look for Clemson to pick up a big road win on Saturday. My pick, Clemson 26, Pitt 23

LSU at Florida – No. 14-ranked LSU heads to the Swamp to take on a beaten up Florida team that could be playing for head coach Billy Napier's job. The Gators have been a major disappointment in Napier's third year at the helm, but injuries have taken their toll as their top two QBs (Graham Mertz and Willis High grad Langway) have been lost with injuries. The Gators played No. 2-ranked Georgia tough two weeks ago before losing 34-20. This week they face a Tigers team that needs to win out to have a shot at a CFP berth. Look for LSU QB Garrett Nussmeier (2,627 yards, 20 TDs) to have a big day throwing to Kyren Lacy (41 receptions, 618 yards, 6 TDs) and Aaron Armstrong (36 receptions, 614 yards, 4 TDs). Florida will need a big day from running back Montrell Johnson (373 yards, 4 TDs), but it won't be enough to slow down the Tigers. My pick, LSU 34, Florida 15

Virginia at Notre Dame – No. 10-ranked Notre Dame is also looking to make points on the CFP Committee, so look for them to show little mercy to an average Virginia team on

Saturday. The Irish defense will get after Virginia QB Anthony Colandrea (1,805 yards, 11 TDs), then turn things over to its offense led by QB Riley Leonard (1,360 passing yards, 8 TDs/539 rushing yards, 11 TDs), running back Jeremiyah Love (564 yards, 9 TDs) and wideout Beau Collins (28 receptions, 359 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the Irish to be rude hosts come Saturday. My pick, Notre Dame 41, Virginia 16

NFL

Washington at Philadelphia – Week 11 starts off with a good one as NFC East rivals Washington and Philadelphia meet in a key game for both teams. The Commanders have been one of the biggest surprises in the NFL this season, perhaps the biggest surprise, thanks to rookie QB Jayden Daniels (1,945 passing yards, 9 TDs/459 rushing yards, 4 TDs). Entering their Nov. 10 game against the Steelers, the Commanders stood at 7-2 and led the division, behind the 6-2 Eagles. Daniels and Philly QB Jalen Hurts (1,774 passing yards, 10 TDs/322 rushing yards, 8 TDs) are two of the top dual-threat QBS in the league and they should put on a show for the Thursday Night Football crew and the nation. The Eagles have one of the top running backs in the league in Saquon Barkley (925 yards, 8 total TDs) and two quality receivers in DeVonta Smith (35 receptions, 473 yards, 4 TDs) and A.J. Brown (23 receptions, 444 yards, 3 TDs). Brown sustained a knee injury two weeks ago in the Eagles' win over the Jags, so he may not be available for this game. Daniels needs help from running back Brian Robinson (461 yards, 6 TDs) and wideout Terry McLaurin (60 receptions, 598 yards, 6 TDs). Look for the Eagles to win this one late. My pick, Philadelphia 26, Washington 23

Baltimore at Pittsburgh – A big one in the AFC North pits the offensive-minded Ravens taking on the defensive-minded Steelers in Pittsburgh. The Steelers defense, which allows just 14 points per game, will have its hands full with Baltimore QB Lamar Jackson (2,379 passing yards, 20 TDs/505 rushing yards, 2 TDs), running back Derrick Henry (1,052 yards, 13 total TDs) and big-play wideout Zay Flowers (46 receptions, 654 yards, 3 TDs). The Steelers will need a big day from QB Russell Wilson (542 yards, 3 TDs in two games), running back Najee Harris (592 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver George Pickens (35 receptions, 548 yards, 1 TD). Look for the Steelers defense to slow down the Ravens at home on Sunday. My pick, Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 20

Green Bay at Chicago – The Packers and Bears meet in Chicago on Sunday with each team needing a win to remain in the NFC playoff hunt, and to hang in the NFC North race, which looks like Detroit's division to lose. Two weeks ago, the Lions literally rained on the Packers parade in Green Bay and left with a 24-14 win, while the Bears were dominated by the Cardinals in Arizona, 29-9. Bears rookie QB Caleb Williams (1,665 passing yards, 9 TDs/221 rushing yards, 1 TD) has struggled lately and he will face a Packer defense that has a penchant for creating turnovers. GB needs a big game from QB Jordan Love (1,820 yards, 15 TDs) and running back Josh Jacobs (762 yards, 3 TDs). Look for Love to attack a suspect Bears secondary and the GB defense to make life tough on Williams as the Packers pick up a big road win. My pick, Green Bay 26, Chicago 20

Atlanta at Denver – The Falcons take their explosive offense to Denver to take on a Broncos team that is tough to beat at home. Atlanta QB Kirk Cousins (2,328 yards, 17 TDs), running back Bijan Robinson (632 rushing yards, 4 TDs/38 receptions, 303 yards) and wide receivers Darnell Mooney (41 receptions, 588 yards, 5 TDs) and Drake London (50 receptions, 552 yards, 6 TDs) will be a lot for the Denver defense to handle. The Broncos will need a big day from rookie

OBITUARIES

Robert Terrell Wright

Robert Terrell Wright passed away on October 26, 2024, at the age of 65. Robert was born in Liberty, TX the son of Richard Troy and Juanita Marie Hays Wright. He graduated from Crosby High School, attended some college and then went to work for Toyota.



For the majority of his career he was a service writer for many car dealerships, Midway Chevrolet Pontiac GMC in Phoenix, AZ, Peoria Pontiac GMC in Peoria, AZ, Infiniti in Phoenix and Pinnacle Nissan in Scottsdale, AZ; BMW Mini-Cooper in Dallas, TX, Trophy Nissan in Mesquite, TX, Clay Cooley Nissan in Dallas, Stanley Chevrolet and Murrey Ford in Kaufman, TX.

In his younger years Robert was a good musician, he traveled, and he went hunting and fishing. He enjoyed a good adventure and telling stores about it.

Richard Wright and wife Trish Ezell Wright and children Thomas Major Wright and wife Amber and a great niece of Greenville, MS, and Lori Atkinson and 2 great nephews of TX, and Keith Atkinson and a great niece of Santa Fe, TX. Robert is survived by his brother Christopher Allen Wright and wife Lisa Campbell Wright of McKinney, TX and their children Melissa Brand and husband John of Prosper, TX; Jenny Hale and husband Michael and great nephew Chris of Plano, TX, Michael Thomas Wright and wife Chelsi of Princeton, TX.

As well as numerous friends who will miss him dearly. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to a charity. Many thanks to Parker-Ashworth Funeral Home in Kaufman. Celebration of Life 11-2 on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at Wave On Lake Conroe, 7041 Kingston Cove Ln, Willis, TX 77318

His parents preceded him in death. Those left to remember him are his wife Faith Shinagawa Wright and children Marcus Whipple and wife Guadalupe and 5 grandchildren, and Andrea Fleming and husband Jesse and 2 grandchildren. Robert is survived by his sister Ella Wright Guaqueta of Crosby, TX and children Lisa Guaqueta and husband Travis Lane of Pearland, TX; Audrey Guaqueta and husband Hugo Reibel and children Amalia and Benjamin Laverde of Houston, TX; Richard Camilo Guaqueta and wife Sally Peach of Seattle, WA. Robert is survived by his brother Troy

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SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK 11

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

THURSDAY
Aldine Davis 35, Aldine MacArthur 7
Aldine Nimitz 23, Spring Dekaney 21
Fort Bend Marshall 21, Baytown Lee 10
Humble Atascocita 73, Goose Creek Memorial 7

FRIDAY
Angleton 13, Crosby 8
Barbers Hill 31, Beaumont West Brook 17
Beaumont United 21, Baytown Sterling 9
Huffman Hargrave 26, Bridge City 18
North Shore 35, Summer Creek 10
Sheldon C. E. King 68, Channelview 13
Spring 42, Aldine 0
Spring Westfield 28, Aldine Eisenhower 3

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
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THIS WEEK'S PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

6A DIVISION 1
The Woodlands (9-1) vs Aldine Nimitz (7-3), 7 p.m., Friday at

Shenandoah's Woodforest Bank Stadium.
Aldine Davis (6-4) vs. Conroe (8-2), 7 p.m. Friday at Thorne Stadium
Galena Park North Shore (10-0) vs Deer Park (8-2), 7 p.m., Thursday at Galena Park ISD Stadium

5A DIVISION I
College Station (9-1) vs. Crosby (5-5), 7 p.m. at College Station's Cougar Stadium
Galena Park (7-3) vs. Port Arthur Memorial (7-3), 7 p.m. Friday at Galena Park ISD Stadium

Houston Sterling (7-3) vs. Barbers Hill (7-3) 7 p.m., Friday at Houston Barnett Stadium

4A DIVISION I
Huffman-Hargrav (9-1) vs. Tyler Chapel Hill (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Falcon Stadium in Huffman

QB Bo Nix (1,753 passing yards, 8 TDs/295 rushing yards, 4 TDs). My pick, Atlanta 30, Denver 26

Cincinnati at Los Angeles Chargers – This game will pit one of the hottest QBs in the league in Cincinnati's Joe Burrow (2,244 yards, 20 TDs) against a tough LA defense. After losing four of their first five games, the Bengals have won three of four heading into last week's game against Baltimore, while the Chargers have been improving week-by-week under first-year head coach Jim Harbaugh. Burrow will need a big day from wideout Ja'Marr Chase, while the Chargers will look to running back J.K. Dobbins (620 yards, 6 TDs) to control the clock and keep Burrow off of the field. LA has a pretty fair QB as well in Justin Herbert (1,725 yards, 10 TDs). Look for a big day from Herbert as the Chargers slow down the Bengals momentum. My pick, Los Angeles Chargers 24, Cincinnati 20

Kansas City at Buffalo – On a weekend of big games in the NFL, this might be the marquee

matchup as the defending Super Bowl champs visit the Bills in Buffalo at 3:25 p.m. on CBS. Jim Nantz and Tony Romo will call the action as KC's Patrick Mahomes (1,942 yards, 11 TDs) and Buffalo's Josh Allen (2,001 passing yards, 17 TDs/211 rushing yards, 3 TDs) will battle once again. Two weeks ago, the Chiefs kept their unbeaten season alive with a 40-34 OT win at home over Tampa Bay, while the Bills needed a 61-yard field goal from Tyler Bass to get past the Dolphins at home, 30-27. Mahomes and tight end Travis Kelce hooked up for 14 passes for 100 yards in the TB win, and newly acquired wideout DeAndre Hopkins (10 receptions, 115 yards, 2 TDs) and running back Kareem Hunt (414 yards, 5 TDs) give Mahomes two more weapons at his disposal. Allen has a strong running game to rely on thanks to James Cooks (496 yards, 7 TDs) and two dependable wideouts in Khalil Shakir (42 receptions, 471 yards, 2 TDs) and Keon Coleman (22 receptions, 417 yards, 3 TDs). The Chiefs have the better

defense, but look for Allen to make a couple of more plays than Mahomes does as the Chiefs undefeated season comes to an end. My pick, Buffalo 30, Kansas City 27

Houston at Dallas – The Texans should have little trouble against a beat up Dallas team that could be looking at a double-digit loss season. Thanks, Jerry, for going "all in" this year. Look for Stroud (2,129 yards 11 TDs) to get top wideout Nico Collins (32 receptions, 567 yards, 3 TDs in five games) back for this game as those two will attack a porous Dallas secondary. Texans running back Joe Mixon (609 yards, 6 TDs) should also have a big night against the Dallas front seven that has trouble stopping the run. The Texans must do a better job of protecting Stroud, who was sacked eight times in their 21-13 loss to the Jets on Oct. 31. I'm sure Ryan's and his staff will have the offensive line fixed in time for this one as the Texans roll in Jerry World. My pick, Houston 31, Dallas 16

Election Results,

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seats still out.

Area congressmen holding onto their seats include Sylvia Garcia (D), Lizzie Fletcher (D), Morgan Luttrell (R), Al Green (D), Michael McCaul (R), Dan Crenshaw (R), Brian Babbin (R). Lloyd Doggett (D), and Wesley Hunt (R). Another win of interest is former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner fended off challenger Lana Centonze to fill the District 18 seat of former congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee who passed away earlier this summer. In almost all the races, congressmen won with a margin of almost two-to-one.

In the Texas Senate races, District 6 State Senator Carol Alvarado (D) was returned to office defeating Martha Fierro (R), with 62.95 percent of the vote to 37.05 percent.

In the state house races, Rep. Charles Cunningham, Rep. Briscoe Cain, Dem. Armando Lucio Walle, Dem. Senfronia Thompson, Dem. Harold V. Dutton, Jr., and Dem. Ana Hernandez locally were all returned to office.

County elections were much closer than normal with some influence at the polls coming from the top of the ticket.

Mike Doyle, County Chair for the Harris County Democratic Party, said "There was a strong level of groundwork in Harris County, an enormous amount of volunteer effort to get folks to turn out. Lo-

cally, we had a lot of enthusiasm and good responses," he said. He believed it was enough to prevent a red wave sweep of county offices.

In previous elections, Democrats have won with margins in the 200,000 to 250,000 range. This year was different with most top of the ticket races in the county seeing the red wave influence with margins in the 20,000 vote range.

Republican Dan Simons lost to Democrat Sean Teare in the District Attorney's race by 50.87 percent for Teare and 49.13 percent for Simons, a mere 25,530 votes. In the race for county attorney, Christian D. Menefee (D) survived a challenge by Jacqueline Lucci Smith (R), 50.51 percent to Smith's 49.49 percent, or 14,722 votes.

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez enjoyed a wider margin of victory against his challenger Mike Know, 784,954 to 691,226 or 53.17 percent to 46.83 percent, a difference of 93,728.

In another county-wide race, Annette Ramirez (D) defeated Steve Radack (R) for the county tax assessor-collector's office. Like the others, it was a close call with Ramirez garnering 51.16 percent (751,163 votes) to 48.84 percent (717,076) or 34,087 votes.

Danielle Dick (R) lost to Richard Cantu (D) in the County School Trustee, Position 3, At Large race.

Cantu picked up 52.46 percent of the vote to Dick's 47.54 percent, one of the larger margins for a county-wide race for Democrats. Eric Dick (R) and John Fitzgerald McGee (D) both were unopposed in their races for county school trustee.

Harris County Commissioners Rodney Ellis (D) and Tom Ramsey (R) were returned to office with large wins in their precincts.

"Republicans targeted Democratic judges being soft on crime which was lies," Doyle said. "We lost some good judges."

Republican Paul Bettencourt proclaimed the county was now 'purple' after Republicans defeated approximately 10 judges.

"It's a lot different today than two years ago when we were talking about lost ballot paper in our press conference then," said Cindy Siegel, County Chair for the Harris County Republican Party.

Siegel praised Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth and her handling of the election.

She said in 2022, they were able to replace four Democratic judges, and this year another 10.

"The people said they were tired of soft on crime judges and backlogs in the courts," she said.

The Harris County Flood Control District saw their bond pass. Taxpayers can expect to see an in-

crease of about \$50 per year in their bill in the coming months.

In Crosby, two candidates were unopposed for Crosby ISD school board—Kea Lynn Lewis in District 2, Position 2 and Phillip Chapman, At-Large Trustee Position 6. Only one race, District 7, Position 7, was contested with challengers Stacey Paine and Andrew Heitz falling to incumbent Jennifer Roach.

Roach collected 1,104 votes (57.95%) while Paine had 529 (27.77%) and Heitz finished with 272 (14.28%). Heitz was endorsed by State Rep. Briscoe Cain and finished at a distant third.

In Huffman school board races, Patrick Terry, Sam Pier, Layla Karasek, and Julie Sullivan won their races.

Terry (2,328 votes) earned 39.59 percent of the vote to Luke Hight (2,086) 35.48 percent and Andy Jung's (1,466) 24.93 percent.

Sam Pier outnumbered Vernon Reed 3,777 votes or 67.75 percent of the vote to 2,242 votes or 37.25 percent of the vote.

Karasek (3,638) won going away with 61.32 percent of the vote to Joey Taylor's 1,296 votes or 21.84 percent, and Josh Dowies 999 votes or 16.84 percent of the vote.

Julie Sullivan won Position 7 with 3,411 votes or 59.44 percent of the vote to Amanda West McGee's 2,328 votes or 40.56 percent of the vote.



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consider enlisting in the army and to explore its different career paths. Garcia said "Thank you to the the Golden Knights for this incredible experience and to all men and women in the military for their service." Garcia wore a shirt emblazoned

"BE ALL YOU CAN BE". So appropriate. Learn about the Houston Recruiting Battalion by clicking this link <https://recruiting.army.mil/5thbde/4ebn/> PHOTOS COURTESY USARMY & PCT 2.



celebrity extra by Dana Jackson

Q: Pete Davidson looked really healthy when he appeared in a sketch on "Saturday Night Live" recently. Did he have a bunch of his tattoos removed, or were they covered up with makeup? — D.E.

A: Former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Pete Davidson used to have his torso and arms covered in tattoos but started having them removed about three years ago. He told Seth Meyers on his talk show in 2021 that he was starting the painstaking removal process so that he didn't have to spend three hours in the makeup chair getting them covered during acting gigs.

As you may know, Davidson lost his father, a New York City firefighter, in the 9/11 terrorist attack, and he's always been very proactive with his mental health issues. He suffers from borderline



Pete Davidson ("Saturday Night Live")

personality disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder, and he recently finished a stint in rehab dealing with these issues. He put on some weight and looked healthier when he recently appeared in an "SNL" sketch on Nov. 2 with host John Mulaney.

Next up for Davidson are the films "Wizards!" with Naomi Scott and Orlando Bloom and "The Pickup" with Eva Longoria and Eddie Murphy. He'll also voice the role of Petey the Cat in the upcoming animated movie "Dog Man," based on the hit children's book series.

Q:I'm enjoying "Doctor Odyssey" with Joshua Jackson. I was a huge fan of "Dawson's Creek" when he was on it. What is James Van Der Beek up to lately? — S.C.

A:James Van Der Beek, Joshua Jackson, Katie Holmes and Michelle Williams became huge stars practically overnight when the teen drama series "Dawson's Creek" began airing in 1998. All four have been acting steadily with varying degrees of fame and awards for their work.

In recent years, Van Der Beek starred in the Ryan Murphy series "Pose" and the animated series "Vampirina." Next up for him is the Tubi original film "Sidelined: The QB and Me," which is based on the hugely popular young adult novel

"The QB Bad Boy and Me" by Tay Marley.

Van Der Beek, who is 47, recently shared that he's been privately battling colorectal cancer but remains optimistic about his prognosis. In December, he'll appear in the two-hour live special on Fox "The Real Full Monty," with Taye Diggs, to help raise awareness of prostate, testicular and colorectal cancers.

Q: When is the new season of "Big Little Lies" coming back to HBO? Will all of the original stars be in it? — L.L.

A:The prospect of a third season of "Big Little Lies" is very promising, but it's still in the very early stages. Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon have both confirmed that the series is moving "fast and forward" once author Liane Moriarty delivers another novel on which the third season will be based.

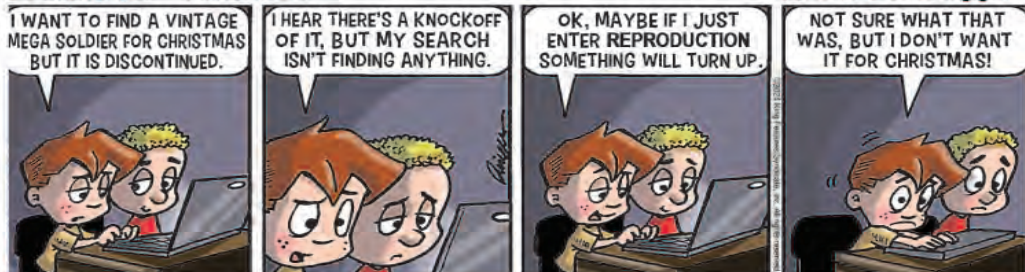
Laura Dern, Zov' Kravitz and Shailene Woodley have all contacted Witherspoon about the status of the project, so it's assumed that they're eager to reprise their roles once a script is in place.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



TIGER



The Spats



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

Differences: 1. Cup is smaller. 2. Saucer is missing. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Tiles are different. 5. Stool is missing. 6. Mouth is open.

November 11, 2024 Posting Date King Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Platters
- 6 Chum
- 9 Club —
- 12 Put on — (act)
- 13 Expert serve
- 14 Navarro of "The View"
- 15 Gettysburg general
- 16 William on "Star Trek"
- 18 Vatican term
- 20 Folklore monster
- 21 Blackbird
- 23 Airport screening org.
- 24 Offered one's seat
- 25 Taverns
- 27 Plant life
- 29 Perfect place
- 31 Zesty dips
- 35 Blood line?
- 37 Model in a bottle
- 38 Future oak
- 41 Luau instrument
- 43 Canine greeting
- 44 Wander
- 45 Pencil end
- 47 Subtle variation of color
- 49 Spanish snacks
- 52 Feedbag morsel

DOWN

- 1 River blocker
- 2 British verb ending
- 3 NPR's Ari
- 4 Musical finale
- 5 Used a broom
- 6 Computer language
- 7 Needing a massage
- 8 Tony winner Salonga
- 9 Chutney fruit
- 10 January, to Juan
- 11 Challenged
- 17 Sums
- 19 Equally distant
- 21 Dhabi precedent
- 22 Rebel Turner
- 24 Madrid Mrs.
- 26 Went easy on
- 28 Japanese seaport
- 30 Bit of physics
- 32 Hone
- 33 Football filler
- 34 Suntan lotion letters
- 36 Overblown crime
- 38 Incendiary
- 39 "Over There" composer
- 40 Egg-shaped — Park, Colorado
- 45 "May It Be" singer
- 46 Roof edge
- 48 Conditions
- 50 Moreover
- 51 Snake's sound

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Trivia Test Answers
1. Banker; 2. "Hamlet"; 3. "24"; 4. Bouvier; 5. Ming Dynasty; 6. Centaur; 7. A corrosive mixture that can dissolve gold; 8. Iraq; 9. Lungs; 10. Chickpeas

King Crossword —
Answers
Solution time: 26 mins.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: In the movie "The Shawshank Redemption," what is Andy Duffresne's occupation before he was imprisoned?
- LITERATURE: Which of Shakespeare's plays features the characters of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern?
- TELEVISION: Which 2000s TV drama starred a character named Jack Bauer?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy's maiden name?
- HISTORY: Which dynasty built the Forbidden City in China?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the mythical creature who is half man and half horse?
- CHEMISTRY: What is aqua regia?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient region of Mesopotamia mostly located?
- ANATOMY: Where are the alveoli located?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is hummus mostly made of?

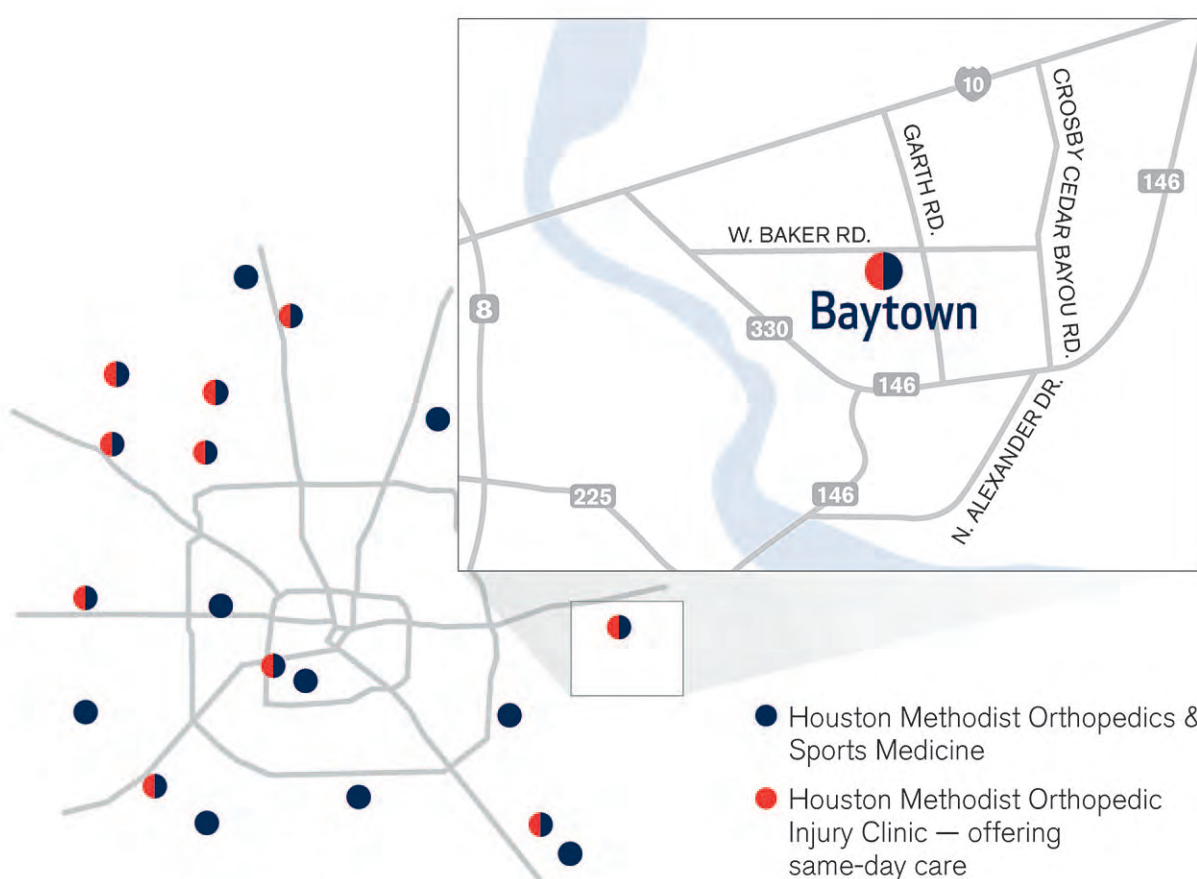
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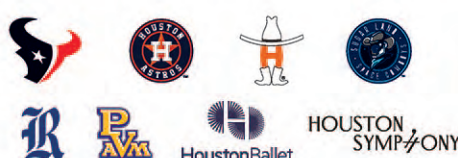
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