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NORTHEAST NEWS

Americanisms



“A grandmother pretends she doesn’t know who you are on Halloween.”
— Erma Bombeck

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140 million votes nationwide, Biden wins

HARRIS COUNTY – Voters went to the polls in record numbers for both early voting, and election day votes. In the county over 1,610,000 votes were recorded, and in the nation over 140,000,000 votes were cast.

Unofficial results have now been tabulated with Joe Biden winning 280 seats in the Electoral College. Donald Trump has filed lawsuits challenging the results.

In Harris County, Biden



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received 56% of the vote, or 911,913 while Trump received 43% or 699,771 votes. However, statewide in Texas Trump had the lead, as did most Republicans seeking office.

For Texas Senator, John Cornyn was reelected over Democratic challenger M.J. Hegar.

Incumbent U.S. Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee was returned with 73% of the votes, and Sylvia Garcia with 71%.

For state office, Carol

Alvarado was reelected for State Senate in District 6, and State Representatives reelected included Armando Walle, Senfronia Thompson, and Ana Hernandez, all running unopposed.

In a strongly contested race for District Attorney, Kim Ogg retained her seat with 54% of the vote, against challenger Mary Nan Huffman.

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FLOODING RELIEF

Precinct 2 cleans 1 million feet of ditches

Harris County PCT. 2— Since being elected into office, Commissioner Adrian Garcia has made drainage maintenance a major priority. This week, he celebrated the completion of 1 million linear feet of ditching in Precinct 2.

Roadside ditching and drainage maintenance improves water conveyance to drainage outfalls, which helps in the reduction of potential flooding for residents and businesses. Without proper maintenance, standing water can penetrate and seep under road surfaces causing de-



Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia explains that cleaning ditches prevents future flooding, and is his priority. He credits the public works crews in the background for their hard work, even through the Pandemic.



A Precinct 2 Gradall machine is the tool that is used to remove debris blocking the ditches and keeping them from draining. Blocked ditches are a major factor in causing flooding in Precinct 2 neighborhoods.

terioration, which in turn, requires more frequent, costly road repairs, and neighborhood flooding. Many neighborhoods that have not been serviced in years now have clean, excavated ditches.

Commissioner Garcia stated “I am so proud of the Precinct 2 family for this outstanding achievement. When I tasked our team to clear 1 million linear feet of ditches, I frankly thought it might be out of reach. Not only have we

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NEWS NOTES

Two HCPH Locations Offering Free COVID-19 Testing

There are two stationary sites. At the M.O. Campbell Education Center in Aldine, children can also be tested. Hours are 6am-1pm. Register at www.hcphtx.org or call **832-927-7575**. For the Pasadena stationary site at San Jacinto Central Campus, people must be 13 or older to be tested and people can register at www.doineeda-covid19test.com or call **832-927-7575**.

New ACCESS2Health Services now open

Pct. 2 has installed a Medical Smart Pod office in the parking lot at the Northeast Community Center on Bentley. The public can get Free COVID-19 tests, and many other medical services. According to Dr. Bernice Koko of United Health Partners, all services are free and walk-ins are welcome, no appointment necessary.

HCEC Blood Drive set for Nov. 13

Harris County Emergency Corps is hosting a Blood Drive at their 1620 Isom location (Off Aldine Westfield) on Friday, November 13 from 1:30 to 4:45.

Sign up at https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/326859. All donors entered into raffle for \$50 gift card. For more information contact Lindsey Nanninga Cell: (832)499-9699 E-Mail: lnanninga@hcec.com

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Eisenhower Theatre Student's Viral Video Reminds Us to Wear Our Masks

Eisenhower Senior High School Theatre IB program and diploma candidate senior, Vuong Duong, was recently featured on local news station, KHOU 11, for his Hamilton inspired video about wearing your mask during the pandemic. The video has gone viral! His catchy tune reminds us of the importance of caring for others by wearing masks and continuing to social distance. [Check out Duong's interview with KHOU.](#)

The senior student was prompted to put a COVID-19 twist on the song "What Comes Next" from the popular musical Hamilton. The lyrics stressed the importance of staying safe although business is 'back to normal' for some.

"I say, don't wear a mask if you wish for this virus to s t a y
"Please comply. Compromise. If you don't then it is our demise."

"But if you do. Awesome, wow! It won't be hard for us to beat this now."

Duong was first introduced to acting when he started theatre in 8th-grade. The last five years he has enjoyed being able to transform into different characters. During his recent Eisenhower Theatre virtual showcase audition, Duong initially wanted to use "You'll Be Back" from *Hamilton* the Musical, but decided he could get his message across better with "What Comes Next." He stands by his decision to do so.

This year, Eisenhower theatre and speech and debate organizations are collaborating to host their first virtual showcase, "The New Normal." Students learning on campus and at home auditioned with monologues, poems, songs and spoken word pieces revolving around quarantine life topics. This included topics about social distancing, COVID-19, Black Lives Matters, protests, the election and more.

"I was not surprised that Vuong's went viral," Crystal Rose, Eisenhower High School theatre teacher said. "He is not only talented but super creative."

When it comes to performing or singing, the senior theatre student is always up for a risk. Creating the original song took Duong about a week. He wanted to ensure that he took the time to create a quality parody, while giving an ode to the original track written by Lin-Manuel Miranda.

"When my teacher first contacted me about putting a COVID-19 twist on my audition song, I was surprised but not put off," Duong said. "I thought it would be fun, challenging, and interesting to create a parody to see how others receive it."

Duong's viral video has thousands of views and hundreds of comments.

"When I first saw the reactions to my video I was surprised and speechless, to say the least," Duong said. "I did not expect a huge reaction and I have nothing but gratitude for the love people are showing my video."

This school year Duong has chosen to learn at home. Duong explained that completing schoolwork at home was difficult at first but after a few months he has successfully mastered managing his time and has even begun exercising at home. He enjoys the freedom to complete all of his school work from bed, but he misses being on stage, performing magic, and walking the halls of his high school. However, he understands the importance of staying safe and healthy during this time.

The Eisenhower theatre program is ensuring all of their theatre students can still connect and collaborate as one troupe.

"The fine arts not only creates a platform for students to express themselves artistically but it creates a culture of creative thinkers, problem solvers and collaborators," Rose said. "Our theatre program's mission statement is 'using our passion and our purpose for promotion,' which is exactly what Vuong showcased in his video."

After graduation, Duong plans to major in English or Mathematics in college. He has aspirations of becoming a teacher.

"I want to instill the same kindness and wisdom that I have been fortunate enough to receive throughout my life."

He also wants to feed his performance passions, which include acting, magic, and singing.

"I want people to know that theatre is not limited to acting and singing. Anything that requires entertaining and conveying a message of some sort to a crowd is an "art" and should be respected as such."

Duong hopes that anyone who comes across his video can enjoy it, because it is a window into the world.

The Eisenhower Theatre students are currently competing in the 2020 Texas Thespian Festival. They are competing with hundreds of students from the state of Texas in performance and technical theatre. The Eisenhower troupe is competing in five categories this year. Solo musical, Monologue, Duet Acting, Costume Construction and Solo Dance. "The New Normal" virtual showcase will take place later this fall.



Eisenhower High School student Vuong Duong

HP, Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee donate computers to AISD students



A number of Aldine ISD students received computers from U.S. Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee and Hewlett Packard recently during a ceremony at Drew Academy. The students were provided the computers for taking part in the Drew Academy COVID Test Site in September. Pictured are Carver High School Assistant Principal James Shattle, left, Carver Principal Pertricia Ross and a Carver High student who is checking out his new computer.

HCC interior design students win top awards at national kitchen and bath event

HOUSTON (November 6) – Two interior design students in Houston Community College's interior design program earned top honors at a first-of-its kind student design competition sponsored by the National Kitchen & Bath Association's (NKBA) Texas Gulf Coast Chapter.

Kali Steele, a second-year student in HCC's kitchen & bath design professional program, was selected as the overall winner of the competition. Fellow second-year interior design student Abeda Sulemanji received the People's Choice award. The students received their honors October 29 at the NKBA's Monogram for Membership Celebration, which included a first-ever student design competition.

"We are thrilled that our HCC students did extremely well in this competition," says Kevin Hamby, RID, IDEC, ASID, IIDA, program coordinator and a faculty member in HCC's Interior Design program. "We know that our students are well prepared for their interior design careers. They all use state-of-the-art equipment and know the best techniques. But the secret sauce is their ability to hone their talents and create stunning work in a truly supportive, top-notch, professional environment. We think that gives them an edge."

Judges for the competition included: Peggy McGowen, founder of Kitchen & Bath Concepts of Houston and a past NKBA national president; Kevin C. Vick, president and CEO, Vick Construction and Remodeling Inc.; Scott B. Haig, past NKBA Texas Gulf Coast Chapter board member; and Suly C. Weissman, an architect and design building manager.

HCC's Interior Design program offers Associate degrees, certificates and occupational skills awards. It provides a balance of technical, creative, and business training necessary for a career in the interior

design profession. Students have the option of receiving an Occupational Skills Award (OSA) in Interior Design Communication; a Level 1 Certificate in Interior Design | Interior Decorating; and a Level 2 Certificate as a Kitchen & Bath Design Professional.

HCC also has a unique, 2+2 interior design agreement with Stephen F. Austin State University. Students can receive both an Associate degree from HCC and a bachelor's degree in interior design from SFA by attending all classes in Houston at HCC Central.

For more information on HCC's interior design program, please visit www.hccs.edu/interiordesign, www.hccs.edu/sfa or contact Kevin Hamby at kevin.hamby@hccs.edu.



Kali Steele (left) and Abeda Sulemanji (right) with their NKBA awards.



A rendering of Steele's award-winning design.

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AISD to hold TIP hearing at Nov. 17 Board meeting

In compliance with state requirements TEC 39A.055(3) and TEC 39A 057, a public hearing for Targeted Improvement Plans (TIPs) for campuses rated C Overall (D in a Domain), D Overall or F on the Texas Accountability System and campuses rated Comprehensive based on the federal requirements of Domain III must be held.

Campuses rated an overall D, F or Comprehensive are required to submit an Effective Schools Framework (ESF) Aligned TIP that will address areas of low performance identified through the three state accountability domains. The targeted elements in the plan will be implemented and monitored throughout the year as campuses engage in the continuous improvement process.

Campus rated an overall C (D in a Domain) addressed their areas of low performance during the development of their Campus Improvement Plans (CIPs). These elements will be implemented and monitored throughout the year to ensure progress towards all goals. Adjustments will be made accordingly.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

HCC offers career path for in-demand collision repair specialists

Houston (November 5, 2020) – As more vehicles hit the roads and the likelihood of accidents increase, the growing demand for trained auto body and collision technicians is expected to persist. Similar to other skilled trades, there is a shortage of auto body and collision repair technicians across the United States.

Houston Community College offers a certificate in Auto Body/Collision Repair at the Automotive Technology Training Center (ATTC) located near communities along the I-45 North corridor. The program affords enrolled students an opportunity to attend class close to home and complete the program in one year.

Students learn structural analysis, advanced refinishing, collision welding, as well as vehicle trim and hardware from experienced instructors. As a part of the training, students also learn skills that can prepare them to for employment with insurance companies as collision inspectors.

"Most do not think of the auto body and collision re-



HCC auto body student in training with instructor

pair technician until they are involved in an accident and pressed to find someone who is highly-skilled and able to return their vehicle back to its pre-accident condition. HCC is focused on producing that highly-skilled technician in order to meet industry demands," says David Vogel, the dean of the Automotive Center of Excellence.

Upon completion of the program, graduates can earn a living wage with a beginning salary of \$38,000 repairing wrecked vehicles at dealerships, independent or custom body shops, and franchise collision repair centers, which

are often located in their community. The program is open to high school graduates and individuals without a high school diploma who are not seeking financial aid. The auto body/collision repair career field is also one with opportunities that exist for individuals with infractions on their record.

HCC is registering for in-person lab-based auto body/collision repair courses for the spring semester that begins January 19. The ATTC is located at 4638 Airline Drive, Houston, TX 77022. For more information, call 713.718.8100 or visit hccs.edu/auto.

Voters select two new Lone Star College Board of Trustees members

HOUSTON (Nov. 4) – The Lone Star College Board of Trustees will have two new members following last night's election. The newly elected members will each serve six year terms and begin their service at the Dec. 10, 2020, Board of Trustees meeting.

Representing District 3 will be Iesheia Ayers-Wilson and District 9 Jim Cain.

"I look forward to working with the newly elected members of the Lone Star College System Board of Trustees," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "I also want to express

my appreciation to the returning board members for their commitment to our students helping provide the resources necessary to receive the highest quality of education possible."

Trustees are elected by voters who live in the LSC district for which the single-member district election is being held. LSC trustees serve staggered terms – three of nine trustees come up for election every two years – so that there are always experienced members sitting on the board.

The LSCS Board of Trustees adopted an order declaring unopposed can-

didate Art Murillo elected as Trustee for District 4 on the Board of Trustees and canceling the November 2020 election for District 4 only during a special meeting held Sept. 4.

"I would personally like to thank Alton Smith and Ken E Lloyd for their years of service," said Head. "Their work and impact will be felt for years to come."

In addition to the newly elected Trustees, Michael Stoma, Ernestine M. Pierce, Art Murillo, David Vogt, Myriam Saldivar, Linda Good and Mike Sullivan will continue to serve on the board.

Testing Sites for COVID-19 week of Nov. 9-14

Houston Health Department, partners announce free COVID-19 testing schedule for week of November 9

HOUSTON - The Houston Health Department and its agency partners are announcing the schedule for sites offering free COVID-19 tests the week of November 9, 2020. The week will offer 15 free testing sites across Houston, including three mega sites.

Houston Health Department

The Houston Health Department, in partnership with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and the State of Texas, will offer testing (self nasal swab) at its Southwest Multi-Service Center, 6400 High Star Drive. The site has a 1,250 daily test capacity and will open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Appointments are available at doinedacovid19test.com. On-site registration is also available.

The department also offers free drive-thru testing (self nasal swab) at the Aramco Services Company, 9009 W. Loop South. The mega testing site will open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It remains open until reaching daily capacity of 1,000 tests.

People wanting to get tested at the Aramco site can call the department's COVID-19 Call Center at 832-393-4220 between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. to receive an access code.

The department will offer testing at three of its multi-service centers. The sites don't require appointments and open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until each reaches its daily capacity of 250 tests. The sites, which will close Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans' Day, are:

Kashmere Multi-Service Center, 4802 Lockwood; drive thru only, (self oral swab) Sunnyside Multi-Service Center, 9314 Cullen; drive thru and walk up, (self nasal swab) and

Hiram Clark Multi-Service Center, 3810 W. Fuqua; drive thru only, (self nasal swab). The department will provide (self nasal swab) testing at the METRO Addicks Park & Ride, 14230 Katy Freeway, and the Multicultural Center, 951 Tristar Drive, city of Webster. Appointments are available by calling the department's call center at 832-393-4220.

Texas Division of Emergency Management

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Houston Astros offer free COVID-19 tests (self oral swab) daily at Minute Maid Park (Lot C), 2208 Preston. The testing site's capacity is 1,200 tests per day.

The site features evening hours twice a week, eight drive-thru testing lanes and four walk-up testing lanes. It opens 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday and from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Spanish-speaking staff is available on-site.

Visit texas.curativeinc.com to set an appointment or obtain more information. On-site registration is also available.

TDEM and the department will also operate drive-thru testing sites (self oral swab) Monday through Saturday at:

HCC - Northeast Campus, 555 Community College Drive, and HCC - South Campus, 1990 Airport Blvd. Appointments are required, available at texas.curativeinc.com.

TDEM and the department offer weekday testing (nasal swab by healthcare professional) at LeRoy Crump Stadium, 12321 Alief Clodine Rd. Appointments are required, available by visiting covidtest.tdem.texas.gov.

United Memorial Medical Center

United Memorial Medical Center (UMMC) will offer weekday testing (nasal swab by healthcare professional) at drive-thru test sites at:

Plaza Americas Mall, 7500 Bellaire Blvd., Houston Community College - Southeast, 6815 Rustic, and UMMC Tidwell, 510 W. Tidwell Rd.

The sites don't require appointments and offer testing from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until reaching daily capacity of 300 tests.

People needing information about UMMC test sites can call 1-866-333-COVID or visit ummcscreening.com.

Curative

Curative will begin providing daily tests at Kroger, 1801 S. Voss Rd, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments are available at texas.curativeinc.com.

Federally Qualified Health Centers

The health department is providing test kits, lab access and equipment to local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) so they can expand their COVID-19 testing capacity. The centers and phone numbers people can call to set up testing appointments are:

HOPE Clinic, 713-773-0803
Spring Branch Community Health Center, 713-462-6565
El Centro de Corazon, 713-660-1880
Avenue 360 Health and Wellness, 713-426-0027
Lone Star Circle of Care at the University of Houston, 346-348-1200, and
Scarsdale Family Health Center, 281-824-1480.

FQHC patients pay what they can afford, based on income and family size, and are not denied services due to inability to pay or lack of insurance.

The department and its agency partners may shift locations and schedules of test sites to better meet community needs. Houstonians can visit HoustonEmergency.org/covid19 for current Houston testing sites and information about stopping the spread of the virus.

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OPINION PAGE

COUNTY CONNECTION
Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo



Applause for our Voters and Poll Workers

Harris County, you never fail to impress. Across the country, people are buzzing about the incredible numbers of voters we have had during our early vote period. By the time early voting shut down last Friday after 18 days, 1,435,221 (or 57.85% of registered voters) had cast their ballots. That is well beyond the total number of voters for each of the entire 2016 and 2018 elections! You have come through this election season by volunteering to help folks register, working the polls, and generally offering one another the support and encouragement we all need to believe that we can make a difference. We are a strong, resilient, and driven community and we are determined to have our voices heard, both within Texas and across the country. I have never been more proud of our residents and our tireless poll workers who are making this incredible movement of civic participation happen.

And while you all are showing up for this election like never before, Harris County government has been working harder than ever before to make your voting experience what you need it to be. We are bending over backwards to make sure that our polls are safe for you to visit — by offering masks, hand sanitizer, wipes, and finger coverings, and ensuring social distancing. We tripled the number of early vote locations and worked with partners to open large accessible venues such as the Toyota Center, NRG, and BBVA Stadium. For the first time, we offered drive-thru voting and had a day in which polls were open 24 hours. We are doing everything we can to make the voting process what it should be — safe, secure, and accessible so that every eligible resident can confidently exercise their right to vote, and in the middle of a global pandemic, no less.

Tomorrow, November 3rd, is election day, your final day to vote. So many of you have already cast your ballots in this election, but for those who haven't, please don't miss this chance to make history. If you requested a mail-in ballot, please drop it off at the county's mail ballot drop-off location at NRG Park. If you're voting in person, I promise it will be as painless as possible. I know you won't let your county or your country down.

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"I love the polls — I only vote for who is ahead!"
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(VIA CELL) "Polls? WHAT polls?"

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Chris Cobler



It's not just Election Day any longer

For most Texans, Election Day is a misnomer. More Texans voted early this year than cast their ballots during all of the 2016 general election. Many more voted early than went to the polls on Election Day.

A record 9.7 million people, or 57% of registered voters, completed their civic duty during the extended early voting period of Oct. 13-30, or by mail, according to the Texas Secretary of State.

Voters don't register by party in Texas, so political pundits could only speculate about whether the record early turnout favored either Democrats or Republicans. Either way, the intense voter interest is unquestioned. When final election results are in, the state's percentage of registered voters who cast ballots was expected to surpass 60% for the first time since the early 1990s.

20 YEARS OF DEATHS DAILY ON TEXAS ROADS
Texas is approaching a deadly milestone that the Texas Department of Transportation is working to prevent.

The last deathless day on Texas roads was Nov. 7, 2000. Through its campaign #EndTheStreak, TxDOT is trying to stop 20 consecutive years of daily deaths on Texas roads. During that time, more than 70,000 people have died.

An average of 10 people die every day in crashes in the state.

"This is so horrific. Come on Texas! We can do better!" said Dr. Beverly Thompson Kuhn of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

A&M STUDY ANALYZES MEDICAID EXPANSION

The state of Texas could deal with part of its looming budget shortfall by expanding Medicaid coverage, according to Republican Rep. Lyle Larson of San Antonio.

Larson's position, endorsed by the Texas Medical Association, came in

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Chris Cobler



response to a new Texas A&M study that Medicaid expansion would bring the state about \$5.4 billion from the federal government. Texas is one of 12 states that have chosen to not participate in Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.

Most state Republicans strongly oppose the Affordable Care Act, which is going before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"As we address the budget shortfall in the next session, we should seriously consider accessing federal Medicaid funding," Larson tweeted. "This recently released study shows Texas is losing out on \$5.4 billion while 38 other states are taking the federal dollars."

NEW LAW PROTECTS BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS

Women are allowed to pump breast milk anywhere in public, the Texas Comptroller's Office reminded the public in its latest issue of "Tax Policy News."

A bill passed in the last legislative session aims to make it clear for businesses and employers that breast pumping in public is allowed just as breastfeeding already was under Texas law.

Texas Health and Human Services offers support for breastfeeding mothers. The Texas Lactation Support Hotline number is 855-550-6667.

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE; LICENSE PLATE IS \$30

You can soon buy a Texas license plate that floats like a butterfly, or at least appears to do so.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently announced the winner of its newest conservation license plate design. The public selected its favorite monarch butterfly design through an online survey.

Proceeds from the sale of the plates go to help conserve monarch butterflies and other at-risk, non-game species native to Texas. To be notified when the plates go on sale in March, sign up at <http://bit.ly/TPWDEmailNotification>.

All conservation specialty plates cost \$30 a year, with \$22 going to the parks and wildlife agency.

CHANGES PROPOSED TO SEXUAL ASSAULT LAWS

Look for laws regarding sexual assault to change in the upcoming legislative session.

The Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force has issued its first report to the Texas Legislature. The group began meeting earlier this year after being created by the passage of House Bill 1590 during the 2019 session.

The report includes 11 policy recommendations for the upcoming legislative session. A few of those:

- Remove law enforcement's ability to decline forensic medical examinations for sexual assaults reported within 120 hours and clarify language pertaining to law enforcement's ability to decline forensic medical examinations outside of 120 hours.

- Require law enforcement to complete the Office of the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Request for Sexual Assault Exam form for every sexual assault that is reported to them.

- Require that a forensic medical exam be offered to all children who report a sexual assault, including cases reported more than 120 hours post-assault.

- Remove the word "alleged" when referencing a sexual assault or other sex offense.

One-third of adult Texans, or 6.3 million people, have experienced sexual assault at some point in their lives, according to a 2015 study by the University of Texas at Austin's Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

"Early Snow"

This has been a year that defies explanations.

I spoke with my parents a week or so ago. We have used Zoom and other types of video to communicate but, more often than not, I just call up my dad, he puts me on speaker, and we chat as we always have.

My parents were about to go skiing. They live in the north, but they don't live on the North Pole. It was much too early to cross-country ski, but they'd had an early snow and my mom decided they should give it a try.

"You know what is going to happen," I told them.

"Uh-huh," my dad said. "First the snow is going to stick to the bottom of your skis, then the leaves are going to stick," I told them. "You are going to be stuck in place!" I felt like the voice of doom, truth-telling to my very experienced 80-some-year-old parents.

"Yeah," my mother admitted, "I'm sure you're right!" I could tell this would not deter her for a minute.

My husband, Peter, and I were preparing for a visit from my former brother-in-law, Jason. This is the first visitor we've had in eight months and his visit precipitated a lot of house-cleaning. There are places we just don't get around to cleaning until we are confronted with the prospect of company.

"The baseboards in the bathroom were filthy!" Peter informed me. "Your desk is covered in dust!" I told him.

We cleaned places we hadn't looked at closely in three-quarters of a year so that we could entertain Jason, who spent almost the entire time on our patio, which Peter swept for the occasion. Peter made his famous enchiladas, and I made my Aunt Betty's apple squares, and it was a lovely evening. Peter built a fire and we sat around and talked until much later than I usually stay up.

Jason's father, my former father-in-law, is 94 and failing and Jason is driving all the way from California to Wisconsin to see him—even though he knows he'll have to visit his father through a window, even though he'll have to drive through a lot of illness and some early winter storms to get there.

"I didn't think I was going!" Jason told me, just before he left. He sounded a little surprised.

But he ended up renting a car and is driving to see his dad, who now weighs only 100 pounds, who may or may not recognize him when he gets there, and who is no longer able to converse.

"I wasn't going to go," Jason repeated. "But now I'm going."

For quite a while, I've been trying to let go of expectations. People say that holding too tightly to our expectations only leads to unhappiness, but I've always had a hard time letting them go. I like the idea that I have some idea of where my life is headed and what is going to happen next.

A few hours after I spoke with my parents, I saw a photo posted on Facebook of my mom on her skis in the woods. Their house was nowhere in sight so they must have made it some distance. I'm sure it wasn't great skiing—but that wasn't really the point, was it?

If this year has taught me anything, it's that maybe I need to let go of some of my expectations of how things work. This isn't the year for them.

I looked again at the photo of my mom. She's skiing in the early snow and smiling.

Till next time,
Carrie
Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

SPORTS PAGE

Colts, Titans battle for first place in AFC South: Alabama looks to extract revenge against LSU



For the second straight week, Thursday Night Football should be worth watching. After the Packers played at San Francisco last Thursday, this week the Indianapolis Colts will take on the Tennessee Titans with the winner taking over first place in the AFC South.

Two weeks ago, the Colts eased by Detroit 41-21, while the Titans were upset by the lowly Cincinnati Bengals, 31-20.

While those two go at it in Nashville, the Houston Texans head to Cleveland to face the Browns. Thankfully, the Dallas Cowboys are off so we don't have to watch that train wreck of a team this weekend.

Other interesting matchups have the 49ers visiting the Saints, Tampa Bay has a tough one in Carolina and on Sunday Night Football, the Baltimore Ravens visit the struggling New England Patriots.

In college action, No. 2-ranked Alabama will head to Baton Rouge to take on the defending national champion LSU Tigers. A year ago, LSU handed Nick Saban's team a 46-41 loss in Tuscaloosa and you had better believe that the Crimson Tide will be out for revenge on Saturday night in Death Valley. Jimbo Fisher's No. 7-ranked Texas A&M Aggies head to Knoxville to take on Tennessee in a game the Aggies can't afford to look past. The Vols have struggled this year, but they have enough talent to give the Aggies a game if they aren't focused.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, let's review last week's record. An 11-1 week (best of the season) upped the season record to 53-28 (64%). Now, onto this weekend's games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Davis vs. Nimitz: Scott Joseph's Falcons take on Richard Slater's Cougars on Thursday evening in Thorne Stadium.

um. Two weeks ago the Falcons to Spring, while Nimitz dropped a hard-fought 27-20 decision to Eisenhower. In that game, Nimitz running back Jayvon Davis had touchdown runs of 98 and 20 yards. My pick, Nimitz 26, Davis 23

MacArthur vs. Eisenhower: Wayne Crawford's Generals face off against Eric Jackson's Eagles on Friday night in Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, MacArthur fell to a very good Westfield team, while the Eagles overcame a 20-0 halftime deficit and rebounded for a 27-20 win. Ike running back Waymon Finley scored two rushing touchdowns (24 and 45 yards). My pick, Eisenhower 34, MacArthur 20

Aldine at Spring: Hank Semler's Mustangs take on a talented Spring team on Saturday in Planet Ford Stadium in Spring. Spring has a high-powered offense as evidenced by the 50 points they put up on Davis two weeks ago. My pick, Spring 35, Aldine 17

NCAA
Wisconsin at Michigan: A good one in the Big 10 pits the Badgers against the Wolverines in Michigan Stadium. Wisconsin opened the season with a 45-7 thumping of Illinois as quarterback Graham Mertz had an outstanding debut by throwing for 248 yards and five touchdowns. Wisconsin's game against Nebraska was canceled two weeks ago because of a COVID 19 outbreak among players and staff members. While the Badgers were idle two weeks ago, the Wolverines lost to arch rival Michigan State 27-24 at home. Jim Harbaugh's team opened the season with an impressive win at Minnesota.

He is hoping quarterback Joe Milton (525 yards, 1 TD) and running back Hassan Haskins (138 yards, 3 TDs) get back on track on Saturday. My pick, Michigan 30, Wisconsin 27

Texas A&M at Tennessee: The Aggies hit the road for the second straight week when they visit Knoxville to take on a Tennessee team that lost three of its first five games. The Aggies will once again rely on senior quarterback Kellen Mond (1,244 yards, 12 TDs) and running back Isaiah Spiller (512 yards, 5 TDs) to get things done against the Vols. Two weeks ago in their 42-24 win over Arkansas, Mond broke Johnny Manziel's career yardage record and will look to add to those numbers against a suspect Tennessee defense. Tennessee quarterback Jarrett Guaratano (914 yards, 6 TDs) has struggled this year. Look for the A&M defense to bring the heat to force a turnover or two from the Vol QB. My pick, Texas A&M 31, Tennessee 23

Alabama at LSU: It's payback time for the Crimson Tide. As mentioned earlier, LSU put up 46 points on the 'Bama defense a year ago and I'm sure Saban has reminded his defense of that all week long as the Tide has prepared for this game. The Tigers have struggled this year as evidenced by the 48-11 pounding they took at Auburn two weeks ago. I expect Alabama quarterback Mac Jones (2,196 yards, 16 TDs) to attack the LSU defense from the get go. Running back Najee Harris (714 yards, 14 TDs) and wide receiver Devonta Smith (56 receptions, 759 yards, 8 TDs) should have big days against a young LSU defense. Look for the Crimson Tide to con-

tinue rolling against the Tigers. My pick, Alabama 38, LSU 20

NFL

Indianapolis at Tennessee: A big one in the AFC South pits the Colts against the Titans on Thursday Night Football. Indy QB Phillip Rivers (1,860 yards, 10 TDs) is beginning to look like his old self and that's good news for Colt fans. Rookie running back Jonathan Taylor (389, 3 TDs) has given Indy a solid running game, but he will be tested by a solid Titans defense that will be in a nasty mood after allowing the Bengals to score 31 points against them two weeks ago. The Titans offense will have its hands full against one of the league's best defenses. Look for running back Derrick Henry (775 yards, 8 TDs) to be featured early to set up quarterback Ryan Tannehill (1,823 yards, 17 TDs) and the play action passing game. Tennessee wide receiver Corey Davis (29 receptions, 369 yards, 3 TDs) has been coming on lately and look for him to hook up with Tannehill with a deep strike or two against the Colts. The Titans are tough to beat at home. My pick, Tennessee 24, Indianapolis 20

Houston at Cleveland: The Texans hit the road for the second straight week and head to Cleveland to take on the Browns. Two weeks ago, the Browns dropped a 16-6 decision as Baker Mayfield (1,514 yards, 15 TDs) had a rough day, but he should rebound nicely against the putrid Houston defense. Texans QB Deshaun Watson (2,095 yards, 15 TDs) will need to use his legs in this one because Cleveland has one of the league's top pass rushers in former Aggie Myles Garrett. Look for Garrett to wreak havoc on the Houston line. I think the Texans hang around in this one, but look for Mayfield to outduel Watson in the Dawg Pound. My pick, Cleveland 30, Houston 23

Tampa Bay at Carolina: Tom Brady and the Bucs travel to Carolina to take on Teddy Bridgewater (2,006 yards, 9 TDs) and the Panthers. Bridgewater might have All-Pro running back Christian McCaffrey back for this game and that would be a huge boost to the Panther offense. McCaffrey sustained a high ankle sprain in Week 2 and has been inactive since that game. If he returns, he will face one of the fastest and best defenses in the NFL. Look for Brady to have another big day and look for him to bring wide receiver Antonio Brown into the fold. Tampa Bay is loaded on offense and Brown, the former standout wide receiver with the Steelers, give Brady one more weapon to play with. My pick, Tampa Bay 32, Carolina 24

San Francisco at New Orleans: It might be getting to desperation time for the defending NFC champions, who can ill afford many more losses if they hope to defend their conference title in 2020. Two weeks ago, the 49ers dropped a 37-27 decision at Seattle, which was their fourth loss of the season. They are currently in last place in the NFC West. While the 49ers were losing on the road, the Saints picked up a 26-23 overtime win at Chicago. The Saints will once again be led by quarterback Drew Brees (1,898 yards, 13 TDs) and running back Alvin Kamara (431 rushing yards, 4 TDs/55 receptions, 556 yards, 3 TDs). A year ago, these two teams played a thriller in the Superdome, with the 49ers pulling at a 48-46 victory. New Orleans extracts revenge this time around. My pick, New Orleans 33, San Francisco 28

Baltimore at New England: When the schedule came out in the spring, this looked like a marquee matchup, but that's not the case now. Bill Belichick's Patriots are having one of their worst seasons in decades. After they

dropped a 24-21 decision at Buffalo two weeks ago, the six-time Super Bowl champions dropped to 2-5 on the season. Quarterback Cam Newton (1,143 passing yards, 2 TDs, 7 interceptions/298 rushing yards, 6 TDs) has struggled and very well could be replaced. The Ravens dropped a 28-24 decision at home to the Steelers two weeks ago and fell two games behind Pittsburgh in the AFC North race. Quarterback Lamar Jackson (1,343 passing yards, 12 TDs/411 rushing yards, 2 TDs) will look to make plays down field to speedy wide receiver Marquise Brown (27 receptions, 379 yards, 2 TDs) and over the middle to dependable tight end Mark Andrews (23 receptions, 5 TDs). Look for Baltimore to take care of business on Sunday Night Football as the misery continues in New England. My pick, Baltimore 26, New England 20

Minnesota at Chicago: A so-so one for Monday Night Football has the Vikings visiting the Bears in Soldier Field. Two weeks ago, Viking running back Dalvin Cook ran roughshod over the Green Bay defense, amassing 226 total yards from scrimmage along with four touchdowns (3 rushing, 1 receiving). Cook will face a much better defense this week when he faces the Bears, but it's the Chicago offense that is the problem in the Windy City. Quarterback Nick Foles (1,411 yards, 8 TDs) continues to struggle and head coach Matt Nagy may have to go back to former starter Mitchel Trubisky, which isn't much of an improvement. Look for the Chicago defense to be the difference maker in this one as the Bears remain in the hunt in the NFC North.

Aldine ISD 2020 6A Football Schedule

Aldine High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Oct. 8	Eisenhower	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 15	MacArthur	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 23	Davis	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 31	Dekaney	Thorne	H	1:00 PM
Nov. 5	BYE			
Nov. 14	Spring	Planet Ford	A	12:00 PM
Nov. 20	Westfield	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Nov. 27	Nimitz	Thorne	A	1:00 PM
Dec. 3	BYE			

MacArthur High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Oct. 9	Nimitz	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 15	Aldine	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 22	Dekaney	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 30	Westfield	Planet Ford	A	7:00 PM
Nov. 5	BYE			
Nov. 13	Eisenhower	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Nov. 21	Davis	Thorne	A	1:00 PM
Nov. 27	Spring	Thorne	H	6:00 PM
Dec. 3	BYE			

Davis High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Oct. 8	Westfield	Planet Ford	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 16	Eisenhower	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 23	Aldine	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 29	Spring	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Nov. 5	BYE			
Nov. 12	Nimitz	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Nov. 21	MacArthur	Thorne	H	1:00 PM
Nov. 27	Dekaney	Planet Ford	A	6:00 PM
Dec. 3	BYE			

Nimitz High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Oct. 9	MacArthur	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 15	Dekaney	Planet Ford	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 24	Westfield	Thorne	H	1:00 PM
Oct. 30	Eisenhower	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
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Nov. 12	Davis	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Nov. 20	Spring	Planet Ford	A	7:00 PM
Nov. 27	Aldine	Thorne	H	1:00 PM
Dec. 3	BYE			

Eisenhower High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Oct. 8	Aldine	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 16	Davis	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 23	Spring	Planet Ford	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 30	Nimitz	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Nov. 5	BYE			
Nov. 13	MacArthur	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Nov. 19	Dekaney	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Nov. 27	Westfield	Planet Ford	A	12:00 PM
Dec. 3	BYE			



(HC) Homecoming
(SN) Senior Night

COMMUNITY WATCH

Fatal Crash at 7100 Jensen Drive

Houston police are investigating a fatal hit-and-run crash at 7100 Jensen Drive that occurred about 3:45 a.m. today (November 3).

The identity of the male victim, 44, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Rose and Officer J. Roberson reported:

Witnesses stated the victim was walking on the southbound lanes of Jensen at the above address and, after seeing him stumble and fall, believed he was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. A short time later, witnesses heard a crash and saw a black Nissan sedan or a gray pickup truck drive away from the scene, traveling southbound.

Paramedics transported the victim to Ben Taub General Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Anyone with information on the wanted vehicle or suspect driver is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4072 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Investigation into Shooting at 1200 West Tidwell Road

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a juvenile male at 1200 West Tidwell Road about 1:15 p.m. on Thursday (November 5).

The victim, 15, was transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division Officers J. Kimbrough and A. Merino reported:

The victim and another male, 16, were sitting and talking on the front porch of an apartment at the above address when an unknown suspect drove up in a black, four-door sedan, rolled down the window and fired shots at both victims. The victim was struck in the leg. The other juvenile was not injured. The suspect fled the scene in an unknown direction.

The victim and his friend walked home. A family member then transported the wounded juvenile to the hospital.

At this time, there is no known motive or suspect(s).

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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2. From Matthew 13, what baking item did Jesus compare to the kingdom of heaven? Eggs, Milk, Salt, Yeast
3. In Genesis 6:3, how many years

did God set as mankind's age limit? 120, 490, 612, 969

4. Where does one go to find balm, according to Jeremiah? Corinth, Joppa, Derbe, Gilead
5. Which of these women wore a nose ring? Esther, Mary Magdalene, Rebekah, Martha
6. Who tested the will of the Lord with a fleece? Jehu, Gideon, Amos,

Ahaziah
ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Yeast; 3) 120; 4) Gilead; 5) Rebekah (Gen 24:47); 6) Gideon
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Therapy Dogs make Life - and Death easier

What are grief therapy dogs? Meet Axl and Izzy, who work full-time at this Houston funeral home

"They are with us every day at our funeral home, and assist with all of our daily activities"

Meet Axl and Izzy. Axl, also known as "Grief Therapy Dood" and Izzy, "Grief Therapy Doodette," are certified therapy dogs and work full-time as grief therapy dogs at Carter-Conley Funeral Home in Houston.

Although there are several others in Texas and throughout the country, Axl and Izzy are the only certified therapy dogs assisting full-time at a funeral home in Houston, according to Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

Axl and Izzy, with their "parents" and owners of Carter-Conley Funeral Home, Lisa and Brad Conley, also volunteer at nursing and senior living homes, medical facilities, community events and

other places where happiness is needed.

Axl began his career at Carter-Conley Funeral Home at just 2 months old, a job that involved traveling to work with the Conleys every day, socializing with people and beginning his training with a dog trainer, who was also a licensed mortician. Axl later received his certification as a therapy dog and continues to comfort families at Carter-Conley Funeral Home at a time when they need it most.

As for Izzy, she was adopted from a family after Lisa and Brad Conley responded to a re-homing request. After meeting her, they just couldn't resist that little black fluff ball, they said, and decided to add another therapy "dood" to the pack.

"Axl and Izzy have become best buds, and it is obvious that Izzy looks up to her big brother," Lisa and Brad Conley said. "He



IZZY AND AXL ON THE JOB.

is the best role model."

Izzy began training to be a therapy dog immediately, and she started joining Axl and their "parents" at the funeral home every day. Izzy responded well to interacting with people and always seemed comfortable with the unique scenarios and

brother Axl's paw-prints, Izzy became a certified therapy dog.

Axl and Izzy have their own scheduled therapy visits where they are happily welcomed by the residents and staff every week at a local retirement home, along with their regular therapy visits at a local rehabilitation facility, and of course, both working every day at their full-time jobs at Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

"Axl and Izzy are always on the move and are happy to ride along with us wherever we go," the Conleys said. "They are with us every day at our funeral home and assist with all of our daily activities, including welcoming guests, comforting the families during the planning/arrangement meeting — they walk around and mingle, usually entertaining and bringing much-needed smiles to the family members and friends of

the deceased during services."

Lisa and Brad Conley continued, saying it's fun to watch the joy and comfort that the dogs truly bring to people.

"Not only do they bring happiness to the families that we serve, but our employees enjoy having them around, as well," they said. "Having therapy dogs Axl, and now Izzy, at our funeral home has been a wonderful and unique form of support and an invaluable addition to our lives and the lives of the families that we serve."

More fun facts from the Conleys:

"Axl and Izzy and both Golden Doodles, and that is how we came up with Axl's title, 'Grief Therapy Dood' and Izzy, 'Grief Therapy Doodette.'"

They are each named after members of the rock band Guns N' Roses.

Election Results,

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For Harris County Attorney, Christian Dashaun Menefee defeated John Nation with 55% of the vote in his favor. Menefee is the first minority race HC Attorney. He replaces the retiring Vince Ryan. For Harris County Sheriff, the popular incumbent Ed Gonzalez defeated Joe Danna. Gonzalez had 57% of the vote, Danna 43%. Two races had candidates trying to regain their old positions. For Tax Assessor-Collector, Ann Harris Bennett defeated the previous office holder

Chris Daniel, with 53% of the vote. For County Clerk, Teneshia Hudspeth had 54% against previous clerk Stan Stanart.

Harris County had an important race for County Commissioner. With incumbent commissioner Steve Radaack retiring, the voters in Precinct 5 sent another Republican to the panel. Tom Ramsey was elected with 52% of the vote, versus Michael Moore with 47%.

Two Constable races were followed with great

interest. In Precinct 2, Jerry Garcia had defeated incumbent Chris Diaz in the primary, and in the general election he won over the Republican challenger Daniel Vela with 61.6% of the vote. Garcia had 51,333 votes, Vela had 32,103 votes.

In Constable district Precinct 3, popular incumbent Sherman Eagleton was challenged by Andre Hines. Eagleton got 60% of the vote, or 72,429 ballots, versus Hines 48,064 or 40%.

Pct. 2 Cleans Ditches,

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gotten to a million feet, we did it 2 months ahead of schedule! What we've accomplished in one year is collectively more than had been done in the previous two years combined. The hard work of my office will make a huge difference to reduce the risk of Precinct 2 neighborhoods flooding."

As a comparison, in 2017 Precinct 2 completed just over 200,000 linear feet of drainage maintenance. In 2019, Commissioner Garcia's first year in office, the Public Works team completed over

500,000 LF of ditching. And this year, despite the pandemic and having one of the busiest hurricane seasons, the team accomplished the goal of 1,000,000 linear feet two months ahead of schedule. This is an extraordinary accomplishment thanks to a committed team. The geographic areas of focus for the ditching program included: Baytown, Channelview, Crosby, Pasadena, Huffman/Atascocita, Aldine, Barrett as well as several others.

For video of the event

surrounding the millionth linear feet dug, please visit the Harris County Precinct 2 Facebook Page.

(<https://www.facebook.com/harriscountyprecinct2/videos/1032826077159144>).

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