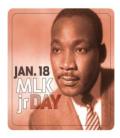
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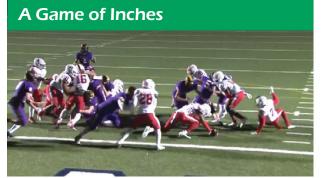
Luncheon

# Cougar 62-61 win propels Crosby to State

puted best game of the Tex-as high school play-offs, the Cougars scratched the Liberty Hill Panthers 62 to 61 last Friday. This Friday, the Cougars

travel to Arlington to take on Aledo, defending their third straight State title. That sounds daunting but Crosby has conquered four undefeated teams in a row now. These include an overtime stinging of the Hunts-ville Hornets 32-29; Fort Bend Marshall 37-38 who were two-time reigning state finalist. The last time Crosby was this far along in the hunt for the State was 1960. This team in tends to get there, their moto is "All Gas And No Brakes."

Against Liberty Hill Panthers, Crosby dominated in the first quarter with



Liberty Hill fails to score their third consecutive extra two points when they fumble just before the goal line against a stalwart Crosby defense.

es on both sides conceded forced punts.

Liberty Hill, a first season 5A football contender with a distinguished career in 4A under coach Jeff Walker, who expired in November, has dazzled all opponents with a slot-t offense but needed to go to the air against the Cougars. With just over three minutes left in the opening quarter Liberty Hill scored on a pass. Liberty Hill ran for over 230 yards in the first half, pass completions got them touchdowns.



Crosby's run and pass options carry them to victory over teams that have not been beaten before.

Crosby would conclude the opening quarter with a touchdown with conds left.

The Panthers came raging back in the second quarter and passed to Blake Lynch for an 80 yard touchdown but Crosby returned the kick-

Both teams would score again in the middle of the quarter, like

> Crosby to State Continued on Page 6

#### Monthly Luncheon, at Crosby Church. Lunch catered by Teapot Depot, begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost

\$20. SPEAKER is Jamie Lee. Third Coast Bank. talking on the SBA New Relief Package (PPP and more). RSVP by Jan. 19, at 281-328-6984 or chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org.

### COVID-19

Cases as of January 12, 2021

#### **HOUSTON AREA**

**424,203 POSITIVE 4,456 DEATHS** 338,930 RECOVERED

#### **TEXAS**

1,993,187 POSITIVE **30.629 DEATHS** 1,568,710 RECOVERED

#### **UNITED STATES**

22,775,378 POSITIVE 379,444 DEATHS --- RECOVERED

#### **WORLDWIDE**

91,374,370 POSITIVE 1,956,635 DEATHS 50,537,714 RECOVERED

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jan 16-Connie Williams Aleta Rennett James Dammon Patsy Dammon Jan 17–Meledy Oviedo Jaxson Matthew

Boyd Jan 18–Sharon T. Walk-

Gabe Welsh

Jan 19--Hanah Hilde-

Lacy Robinson Jan 20–Gary Langham Brenda Weber Jan 21–Ted Bloom James Mills, Sr

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Jan 25-Jim & Ronda Laut

#### **DEATHS**

Louise Beran Petters, 86, Crosby

### Texas Legislature convenes Before the pandemic opened after closing in

#### **New House** speaker lays out challenges

The 87th session of the Texas Legislature opened Tuesday with COVID-19 encompassing every aspect of what the lawmakers do, according to new House Speaker Dade Phelan.

"COVID, obviously, it will be a blanket over the entire session," Phelan told his hometown TV station, KFDM Channel 6, in Beaumont. "We will deal with it in every aspect of policy. It will be a huge determining factor in the

hit, Phelan said, legislators "were supposed to come into this budget cycle with a surplus, and now we're coming into it with a deficit ..." Money will be even tighter for the next two-year budget lawmakers write during the session, he said.

"The No. 1 goal is to get the economy back on track," Phelan said

For opening day, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and State Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth and chair of the administration committee, laid out safety protocols for lawmakers and visitors to follow at the Capitol, which recently reMarch because of the pandemic. The opening ceremony was scheduled to be shorter than usual to reduce time spent gathering.

"It's always been diffi-cult to be speaker. It's never been easy, but going into this session, the 87th, given the budget deficit, redistricting, and the fact that we have the first pandemic in 102 years in which to operate, I'm exceptionally proud they've given me this honor," Phelan said of the bipartisan coalition of lawmakers that voted for him to be the new speak-

See LEGISLATURE, p. 6

### **Rotary modifies** Feb. 6 Chili Feast

#### Raffle ON, Chili OUT, Location NEW

 ${\bf HIGHLANDS-The\ raf-}$ fle associated with the Annual Highlands Rotary Chili Feast will be held at The Highlands United Methodist Church, 107 W  $Houston\,St., Highlands, on$ Saturday, February 6th. Due to the pandemic, there will not be a Chili dinner, auction or any other type of events that is usually associated with the Chili Feast. Just the raffle. There will be nothing held at St. Judes Catholic church this year.

Rotarians will be at the Methodist Church from 9 am till 12 noon on Feb $6\mathrm{th}$ to sell tickets and people are encouraged to come there to buy tickets if they have not bought tickets yet. Cut off for ticket sales will be 12 noon on the 6th.

There will be a live internet feed, Facebook, Clubrunner or other location. The drawing will be held in the same manner as before all ticket stubs will be

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# Crosby man welcomes centenarian birthday



Alvin Stasney, 100, lives in Crosby where he was born on January 2, 1921 and stayed to raise his family. Stasney turned 100 years old on January 2 while recuperating in the hospital from partial hip replacement surgery. He is pictured on this great day with his wife, Virginia and three children, Rebecca, Laura and Mark. He can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 379, Crosby, Texas 77532. Alvin Stasney is the last living crew member of the Mairzy Doats, a World War II

Alvin Stasney is the last living crew member of the Mairzy Doats, a World War II bomber crew. The Mairzy Doats name was taken from the title of a nonsense song by the Pied Pipers that was just fun to sing and popularized during the war by Bob Hope and Bing Crosby. The song made the pop charts several times, with a version by the Merry Macs reaching No. 1 in March 1944.

1944, Alvin Stasney, served as navigator on a B-24 Liberator 4-engine bomber. At that time of the air war over Europe the loss rate for airmen was so high that it appeared statistically impossible to complete their required 25 missions to be sent home. mission accomplished." For example, upon joining the 392 Bomb Group based in Wendling England, my Dad's first mission was to bomb a Mess-erschmitt facility (Nazi airerschmitt facility (Nazi airplane manufacturing facility) near Gotha, Germany. On that day, 20% of the Liberators in his group were lost, and half of the planes that survived received battle damage. The crew was alone over Berlin unaware the mission was scrubbed.

According to the Mighty Eighth War Diary by Roger Freeman, on March 3, 1944 the entire 8th Air Force was dispatched to the Berlin area with approximately 750

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With zero visibility in any direction, Alvin Stasney's B-24, named the "Mairzy Doats" crossed through another B-24's propwash. Their plane went into a stall and partial tailspin, diving perilously toward the sea below. Pilot Joe Darnell struggled and eventually he pulled their Liberator out of its dive towards the frigid North Sea below.

The Mairzy Doats resumed course. Weather deteriorated, the temperature dropping below their gauge dial limit of minus 60? F. The aircraft radio stopped working, their wrist watches froze. With visibility still at zero, their plane became separated from the rest of the formation. However they continued on to the

war industrial target just north of Berlin, with Stasney navigating by instrument.

Nearing their target, Pilot Darnell found some visibility but no other aircraft was present. The entire force had been recalled due to the horrific weather conditions. Darnell's crew didn't receive the message due to distraction from their near crash and their radio malfunction.

Upon landing, Navigator Alvin Stasney and Bombardier Frank Richardson were immediately transported to the hospital by ambulance.

No debriefing of Alvin was done, so nothing was ever entered into the 392<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group official records regarding this first American B-24 over Berlin - albeit unofficial.

Both Stasney and Richardson flew the next two Berlin missions on March 6th and 8th. Richardson, was killed in action on March 18.

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### ON THE $\mathbf{HILL}$

Chambers County Library System - 2020 Summer Reading Program

By Annie Vass

Our 2020 "Imagine Reading Program was anything but usual! We made the change to an all-virtual program and summer we offered 83 virtual programs, which logged over 1,500 views We also had a total of 418 children, teens, and adults sign up for this year's virtual program. Combined they read an minutes this summer!

Teen program winners at the Chambers County Library in Mont Beavers, Libby Fowler, Shaiju, Fenecia Shaiju, and Vincenza Tacker wor prizes at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch in Mont Belvieu.

Adult program winners included Ti Johnson, Savannah Tucker, Stephen
Donnelly, Tracy Donnelly, Caroline Garner, Kay Howell, Darcy McDonald, Linda Curtis, Edwin Shipman, Shane Luckett, Ellen Krueger, Christine Clayton, Jenny Holzaepfel, Bob Koonce, Michael Clayton, and Angie Rendon were prize winners at the Mont Belvieu branch.

The Summer Reading Program is the biggest event of the year for the Library System. The support of our community and our sponsors helps make the summer program the success it is. In recognition of their contributions, program book dedicated in their libraries

The underwriters for the 2020 Summer Reading Program and their honorary books include:

Dollar General eracy Foundation – My Hero Academia Entergy - Perfectly

H-E-B – Diary of an 8-

ONEOK - My Hero

At Mont Belvieu:

Nelson – Island Boy; Combs – The Busy Tree; All About You – Just Me and My Dad; Barbers Hill Bank - This Is NOT a Pumpkin; Chili's -Orange Pear Apple Bear; Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex - Every Autumn Comes the Bear; Lercy's Diner West - Lawrence in the Fall: McDonald's -Digital Disaster; Prosperity Bank – Race to Mars; Starbucks Coffee Company – Slapdash Science; Floyds Cajun Seafood - The Golden Glow; Patients Emergency Room - In a Small Kingdom; Keller Williams Elite – Little

Annie Vass **Assistant County** 

Librarian Chambers County Library System 409-267-2555

# Chambers Co. EMS deploys to El Paso

Aids in care of COVID-19 Patients and data transmission

ANAHUAC-ChambersCounty Emergency Medical Services was deployed to the city of Del Rio last week to assist with the care and transport of patients suffering from the coronavirus.

To support its partner-client's mission, Beyond Lucid Technologies (BLT)

— a software firm that shares EMS & Fire data with hospitals and public health agencies and tracks patient care over time (including COVID-19 exposures, labs and vaccines) announced that it has activated access to inbound patient records for all 71



**Chambers County EMS in El Paso** 

hospitals that are affiliatas Regional Advisory Network (STRAC). All

NEMSIS-compliant paed with the Southwest Tex- tient care charting systems used by EMS & Fire agencies transporting patients

to the STRAC-affiliated facilities are supported. Patient records can be transferred to the hospital in as little as 30 seconds following submission via the MEDIVIEW BEACON Prehospital Health Information Exchange (HIE).
In addition to Chambers

County EMS, BLT collaborates with Cypress Creek EMS and the Harris County Emergency Services District 48 Fire Depart-

STRAC facilities include rural and military hospitals, and multi-site hospital systems including Christus Health and Bap-

tist Health. Every one now has a node on the MEDI-VIEW BEACON Prehospital HIE, joining hospitals in Harris, Chambers, Montgomery and Williamsburg counties — over 200 hospitals nationwide.

Records processed through the MEDIVIEW BEACON Prehospital HIE can be exported in federally standardized data formats (CCDs) that are consumable by hospitals' electronic health record systems and regional health information ex-

See CHAMBERS EMS.

# Newspaper journalist experiences vaccination shot for COVID-19

HOUSTON - January 4, 2021 - Many Harris County and Houston area hospitals and clinics have begun giving the Covid-19 vaccine shots to qualifying participants.

Currently the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has approved both the Pfizer (BioNTech) and Moderna vaccines to be used to prevent the deadly virus. These two vaccines have about a 95 percent effectiveness rate in clinical trials. You must receive two separate doses for it to be most effective against the virus.

NC Star writer and former Jacinto City Mayor Allan Jamail was given his first dose of the Pfizer vaccine and will receive his second dose three weeks later. He strongly encour-



**CUTLINE: At Baytown Methodist Hospital nurse Starlet** gives Allan Jamail, former Jacinto City Mayor & NC Star writer the Covid-19 virus vaccine. Photo by: Methodist Hospital staffer Alexis

ed from the virus to keep them and their love ones

As of January 4, 2021 Harris County has had 243,059 cases and 3,431 deaths. Texas has

high risk of heart disease

ages people to get vaccinat- 1,795,577 active virus cases and 27,903 deaths. Every 7 days there's an average of 204 deaths in

> According to the CDC the risk for severe illness with COVID-19 increases

with age, with older adults at highest risk Certain medical conditions can also increase risk for severe illness. People at increased risk, and those who live or visit with them, need to take precautions to protect themselves from getting COVID-19 by getting vaccinated.

Jamail, 76 years old said he contacted his medical doctor and asked to be placed on the waiting list for the vaccine. Within a week he received an emailed questionnaire for information about his age, medical conditions, allergies, allergic history and more. Within a few days he was given his appointment for the vaccine.

While some vaccinated have experienced non lifethreatening side effects Jamail said he's noticed

Who's getting the vaccine now? If you are a front-line healthcare worker or resident of a longterm care facility, you are eligible now to receive the vaccine, this group is considered Phase 1A.

If you are in Phase 1B, you are also eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine depending on availability of the provider near you.

To determine if you are in Phase 1A or 1B, visit the www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/ vaccine.aspx,

To check for the vaccine availability and providers near you click on the TEX-AS COVID-19 VACCINE PROVIDER LOCATIONS

# Fatty Liver Disease: A Silent Killer

BAYTOWN — (December 10, 2020) - Jamie Nettles used to work out regularly, but five years of eschewing healthy eating and exercise resulted in his weight increasing to 348

A routine exam by his primary care provider, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital physician Dr. Greg Terry, revealed the Porter resident's liver enzymes were high, causing Nettles to be referred to Houston Methodist Baytown gastroenterologist/ hepatologist Dr. Rashid Khan for further examina-

"I didn't know I had any problems until the test I received from Dr. Khan revealed I had fatty liver dis ease," Nettles, 51, said. "I had never heard of it."

Formally called non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), the term describes a range of liver conditions affecting nearly 100 million people in the U.S., many who drink little to no alcohol. The main characteristic of NAFLD is that too much fat is stored in liver cells, but it frequently has few warning signs or symptoms in its earliest stages. Left untreated, it may lead to cir-

rhosis of the liver. The condition may be diagnosed in people of all ages, but it is especially prevalent in people in their

due to the presence of risk factors like obesity and type 2 diabetes. While there is no "cure" for the disease, Khan says patients hold the key to re versing its potentially serious side effects."There are no pills that can be prescribed for this. It's a silent killer, but choosing a healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight and getting regular exercise may be effective in lowering the risk of NAFLD." Khan says. "The first line of treatment generally involves weight loss through eating a healthy diet and exercising regularly, although weight-loss surgery may be an option for those who are morbidly obese."Khan instructed Nettles to begin an exercise and healthy eating regimen, but due to the impact his excessive weight had on his joints, he found it difficult to exercise consistently. Khan then referred him to a bariatric surgeon, who performed the gastric sleeve procedure."I lost over 150 pounds, and my liver enzymes moved back in the right direction," recalls Nettles, a general manager with Hansa Meyer Glo-bal Transport. "It's all

about eating right and try-

ing to take care of your liv-

er. You know, you only get



Rashid Khan (left) and Jamie Nettles in the new offices of Houston Methodist Gastroenterology Associates.

one, so you have to take care of it."Khan says for most NAFLD patients, losing weight can help reverse liver damage. Because Nettles has received treatment for a blood disorder for several years, he must get regular checkups, including blood tests, which played a role in detecting the disease early "The best course of action, of course, is to avoid becoming obese, but seeing your primary care doctor regularly is so important, as is knowing what your proper weight should be," Khan said. "I'm shocked by how many people don't know what they should weigh. This disease takes

10 to 20 years to develop in some cases."Married to wife Deanna for five years Nettles has become an advocate for urging men to get routine checkups."If you don't take care of vourself, who's going to do it? You've got to get your body screened and checked be cause too much bad stuff can happen that can be detected early if you get the lab work done," Nettles said. "I want to thank Dr. Khan for telling me, 'Only you can change this. was a huge scare for me."Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is taking every necessary precaution during coronavirus pandemic to keep you and our staff members safe. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we

• Screening all patients, ensuring only those with-out COVID-19 symptoms are seen in the office

 Wearing masks and personal protective equip-ment (PPE) while providing patient care

Reorganizing waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing

• Implementing additional sanitation processes to disinfect all equipment and surfaces Houston Methodist Gas-

troenterology Associates' physicians—Dr. Khan, Samir Nath. MD Yassir Ashraf, MD and Dr. Ludie Hernandez-Buck, in addition to colorectal surgeon Dr. Ziad Kronfol-are ex perts in treating a full range of gastroenterology conditions, including acid reflux, irritable bowel syndrome, liver transplantation, celiac disease. diverticular disease and hemorrhoidal problems. The practice recently moved into a new, expanded office featuring a larger waiting area and state-ofthe-art exam rooms.

For more information on fatty liver disease and to schedule an appointment, v i s i t houstonmethodist.org/baytown or call 281-422-7970.

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#### ★ OPINION PAGE ★

# OPINION

#### The Trump legacy of Phoniness – One last con

The Trump Legacy of Phoniness—One last con: President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump skipped out on their New Year's gala at Mar-a-Lago, where fans with too much money paid a thousand or so bucks singly because the Trumps were advertised to attend.

But suddenly, the first scammers bailed and returned to the White House, leaving family members and other second fiddles to diddle those willing to be defrauded by the rightwing star-hucksters. While the Trumps are world champion charlatans, there's no shortage of Bunco artists in Washington.

Only too happy to join the Trumpster in his elaborate last-minute swindle to hold on to office by hook or crook was Ted Cruz. In a biopic, there's no obvious actor who would be cast as Trump. But Cruz would definitely be played by Snidely Whiplash of Rocky and Bullwinkle fame. Nev er mind that Whiplash is a star of animation. He IS Ted Cruz. It's not that Sen. Cruz actually cares whether President Trump is suc-cessful. If The Donald falters. Cruz would like to lay claim to his 74 million voters. And Donald Trump has four years to falter. Could be have badly blundered with his hour-long intimidation call threatening Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger?

He threatened Raffensperger with "criminal" prosecution unless he suddenly were to "find" nearly 12,000 Trump votes in Georgia, which would



reverse the state's election. By the way, Brad Raffensperger, the loyal Republican, east his ballot for Trump before he decided to steadfastly follow all the rules in counting the votes. Including now, when he politely turned down the president and his henchpersons. The question, among others, is how could they not know the

call was being recorded?

And Trump's four years out of office and being subject to criminal action hasn't even begun. Four years is a long enough time for all the memories of the Trump years to evaporate: the coronavirus, the racism, the misogyny, the cruel xenophobia, the facile demagoguery. This is to say nothing of the fact that President Joe Biden will have time to create his own messes.

What the Trumpster

base has not forgotten is why the millions favored Trump in the first place: the unfairness of the elite and their so-called experts (they lump all the real experts in with the phonies). They despised the intellectuals, many of whom talked a good game but little else, and felt they had suffered from affirmative action and foreign competition. They also believed that their old-fashioned

cultural and religious be liefs were under attack. And along came Donald Trump. He had already shown he has the grift gift. He had been born into wealth but also inherited a ruthlessness to do whatever it took to wriggle out of his ineptitude and achieve huge wealth in the process. An old Southern expression is that The Donald is able to fall in a bucket of spit and come out smelling like a rose. Well that's pretty close. He has an instinctual ability for public relations. He will find some way to be in the spotlight.

No matter how Joe Biden will try, Donald Trump will parlay the claim that he was cheated out of re-election into a justification to be favored next time around. He might succeed. Ted Cruz and the others can only hope he might not. The only ultimate fight in the GOP will be between one of them and a "Never Trumper" like Mitt Romney. Romney pretends his motives are pure, but that's just his con. Call him Grift Romney, running his own sting versus a Democrat. Both will still be running against Donald Trump, still the center of attention, which is all he ever wanted.

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# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Chris Cobler



# Texas is going big with its approach to COVID-19

#### Trying to speed up

Texas is going big with its approach to COVID-19 vaccinations this week.

Most of the doses available this week are going to 28 larger providers that can vaccinate at least 100,000 people, Texas Department of State Health Services officials said in a statement. Some doses also will be going to smaller providers in more rural parts of the state.

"We are working hard to improve the vaccination process for everyone," Dr. John Hellerstedt, state health commissioner, said in a statement explaining the pivot to the larger vaccination hubs.

Providers that receive the larger amounts of vaccine will vaccinate health care workers, people 65 and older, and those who have a medical condition that increases their risk of severe disease or death. They also agree to provide a registration phone number and website and to vaccinate people from surrounding areas.

The Texas Department of State Health Services surveyed vaccine providers about their capacity to operate large, community vaccination sites and on Sunday published a list of vaccine hub providers. The hubs will receive a total of 158,825 doses this week.

An additional 38,300 doses will go to 206 providers. Of Texas' 254 counties, 104 will

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receive vaccine ship-

ments this week

State health officials stressed that people need to register in advance for the shots and should not just show up at one of the hubs. Officials also urged patience as supplies remain limited

#### Model behavior

The small city of Dickinson set an example for how to handle a close election.

The race for mayor ended in a tie, but the two candidates didn't duke it out. Instead, candidates Sean Skipworth and Jennifer Lawrence followed state law, which calls for a random selection in the unlikely event of a tie.

Election officials in Dickinson, population 21,000 in Galveston County, put the candidates' names on pingpong balls placed in a tophat. Even though her name wasn't drawn, Lawrence didn't demand a "Hunger Games"-style trial by fire.

Mayor-elect Skip-

worth described a decidedly different scene to KHOU-TV: "We get up there, one of us wins, one of us loses, and we give each other a hug or whatever, say, 'Good job' and wish you the best. Hopefully that's how it's going to be in the country in the future going forward."

Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at ccobler@texaspress.com.

# TX Comptroller estimates \$112b available



(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar released the Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) today, showing the state is projected to have \$112.5 billion in revenue available for general-purpose spending during the 2022-23 biennium.

The revenue estimate represents a 0.4 percent decrease from funds available for the 2020-21 biennium. This decline is a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused revenue collections to fall well short of what was expected when the Legislature approved the 2020-21 budget; the ending 2020-21 balance will be close to a negative \$1 billion.

"As is always the case, this estimate is based on the most recent and precise information we have available," Hegar said. "It represents our efforts to provide lawmakers with the most accurate forecast possible as they craft the budget for the 2022-23 biennium and the supplemental spending bill to address the remainder of the current biennium.

"The forecast, however, remains clouded with uncertainty. The ultimate path of the pandemic and the behavior of consumers and businesses during a resurgence are difficult to gauge. It's also unclear how they'll respond once the pandemic is fully under control. As a result, there is a wide range of possible outcomes for state revenue through the end of fiscal 2023, with the possibility of revenue falling short of this forecast but also a chance revenue could exceed it, perhaps substantially.

"In any case, the Legislature will again face some difficult choices to balance the budget. While savings from agency spending cuts and federal funding could help erase the projected shortfall for this biennium, a substantial supplemental appropriations bill could increase it, thereby reducing revenue available for the next biennium."

#### Trump's Shameful Georgia Call

Trump's Shameful Georgia Call —President Donald Trump has turned a narrow electoral defeat into a bid for infamy. His goal in the post-election interlude has been more and more explicitly to overturn the results of the election. Indeed, a couple of weeks ago he tweeted simply, "#OVERTURN."

We now know, thanks to

a recording of his phone conversation with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger from over the weekend, how far he's gone to pressure state officials to join him in this reprehensible goal. His hour-long lobbying of Raffensperger to declare him the winner in the state is among the worst things an American president has ever been caught saving on the record. There is now no doubt that Trump lost Georgia. Both machine and hand recounts have confirmed a Biden victory of fewer than 12,000 votes. Trump has been agitating for a signature audit, and state officials examined a statistically significant sample of 15,000 absentee ballot envelopes in Cobb County. They found 10 mismatched signatures, but the voters in question all vouchsafed for the legitimacy of the ballots when contacted by investigators.

contacted by investigators.
Georgia has certified its results multiple times and appointed its electors in time to meet the "safe harbor" deadline under federal law, when they are supposed to be considered final and conclusive by the federal government.

Yet, here comes Trump with an LBJ-style bout of arm-twisting to get Raffensperger to declare all of that a grievous mistake. The power differen-



tial between a president of the United States and a state secretary of state is vast — Trump is the most powerful man on the planet whereas Raffensperger isn't even the most powerful man in Georgia. Trump put Raffensperger in the inherently awkward position of having to tell him "no" over and over — snowing him with a variety of numbers for supposed illegal votes, making him parry wild accusations, mocking him and threatening him with vague legal repercussions and, implicitly, with the end of his political career.

There is a reason that Raffensperger didn't take any of the reported prior 18 attempted calls from the White House. Still, to his great credit, he did indeed tell Trump "no" politely and firmly.

and firmly.

Of the two elected officials on the call, only one was calm, reasonable and cogent - and it wasn't the president. Trump was renetitive and ill-informed He had no idea what charges had been debunked weeks ago. He didn't, or couldn't, distinguish between true and false information. He was fuzzy on the details of his own legal case. He retailed conspiracy theories about ballots being burned and voting machines being removed that would be embarrassing if your uncle shared them on Facebook. The only thing that mattered to him was getting Raffensperger to pronounce him the winner legal process and facts be damned.

The problem with Trump has always been his highly personal view of the presidency, wherein institutions, constitutional principles and sheer propriety take a backseat to the felt needs of his ego. At times in his presidency, this failing has been made to serve worthy ends, e.g., stoking economic growth and confirming record numbers of conservative judges as bragging points.

Since the election,

though, this tendency has been particularly stark and unredeemed. His personal inability to accept the sting of defeat has led him, shamefully, to wage war on a legitimate election. If he were to somehow succeed in his goal of overturning the result, he would subvert American democracy and irreparably harm our governing institutions, while stoking a constitutional crisis of a magnitude we've only experienced rarely in our his-

tory.

And for what? To avoid admitting that he lost. Trump has gotten nowhere, except in convincing some Republican senators and members of Congress to indulge his insistence he really won. Every time the president hoped someone with authority over the election would bend his way, whether an elected official or judge, he's found someone like Raffensperger, dutiful and conscientious enough to say "no."

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the unusual events in Washington DC last week, we present two views on the activities of President Trump. One view is from the usually liberal Bob Franken, the other from the usually conservative Rich Lowry. Neither opinion is necessarily that of this newspaper or its staff. YOUR OPINION is welcome. Send a letter for possible publication to Northeast News, 5906 Star Lane, Houston TX 77057 or an email to NENEWSROOM@aol.com. Please limit your words to about 200. Letters will be subject to editing. Thank you.



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#### **OBITUARY LOUISE BERAN PETTERS**

Louise Beran Petters went to be with the Lord, January 6, 2021. She was born September 10, 1934, at home, to Morise and Katie Beran in Eastgate, Texas.

After she graduated from Dayton High School in 1951, she left the farm in Eastgate and moved to the big city of Houston, Texas to begin her life long career in the mort-gage industry. Her career began at John S. Dunn, as a file clerk. John S. Dunn later became Mortgage & Trust and then sold to Mellon Mortgage, where she retired as Vice President after 40 years of service with the same compa-

In 1957, she married William (Billy) Petters at Sacred Heart Church in Crosby, TX where they remain members

for over 60 years. While living and working in Houston, she gave birth to twins, Melinda and Michael. She only had 3 weeks maternity leave, so she left the babies with her Mother during the week while she and Bill worked. They returned to the farm on the weekends to care and nurture their babies.

Louise was known as a hardworking soul by everyone she knew. While working in Houston, she would return to the farm on her vacation and help the family pick cotton. Once her children were older, she was involved in many school activities and she served on the Sacred Heart

School board for many years. Upon her retirement, Louise continued to stay busy by volunteering at the Crosby



schools her grandchildren attended. She would help teachers with anything from cutting out pictures to popping popcorn on Fridays. During the last few years of her volunteering, you could find her in the library at Barrett Primary. Her volunteer service did not go unnoticed, as she was awarded Volunteer of the Year and the 2000-2001

Barrett Primary Yearbook was dedicated in her honor. In addition to her volun

teering with the school, she also volunteered at Churches United in Caring and Crosby Community Center where she was recognized many times for her outstanding service as a volunteer.

Louise loved her family: she was a devoted Nanaw to all her grandchildren. She never missed any of their activities whether it be sports, plays, award ceremonies or book fairs. In the summer, her and Papaw would load up ALL the family and they took many memorable trips with their children and grandchildren. Louise loved to read. After her retirement, she loved watching the Astros and the Rockets. She began scrapbooking and spent many hours making all her children and grandchildren their own book. Louise also enjoyed go-

ing to the casino with family, friends and grandchildren. Louise was a spunky whitehaired lady before suffering a stroke 5 years ago which prevented her from continuing her volunteer service. Louise was preceded in death by her son Jason Paul Petters, son-in-law Michael Davenport., her parents and her baby sister Betty Jane Beran. She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, William (Billy) Petters, son Michael Petters, daughter and son-in-law Melinda and Les Arwine, daughter and son-in-law Lisa and Ronnie Ellender, all of Crosby, Texas. Grandchildren Rhonda Barrett, Bob Ellender Lindy Ellender Trahan Amy Ellender, Matthew Pet ters, Damian Petters, Taylor Arwine and McKayla Petters Great Grandchildren Ryker Petters, Riley and Tori Barrett, William and Aurora Arwine, Blaine Ellender and Trevor Trahan. She is also survived by her three younger sisters Kay Bray, Margaret Gallagher and MaryAnn Merritt and many more extended

family and friends.
She will be truly missed by the Crosby community she dearly loved.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Sacred Heart Church 915 Runnenburg Rd. Crosby, Texas or Churches United in Caring PO BOX 690 Crosby, Texas.

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# Houston legislators safe after Capitol Riot

### Trump blamed; SJLee, AGreen seek impeachment

WASHINGTON, DC - Congress was in joint ession last Wednesday, meeting to certify the Electoral College votes from state electors for the president and vice-president. Shortly after the session started, a large crowd of about 8000 persons left a rally near the White House where president Trump was speaking, and assembled at the Capitol, breaking through barriers and storming into the building.

What followed was a deadly riot, where Con-

gress members had to be taken to safe locations away from the destruction and assault of the mob of demonstrators. Our legislators including Sheila Jackson Lee, Sylvia Garcia, and Al Green were just some of the local representatives that were led to safety.

These supporters of President Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol in a protest aimed at thwarting the vote on certification of the electors and their votes, with the aim of stopping the peaceful transfer of power to the new administration.

At the nearby rally, President Trump had told the demonstrators to march to the Capitol and "fight like hell" against a "stolen" election. As a result, hundreds of the mob members entered the building, fighting with Capitol police as they went. They broke windows, doors, signs, and fur-

niture, and stole items throughout the building.
In the ensuing fight with authorities, there were five deaths and hundreds injured. One demonstrator was fatally shot in the neck as she attempted to enter through a broken window, and the other deaths were medical emergencies from the fighting. One Capitol policemen died from the struggle, the others were members of the mob.

Later in the afternoon police were reinforced Rioters broke into the Capitol building while a joint session of Congress was taking place, to certify Joe Biden as president elect. Congresspersons and others in the room took shelter behind the seats, before they were evacuated to a safe room away from the intruders. ABOVE, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee crouches behind the seats, until she can make her way to safety.

by members of the National Guard, who had been called by the White House after some delay, blamed on the President. In a statement during the insurrection, Trump issued a recorded message urging the mob to leave the building and return to their homes, but he added "we love you." The message also repeated the complaint that he lost the election fraudulently.

After order was restored in the Capitol building, the members of the House and Senate returned to their seats, and continued to vote on acceptance of the electors from each state. Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia reported in a media interview that they finally adjourned at about



Houston Congresspersons Al Green and Sheila Jackson Lee are among the Representatives in Congress that are leading the move to impeach the President for his part in inciting the riots

3:30 in the morning, having to debate the credentials from two states, Arizona and Pennsylvania which were finally approved as submitted

Members of Congress, including Democrats and Republicans, immediately called for demonstrators to be arrested and held accountable for

Continued Below.



### Legislators safe after riot,



Thousands of demonstrators formed a mob that broke through barriers, fought with police, and entered the Capitol building. They broke into offices and the House and Senate chambers, breaking windows, doors, signs, furniture, and stealing many office items. Besides carrying weapons, police later found two pipe bombs and many Molotov cocktail bombs in the possession of some of the mob. The mob included members of QAnon, Proud Boys, militia groups, elected officials, and organized ordinary protestors, according to authorities.

In addition, Congress blamed President Trump for his rhetoric, and for inciting the march on the Capitol with his speech just prior to the insurrec-

Many members of Congress, including Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and members of our local delegation, called for re-moval of Trump from office, either by impeachment of through the provisions of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, which calls for the he is unfit to conduct the duties of his office.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, and Congressman Al Green were especially vocal in their criticism of Trump. They also criticized some of their fellow Congressmen, including Senators Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley, for opposing the certification of the Electoral College votes and asking that they be

Jackson Lee described the incursion as follows:

But we were engaged in the constitutional process



Texas Senator Ted Cruz was singled out as one of the instigators of the insurrection, with his antielection rhetoric.

and the chambers were attacked." Jackson Lee said. She added that initially, some members began to flee while others, who couldn't, waited until they

were told to do so.
"The doors were locked. The doors were stampeded. The doors were jammed with furniture. Guns were drawn, shots were fired and we were on the ground. In the essence of the United States Capitol, the symbol of democracy, right before our very eyes. was not only attacked but it was an attempt to de-

stroy, Glass breaking, Going into windows. This is a symbol of the United States of America. Putting flags of Donald Trump on historic statues. This was a horrible scene, because America represents, to the world, the greatest democracy ever. So frankly, what happened, plain and simple - attack. I think the other thing that was so dis-tressing was that a young woman was shot right out side of the chambers. That young woman is dead. Blood lays at the feet of Donald J. Trump," she

As a result of her experiences in the riot, Congresswoman Jackson Lee last Thursday introduced Articles of Impeachment against President Donald Trump.

"At this moment in our history, our Constitutional forefathers are crying out for us to use the tools provided in this ageless document. Yesterday, we saw domestic enemies incite violence and invade the people's house with the intent to harm. Enough is enough! The president has completely lost whatever

moral authority he had and is unfit as Command-er in Chief," Jackson Lee said in a release.

In her Impeachment Articles, Jackson Lee claims Trump has continued to undermine the essential institutions and foundations of a democratic system of government in the United States. She also lists he has engaged in a long train of abuses and usurpations to make himself an authoritarian ruler unaccountable to, and independent of, the people of

the United States.

Her charges include:

Refusing to acknowledge Russian interference in the internal affairs of the United States, and then opposing responses by Congress and the Exec-utive Branch to protect the national security and in-terests of the United States against future Russian interference and ag-

to acknowledge to the American people that he would accept and be bound by the verdict rendered in the 2020 Presidential election, instead claiming that any outcome in which he was not declared the winner was fraudulent, rigged,

and illegitimate. Instituting frivolous lawsuits to overturn the results of the 2020 Presidential election, falsely alleging wide-spread voting fraud but producing no evidence in support of his spurious allegations.

Failing to take action to protect and defend Federal officers and personnel, property, buildings, and institutions on January 6. 2021, at the U.S. Capitol that was besieged by supporters of Donald John Trump, resulting in extensive damage to the property of the United States and the deaths of at least four

As well as Jackson Lee another local Congressman has been calling for Trump's Impeachment for the last 3 Congressional

On Thursday, January 7, 2021, Congressman Al Green released the follow-



Capitol Police block doors to House Chamber with Bend former sheriff Troy Nehls is in blue shirt.



be strong in opposing Electoral College certification.

ing statement, indicating his co-leadership of Rep. Ilhan Omar's (MN-05) articles of impeachment as well as his original cosponsorship of Rep. David Cicilline's (RI-01) articles of impeachment:
"Joined by over 100 dif-

ferent Members of Congress overall, I presented three sets of articles of impeachment against President Donald J. Trump in 2017, 2018, and 2019 because of several well-documented instances of his impeachable conduct. These efforts laid the foun dation for the successful impeachment of our 45th resident of the United States on December 18, 2019," Congressman Al Green (TX-09) stated.

"The President's more recent rhetoric and actions <u>have been harmful – in-</u> cluding his request of Georgia's Secretary of State to unlawfully overturn the 2020 presidential election results as well as

his seditious incitement of insurrection at our na-tion's Capital during the Joint Session to count electoral votes.

"Bearing all this in mind, I am proud to co-lead Rep. Omar's articles of impeachment and co-sponsor Rep. Cicilline's articles of impeachment, because I support impeachment for impeachable offenses.

Congressman Green added, "For the past four years, it has been perspic-uously clear that President Trump is unfit to be president and has engaged in impeachable behavior Some may deem impeachment pointless when only 13 days remain before his term expires. Some may say the Senate will never convict him. I believe it is essential that Members of Congress go on record and indicate where they stand with this would-be dictator who employs sedition and incitive rhetoric to fuel his

### Rotary Chili Feast,

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This is the 18th year of School FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. The primary goal of School FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made

more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"The Schools FIRST accountability rating ensures that Texas school districts are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently," said Crosby ISD Superintendent Dr. Scott Davis. "The information provided by the Schools FIRST system will guide us in our continued efforts to maximize each taynayer dollar"

each taxpayer dollar."

The Texas Education
Agency assigned one of
four financial accountability ratings to Texas school
districts, with the highest
being "A" for "Superior
Achievement," followed by
"B" for "Above-Standard
Achievement," "C" for
"Standard Achievement"
and "F" for "Substandard
Achievement."

#### Chambers Co. EMS,

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changes with no custom engineering. Hospitals can return outcomes — including COVID-19 infection status — with 1-touch simplicity. Ron Nichols, Chambers

County EMS Director and Emergency Services Coordinator, said: "Chambers County EMS was tasked with the Texas state mission to provide support for COV-ID-19, and we were looking for a way to follow up with these extremely sick patients. We continue to use outcomes data collected from our local hospitals to evolve our protocols in the direction of best practices to provide optimal services for our citizens and patients. In addition to meeting these objectives, the MEDIVIEW BEACON Prehospital Health Information Exchange also lets our team continue contract tracing of our crews for follow-up and symptom monitoring. Chambers County EMS is proud to be partners with Beyond Lucid Technologies, to help protect our staff and our community."

According to Jonathon Feit, "Even before the COV-ID-19 crisis, we were in awe of our partner-clients as they tirelessly and selfless-ly care for their communities. BLT's commitment is to care for Mobile Medical professionals, in part by ensur-ing that technology is a help not a hindrance — to their operations. We aim to ensure that agencies have the quality data they need to share insights across the care continuum Therefore when Chief Nichols asked us to help his crews get work done faster and more efficiently, by letting data flow from ambulance to hospital in real-time at the touch of a button — and to track clinical outcomes and COVID-19 data, including exposures, labs, and vaccinations over time - we were pleased to drop a net over the region within one

# Crosby to State,

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counter-punching boxers until Liberty Hill tied it up at 28. That is when Crosby put on the best offensive display between Dunn and Branch to take the lead again with a series of runs and passes to go up by another touchdown in two minutes. The Cougar defense stopped the Panthers shy of a touchdown three times and they had to rely on a field goal. At halftime, Crosby led Liberty Hill 35-31.

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The third quarter was Crosby dominant, they got the ball back from the kick-off, three touchdowns and forcing a Liberty Hill turnover they were with the catbird 55-39. Reggie Branch and Deniquez Dunn make a unique offensive team with a variety of potential weapons that have amassed over 4,000 yards in a season. But, a blocked Cougar extra point would be meaningful for the Panthers.

The Panthers took command early in the Fourth Quarter, two touchdowns, two-point conversions owing to an onside kick recovery and with less that two minutes left Crosby fumbled. Overtime saw 55 each. Crosby relied on one of the best team plays in their arsenal and scored adding the kick. Liberty Hill answered with a touchdown but as the dashed for the extra two points again and victory, they fumbled at the goal.



Deniquez Dunn contributed unique offensive versatility. He and Reggie Branch have amassed over 4,000 yards during this season. Branch had over 200 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 25 rushes, with six receptions for 71 yards capped by a score.



Crosby Education Foundation upon hearing of the situation at the loss of Jeff Walker elected to try to collect \$3000 from Crosby locals to help the Liberty Hill Education Foundation. They raised \$4,100 and donated during the half-time. Coach Jeff Walker died on Nov. 30 after an extended fight with cancer. The epitome of Liberty Hill toughness, Walker continued coaching throughout his treatment. He was on the sidelines for Liberty Hill's game against Austin Navarro 10 days before he died.

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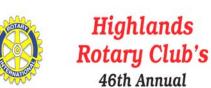
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# Legislature opens,

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Phelan, a Republican, stressed the bipartisan spirit of Texas and cited how well former Gov. George W. Bush worked with Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock during their time serving together at the Capitol.

"That is the Texas model. We've always worked that way," Phelan said. "If you're sitting at the speaker's dais and you're looking at all the chairs in the House chamber, there is no left side or right side, red, blue, like there is in Washington, D.C. We all sit

amongst each other."

Lawmakers are scheduled to be in session until
May 31



# Harris County COVID Test Sites open

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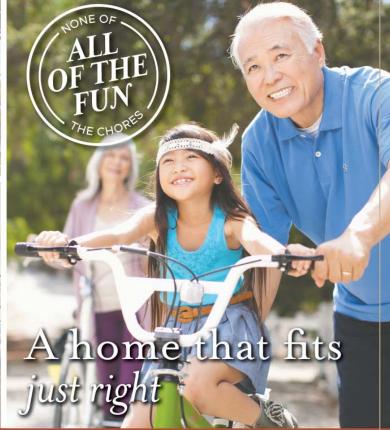


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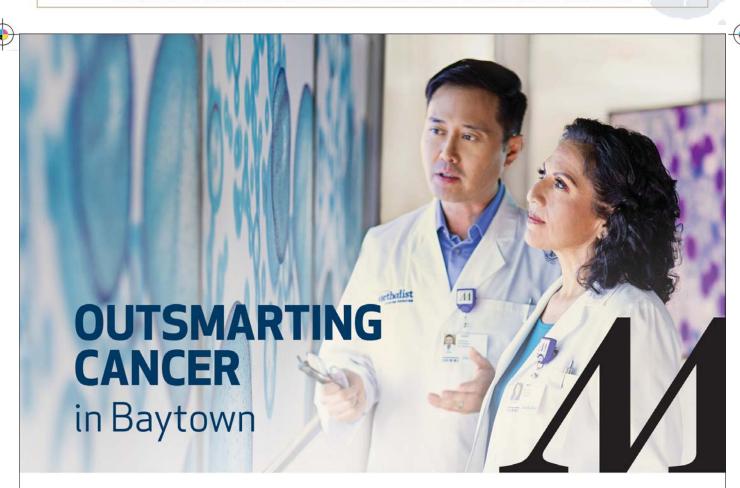
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