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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

**THUR. OCT. 21
Crosby Chamber Luncheon and Board Election**

October Luncheon, Thursday, October 21st at Crosby Church. The address is 5725 Hwy 90, Crosby, Texas 77532. Lunch will begin at 11:30am.

Voting will be held at this Luncheon. There are seven positions to fill for 2022. Only CHAMBER MEMBERS in good standing may vote. If you have any questions regarding your status to vote or how many votes your business receives please contact Chamber at 281-328-6984 or email us at chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org.

The following is a list of NOMINEES so far, but you still are able to continue to nominate! Shirley Dupree-Huffman Ed Foundation/Incumbent Keenan Smith-Crosby Church/Incumbent Jamie Lee-Third Coast Bank/Incumbent Margarette Chasteen-Rodan & Fields/Incumbent Eric Jennings-DocResources/Incumbent Sue Fitzgerald-Dove Shipping Kay Sosa-Visiting Angels Please RSVP by October 19th. You can call 281-328-6984, email chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org to register also.

BIRTHDAYS

Oct 7-Alicia Engle
Anna Lois Mattingly
Oct 8-Benjamin Abbott
Patricia Meiss
Jim Van Schuyver
Thomas R. Stanley
Oct 9-Terrie Bauer
Ashley Clamon
Oct 10-Stachia Thurmond
Oct 11-Wendy Nelson
Dale Smith
William O'Neal
Oct 12-Mike Palmer
Melissa Denson
Michelle McDaniel
Darlis Otto
Jessica Curtis
Oct 13-Jeanne Kelley
Oct 14-Jerry Taylor
Brendon Lee

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 8-Robert H. & Patricia E. Sparks
Oct 16-Edgar & Evelyn Wotipka
Oct 18-Karen & Derek Elkins
Oct 19-Alton Bubba & Sandra Williams
Oct 20-Vernon & Lois Searcy
Oct 20-David and Leon Lee

DEATHS

Elia Olivia Zuniga Bolton
Ruth Ellen Bredemeyer
Marvin Frank Marek

NNO celebrated throughout Harris County

IT'S BACK! NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2021

EAST HARRIS COUNTY - Harris County was busy Tuesday night, with residents gathering at their Precinct 2 community centers, or just in the street in their neighborhoods. The point of the night was to meet your neighbors, and your public safety officers, to form a friendship and strengthen community safety.

Harris County Precinct 2 held receptions and events in 12 of their community centers, from Aldine to Pasadena. In this area, residents gathered in Huffman, Crosby, Highlands, Barrett and JD Walker centers for several hours, starting at 5pm.

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Deputies at the Crosby Community Center displayed their airboat, humvee, and other equipment.



Highlands Rotary greeted neighbors with treats. Denise Smith, Weston Cotten, Patricia and Andy Scott.



Precinct 2 and others had tents with information, gifts and handouts for the public at the Crosby Comm. Ctr.



This young lad was pinned as an honorary Deputy Sheriff. Photos courtesy of Jody Fuchs and Weston Cotten.

Crosby UM Church Pumpkin Patch opens

The Crosby High School girls' softball and basketball teams as well as the baseball team showed up in full force to unload over 2700 pumpkins for the Crosby United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch. Other groups represented were Scout Troup # 264, FFA, and others. Our Community Young People are some of the best and we all should be proud of them. Their help was greatly appreciated as this community event was set up. Thank you Cougars!



Crosby Superintendent's message to the community

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

We're heading into the heart of fall, and there's a lot happening in our district this month.

Crosby ISD began the month by launching "Hey! Week" - the start of our year-long campaign to promote positivity. District therapist Ms. Laura Richard is our champion. She's on a mission to make us all be kinder Cougars. The week began with sharing affirmations through post-it notes, cards, or just telling someone "Hey!". We also encouraged students to make a new friend by sitting and talking with a fellow student they may not know.

Later this month, I'm convening the first session of the Superintendent's Cougar Council. We've invited about a dozen students - from third grade to seniors - to have lunch with me and talk. Students are our biggest stakeholders. I will meet regularly with them to discuss their hopes and dreams for the district. I want to hear what we can do to ensure our district is the best learning environment it can be.

During the first few days of October, we recognized the custodians in Crosby ISD, the unsung heroes in our district.



SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON

They've worked tirelessly over the last 18 months to keep our campuses clean and students and staff healthy. All our schools recognized their custodial staff in honor of Custodian Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 2nd. October is also National Principals Month. All of October, we're saying "thank you" to the leaders

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Bootique Bash @
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FRIDAY 10/8
112 Denny St
5:30-8:30
Highlands
SATURDAY 10/9
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT,

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Each center had a contingent of Sheriff and Constable deputies and other first responders, often with specialized equipment to show the public.

This is the 38th Annual National Night Out, which was created in 1984 to build neighborhood spirit and police-community relationships. The intent is to raise awareness of crime prevention and send a message to the criminal element that our communities and police are working together to keep crime out.

In past National Night Out celebrations, commu-

nities hosted large gatherings visited by area commanders and officers. Last year COVID-19 restricted Houston's ability to celebrate. However, National Night Out is back for 2021. Community members are urged to consider hosting small, individual gatherings in their own driveways to maintain social distancing.

Together with law enforcement, you and your neighbors can become allies against crime and improve the quality of life in our city.



THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Dozens of Cousins

"We are cleaning up our stuff," Meshach, the tile layer who now more or less permanently resides in our home, informed me. "We are giving you more space." "More space?" I said in mock amazement. "Why would I need more space? I see at least three square feet over there by the closet and another four feet behind the dining room table!"

Meshach squinted his eyes and looked at me seriously, as he does. He was again accompanied by his assistant, Yusefu, a recent immigrant from Kenya.

"Well, that is good," Meshach said. "Because we have invited Yusefu's cousins here to live."

Yusefu's eyes opened wide before he realized he was being teased. Then Yusefu smiled. "They are not large!" he insisted, gesturing with his arms. "I am the fattest one!"

This is now a running joke in our home—discussing how many of Yusefu's cousins would fit in our living room at any given time.

Last weekend we spent time with a dozen of my husband Peter's cousins at the funeral for Peter's sister, and I thought of how enduring these ties to cousins are—even if they are not sleeping on our floor. Peter was the youngest cousin on his father's side and so he remembers these cousins as the much older kids he grew up with. The older cousins were all cool or bossy and the younger cousins were all brats, to hear them tell it. It's funny to realize that these people in their 70s still think of one another as the children they once were, but I feel the same way about my cousins.

I have dozens of cousins on my mother's side and, like Peter, most of them are older than me. My cousin Jill will always be the super-cool girl with the dyed black hair ironing her peasant dress at the farmhouse. Her musician boyfriend would arrive in a VW Bug and I was awestruck. It doesn't matter that Jill is now a Lutheran minister with grandchildren. To me, she will always be that elegant young woman flipping back her jet-black hair as she toiled over the iron. I knew I would never be as cool as Jill. I never was.

My cousins and I formed bonds that survive today. Last week, my cousin Dane took me to look at audio equipment, as we needed amplification for the funeral service. Dane told me I'd be better off borrowing what I needed from him. And so I did. Dane has always been quiet. He'll wait for everyone to finish talking, then offer up an idea that begins with, "You know what you might do..." and it will be the most sensible thing said. It has always been this way.

Cousins are the friends I was given as a gift from my family. They are as different from me as they can possibly be, yet I will always keep a space for them in my life.

Meshach is pleased with the work he has done, and I don't think either of us is eager to say goodbye. I can tell his work is nearly concluded because we could stash at least a dozen cousins in the available space—assuming they are as small as Yusefu claims.

But Peter and I are looking forward to having our home back, to finally putting books on the shelves and inviting people over for dinner. "I know what we should do, when everything is finally finished," I told Peter. "What's that?" "We should invite your cousins over!" I think we will. There's plenty of room. Till next time, Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Abbott wants to increase illegal voting penalties

Gov. Greg Abbott has asked the Texas Legislature to increase the penalty for illegal voting, adding the item to the third special session now underway. However, House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, quickly rejected the proposal, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

During the second special session, Senate Bill 1 was amended to decrease the penalty. House Democrats twice broke quorum in failed attempts to stop the elections bill from passing.

"Now is not the time to relitigate," Phelan said. "Instead, the House will remain focused on its constitutional obligation to pass redistricting maps, and members look forward to fulfilling this critical task."

The measure has moved forward in the Senate. It would make the penalty for voting illegally a second-degree felony, with a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. SB 1 reduced the penalty to a Class A misdemeanor, with up to one year in jail. However, Phelan's opposition means it is unlikely to move forward.

MORE ANTIBODY INFUSION CENTERS OPEN IN STATE

The Texas Division of Emergency Management continues to open new COVID-19 therapeutic centers across the state, providing monoclonal antibodies to treat outpatient cases with a doctor's referral. The treatment is provided at no cost. Antibody infusion treatment can prevent patients from becoming seriously ill, requiring hospitalization.

Infusion centers are now operating in Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Burnet, College Station, Corpus Christi, Edinburg, Fort Worth, Harlingen, Houston, Laredo, Livingston, Lubbock, McKinney, Nacogdoches, Nash, Odessa, San Antonio, Seguin, Tyler, The Woodlands, Victoria and Waco. Visit

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meds.tdem.texas.gov for more information.

TCEQ PUSHES RECYCLING WITH MARKETING PLAN

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has released its recycling market development plan, which found the recycling industry adds \$4.8 billion to the Texas economy. In 2019, 12.9 million tons of solid waste were recycled, up 40% compared to four years earlier. However, nearly 44% of the total solid waste in Texas landfills could have been recycled, according to TCEQ.

The full marketing plan can be found at tceq.texas.gov.

TXDOT LAUNCHES PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Despite a drop in traffic accidents last year, the state saw a marked increase in the number of people killed walking or biking in the state. In 2020, 731 people died in pedestrian-related crashes, an increase of 9% from the previous year. One fourth of those crashes involved alcohol. The Texas Department of Transportation is kicking off a public awareness campaign in an attempt to reduce accidents.

"Whether you're behind the wheel, on foot or riding a bicycle, we're reminding all Texans that they need to be safe and smart, and that starts with obeying traffic laws," said Marc Williams, TXDOT executive director.

Drivers are required to

stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, yield the right of way to pedestrian and bicyclists when turning, and to pass bicyclists at a safe distance. In turn, bicyclists are required to obey all traffic signs and signals. Pedestrians must cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks and use sidewalks if available. If there is no sidewalk, pedestrians should walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

Texas is approaching 21 years without a day in which no traffic-related death occurred. TxDOT has launched #EndTheStreakTX to encourage drivers to obey traffic laws and end the streak of daily deaths.

COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE TO DECLINE

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continue to decline, as do deaths and hospitalizations. The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported 67,124 new cases in the state in the past week, and 1,851 deaths. The number of new cases, largely due to the delta variant, has dropped by nearly half in the past month, although total deaths remain relatively high. Since the pandemic began, the state has reported more than 4 million cases with nearly 66,000 deaths.

Lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas also continue to drop, with 8,218 reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services on Sunday, down 20% from the previous week. A total of 14.88 million Texans are now fully vaccinated, or 51% of the total population.

TEXANS URGED TO GET THEIR FLU SHOTS NOW

Flu season is approaching, and with COVID-19 still spreading in the state, DSHS is urging Texans to protect themselves by getting the flu vaccine as soon as possible.

"We have good reason to believe this flu season may be worse than last year's," said Dr. John Hellestedt, DSHS commissioner. "For most of last flu season, we didn't have the COVID vaccine yet, and many Texans were practicing the same basic health protections and good hygiene that have proven to help stop any respiratory virus like COVID-19 and flu. For this upcoming flu season, we expect fewer people to be wearing masks and physically distancing now that we have effective vaccines for COVID-19."

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gbborders@texaspress.com.



HCSO Deputy from the special Autism response unit.



Display of a Humvee for rough or wet rescue work. Photos courtesy of Jody Fuchs and Weston Cotten.

OPINION

By Stephanie Swanson
League of Women Voters of Texas

Texans oppose unjust Gerrymandering

Austin, TX — Fair Maps Texas will be hosting a virtual press event as the 87th (3) Special Legislative Session gavelns in on Monday. The press conference will feature a diverse group of Texans from across the State who have been impacted by our current gerrymandered maps, those who are not usually included at the table when maps are being drawn. These Texans will be speaking on the need for a fair and open districting process, one that fully considers the vital input of communities most impacted. These Texans are calling for better representation, for it's the same legislators that were elected under our heavily gerrymandered maps that are passing regressive policies that are hurting all people, especially poor and low-wealth Black, White, Hispanic, and Asian people.

In 2011, Texas drew maps that intentionally discriminated against people of color. The federal court that reviewed those maps noted the "exclusion of minority member and public input despite the minority population growth, the misleading information, the secrecy and closed process, and the rushed process." Recently the same panel of judges stated, "Given the record produced in 2011, the State must implement a process that, by any reasonable definition, is 'fair and open.'"

At this press conference, Texans will stand together and demand that the Legislature use a "fair and open" redistricting process and demand that the U.S. Congress pass all provisions of the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, reforms desperately needed in order to protect the rights of voters in the redistricting process.

Fair Maps Texas is a nonpartisan reform effort aimed at fixing the broken redistricting system in Texas.

We are: ACLU TX, Clean Elections Texas, Common Cause Texas, Common Ground For Texans, League of Women Voters of Texas, March To The Polls, National Council of Jewish Women - Greater Dallas, Our Vote Texas, Texans Against Gerrymandering, Texas Civil Rights Project and Tex PIRG

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ON THE HILL

COVID-19 shots available in Chambers County

Chambers County Public Health will be offering several COVID-19 vaccine clinics in the coming weeks at no cost to the public. Please visit bit.ly/chamberscovaccines to register for an appointment. Appointments are required. First, second, third and booster doses of vaccine will be available at each clinic.

For reference, please see the below distinction between booster and third doses:

- Third doses are available in the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine only for persons who are immunocompromised
- Booster doses are available only in the Pfizer vaccine and are recommended for:
 - o People aged 65 years and older
 - o Residents aged 18 years and older in long-term care settings
 - o People aged 50 to 64 years with underlying medical conditions

- Booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine are also available for:
 - o People aged 18 to 49 years with underlying medical conditions
 - o People aged 18 to 64 years with an increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission

If you have questions regarding vaccines or your eligibility, please call Chambers County Public Health at 409-267-2931 or email vaccines@chamberstx.gov.

Flu shots available in Chambers

Get your flu vaccine through Chambers County Public Health FOR \$15.

Vaccines are available throughout the County on the following schedule.

WINNIE
108 E Fear Rd/Winnie, TX
77665 409-267-2651

- October 6, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- October 20, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- November 3, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- November 17, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- December 1, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- December 15, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

MONT BELVIEU
10616 Eagle Dr Mont Belvieu, TX 77580 409-267-2619

- October 7, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- October 21, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- November 4, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- November 18, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- December 2, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- December 16, 2021: 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ANAHUAC
102 Airport Rd/Anahuac, TX 77514 409-267-2731

Vaccines available at the Anahuac location of Chambers County Public Health every week:

- Mondays 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Chambers County Public Health 102 Airport Rd | Anahuac, TX 77514 409-267-2731

Due to the high rate of COVID-19 transmission in Chambers County, patients and family members are strongly encouraged to social distance, wear face coverings and follow other safety measures.

Small plane hits wire, crashes in Winnie

No injuries reported

CHAMBERS COUNTY, Texas – Deputies with Chambers County Sheriff's Office are investigating an unusual small plane crash in Winnie.

The crash occurred last Saturday morning, September 4 around 10:45 a.m. on Highway 124 near Broadway Avenue.

Earlier Saturday morning, the plane was used as a float in the Rice Festival Parade, according to the Chambers County Sheriff's Office. Once the parade ended, the pilot opted to fly the plane back to the air-



Authorities examine the wreckage of the small plane, lying in a ditch along Highway 124 in Winnie.

port rather than towing it there. Authorities said they believe weather, namely strong winds, was a factor in the crash.

As it was lifting off the

highway, the plane struck a traffic signal and wire over Highway 124 and landed upside down in a ditch adjacent to the roadway. There were no other



A Heavy Crane prepares to load the plane on a flatbed trailer for removal. The traffic signal that was struck is in the background to the left.

cars or traffic hit by the plane.

The pilot is reported to be okay but went to a doctor as a precaution, according to the Chambers

County Sheriff's Office.

At this time, roads in the area are now open, deputies say. No other injuries have been reported.

Mayes Middleton: Legislative Update:

THIRD CALLED SPECIAL SESSION BEGINS

The Legislature has begun the third called special session. Over the next 30 days, we will address the following important items:

- Redistricting;
- Appropriating Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021;
- Protecting Women's Sports;
- Preventing Govern-

ment Mask and Vaccine Mandates;

- Unlawful Restraint of a Dog;
- Bail Reform; and
- Property Tax Relief.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

With the addition of property tax relief on the agenda for the third called special session, I have filed three bills aimed at providing property tax relief. House Bill 79, would re-

move the punitive nature of the property value study conducted by the Comptroller, which currently incentivizes increasing appraisal values.

House Bill 81 & House Joint Resolution 7, would increase the maximum local option residence homestead exemption from 20% to 100%.

House Bill 113, would utilize \$4 Billion of surplus revenue from the State

and \$5 Billion from federal funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to buy-down property taxes in Texas. This would provide up to \$9,000,000,000 of property tax relief in Texas!

2020 ELECTION AUDIT

This week the Texas Secretary of State announced that they have begun a full and comprehensive forensic audit of the 2020 election in four of

Texas' largest counties: Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Collin. I support the Secretary of State's efforts to audit the 2020 election in these four counties.

I am a proud coauthor on House Bill 17, which would require an audit of the 2020 election results in every county in Texas with a population of 415,000 or more. We must ensure safe and secure election in Texas.

COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE IN CHAMBERS COUNTY

Register for your first, second, third dose or booster at bit.ly/chamberscovaccines

Anahuac Legion Hall
Friday, October 1

White Memorial Park
Friday, October 8 | Friday, October 15 | Friday, October 22 | Friday, October 29

Who should receive a third dose of the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines?

- The CDC has authorized a third dose of the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines for immunocompromised persons

Who needs a booster dose of Pfizer's COVID-19 Vaccine at least 6 months after completing their first 2 doses?

- People aged 65 years and older
- Residents aged 18 years and older in long-term care settings
- People aged 50 to 64 years with underlying medical conditions

The CDC also recommends that the following groups may receive a booster of Pfizer's COVID-19 Vaccine at least 6 months after completing their first 2 doses:

- People aged 18 to 49 years with underlying medical conditions
- People aged 18 to 64 years with an increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting



QUESTIONS?

Call Chambers County Public Health at 409-267-2731 or email vaccines@chamberstx.gov.



Houston Methodist Baytown

Early Detection Key to Successful Prostate Cancer Treatment

BAYTOWN — (September 23, 2021) — Prostate cancer may be the second most common cancer in men in the U.S., but it's one of the most treatable cancers when detected early.

This year, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS), approximately 30,000 American men will die from the disease, but with appropriate treatment, the 10-year survival rate is 99 percent. With September designated as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital urologist Dr. Chris Kannady says because prostate cancer often produces no symptoms in its earliest stages, getting regular checkups is essential.

"When it's treated early, prostate cancer can be

treated successfully," Kannady said.

The prostate is part of the male reproductive system. It is a walnut-sized gland that rests below the bladder. The purpose of the prostate is to produce seminal fluid that provides nutrients for the sperm.

Primary Risk Factors for Prostate Cancer

- Age: Prostate cancer is most common in men older than 50, and the risk increases with age.
- Race: African American men have a greater risk for the disease
- Obesity
- Family history of prostate cancer

Symptoms

Prostate cancer usually grows slowly, often not causing signs or symptoms until it is more advanced.



DR. CHRIS KANNADY

Symptoms may include:

- Inability to pass urine
- Difficulty starting or stopping the urine flow
- Pain or burning during urination
- Blood in your urine
- Pain in the lower back, upper thighs or hips
- Erectile dysfunction

If you are a man older than 50, your urologist should conduct a prostate-

specific antigen (PSA) test. PSA is an enzyme produced by prostate cells. An antigen is simply a protein that can be identified for a particular organ.

"A measurement of elevated PSA levels alerts the physician or urologist to the possibility the patient may have prostate cancer," Kannady said.

For men diagnosed early, treatment may not be necessary immediately. Active surveillance or regular follow-ups may be recommended. Other treatment options include radiation therapy, hormone therapy, surgery and chemotherapy.

Kannady provides care for a full range of urology and men's health conditions, including male and female voiding issues, erectile dysfunction, kid-

ney stones, male fertility issues, male and female urinary incontinence and bladder cancer. To schedule an appointment, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown or call 832-556-6046.

Houston Methodist Baytown takes every precaution to safeguard your safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. The hospital is designated as a vaccine hub, where vaccines are free and available to everyone age 12 and older. Houston Methodist is currently offering third doses of the fully FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine to patients 12 and older who are immunocompromised and received their second Pfizer dose at least 28 days ago. To register and for information, visit houstonmethodist.org/vaccine.

★ OBITUARIES

ELIA OLIVIA ZUNIGA BOLTON

Elia Olivia Zuniga Bolton, 65, of Houston, Texas, passed away on Friday, September 24, 2021. She was born on October 2, 1955, in Corpus Christi, Texas to Jesus Palacios Zuniga and Olivia Escamilla Zuniga. Elia retired after working for 29 years as the Custodian Supervisor for Channelview ISD. She was a strong Christian woman and a member of Living Water Church in Deer Park. Elia enjoyed sewing, baking, playing card games, and keeping her flower beds looking nice. She was the best friend you needed, always ready to listen and would never judge you. Elia was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Bolton; parents,



Jesus and Olivia Zuniga; and brother, Jesus "Jesse" Gilberto Zuniga Jr.

Elia leaves behind to cherish her loving memory her son, Reynaldo Rios; daughter, Christine Rose and husband Timothy; grandchildren, JoLynn Saucedo and husband Omar Legorreta, Olivia Rodriguez and husband Edgar, Christopher Rios, and Ethan Rios; great-grandchildren, Jayden Legorreta, Mia Legorreta, and Emily

Rodriguez; brother, Rafael Zuniga and wife Aracelli; sister, Elva Reyes and husband Eias; sweet canine companion, Charlie Brown; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Friends were invited to visit with the family on Sunday, October 3, 2021 from 5pm until 8pm, in the chapel of Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562. Funeral services began at 10am on Monday, October 4, 2021, also at Sterling White, with a graveside service that followed in Sterling White Cemetery.

STERLING ~ WHITE
FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY
281-426-3555
11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd.
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MARVIN FRANK MAREK

Marvin Frank Marek, 88, of Crosby, Texas, passed away on Thursday, September 23, 2021. He was born May 26, 1933 in Baytown to Frank and Vlasta Marek, who preceded him in death.

Marvin graduated from Crosby High School, and later went on to study at the University of Houston. He retired from DuPont after many years as an electrician. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Crosby, where he served as a Deacon and long time member of the choir.

Marvin enjoyed working outdoors, where he was often seen on one of his tractors. When not doing tractor work, he loved to spend time working on projects in his shop. In his free time he loved reading his Bible, witnessing to others, and spending time in fellowship with his community. He loved John Deere



tractors, homemade ice cream, and talking about his grandkids.

Marvin is preceded in death by: Parents Frank and Vlasta Marek, Sister Betty Jean, First wife of 40 years, Ruby Elaine Marek.

Marvin leaves behind to cherish his memory: Wife of 27 years, Lou, Sons: Randy Marek and wife Grace, Ted Marek and wife Connie, Stepsons: Steve Marsh, Mike Marsh & wife Irma, Brother Gene Marek and wife Glenna,

Grandchildren: Jennifer Govender and fiancé Saul, Katie Nelson and husband

Doug, Michelle Sims and husband Jessie, Alan Marek, Jonathan Marek and wife Jena, Christi Marsh, Michelle Grant and husband Stephen, Melissa Marsh and Samantha Marsh,

Great-Grandchildren: Pierce Govender, Kylee Nelson, Ashlyn Nelson, Braxton Sims, Ryder Sims, Sawyer Sims, Avery Marek, Anna Orozco and Savannah Grant,

Numerous other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Billy Graham Foundation. Services for Marvin Marek were held privately, and available for streaming online by all. We love you Pop!

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When was the last time you read 1 Kings 18:20-40? This passage tells the story of one of the greatest show-downs of the Bible. It's Elijah against hundreds of Baal's prophets, and those prophets lose both the contest and their lives. God shows up and shows out in a huge way not only here, but in the following verses of chapter 18. Elijah is on a spiritual high like you can't believe. And then Jezebel, the king's wife, sends a message to Elijah in 1 Kings 19:2 declaring that she is going to have him killed in retaliation. And Elijah runs.

Think about it. This is the John Wayne of the Bible here. Hundreds of evil men have just died after God proved His own presence and power at the altar, and then God worked another miracle by ending a drought after Elijah declared that it was over. He should be standing tall, confident that God has his back, but when Jezebel, just one woman, threatens him, he takes off running. Even worse, he not only runs, but he runs alone. It says in 1

Kings 19:3 that he leaves his servant in Beersheba and goes on alone.

This was a huge mistake; when you walk away from those who would encourage you, things tend to go downhill fast, and they did. In verse 4, we see him parking it under a tree and having a royal pity party; that's the one party we never want to invite anyone to because it's all about Me, Myself, and I.

There's a lot to be found in 1 Kings 19, but I'm going to stop on this point. It's not good for man to be alone. God said it before bringing Eve into the picture, and it's true of much more than just the husband-wife relationship. Each of us needs to be in positive relationships with people who will stick by us no matter what. We need to be grounded in community. We need to be actively involved in church. We need to be surrounded by those who can encourage us during the hard times, and we need to be quick to encourage them as well.

When we walk away from these relation-

ships, as Elijah did, it is easy to focus entirely on our problems and forget the greatness of God. We've seen this even in the natural since we started dealing with covid: isolation lead to a huge spike in mental health issues and suicides. Community is a necessity for our spiritual, mental, and even physical well being.

Elijah does get his act together; he repents and continues with the assignment God has given him. One of the first things God does, at this point, is tell him to anoint Elisha to be a prophet (1 Kings 19:16). This same Elisha becomes that friend who sticks closer than a brother. Multiple times, near the end of his walk on Earth, Elijah tries to send Elisha away, to go on without him, but the man won't budge.

Let's be Elijah with Elisha; let's never walk alone. Let's also be Elisha with Elijah, refusing to budge when our hurting friends try to send us away. Let us walk with them through it all.

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Crosby Superintendent,

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at each campus. They've made it their mission to see your children and our staff have what they need to learn each day.

There have been some wonderful surprises during the last few weeks. On September 30th, Toro the Texans mascot made surprise visits to teachers along with the Crosby Education Foundation. The annual CEF Grant Give-away awarded more than \$90,000 in more than 65 grants to Crosby ISD teachers. The money will go directly to creating lessons, transforming classrooms, and sparking inspiration among Crosby

students. Also recently, the district announced that all Crosby ISD employees will receive free admission to all home athletic events. It's a small token of appreciation for our dedicated staff.

We're ramping up for some big nights for fall sports. Senior Night for football will be October 15th during the game against Texas City. Volleyball Senior Night will be October 19th in the match against Galena Park. Of course, we're all looking forward to Homecoming Week. We'll cap off the week with a pep

rally and Spirit Walk from Crosby High School to Cougar Stadium. Then we'll cheer on our varsity Cougars against Santa Fe in the homecoming game.

Fall is a changing of the seasons. It's also a time of reflection and a time of renewing ourselves with purpose. Here at Crosby ISD, our purpose is clear: teach students, help them achieve their goals, celebrate our staff, honor tradition, and share Cougar Pride with our parents and our communities.

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Weston Cotten
by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:
Carol Thompson A/K/A Carol Lee Creasy Hanggee Thompson
17706 Jolly Boat Drive
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Dated this SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

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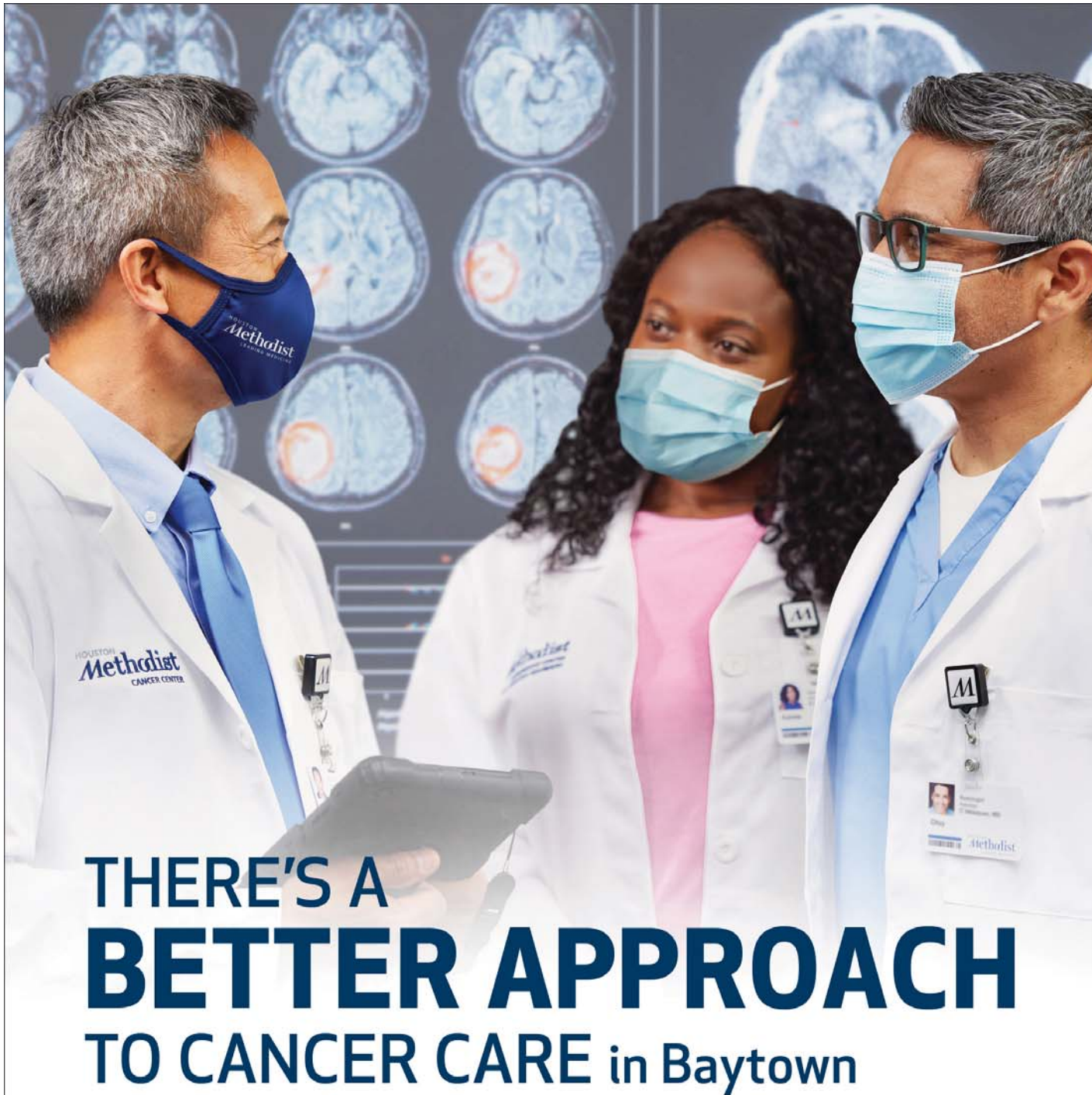
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