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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
Margaret Chasteen-Rodan & Fields/Incumbent
Eric Jennings-DocResources/Incumbent
Sue Fitzgerald-Dove Shipping Kay Sosa-Visiting Angels
Jennifer Gray-Woodforest National Bank
Billy Bostick-Pioneer Plumbing & Septic

Please RSVP by October 19th. You can call 281-328-6984, email chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org to register also.

**SUN. OCT. 24
Crosby Church Extreme Machine**

Spooktacular Vendor Show at Extreme Machine Sunday Fall Festival! Extreme Machine Sunday, October 24th from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Crosby Church is hosting our annual community-wide fall festival, Extreme Machine Sunday, on October 25, 2021. This event includes attractions such as: Extreme Auto Show, Craft Show, and Free Children's Activities, Trunk or Treating, Extreme Entertainment, Concessions, and much more.

Extreme Machine Sunday, Auto Show. \$20.00 Pre-Registration and \$25.00 On-site Registration. 9AM Vehicle Registration Starts with Awards Ceremony at 3:30 pm. Crosby Church - 5725 Hwy 90, Crosby, Texas 77532

Craft Booth Vendors Needed \$35.00 10 by 10 space Contact Tiffany Muller at tiffany@crosbychurch.com or 281-328-1310.

Garcia unveils final Parks & Trails Plan

By Gilbert Hoffman

PCT 2 HARRIS COUNTY - Last Thursday, Oct. 14 Commissioner Adrian Garcia presented the completed Parks and Trails Plan to the community. This plan is not only meant to enhance the physical environment of the various parks and neighborhoods in Precinct 2, but also to weave a cohesive relationship between different neighborhoods through the precinct. The Commissioner has initiated an ambitious project, to study each community and present a Comprehensive Master Plan for enhancing the physical and quality of life aspects of its features. This includes roads, drainage, and other amenities as well as the park system. The presentation of the



New exercise equipment at Highlands Park is an example of improvements underway at existing Pct. 2 parks.



An "All Inclusive" park at James Driver Park in Aldine is an example of new thinking to accommodate persons with physical or cognitive disabilities.

Parks and Trails Final Plan was made through ZOOM, to an audience that totalled almost 100 participants. The presentation was made by Katie Coyne, project manager for the landscape planning firm

AsakuraRobinson. It was monitored by Jorge Bustamante, planning manager of Precinct 2.

After over a year of meeting with community stakeholders, the Precinct 2 Parks and Trails Plan is

complete. Through a collaborative process involving in-depth community engagement, research, and analysis, the Precinct 2 Parks and Trails Plan outlines how the parks and trails system will best

serve the diverse communities in Precinct 2. The Plan will guide the Commissioner and the Precinct 2 team in prioritizing investments, incorporating

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LHUMC Pumpkin Patch State Rep. Huberty announces retirement



Lake Houston United Methodist Church is celebrating their 20th year of being home to a large Pumpkin Patch. The Pumpkin Patch offers over 1,000 pumpkins with a wide variety of types, shapes, and sizes. The Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week until All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), October 31. Patrons are invited to bring kids, family and cameras for festive fall photo opportunities. Proceeds benefit LHUMC Missions, Youth and Children. The Patch is located at 23606 FM 2100 in Huffman and is open Sunday through Friday, 11 am - 7 pm and Saturdays, 9 am - 7 pm. A Trunk-or-Treat event for the kids is on Sunday, October 31 from 6-8pm.

HOUSTON - State Rep. Dan Huberty, R-Houston, announced Tuesday he will not seek another term to the Texas House.

Huberty, who has represented House District 127 since 2011, said in a statement that "it is time for new opportunities in life."

"I have thought long and hard about this decision," Huberty said. "It's been an honor to represent the people and communities of District 127 at the Texas Capitol, and I'm proud of the work our team has accomplished."

During the 2019 legislative session, Huberty helped spearhead reforms to the state's school finance system, which included \$6.5 billion to improve public education in the state and pay teachers, plus \$5.1 billion to lower school district taxes.

Huberty said Tuesday that his "interest in and passion for public education remains at my core" and said he believed



that the school finance reform legislation from 2019 "will have a lasting impact for the school children of Texas for a long time to come."

Earlier this year, Huberty was arrested in

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Crosby Superintendent's message to the community

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

We are coming up on Homecoming Week in Crosby ISD, and we have so much to celebrate.

The week will culminate on Friday, October 29th with the homecoming court presentation and final home football game of the regular season. Beforehand, we're inviting the community to join us for community celebrations outside Crosby High School. First at 5pm, our youngest cougars are invited to a Trunk-or-Treat party in front of CHS. You'll see cars and district vehicles decorated by our elementary schools and curriculum department. They'll be loaded with candy for



SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON

the youngsters to take home. Then at 6pm, the community is welcome to join our Spirit Walk from Crosby High School to Cougar Stadium. We can't wait to end our night with a varsity team victory over Santa Fe.

This year, Homecoming Week coincides with

Red Ribbon Week, one of oldest and most successful drug prevention awareness programs in the country. Each day that week will have a theme for dress up days for elementary students, including "Cougars are drug free!" and "Cowboy up against drugs."

One of the big initiatives we launched this month was a push for kindness and positivity throughout our schools. We started "Hey! Week" in early October, sharing affirmations and encouraging students to make new friends. Now every Wednesday will be "Hey! Day," and each week will have a theme. For example, most recently we encouraged students and staff to wear orange - one color that symbolizes tak-

ing a stance against bullying. Crosby ISD is a district that emphasizes respect for all people and property.

I want to thank the parents, guardians, and community members who recently joined our first "Crosby ISD Live!" virtual discussion. I was able to share the current state of the district and our vision for the future. I really enjoyed answering your questions. We'll do more of these virtual chat sessions in the months to come.

I also want to congratulate two Crosby High School students who were named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. Seniors Brynna CoVan and Georgia Jens-

en are among 34,000 students nationwide to be recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Looking ahead to November, we are proud to announce that Crosby ISD will host a Veterans Day ceremony featuring student talent. The public is invited to join us at Cougar Stadium at 7pm on Tuesday, November 9th. We encourage all families and veterans to attend. It will be a wonderful salute to those who have made our Crosby/Barrett Station communities so proud. Service to our country, our communities, and to one another is what makes our home such a special place.

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★ OPINION PAGE ★

COUNTY CONNECTION
Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo



New \$50 million crime prevention and neighborhood safety program

All across America, violent crime has increased — and sadly Harris County has not been immune to this national trend. It's no secret what is driving crime both here and across the nation — the economic consequences of the pandemic and the widespread availability and use of guns on our streets. COVID-19 has left more than just a body count in its wake. A secondary consequence has been victims of crime and a criminal court backlog that continues to delay justice for too many. The very same neighborhoods that have long been ignored by the county, by private investment, and by so many other institutions are the same ones that have been victimized the most by rising crime and gun violence. Blighted buildings, dark streets, and unsafe and abandoned structures serve as incubators of crime and gun violence.

The good news is that we are not powerless against this challenge. Over the past three years we've made historic anti-crime and neighborhood safety investments. Each year, we've increased the budgets for every law enforcement agency in the county, including the District Attorney. We've freed up law enforcement to focus on the most violent criminals by reinforcing them with public health experts who can cover them for non-violent, routine calls. We've launched crime interruption programs designed to break the cycle of gun violence through community policing and outreach. We've allocated millions to tackle the unacceptable backlog in criminal court cases in our county, hiring more judges, expanding jury operations, and allocating more than \$17 million for overtime and equipment to speed court cases along. We've invested millions to support our law enforcement as they focus on the most violent crimes.

And yesterday, we passed a new \$50 million Clean Streets, Safe Neighborhoods program: a crime prevention and neighborhood safety program that uses data to target county neighborhoods where decay and abandonment are driving violent crime. The program will improve street lighting, sidewalks, and visibility in residential areas, address longstanding blighted and abandoned structures, restore vacant lots, and implement other improvements shown to enhance public safety. We know this approach works due to studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, and others that show that investments like these not only reduce crime, but save taxpayer dollars. Yesterday, we also issued a resolution in support of the addition of two courts to our justice system to help us get through the court backlog that has slowed justice in our county to a crawl.

We owe it to the law enforcement officers and communities we serve to put skin in the game — to have tools at the ready to help them and our courts prevent and fight violent crime from all sides. There is no silver bullet, but by working smart and investing in solutions that fight the root causes of crime in our community, we can make a difference now and for years to come.



THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Buying Jeans

There are few things as daunting as buying jeans. I don't buy jeans frequently enough to buy the same kind twice. By the time I'm ready for a new pair of jeans, whatever I've been wearing is unavailable, out of style, or both.

Of course there are sizes on jeans, but the sizes mean nothing. They are only intended to provide some sort of rough orientation. It would be like saying you know how to find your grandmother's house in Texas because you know how to get to Texas. Chances are, you are nowhere close. But even if I find a size that fits, I will face difficulties.

Jeans with a waistband that comes anywhere near the waist are called "high-rise" jeans, though they used to be called "mom jeans" because "low-rise" jeans were popular for a long time. In order to keep selling new jeans, the low-rise got lower and lower until the zipper was approximately one inch long and its purpose was difficult to ascertain.

The obvious problem with this design is that if you try to hang something off the widest part of your body, there isn't much incentive for it to stay there. Wearing these jeans meant constantly pulling them up before they slipped any farther down. But for a long time these were about the only jeans you could buy, and so I went along with it and joined the legions of women hiking up their jeans as they walked down the street.

The only reason low-rise jeans defied gravity at all was because they had spandex in them. This became more and more extreme until some jeans had no denim left in them at all. These are called "jeggings," an unholy union between leggings and jeans. Designed to be mistaken for jeans from a distance, they were really just elastic pants in disguise.

I am not opposed to a little spandex. My husband, Peter, wears "selvage" jeans, which are made with denim of the original heavy weight, when jeans were intended for doing hard work—even harder than walking down the street trying to keep your pants up. Peter bought me a pair, but I have not worn them. New selvage jeans are so stiff I can't bend my knees or sit down. If I wore them for an evening out, I'd have to be propped up in a corner.

"They'll get softer as you wear them!" Peter insists. I'm not sure I'll live that long.

But because low-rise jeans were popular for so long, high-rise jeans are now in fashion. They are no longer called "mom jeans," because moms are presumably still struggling to keep low-rise jeans from slipping off their hips.

The fact that high-rise jeans are now worn by everyone under 30 has the more fashion-conscious itching to go back to low-rise jeans, but there has been some push-back. One fashion reviewer wrote how she was "traumatized by low-rise jeans." I don't know how much power a pair of pants should have, but I'm pretty sure that is too much.

Yesterday, I pulled my old jeans out of the closet. They had never traumatized me, but I am a little tired of always having to yank them up. As an older person, no one expects me to be on trend, but I'm thinking a pair of jeans that is less inclined to work its way down toward my ankles would be a nice change. All I have to do is sift through several dozen pairs until I find one that fits.

Jeggings are sounding better all the time.

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

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Early voting begins on eight proposed amendments

If history is an indicator, Texas voters will likely go to the polls on Nov. 2 in underwhelming numbers to decide the fate of eight proposed amendments to the state's constitution. With no statewide races on the ballot, and a scattering of local elections for city council and school board, turnout typically is low. Nevertheless, early voting is now underway and continues until Oct. 29. The proposed amendments include allowing raffles at rodeo events; allowing counties to issue bonds for transportation infrastructure; banning the state from prohibiting or limiting religious services (related to closures during the pandemic); eligibility of candidates to run for judicial positions; and property tax exemption for bereaved families, among other measures. A fuller explanation of the proposed amendments can be found at the non-partisan BallotPedia site: <https://tinyurl.com/29andwew>

MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN RENTAL ASSISTANCE

A federally funded rental assistance program administered through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has distributed more than \$1 billion in rent and utility assistance to more than 174,000 Texas households — more than any other state. The pandemic relief measure has provided assistance in 95% of Texas counties and still has more than \$900 million that can be distributed, according to TDHCA. "Crossing the \$1 billion mark shows we were able to address a great and pressing need that is still present here in our state, but it's important we continue to work vigorously to get help out as quickly as possible," Bobby Wilkinson, TDHCA executive director,



said. Renters can apply for the program by calling 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368) or online at TexasRentRelief.com. The call center is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. To qualify, households must be at or below 80% of the area median income and meet other criteria.

STATE DRIED UP IN SEPTEMBER

The cooler and wetter conditions of early summer became a distant memory in September as much of the state experienced little rain, according to Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist for the Texas Water Development Board. "At the end of the month, drought conditions covered 7% of the state, up six percentage points from the end of last month," Wentzel wrote. September was the first month since last March that was both warmer and drier for most of the state. Wentzel predicts dry conditions will continue for the next few months, leading to drought expanding to cover all but the eastern edge of Texas by the end of the year.

\$36.4 MILLION IN BORDER ENFORCEMENT FUNDING

Gov. Greg Abbott announced last week that his Public Safety Office will award \$36.4 million in funding for law enforcement and prosecution in

connection with Operation Lone Star, the state's border security effort. "Operation Lone Star is critical to our efforts to secure the border, and we will continue to invest in this operation in order to keep Texans safe," Abbott said. "The grant funding provided through House Bill 9 ensures that our local partners along the border have the resources and support they need to respond to the border crisis." The funds will go to a dozen counties along the Texas-Mexico border.

HOW TO PICK THE RIGHT MEDICARE PLAN

Medicare open enrollment is underway and continues through Dec. 7. The Texas Department of Insurance provides some advice for Texans enrolling for Medicare after turning 65 this year or for existing enrollees considering changes to their Medicare plans. Those include: • Know the deadlines, which in general run three months before turning 65 to three months after. People with insurance through their employer can delay enrolling, but it's best to check with the company's benefits manager. • Learn the different parts of Medicare and decide if you need a gap plan to supplement Medicare coverage. • Calculate the costs and compare plans. More information can be found at medicare.gov.

NEW COVID-19 CASES DROP SLIGHTLY; DEATHS RISE

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas reported in the past week dropped slightly to 48,971, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, but new deaths jumped 34% to 1,949. The latest wave of serious cases appears to be slacking off from the highs reported in late August and September, with 5,376 COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals as of Sunday. That's a drop of nearly two-thirds from its late-summer peak, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated ticked up to 15.2 million, according to DSHS, while more than 900,000 people have received an additional dose of the vaccine. The additional doses were first authorized in mid-August.

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Mask Up! For A SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday, Oct 30th Jamboree!

Parade at 10 am on Main Street, travels south from East Houston St to Jones Rd.

11-3pm Craft Fair/Expo at Highlands Elementary Campus

12 noon Children's Pageant

2:30 Silent Auction close

Join Us For a Day of Community Fun!

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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.

Curbside service at County Libraries

The Chambers County Library System continues to offer curbside service through the remainder of 2021. Books, DVDs, audiobooks and other items can be reserved and picked up at any of the branch libraries. The public can also send documents to branch emails for printing, send items to fax, or request copies. There is no charge for these services. A notary public is available, but please call ahead to make an appointment.

Hours for all locations, we are curbside Monday-Friday, 8-5 and Saturday, 9-1.

In addition to curbside service, there are weekly virtual story times, and craft programs on the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Take and make crafts for kids and teens are offered each month.

Special consideration for computer appointments is being made for people who need to do job or school related assignments (masks encouraged). We ask that people use the computers quickly to limit exposure. We also offer 24/7 Wi-Fi with mobile printing.

The library will continue to work closely with county and health officials to provide a safe environment when it comes time to reopen to the public.

If you don't have a library card, you can apply for an eCard to access the library's online resources. Visit our website here www.chambers.lib.tx.us or <http://www.chambers.lib.tx.us>

Nursing Excellence Awards

Hospital honors September DAISY winners

BAYTOWN — (October 7, 2021) — Three Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital nurses were recognized as recipients of the September DAISY Award.

Zanaida Maynard, a member of the hospital's 2 South unit staff, ICU staff member Dulce Wong and Maria Lopez (3 West unit), received the award that recognizes the "super-human" tasks nurses perform every day. The DAISY Award is given by the DAISY Foundation and Community Resource Credit Union sponsors the award program at Houston Methodist Baytown.

In her nominating letter, Maynard was praised by a patient's family member for being "compassionate and attentive to earn the trust" of the patient who was dealing with anxiety during his hospital stay.



MARIA LOPEZ



ZANAIDA MAYNARD



DULCE WONG

Wong was recognized by a family member for giving her loved one "a fighting spirit and motivation to eat, keep the faith and focus on the goal of strengthening his lungs."

Lopez earned praise from a patient, who remarked, "I have never had a nurse who had such a positive personality. She made me want to get better just by her demeanor." The not-for-profit DAISY

Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, Calif., and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died in 1999 at the age of 33 from complications of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon

auto-immune disease. The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families. Each month, a nurse is selected by a nursing committee to receive the DAISY Award.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes every day, and given the current national nursing shortage, the DAISY Award plays an important role in letting our nurses know their work is highly valued.

Mont Belvieu wins Marketing Awards

The month of September has been a busy one for the City of Mont Belvieu's Communications and Marketing Department. Staff attended the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers (TAMIO) annual conference in Round Rock from August 30 to September 1. Then, the very next week, the City was represented at the City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) conference in St. Louis, Missouri from September 8 - 10. While both conferences provided ample continuing education opportunities for staff, it also allowed the City's communications efforts to shine brightly in the spotlight.



TAMIO

Mont Belvieu took home one (1) TAMIO Award from the TAMIO Annual Conference

"COVID-19 External Communications" in recognition of our #TogetherMBTX campaign.

3CMA

Mont Belvieu took home two (2) SAVVY Awards from the 3CMA Annual Conference

"Best use of Facebook" in recognition of our "How the Grinch Stole the Parade" messaging in 2020.

"Single-Image Photography" in recognition of the beautifully shot photo by Brian Ligon, Communications and Marketing Director, taken during the Mont Belvieu Fire Department's response to the Lone Star NGL facility in July of 2020.

Both SAVVY awards earned additional recognition by the judging teams in Diamond Award nominees.

Mont Belvieu also won a Silver Circle, 2nd place award at 3CMA.

"Printed Publication" for our MB Link Infinity card marketing tool.

Houston Methodist Baytown

The Difference Between Flu and COVID19 Symptoms

BAYTOWN — (October 8, 2021) —Medical experts predict the current flu season could be a very active one amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, making getting the annual flu vaccine even more important this year.

If you start feeling sick, your first thought might be, "Do I have COVID-19?" The fact is you need to be prepared for both. Knowing what to do if you experience COVID-19 or flu symptoms can help you protect yourself and others.

"It's important to keep your guard up this fall, because we could see both COVID-19 and flu viruses spreading in our community," said Dr. Pooja Kulkarni, a primary care physician at Houston Methodist Primary Care Group at Baytown. "We need to be vigilant about recognizing symptoms, getting tested, getting both vaccines and preventing the spread of illness to others."

Slow the Spread
COVID-19 and the flu both spread easily from person to person in close

contact (less than six feet apart). Both viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets when people cough, sneeze or talk. Both COVID-19 and flu may be spread to others by people who are asymptomatic (having no symptoms) or those who are recently infected and not yet showing symptoms.

Although COVID-19 and flu viruses spread in similar ways, COVID-19—especially the delta variant—is more contagious among certain populations and age groups than flu. COVID-19 also has been linked to more super-spreading events in which a single person can infect many other individuals.

A Range of Symptoms
Some people with COVID-19 or the flu have no symptoms, while others experience mild, moderate, severe, critical or life-threatening symptoms.

• COVID-19: The key symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Some people with COVID-19 also report a lack of taste or smell.



DR. POOJA KULKARNI

• Flu: The most common symptoms of flu include fever, chills, muscle aches and fatigue.

"Because the symptoms of COVID-19 and the flu are similar, it's difficult to know if you're experiencing COVID-19 or the flu based on symptoms alone," explained Kulkarni. Getting tested for COVID-19 is an important step in confirming the source of illness and seeking medical treatment, if needed.

Most mild cases of COVID-19 and flu can be managed at home with rest, fluids and fever-reducing medicine. But those who are at risk for complications of COVID-19 should check in with their doctor. Monitor symptoms and

seek medical care right away if you're experiencing severe symptoms, such as:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in chest
- New dizziness or confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

"Although COVID-19 and flu are similar in many ways, the chance of severe and critical infection is higher with COVID-19 than the flu," Kulkarni said.

If you are experiencing flu or COVID-19 symptoms, schedule a virtual appointment with your primary care doctor. Simply call your doctor's office or use the "Schedule an Appointment" button in Houston Methodist MyChart.

Kulkarni and her fellow physicians with Houston Methodist Primary Care Group at Baytown—Dr. Greg Terry, Mohammad Ahmed, MD, Irfan Dadabhoi, MD and nurse practitioner Trudy Istre—provide the full

range of primary care services, including routine checkups, and treatment of complex illnesses, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and asthma. To schedule an appointment to get your flu vaccine, visit houstonmethodist.org, or call 832-556-6670.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital screens all patients, ensuring only those without COVID-19 symptoms are seen in the office. Masks and personal protective equipment (PPE) are required while providing patient care, and we have reorganized waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing. We have also implemented additional sanitation processes to disinfect all equipment and surfaces. Houston Methodist Baytown is designated as a COVID-19 vaccine hub and provides first dose shots as well as boosters for those meeting FDA and CDC guidelines. Vaccines are open to everyone age 16 and older. Walk-ins are welcome, but you may also schedule an appointment by visiting houstonmethodist.org/vaccine.

★ OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY JEAN TIPPS PANNELL

Shirley Jean Tipps Pannell passed away on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021, in Houston, Texas, surrounded by her family. She was born January 15th, 1950, in Henderson, Texas to the late Bradford Gail and Zera Mae Stafford Tipps. She graduated from Henderson High School in 1968. After graduation she worked as a nursing assistant at the nursing home her grandmother lived in, and later worked on the factory floor that made Anderson-Hickey office furniture where she operated the blast furnace. She would



then meet the love of her life and spend the next 46 years being a wife and mother.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of almost 46 years W.R. "Sonny"

Pannell, and brother Billy G Tipps of Henderson, Texas.

She leaves behind her son Rodney Pannell, stepdaughter Becky Dunkerson and husband Randy, their children Kolten and Kirsten Dunkerson, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



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EDDIE DON SLAUGHTER

Eddie Don Slaughter, 79, of Crosby, Texas, went to his heavenly home on Friday, October 8, 2021. He was born on July 26, 1942 in Corpus Christi, Texas to Woodrow Burton and Dorothy Nell Slaughter. He married the love of his life, Betty Jean Allen on August 11, 1962 and together they were blessed with five children, Tammy, Nancy, Cynthia, Ricky, and Deborah. Eddie was a firm believer in the Lord; and was a faithful member and an Elder for 2nd Street Church of Christ in Channelview. Eddie was a loving husband, father, Paw Paw, brother, and friend who will be dearly missed.

Eddie was preceded in death by his (parents) Woodrow and Dorothy Slaughter; (sister) Darlene Landrum; (brother) Darrel Slaughter; (daughter) Deborah Annette Fletcher; (granddaugh-



ter) Melinda Sue Johnson; and (son-in-law) Dwayne (Kojak) Hayes.

He is survived by his wife Betty of 59 years; children, Tammy Johnson and husband Dwayne, Nancy Hayes and husband Marty, Cynthia Hayes, and Ricky Slaughter and wife Linda, son-in-law, Steve Fletcher; grandchildren, Darrel Hayes and wife April, Michael Hayes, Eric Hayes and wife Elizabeth, Shelby Fletcher, Glenna Hayes, Katelynne Fletcher, Phillip Hayes and wife Hanan, Bradley Hayes and

wife Denise, and Brandon Fletcher; great-grandchildren, Eric Hayes Jr., Elijah Hayes, Ethan Hayes, Malachi Hayes, Carson Lewis, Raelynn Halt, Delilah Sharp, and Jáázaniah Hayes; brother, Lonnie Slaughter and wife Cyndy; and a host of extended family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Friday, October 22, 2021 at Sterling White Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 10:00am on Saturday, October 23, 2021 also at Sterling White Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Sterling White Cemetery.

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Rep. Dan Huberty retires,

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Montgomery County after he crashed his car into another vehicle and failed a sobriety test. The lawmaker was driving home from the Capitol in late April. Huberty apologized to his colleagues soon after, saying in an emotional speech on the House floor at the time that he had struggled with alcoholism throughout his life and had started treatment immediately after the incident.

Huberty's departure will mark the 14th open House seat heading into the 2022 election; two other House Republicans — Jim Murphy of Houston and Chris Paddie of Marshall — also recently announced retirements.

Huberty's announcement came hours after the Legislature adjourned from its third special session of the year, which was focused on redrawing the

state's political maps. Gov. Greg Abbott had also tasked state lawmakers to work on a number of other issues, including legislation to restrict transgender student athletes from playing on school sports teams that align with their gender identity and a spending plan for billions of dollars in federal COVID-19 relief money.
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Pct. 2 Parks & Trails Plan,

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best practices for programming and design, and help create and maintain the best parks and trails for the Precinct 2 community.

In his welcoming remarks, Commissioner Garcia called parks "A Place to Celebrate Community." He said Parks and trails in Precinct 2 provide opportunities for communities to safely come together, play, exercise, and connect with nature. Now more than ever, parks are a vital resource for all residents.

Garcia spoke about improvements that have already been made to existing parks, and plans for further development of the whole system. He was especially enthusiastic about the "All Inclusive" park being built at James Driver Park in the Aldine area, where adults and children with physical or cognitive disabilities will be able to participate in outdoor activities. He said

his goal was to make other parks inclusive, as well.

Ms. Coyne presented the Goals & Objectives in the Parks plan. She said that parks should be designed to be (1) Safe; (2) Accessible and Connected; (3) Healthy; (4) Culturally Relevant; (5) Engaging; (6) Environmentally Resilient; and (7) Economically Resilient.

In developing the Plan, AsakuraRobinson used 24 focus groups, 3 walking tours, 2 virtual community events, and 5 weeks of social media, yard signs and other means to engage residents. The Community Survey had over 900 responses, Coyne said. High priorities in the responses included accessibility, parking, clean restrooms, more lighting, more seating, more security, and trail markers. Other suggestions included food trucks, emergency call systems, and interactive pro-

grams.

The Parks and Trails Plan was presented in a book of 137 pages, and a Power Point slide show. The plan went into great detail about methodology of the study, evaluation of existing parks, recommendations for their further development, and opportunities for new parks and trails within the precinct. A section of the Plan included Design Guidelines for future developments. Goals were defined as both short term and long term, and both local, neighborhood and precinct-wide.

Commissioner Garcia said that he was currently making an inventory of available vacant land in the precinct, with the possibility of developing more parks and trails. He also indicated that the plan will be used to improve and renew features of existing parks and trails.

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