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IN THE **STARS**

EVENTS SAT. OCT. 30 Trunk or Treat

Second Annual Trunk or Treat presented by Absolute Wellness, at the parking lot 14626 FM 2100, Crosby. Food, Fun, Games and Prizes. 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Everyone welcome, for info call 832-941-0901

OCT. 29-31 Fright Night in Baytown

Haunted House, Oct. 29, 30 from 7pm to 10pm, Oct. 31 from 4pm to 10pm. Admission Adults \$10, Teens \$8, Kids

Trunk or Treet, Free Event, Oct. 31 4pm to 10pm, Food Fun, Games, Prizes. Baytown Town Square.

TNT Youth Fundraiser, Oct. 31, Pumpkin Patch, Refreshments, Photo Booth. \$10 Pumpkin Bundle

OCTOBER Family Events at Lake Houston Methodist

PUMPKIN PATCH 20TH ANNIVERSARY! LHUMC celebrates 20 years of bringing beautiful pumpkins to our community! The Pumpkin Patch opens Monday, October 4 through October 31, 2021 and offers over 1,000 pumpkins with a wide variety of types, shapes, colors, and sizes. Bring your camera for great fall photos in the Patch and pick out your perfect fall pumpkins!! Located at 23606 FM 2100 in Huffman. Hours are Sunday-Friday 11am-7pm and Saturdays 9am-7pm. More info at Lakehoustonumc.com

TRUNK-OR-TREAT Mark your calendars for Trunk-or-Treat at Lake Houston UMC on Sunday, October 31st kids, bags for treats, and your camera and join us for a safe, family-friendly fall celebration! Get ready to have some fun and vote for your favorite "Trunker"!!! People's Choice Award! The Pumpkin Patch will be open, too! Located at 23606 FM 2100, Huffman Lakehoustonumc.com

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64th ANNUAL HIGHLANDS JAMBOREE SATURDAY

lands, will shine again on Saturday, when the 64th Annual Jamboree returns after a year off due to the Pandemic. The Theme for this year's parade will be Halloween Spooktacular. The Chamber of Com-

merce, its director Jessica Woods, and its officers and members, put a lot of effort into this event. Woods is the Executive Director of the Chamber, which is the beneficiary of funds raised by the event.

This annual event started with the opening of the Highlands State Bank in 1955. It has been held annually since, with only two years missed.

Events during the Jamboree include a parade at 10 am, and the afternoon activities at the Elementary

School from 11-3 These included crafts booths, a large variety of food booths, a silent auction, games and jump houses for the kids, and a very popular Children's Pageant for children from Year 1 through Year 11. The Children's Pageant will take place at 12 noon.

The parade will have about 35 units participating, including marching school bands, all the Fire Trucks from Highlands, Parade Marshal and Terry Davis Award winner, and Business of the Year.

Sponsors include Woodforest Bank, Sweetwoods Properties, Pct. 2 Adrian Garcia, Community Toyota, Houston Methodist Hospital, Goose Creek CISD, Randy Casey State Farm Insurance, and LaNelle McKay realtor.

ABOVE: The popular Highlands Jamboree Children's Pageant

contestants are pictured with Miss Highlands 2018 Kaitlyn Rolin and 2019 Miss Highlands Haley

RIGHT: A parade float from the 2016 Jamboree.



Crosby students receive National Merit commendations

CROSBY - Two Crosby High School students have just made their mark in the academic world. Seniors Brynna CoVan and Georgia Jensen have been named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program, a national academic competition for high school students.

Georgia and Brynna were among 34,000 students to be recognized for their exceptional academic promise. This is a great achievement for both students as more than 1.5 million high school students enter the competition each

The two students qualified for the National Merit Scholarship Program by achieving an impressive score on the PSAT/NM-



Brynna CoVan and Georgia Jensen, with CHS Principal Jason Davila

SQT or Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Brynna spent many late nights studying the material. "It was a big relief to know my hard work paid off," she said.

"These students repre sent a valuable national resource," commented a spokesperson for National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program. "We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic

Crosby High School Principal, Mr. Jason Davila, celebrated the students'

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County starts affordable housing in Newport

CROSBY - A new project in Newport aims to lead the charge in innovative attainable housing programs. Harris County Single-Family New Construction and Harris County Community Land Trust have initiated construction of two affordable houses in the Newport neighborhood.

On Thursday, October 14th Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, and Dr. Adrienne Holloway, Executive Director of Harris County Community Services Department participated in a ribbon-cutting for the new homes.

The Harris County Community Service De-

partment Single-Family New-Construction Pro $gram\ broke\ ground\ on\ the$ first of two SFNCP-constructed homes of its new Newport Project, a \$466,612 attainable housing initiative in Precinct 2.

Project construction is funded by CSD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Both homes will be conveyed into Harris County's Community Land Trust and sold to program-qualified families at 80% of the area median income or below

The homes are being constructed in Newport at 16839 Marlin Spike Way.

Voting Nov. 2 for TX Amendments

HARRIS COUNTY -Early voting is underway for a ballot that has attracted little interest among voters.

The ballot contains 8 propositions to amend the state constitution, but most feel these are minor issues, and voter turnout is

The amendments deal with the following issues: taxes, gambling, bond issues, religious services, healthcare, consitutional rights, and veterans ser-

Also on the ballot for East Harris County is a

For more information on the 8 Texas Constitutional Amendments, see Bill King's column on Page

race for Baytown Mayor, 4 Baytown propositions, and a tax for the water district

Baytown Mayoral candidates are incumbent Brandon Capetillo, David Isaac, and John Bryant.

Early voting hours are 7am to 7pm, through Friday October 28. Hours are

the same on election day. A 24 hour location will be available on Oct. 28, at the East Harris County Activilty Center on Wallisville Road in Channelview.

tions include Crosby Community Center, Highlands/ San Jacinto Community Center, J.D.Walker Community Center, Baytown Community Center, and the Harris County Administration Building on Preston Avenue in downtown.

To date, 65,000 persons have voted, 25,000 in person and 40,000 by mail-in ballots.











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Discussion on the Proposed Texas Constitutional **Amendments**

At the November 2 election, Texans will be asked to consider eight proposed amendments to the State Constitution. If history is any indicator, few voters will be interested, and turnout will be very low. However, amendments to the State Constitution are important, if for no other reason, they are rarely changed once they are adopted.

SAM Texas' state executive committee decided that our party should disseminate our recommendations on each one of the amendments. But a funny thing happened when we set out to do so. We didn't agree on a position on most of the amendments. But instead of yelling and calling each other names, we agreed to respectfully disagree and present both sides and let our fellow Texans draw their own conclusions. What a refreshing, novel approach, huh?

But wherever you come out on each of these proposed amendments, the SAM Party encourages you to exercise your right to be heard on these issues. You can early vote now through October 29 and election day is November 2. You can find your early voting and election day polling places on your local county website.

Proposition 1

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Ro deo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."

Raffles are a common fundraising tool for charities and frequently conducted at sporting events. This would also allow them at rode-

The State should not be encouraging gambling in any form.

Proposition 2

"The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."

This is a common financing tool available for cities in Texas. However, some counties, such as Harris County, have large unincorporated areas which are in need of infrastructure improve ments which require financing. This amendment would give counties in this situation the same tool

Local governments in Texas are already drowning in debt and should not be enabled to incur more.

Proposition 3

The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political $subdivision\ of\ this\ state\ from\ prohibiting\ or\ limiting\ religious\ servic$ es of religious organizations." Pro

During the pandemic, some local government officials issued executive orders banning any gathering, including religious -services. Many believe that these orders violated their fundamental right to practice their religion and could set a precedent for officials banning other religious observances in the name of public health.

Public gathering during a pandemic presented a risk to public health and officials should have the discretion to limit or ban any gathering in an epidemic.

Proposition 4

"The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of crimi nal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."

Texas is among a minority of states that elect judges in partisan elections. In large counties, there are so many judicial offices on the ballot that it is impossible for average citizens to know the qualifications of each candidate. Therefore, the state should set certain mini-

The people of Texas are capable of making their own determination on whether a candidate has sufficient qualifications to serve as a

Proposition 5

"The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for

Candidates for judicial office should comply with the same rules as incumbent judges. Proponents of the amendment argue that not applying the same rules to candidates as incumbents is unfair to incumbents. This amendment provides a means to enforce such rules.

This amendment runs the risk of politicizing the Commission by getting it involved in elections

Proposition 6

"The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.

During the pandemic, visitors were prohibited in senior care facilities by either executive orders or facility rules. It is crucial that seniors have, at least, one person be able to visit them on a regular basis to maintain family connection and ensure that the senior is receiving proper care.

During an epidemic any visitor to a senior care facility poses a potential risk to all the residents of a facility Public health officials and facility managers would have the discretion to implement rules to minimize that risk

Proposition 7

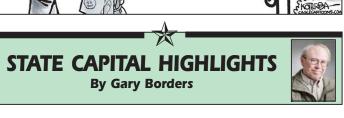
"The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."

The SAM party recommends the passage of this amendment but recognizes that some believe that such exemptions should be set by the Texas Legislature and not included in the State Constitution.

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."

The SAM party recommends the passage of this amendment but recognizes that some believe that such exemptions should be set by the Texas Legislature and not included in the State Constitution.





Gas prices topping \$3/gallon across state

The price of a gallon of gasoline tops \$3 across much of the state, which is up more than \$1.20 from a ear ago, according to AAA. The average price for regular gas in Texas stood at \$3.03 per gallon on Sunday as crude oil prices continue to creep up, closing above \$80 per barrel. Crude oil price is one of a quartet of factors that in-fluence the cost of gasoline, reported The Dallas Morn-ing News. The cost of refining, distribution expenses and taxes also affect the price at the pump.
"Things have really

picked up steam in terms of national gas prices in the last two-and-a-half to three weeks," Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum at fuel savings app GasBuddy, told the newspaper. "The national average had been stable for a long period of time, but suddenly the price of oil surged, and the price of gasoline fol-lowed along with it."

Cheaper prices can be found, although it takes some searching. Gasbuddy.com reported prices hovering around \$2.45 per gallon at locations in Dallas, Houston and Round Rock, but these appear to be exceptions to the prevailing price in-

SCOTT APPOINTED TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

John Scott has been appointed Texas Secretary of State, in which he serves as the state's chief election officer. The veteran Fort Worth attorney served previously as a deputy attorney general for civil litigation when Abbott was attorney general. He sub-sequently served as the chief operating officer of the state Health and Human Services Commission budget and 56,000 employ-

Scott briefly represent-ed former President Donald Trump in a lawsuit challenging the 2020 election results in Pennsylvania, along with state Sen. Bryan Hughes, Both withdrew from the case a few



days later, reported the

Texas Tribune.
The secretary of state slot has been vacant since May, when Rita Hughs resigned after the state senate declined to consider her confirmation. Since the Legislature isn't scheduled to meet again until 2023, Scott will serve in an interim capacity until then.

DSHS LAUNCHES COVID-19 VACCINATION PUSH

The Texas Department of State Health Services has launched a new statewide COVID-19 media campaign to encourage Texans aged 12 and over to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The campaign features Texans describing in their own words why they were initially hesitant to get the vaccine and lat-er changed their minds.

"Any Texan who has not been vaccinated against COVID-19 because of safety or other concerns can be assured that the authorized vaccines are safe and effective," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. "The data gathered shows the benefits of vaccination far outweigh the risks of rare side effects. Most importantly, vaccination is proven to greatly increase our protection against severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization and even death."

One ad features a womerate to severe case of COVID-19. That experience led her to change her mind and get vaccinated

following her illness to try and prevent a reinfection that could make her sick again or threaten those around her, according to a DSHS press release.

Another ad features a man who resisted vaccina-tion because of his distrust in the safety of the vac-cines and of those who encouraged their use. But as millions across the state, nation and globe have become fully vaccinated and adverse events remain very rare, he reviewed the data and has since been

Meanwhile, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continues to drop, with 30,276 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week. That is down nearly 75% from about a month ago. New deaths also dropped to 1,267 in the past week, reflecting national trends as the delta variant wave appears to be finally waning. State hospitalizations of lab-con-firmed COVID-19 patients dropped to 4,382 as of Sunday, down two-thirds from

a month ago.
Texans who are fully vaccinated topped 15.3 million, according to DSHS, with more than a million having also received an additional dose.

TPWD PREDICTS A PRODUCTIVE HUNTING SEASON

It could be a fruitful sea son for Texas waterfowl hunters with millions of ducks in the Central Fly-

way.
"Duck production in prairie potholes of North Dakota, South Dakota, Saskatchewan and Alberta were reported to be below average due to extensive drought this summer," said Kevin Kraai, TPWD Waterfowl Program Leader. "With that said, there are still millions of ducks in the Central Flyway, and we ple excellent breeding seasons for ducks over the last few years.'

Wetter-than-average conditions during the first half of the year are leading to more surface water for ducks and geese. Hunters should purchase their 2021-2022 hunting license before hitting the field.

In addition, TPWD biologists says deer hunters can expect an excellent 2021-2022 white-tailed deer season. Late spring rains alleviated drought conditions at the end of 2020, leading to accelerated growth of weeds and flowering plants attractive to deer The Edwards Plateau, at the crossroads of Central South and West Texas, has the highest deer population in the state.

The general season runs from Nov. 6 through Jan. 2, 2022, in the North Zone and Jan. 16, 2022, in the South Zone. A special youth-only gun deer season is set for Oct. 30-31 and Jan. 3-16, 2022. Go to tpwd.gov for more informa-



Box of Cures

When I was eight or nine, I played a game that I in-

vented with my friends.
On index cards, alphabetized in a recipe box, were written descriptions of fictional ailments, each with a ridiculous name and an equally ridiculous cure. In order to diagnose what illness my playmates suffered from, I would ask them a list of questions including, "Do you worry about being late? "Do you have time to do what you like?" and "Are your shoes or boots uncomfortable?" Then I would just watch them for telltale symptoms, like moving more than three times during the interview. Based on what I heard and saw, I would distribute the cards I had made

I was reading this box of

cures today.

Working my way through the box, I read about a disease called, "Frinks, a lowdown feeling," the cure for which was to sing and watch comedy. There was also a disease that involved feeling too good, aptly named "Feel-toogooditis" the cure for which was to avoid smiling, read the obituary page, and drink only water. A sleepy illness called "Droops" was cured by washing one's face in ice water every half hour.

There were a couple of illnesses like "Jumps," which had no symptoms, but whose cure involved reading a good book. (I think this is an ill $ness\ I\ might\ still\ suffer\ from)$ and there was a nervous illness cured by lying in the dark and pretending you were flying. One illness was cured by

"listening to the floor." A "scatterbrained illness" called "Xoorkirs" was cured by counting your steps on the way home and memorizing a nonsensical passage I'd writ-ten on the back of the card about planting tulip bulbs and emery boards on Tuesdays, orange rivers, and swimming bears.

Many illnesses were cured by drinking a lot of water—sometimes hot and sometimes cold. Although there was also "Sop Op, which was "an overly watery illness" cured by drinking nothing but milk, chewing on cardboard, and telling three people you were a lizard.

The last card was "Zandermeir, an unsure illness," which could only be cured by narrating everything you did. I provided an example: "I just drank a glass of wa-

I'm not sure, in retrospect. what made this game fun. While I can imagine I enjoyed writing the cards, I wonder how much fun my playmates had drinking all that water and chewing on cardboard. But I do know we played it and I have hung onto the cards all these

I got thinking about my box of cures today because my husband, Peter, has a bad back and he has tried every thing to make it better. He has read the books and done exercises and stretches and used lumbar support at literally every opportunity, including quite a number that would never have occurred to me. He has been utterly diligent, and it is breaking my heart that he is in so much pain today. And since I have no sug-

gestions, I got to thinking about my little box of cards and how good I used to be at curing anything you could imagine. It was simple to eat an orange peel and repeat, "Glip Glop rocky mop pop!" several times over and feel better, according to my nineyear-old self. Things are less simple today.

Today, I find myself able to do almost nothing except, occasionally, make Peter smile.

But then, making someone smile was all my little cures in a box were ever able to do. And sometimes that is the best that can be done.

Till next time.

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



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ON THE HILL

Beach City plans safe Halloween Night Oct. 30

ATTENTION BEACH CITY RESIDENTS: Come join us at the Fire Station for Hot Dogs and truck or treating with the kids Saturday October 30, 2021 at 6:30 - 8:30 pm

BEACH CITY Thank you and God

Ryan Dagley, MAI Mayor, Beach City**

West Chamber Courthouse closed due to water leak

All offices at the West Chambers County Annex (located at 10616 Eagle Drive) will remain closed until further notice due to a major

water issue. Crews are on site working to make repairs and we hope to be open for business soon. In the meantime, please visit our website for other locations that can assist you with immediate

UPDATE: As of 10/ 26/21, the Annex will recopen tomorrow, Wednesday Oct. 27.

Flu shots available in Chambers

Chambers County Public Health FOR \$15.

Vaccines are available throughout the County on the following schedule.

WiNNIE 108 E Fear RdWinnie, TX 77665 409-267-2681 October 6, 20218:30 a.m. to 11:30 am. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. October 20, 20218:30 a.m. to

11:30 a.m.

November 3, 20218:30 a.m. to

to 11:30 a.m.

December 1, 20218:30 a.m. to

11:30 am.1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

December 15, 20218:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

MONT BELVIEU 10616 Eagle Dr Mont Belvieu TX 77580 409-267-2619 October 7, 20218:30 a.m. to 11:30 am.1 p.m. to 4 p.m. October 21, 20218:30 a.m. to

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11:30 am.1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
November 18, 20218:30 a.m. to
11:30 a.m.

December 2, 20218:30 a.m. to 11:30 am.1 p.m. to 4 p.m. December 16, 20218:30 a.m.

ANAHUAC 102 Airport RdAnahuac, 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 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Chambers County Public

Health102 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 contemporated in the county of the c wear face coverings and follow other safety measures.

October is time for Pumpkins... Everywhere



MONT BELVIEU - Every year the First United Methodist Church has their pumpkin sale, and on the last Saturday, October 30 they will hold their Pumpkin Patch Festival 2021 at the church. The Festival will be from 10am to 4pm, and include live music vendors, blood drive, chili and dessert contest, concessions, snow cones, bounce house, games and more! No Entry Fee



DAYTON - The Great Pumpkin Patch has hundreds of pumpkins for sale at Dayton Methodist Church

Dayton vs Barbers Hill rivalry set for Friday Night

BARBERS HILL - The Eagles (4-4) are prepared for their challenge against Dayton (Dayton, TX). The Broncos come into the 5A-2 Region III District 12 match with a 2-6 record. In their last match, Dayton was crushed by Texas City (Texas City, TX), 34-7, in a league match. Game time at Eagles

Stadium on Friday night is 7:30pm.

The Nederland Bulldogs football team (Nederland, TX), was ripped 66-28 in last Friday's league challenge with the visiting Barbers Hill Eagles (Mt. Belvieu, TX)

The Eagle enter the game with an overall 4-4 record, but a District 3-2 tally, Head Coach Carl Abseck will depend upon the passing of #9 B. Holdren, and the rushing of #2 G. Hagler and #24 H. Pfitzner, who each had 3TDs in last week's game



At last week's Homecoming Game, Reid Allen and Abigail Bacarisse were named 2021 Barbers Hill HS Homecoming King and Queen. (Photo courtesy BHISD)

Early voting through Oct. 29; Election Day Nov. 2

CHAMBERS COUNTY - Early voting is underway now through Oct. 29, on a ballot that has not drawn much attention or interest. The State of Texas has eight propositions on the ballot, but the wording and issues have not brought out many voters.

For an explanation of the eight Constitutional Amendments, see the Bill King column on page 2 of this issue of the newspaper. Topics covered in the propositions include taxes, gambling, bond issues, religious services, healthcare, consitutional rights, and veterans services

In addition to the Propositions, the ballot includes an election in Old River-Winfree, or Baytown, depending upon

where you live and vote. Offices up for election in Old River-Winfree include Mayor and council persons. Mayor Joe Landry is running for reelection, and Kathy Franssen for Seat 2 $\,$ and Judy Strickland for

Early voting hours are 7am to 7pm at locations from Oct. 25 through 29, and Election Day Nov.

Early voting locations in Chambers County are American Legion Hall, 1704 S. Main, Anahuac; Winnie Branch Library, 108 E. Fear Road; and Mont Belvieu Branch Library, 1 John Hall Drive, Mont Belvieu.

HARRIS COUNTY - In addition to the eight State Propositions on the ballot, there is also an election for Baytown Mayor and 4 propositions dealing with taxes and governing procedures.

Candidates for Mayor include incumbent Brandon Capetillo, David Isaac, and John Bryant.

Voting location for Harris County residents is the Baytown Community Center, or a 24 hour location on Oct. 28th, East Harris County Activity Center on Wallisvill Road in Chan-

Houston Methodist Baytown

Seasonal Allergies and Asthma Risks

people ing with asthma. the sneezing and wheezing that affects millions during the fall allergy season can trigger potentially serious asthma attacks.

"Whether it's pollen, mold, hay fever, dust mites or any of the countless allergens drifting through the air this season, the itchy eyes, sneezing, runny nose and nasal congestion that many allergy sufferers endure, can also lead to an asthma attack, in individuals with preexisting asthma or those with undiagnosed asthma," said Houssam Oueini, MD, a pulmonologist at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital.

Oueini savs a comprehensive approach to managing the condition for asthma patients begins with being prepared for allergy season.

"While asthma can't be cured, it can be managed so you can live a normal, healthy life. A comprehensive approach to managing ic disease and it's different. for every person," Oueini said. "For people affected by seasonal allergies, great care should be taken to prevent potentially dangerous attacks from occurring or reducing their severity."

The chemicals released by the immune system lead to allergy symptoms, such as nasal congestion, runny nose, itchy eyes or skin reactions.

"For some, this same reaction also affects the lungs and airways, leading to asthma symptoms, Oueini said. Identifying and focusing

on ways to reduce exposure to asthma triggers can help minimize flare-ups. but avoidance can be especially difficult during allergy season. In addition to using asthma medications. including quick-relief medicines to stop asthma symptoms and long-term control medicines to prevent symptoms, some asth-



DR. HOUSSAM OUEINI

ma patients may be helped by a regimen that includes using daily pills called leukotriene modifiers to control immune system chemicals.

Allergy shots (immunotherapy), administered over time through regular injections, help the immune system build a tolerance to the allergens. Anti-immunoglobulin E (IgE) therapy works to reduce the immune system's release of IgE-an antibody used to fight against allergens

In addition to allergens other common asthma

including aspirin and betablockers; medical conditions, such as colds, flu and sinus infections: smoke from cigarettes or campfires, and weather conditions, such as cold, dry air or high humidity.

Oueini said maintaining a healthy lifestyle, including getting proper rest, getting an annual flu vaccine, eating a balanced diet and getting regular exercise, are not only good for your overall health, but also can help you manage asthma.

The specialists with Houston Methodist Lung Associates-Oueini, Dr. Skantha Manjunath and Shawn Tittle, MD, provide expertise in treating a full range of pulmonology conditions, such as COPD, bronchitis, asthma, pulmonary hypertension and sleep disorders, and offer services such as pulmonary function testing and minimally invasive surgeries. To schedule an in-perhoustonmethodist.org/baytown or call 281-428-4510.

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 dis infect 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 visiting

houstonmethodist.org/vac-

Crosby/Huffman Chamber elects new board members





Crosby-Huffman Chamber Commerce

October 21 at 2:24 PM · 🚱

Congratulations to our 2022 Board of Directors for Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce. Pictured Keenan Smith/Crosby Church, Sue Fitzgerald/Dove Shipping and Eric Jennings/DocResources; not pictured are Shirley Dupree/Huffman Ed Foundation, Jamie Lee/Third Coast Bank, Kay Sosa/Visiting Angels and Margarette Chasteen/Rodan & Fields. Voting was today at our Monthly Luncheon.

THANK YOU to everyone that was nominated!

Crosby Scholars,

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achievements with a ceremony earlier this month. Brynna and Georgia received their Letter of Commendation as well as balloons and flowers. Mr. Davila said, "Crosby High School and all of Crosby ISD could not be prouder of their accomplishments.

They are two members of the Class of 2022 doing extraordinary things every day." Georgia was touched by the gesture. "It definitely means a lot."

Georgia and Brynna are both seniors, and they both have big dreams. Georgia

is planning to attend Amherst College in Massachusetts to pursue a career in law, focusing on civil rights. Brynna plans to enter the medical field. She wants to attend Texas A&M University, majoring in biomedical science

Houston Symphony Family Concert Series

HOUSTON, TX (Oct. 14, 2021) - The Houston Symphony announced today that tickets to its 2021–22 PNC Family Series Concerts are now on sale. The PNC Family Series opens December 4, 2021 with Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada leading Musical Treats from The Nutcrackerfor Kids! Associate Conductor Robert Franz leads music from Pirates of the Caribbean and more in **Let's Be Pirates!** February 5, 2022, as well as music from *The Lion* King and other Africanthemed works in African Adventure, April 23, 2022. There are two performances in Jones Hall on each concert date at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

In his final season as Music Director, **Andrés Orozco**-Estrada leads the first concert in the 2021–22 PNC Family Series Season, Musical Treats from The Nutcrackerfor Kids! featuring some of the most beloved melodies from Act Two of Tchaikovsky's iconic score, including the Russian Dance, the Chinese Dance, and the Waltz of the Flowers. The 11:30 a.m. performance is livestreamed, and both performances also include an appearance by Santa Claus and a dropbox for letters to Santa in the Jones Hall lobby. To get everyone in the holiday spirit, kids are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite holiday character.

All audience seating for Musical Treats from The Nutcrackerfor Kids! is socially distanced, with masks required for everyone age 4

and older.
MUSICAL TREATS
FROM THE NUTCRACKERFOR KIDS!

SAT, DEC. 4, 2021, 10

A.M.SAT, DEC. 4, 2021, 11:30 A.M.*Andrés Orozco-Estrada, conductor

LET'S BE PIRATES! SAT, FEB. 5, 2022, 10

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AFRICAN ADVENTURE SAT, APRIL 23, 2022, 10 A.M..SAT, APRIL 23, 2022, 11:30 A.M.**Robert Franz**, conductor

TICKET INFORMATION

Subscriptions and single tickets for the 2021–22 Season, including the Classical and Bank of America POPS Series, and now the PNC Family Series are now on sale. For more information, visit houstonsymphony.org or call the Houston Symphony Patron Services Center at 713.224.7575, MondaySaturday, 126 p.m. All programs

Kemah Boardwalk hosts "BOO on the Boardwalk"

Halloween Festivities offer Family-Friendly Thrills All Month Long!

KEMAH, TX -Kemah Boardwalk's annual Boo on the Boardwalk returns to celebrate 20 years of legendary family-friendly frights throughout the month of October!

Every weekend, the Boardwalk will come alive with Freaky Fridays, Scary Saturdays and Spooky Sundays, each night featuring free activities, live music, and ghostly entertainment. Ghouls and boys of all ages can enjoy a variety of festive and spooky thrills, including the Little Boo Haunt-Fun House, Halloween-themed crafts, balloon artists, stilt walkers, creepy creatures, and

live concerts. Each weekend from 2 – 8 p.m., little ghouls and goblins can trick-or-treat on the Retail Level and experience themed craft activities at the Kid's Corner located in Bradford Plaza, including Witch's Kitchen, balloon artists, and more. Additionally, the Little Boo Haunted Fun House is filled with spooky décor and fun galore to give lit-tle ones a friendly fright every Friday from $\tilde{5}$ p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For thrill seekers looking for an extra scare, the Dungeon of Doom is celebrating its 20th anniversary on the Boardwalk and is spookier than ever. The newly renovated dungeon now includes many new

rooms with new scares hiding behind every corner. Grab your friends or foes and come take a walk on the dark side every weekend in October! Tickets range from \$15 - \$34.99 and are available for purchase on the Dungeon of Doom website.

The Boardwalk will also host a Día de los Muertos celebration on Saturday, October 30 with mariachi and salsa hands folk dancers, costume contests, themed crafts and more! The fun kicks off at 2 p.m. on the Main Stage.

For additional information and a complete list of events, please see below or www.kemahboardwalk.com.



Brynna CoVan and Georgia Jensen, with CHS Principal Jason Davila and classmates celebrating the National Merit Commendation. (Photos by Brett Birkinbine)

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while it naturally attenuates.

Sikes Disposal Pits Superfund Site **Public Notice** U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 October 2021

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA) has completed the sixth five-year review of remedy implementation and performance at the Sikes Disposal Pits Superfund site (Site) in Crosby, Texas. From 1961 to 1967, an illegal dump operated on Site. Currently, the Site is generally vacant, containing forested, aquatic, and open recreational areas with an off-roading park and a marina. The nearby Jackson Bayou and San Jacinto River are both designated as beneficial contact recreation and high aquatic life habitats. U.S. Highway 90, which borders the Site, is a major interstate transportation route. The sitewide remedy includes excavation and incineration of contaminated soil and sludge, fencing around wells, aquifer monitoring, and institutional controls to prevent use of contaminated groundwater

EPA completed the sixth five-year review for the Site in September 2021. The five-year review concluded that the remedy is protective of human health and the environment in the shortterm. In order for the remedy to be protective of human health and the environment in the long-term, the following actions need to be taken to ensure protectiveness: assess site-specific recreational use to ensure screening-level evaluation reflects the current and anticipated uses of the property; evaluate the need for additional land use and soil controls and additional protection of monitoring wells; assess the vapor intrusion pathway in the vicinity of on-site cabins; and repair fencing and replace warning signs and wells caps that ensure monitoring wells are protected.

The next five-year review is required by September 2026. Site status updates and the five-year review are available on the Internet at: http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sikes

> All media inquiries should be directed to the EPA Press Office at (214) 665-2200

For more information about the Site, contact:

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Crosby JROTC Rifle team trains and completes in Austin



Crosby High School Army JROTC Rifle Team joined the Jack C Hays Marine JROTC Rifle team this weekend to train, compete and win.

Traveled to Austin, TX on 22 Oct, participated in intense marksmanship training 23 Oct at Jack C Hays High School (near Austin, TX); returned to Crosby High School to compete 24 Oct.

The marksmanship training emphasized and developed control, concentration, discipline and extreme precision. Lessons learned from training was applied immediately through competition.

Traveling as a team developed relationships and priceless memories that will last a

Second to None training, competition and memories.

Crosby Church Extreme Machine is outstanding event

CROSBY - The Cros- al sights. by Church held their According to Pastor Extreme Machine Event Keenan Smith, there on Sunday, October 24th with a full crowd watching and participating in the Extreme Events, much to their delight over the unusu-

According to Pastor were 50 Plus entries in the Auto Show, and

crafts, food, and auto accessories. Contestants also

competed in the American Ninja Course Axe Throwing Competi-

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