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## IN THE

#### **EVENTS**

#### SAT. FEB. 5 47th Annual Highlands Rotary CHILI FEAST

The Highlands Rotary Club is holding their 47th Annual CHILI FEAST, at St. Jude's Catholic Church social hall, 808 S. Main Street, Highlands. 11am to 3pm, with a Live Auction at Noon to 3pm.
Raffle Tickets are \$100, Meal

Raffle Tickets are \$100, Meal Tickets \$10 and the winner will receive a new 2022 SUV Chevy Trailblazer or Chevy Equinox. There are also other valuable prizes. Tickets from any Rotarian, or call 281-426-33558. Tickets also available from Turner Chevrolet, Central Auto Inspections.

## THU. FEB. 24 C/H Chamber Nite at the Races

Annual Awards Banquet

"A Nite at the Races" February 24, 2022 5:00pm-9:30pm The Hundred Oaks Event Center 1110 Indian Shores Rd Crosby, Texas 77532 We will be installing our **Board of Directors** and awarding our: EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** Entertainment will be "Nite at the Races" Live Horse Racing! Okay-Just Kind of....We will have recorded professionally called horse races, programs, betting windows, and funny money available for purchase for your wagering fun! Also a Derby Hat Contest so wear vour most fabulous creative hat you can find! Purchase Tables, Horse Races, Wine, Baskets and Auction Items! Please call Chamber at 281-328-6984 or email us at chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org for more information!

#### BIRTHDAYS

Jan 27–Ashley Almanza JoAnn Blaskey William R. Patterson

Tyler Wingate Jarret Cutbirth John Martin

Jan 28–Cindy Fikes Johnnie Stotts

Jan 29–Scott Marshall Michael Wettstein Jan 30–Riley Chambers,

Jr. Jan 31–Aida Valle Feb 1 –Barbara Bowen Feb 2–Lisa Dammon

Donny Herman Melissa Miley Feb 3–David Buford Sammy Covey, Jr.

Feb 4–Harry New Andy Scott Chris West Mike Getlemy

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 25–Jim & Ronda Laut Feb 11–Keith & Becky Adams Howard & Patricia Brockinton Feb 12- Donnie &

Elonda Cravatt Feb 14–Larry & Jeannie Kelly

## RodeoHouston starts Feb. 28, announces performers, tickets now on sale

2022 RODEOHOUS-TON ENTERTAINER LINEUP

JANUARY 05, 2022

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo  $^{\text{TM}}$  Announces 2022 RODEO-H O U S T O N ® Entertainment Lineup for 90th Anniversary Celebration

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials released the entertainment lineup for the 2022 Rodeo season, scheduled for Feb. 28 – March 20, celebrating its 90th anniversary. The lineup features a mix of genres including country, EDM, Latin pop, R&B/pop, Norteño, pop, rock and Christian. Nearly half of the artists will make their RODEO-HOUSTON debut in 2022.

"We are excited about the level of talent and di-



verse acts who will perform on the RODEO-HOUSTON star stage in 2022," said Chris Boleman, Rodeo president and CEO. "We welcome nine new entertainers who will make their RODEOHOUSTON debut, as well as many fan-

favorites, including the 'King of Country' music himself, George Strait, who will return to the stage to help celebrate our 90th anniversary."

Individual RODEO-HOUSTON tickets will go on sale to the public Thursday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m., at rodeohouston.com. Ticket prices start at \$20, plus a \$4 convenience fee.

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The following entertain-

STAR ENTERTAIN-

The following entertainers will perform on the RO-DEOHOUSTON stage in NRG Stadium, Feb. 28 –

March 20.

Monday, Feb. 28: Cody
Johnson

Tuesday, March 1: Keith Urban

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## Tragedy in Crosby: 3 teens dead in murder, suicide

CROSBY – The deaths of three teenagers whose bodies were found at a Crosby area home Tuesday afternoon were due to a possible double homicide and suicide, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said.

"Based on the trauma that was viewed, it appears that this may be a case of double homicidesuicide, but that is still going to be under investigation. But that is the preliminary information that we have," Gonzalez said during a news conference Tuesday evening.

Deputies with Harris



Sheriff's Deputies at the scene of the murders on Wolcek Road in Crosby.  $(Photo\ KPRC)$ 

County Precinct 3 and the Harris County Sheriff's Office were sent to the home in the 4500 block of Wolcek Road after a family member, who lived nearby, made the discovery.

by, made the discovery.
Gonzalez said two girls,

ages 17, and a boy, 15 years old, were found with "signs of trauma." Authorities identified the three teens found dead inside a home in northeast Harris County Tuesday. The victims are Kadience Cadena and Haley Burns, both age 17. Authorities said Haley's 15-year-old brother, Hayden Burns, was the shooter. His cause of death was listed as a suicide.

"A family member discovered three deceased bodies inside the residence. They all appeared to be teens," Gonzalez said. "We know a family member was trying to locate someone. They came to a

location but they didn't get a response."

A firearm was confiscated from the home, but the sheriff said he could not disclose what kind it was. A motive is unknown.

Gonzalez said the homeowners were away on travel. "Anytime there is a child involved. We're all parents in some way connected to and its extremely difficult when we're talking about young people," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez sent condolences to the families of the teens and asked for prayers

## Deadlines to Register and Vote in the March Primary

Deadlines to Vote in the March Primary Election are approaching! The League of Women Voters of Texas provides information on new voting process-

#### Vote by Mail

January 1st was the first day Texans could apply to vote by mail in the 2022 elections.

Voters who are over 65 or disabled and wish to vote by mail must apply every year. Voters who will be absent from the county during early voting and Election Day must apply for each election in which they want to vote by mail. The application deadline is February 18th for the Texas Primary Election.

Voters must use the NEW Application for Bal-

lot by Mail (ABBM) available at their County Election Office or from the Texas Secretary of State's website votetexas.gov. Alternatively, voters may print the Vote by Mail application in English or Spanish. Applications must be received (not postmarked) at your County Election Office by the application deadline, which is February 18th for the Primary Election.

Who is eligible to vote by mail in Texas?

65 years or older Sick or disabled

Out of the county during early voting and election day

In jail or Involuntary Civil Confinement but oth-

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## 2022 Primary Election - Key Dates



• Last day to register to vote or change address

January 31

• First day to vote early in person February 14

• Last day to apply for vote-by-mail ballot

411 .

February 18

 Last day to vote early in person February 25

Election Day and vote-by-mail ballot receipt deadline
 March 1



#### ROTARY CHILI FEAST

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022 11am-3pm St. Jude's Catholic Church Raffle Tickets \$100 Lunch \$10 Call 281-426-3558





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## **Constable Eagleton** makes drug arrest in Highlands



Harris County Constable Pct. 3 - Constable Sherman Eagleton January 22 at 8:14 AM · 🚱

DEPUTIES CONFISCATE 15LBS OF MARIJUANA

Deputies stopped a speeding vehicle in the 500blk of N. Main in Highlands. After making contact with the driver and passenger, deputies discovered 2 handguns, 15 pounds of marijuana and \$2400 cash in the vehicle.

Donta Allen and Bryson Haggerty were taken into custody and charged with Possession With Intent to Deliver and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. Both males were transported to the Harris County Jail.

MALE ARRESTED FOR 7 FELONY WARRANTS

Deputies received information from a Bond Forfeiture Agent that defendant Joseph Mixon had been located and was being detained for 7 active Harris County felony warrants. Deputies confirmed all warrants were valid and took Mixon into custody. He was transported to the Harris County Jail.

## Reward offered for fugitive wanted in catalytic converter theft ring

HARRIS COUNTY - A member of a theft ring that cut catalytic converters out of dozens of City of Houston vehicles is a fugitive after failing to show up in court, and Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information leading to his recapture, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg announced Monday.

Brady Stanley, 26, was out on bond on four other felony charges, when he failed to appear in court on Dec. 20, 2021. Stanley is charged with engaging in organized criminal activity for his role in stealing and reselling catalytic converters with accomplices in incidents spanning April through November 2021.

The combined value of the 46 catalytic converters stolen from the city's fleet in this case totals \$36,800.

When Stanley didn't show up in the 263rd District Court, a judge forfeited his bond.

Catalytic converters are prized by thieves looking to sell the platinum and other precious metals they contain. Dozens of vehicles in the city's fleet have been targeted, but Harris County residents also increasingly are finding the parts have been sawed from their cars and trucks.

Making matters worse, supply-chain woes related



they can be repaired.

"This property crime

has plagued thousands of

victims in our community

as we are all already fac-

to the COVID-19 pandemney Shanice Newton is ic have depleted the availprosecuting the cases, ability of replacement which were investigated by parts, meaning that some the Houston Police Departvehicles are out of service for several weeks before To reduce the likelihood

of having a catalytic converter stolen, the Harris County Sheriff's Office recommends taking these preventive steps:

• Park in a garage or a well-lit area.

• Park close to fences, walls, or curbs and alongside cars to make the catalytic converter less accessible.

 Mark the converter by stamping or engraving the VIN or license plate num-

• Install a theft-prevention device, such as a lock

• Report thefts immediately and obtain as much information about the suspects as possible.

ing so many challenges, and it won't be tolerated," Ogg said. "Someone out there knows where this fugitive is hiding and now has an opportunity to not only do the right thing, but get paid."

A reward of up to \$5,000is being offered for information leading to Stanley's return to custody. Anyone with knowledge of his whereabouts is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS

Assistant District Attor-

#### Shooting on Canal Street, Highlands

HCSO units responded to a call for service at the 1800 blk of S. Canal Street, near Thompson, in the Highlands area (East Harris County).

An adult male sustained a gunshot wound & has been taken by Lifeflight in critical condition. Preliminary info: the male victim met another party to sell an item. As the male walked away, the other party fired a shot at him, striking him.

Suspects, described as

2-3 black males, fled in a Cadillac CTS sedan, white in color. If you have information about this incident, please call us at  $7\,1\,3\,\text{-}\,2\,2\,1\,\text{-}\,6\,0\,0\,0$ CrimeStoppers at 713-221-TIPS (8477)



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#### ON THE HILL

#### MONT BELVIEU FARMERS MARKET FEB. 5, 2022

The City of Mont Belvieu's Monthly Farmers Market takes place at City Park on the first (1st) Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to

The mission of the Mont Belvieu Farmers Market is to support our community by vendors that bring quality, fresh, locally produced agricultural products, and deliciou homemade foods to the market. The market also features merchants who sell unique custom crafts, apparel, jewelry, and more. Come out and support local small businesses and enjoy wonderful fresh food.

MARKET VENDORS: Our market vendors will be listed here once FARM FRESH FOOD Gentz Cattle I&M's Organic Ranch Grass fed & finished beef and fresh eggs Eastside Orchard Fresh vegetables Whispering Oak Farms COTTAGE FOODS & BAKED GOODS Koda's cookies Down on Bronson Farm Gourmet Cupboard Spices, dips, & soup mixes Eastside Orchard Jams & honey Elderberry Mama Elderberry syrups and kits Heart & Whisk Bakery Baked treats for people & pets

Pickled jalapenos, pickles, & more Jeanne Hines' Apple Butter Lily's Life Inice Little Mustard Seed Tea Room Local restaurant with packaged food Macarons by Judy

In A Pickle

Madi Lynae Designs Cocoa bombs, cupcakes, cake pops, breakable chocolate, & bundt cakes Pain Train Salsa

Primos Coffee Fresh brewed coffee The Purrfect Sweets Custom blend of spices & meat rubs Star Ridge Honey Honey Sunday Best Cakes Sweet Granny B's Pies and baked goods Sweet Temptation Baked goods Tony's Tamales Tyanna's Cookie Creations Masie & June Baked goods APPAREL Craft Junkie Creations

Cups, apparel, masks, cosmetic bags Exit 800 Designs DIY Vinvl Shirts Mia's Tie-Dye Collection Tie-dve shirts & hoodies Snaps and Ruffles Children's clothing & snap jewelry IEWELRY & ACCESSORIES Buffy's Designs Handmade crafts Graceful Roots Boutique Polymer clay jewelry Haylen Designs Earrings & home dÈcor Jenny's Jewelry and More Mellow Maude Resin Handmade resin jewelry HOME DECOR Candles, wax melts, & freshies

Clyde & Co. Candles Clever Co. Baskets & Gifts Gift baskets Creations by Michelle Candles Irene's Creations Laura's Creative Crafts Wreaths & more Outdoor Furniture and More Wooden furniture Graywood Co. Tea Towels & More Texas Art & Eggs Fresh eggs and art Threads & more Crochet blankets, scarves, hats

Virgil's Potted Plants & Herbs Plants and herbs The Winding Woods Co Handmade wood signs BATH & BODY The Nesting Sparrov Lotions & spa kits Big Splash Tub Treats Unique candles and bath products

Night Owl Designs Handmade cups & keychains Simply Pawsitive Boutique Pet treats & accessories The Great 8 Dog Treats Mont Belvieu Bloom Room

fresh flowers and boxed flower bouquets Barbara Thigpen's Quilts handmade quilts Lara Jade Designs Baby teethers & toys VENDOR INFORMATION We are always looking for new vendors to join

our Farmers Market; Its your products that Please send your completed application

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**MONT BELVIEU, TEXAS 77580** 

## Texas Army National Guard pays a visit to Sterling High School



From L-R: Erika Foster, Director of GCCISD Education Foundation; Nathan Chaddick, Sterling High School principal; Dr. Randal O'Brien, GCCISD Superintendent; Chief Borne Officer 3 Craig Graham; mDr. Demetrius McCall, GCCISD Deputy Superintendent and Matthew Flood, GCCISD Chief **Technology Officer.** 

Members of the C Company, 1-149th Aviation Brigade of the Texas Army National Guard held a static display of an Apache helicopter at Sterling High School on November 19th. The event was sponsored by the Sterling High School NJROTC, led by Senior Marine Instructor, Colonel P.J. Ferral. The larger-than-life helicopter was



Sterling High School students visit with members of the Texas Army National Guard during the static helicopter display on their campus.

flown in and landed on the soccer field around 7:30 a.m. Sterling students were given a tour of the helicopter by two crew members and National Guard recruiters were on hand to talk to interested graduating seniors throughout the day.

The district presented a plaque of appreciation to the C Company, 1-149th Aviation Brigade, during their visit to Sterling High School.

## Play in the Snow at JIBERTY WINTERFEST

Come play in the SNOW at the 2022 Liberty Winterfest!

January 29th The dWELLing of Liberty will host a FREE Liberty Winterfest featuring real snow to play in, live music, family friendly movie on the lawn and great community fun. The community event will be held at the old San Jacinto Campus located at 2525 Grand Avenue in Liberty, TX. The event will begin at 4:00 p.m. with live music and local enter-

tainment followed by a movie from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be food and coffee vendors on site. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be distributing free health resource goody bags with contributions from local health service providers. If you need additional information, please contact Alexis Cordova at 936-334-3230 or visit ìthe dWELLingî Facebook group for current informa-



## Houston Methodist Hospital Baytown

## Relief for Common Vascular Disease

BAYTOWN — (January 6th, 2022) -The arms and legs may offer the first sign of peripheral vascular disease (PVD), defined as a build up of plaque in the peripheral arteries.

As these arteries located outside your heart become blocked, they are less able to transport nourishing blood to the arms, legs and other body parts. PVD sometimes runs its course silently until the blood vessels become so clogged that treatment is required to avoid permanent damage to the surrounding tissues and limbs.

Sufferers often complain of a cramping pain (called claudication) when they walk, as PVD commonly occurs in the legs. This is a message from your muscles that they're not getting enough nutrients to do their job properly.

"In addition to claudication, PVD sufferers may also experience numbness, tingling, or weakness in the legs; foot pain that wakes the patient from sleep; pale, red, or blue skin discoloration of the extremities; changes in skin temperature; wounds that won't heal or gangrene; buttock pain; impotence; and loss of leg hair," said Dr. Sara M. Edeiken, a vascular surgeon at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital.

Several diagnostic tests are used to determine the presence of

- The ankle-brachial index is a simple, noninvasive test that compares blood pressure in your ankle and your arm.
- Pulse volume recordings use blood pressure cuffs to measure blood pressure in the limb and to calculate blood volume changes in the legs using a recording device that displays the results as a waveform.
- An angiogram can provide a blueprint of any narrowing or blockage present. During this procedure, a doctor injects dye into an artery



DR. SARA EDERIKEN to identify blockages using a special kind of X-

 Doppler ultrasound can help determine if a specific artery is clogged by providing an image of the blood flow inside the vessel using sound waves.

For patients diagnosed with PVD, your doctor will consider a variety of treatments. Some of these may combine therapies, including lifestyle changes, such as quitting smoking; monitoring your blood pressure and cholesterol levels; getting more exercise, and scheduling regular checkups, along with medications and

Cholesterol-lowering

drugs, called statins, can reduce the plaque that forms in the arteries. Your doctor may prescribe medications to help lower your blood pressure and improve circulation. Treatment may also include injecting a clot-busting drug directly into the blocked

blood vessel. Your doctor may choose to perform angioplasty, in which a tiny balloon is inserted into the blood vessel and then inflated to open the clogged area. In some cases, the doctor will permanently place a tiny metal cylinder or "stent" in the vessel to help keep it open.

Another therapy, called atherectomy, involves inserting a special device on the end of a catheter directly into the vessel to shave down the hard plaque.

"Some patients may need bypass surgery to build detours around the blocked and damaged vessels so the blood can continue to reach and nourish various parts of the body," Edeiken said. In addition to PVD treatments, Edeiken provides care for a full range of conditions, including carotid artery disease,

aortic and peripheral an-

eurysms, wound care and limb salvage. The heart and vascular surgeons at Houston Methodist Baytown Hos-

pital treat the full range of vascular conditions, such as varicose veins, carotid artery disease, limb salvage and wound care. To schedule an appointment, houstonmethodist.org/ baytown or call 281-417-4184. Houston Methodist

Baytown is designated as a COVID-19 vaccine hub and provides first dose shots, including for children ages 5-11, as well as boosters for those meeting FDA and CDC guidelines. Walk-ins are welcome, but you may also schedule an appointment by visiting houstonmethodist.org/

#### ★ OPINION PAGE ★



## Voter Suppression and Fraud are Partisan Talking Points

When a political party claims it represents a majority of Americans but cannot consistently win elections it must come up with an explanation for its failure to do so. For our two incumbents parties their explanation is that they are being cheated at the ballot box.

For Republicans it is an allegation of voter fraud, typically either people being allowed to vote who are not qualified to do so or some shenanigans in the counting. For Democrats it an allegation that "their" voters are being prevented from voting. While there is a grain of truth in both allegations, as recently documented by the non-partisan group, No Labels, these allegations are mostly partisan talking points.

Let's start with voter fraud. The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, has created a <u>database of proven voter fraudincidents</u>. Their database documents cases from 1982-2021. It contains 1,340 cases of proven fraudulent conduct around elections over that nearly forty-year period, about 35 per year. While the database indicates that some small local elections have been overturned, there is no case of a major election being reversed.

Shortly after the last presidential election, **President Trump raised millions** for legal fees to contest the election and filed about 60 lawsuits in six states where the results were close. But not a single court anywhere in the country found a basis to overturn any of the results certified by those states. According to an **analysis by the Brookings Institute**, a wide majority of judges from both parties ruled against Trump's challenges, but the results of those suits was not as conclusive as the media depicted them to be.

That is not to say that there were not irregularities in the 2020 election, or in every election for that matter. But it is exceedingly rare for there to be enough illegal votes to affect the outcome of an election. I have been working in elections in Texas for over 50 years and during that time I can count on one hand the number of elections where I thought there were enough illegal votes to possibly affect the outcome.

However, the Democrats' allegations that votes are being suppressed is equally fanciful. In fact, voting has never been easier than it is today and that is especially so in Texas.

In 2020, there were extraordinary accommodations made to allow voters to avoid voting in person because of the pandemic. The purpose of most of the laws passed by various states since the 2020 election was to rein in some of those accommodations.

For example, Harris County proposed sending a mail-in ballot application to all registered voters, notwithstanding that mail-in voting is only allowed in certain circumstances. Such restrictions on mail-in voting is not unusual. In fact, there are only **eight states that currently allow anyone to vote by mail**. Many predominantly Democratic states, especially in the northeast, have had extremely limited mail-in voting. Of course, none of the Democrats castigating states like Georgia and Texas for limiting mail-in voting have mentioned a peep about the Democratic states that actually have more severe restrictions.

The same is true for early voting. For years, Texas and Georgia both have had more days of early voting than most states. Before 2020, New York, Delaware and Connecticut had no early voting and I did not hear anyone accusing them of voter suppression.

None of this is to say that our voting laws are perfect. There were several things I did not like in the Texas bill. The requirement for additional identification information on mail-in ballot applications is overly burdensome, but is just as likely to affect voters from both parties. Georgia's law prohibiting handing out food and water to voters waiting to vote should have included the provisions like those in New York's law that such handouts cannot identify who they are from. And we will always be tweaking the election rules, especially as technology advances.

But the assertion that either of the two incumbent parties are losing elections because of voter fraud or voter suppression is nonsense. They cannot consistently win elections because only about 25-30% of Americans claim to be affiliated with each party. They cannot put together regular election victories because neither comes close to representing a majority of the American people.

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#### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



## Dozens of School Districts close due to COVID-19 outbreaks

## DOZENS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS CLOSE DUE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAKS

Several dozen school districts across the state were forced to close last week due to the omicron variant of COVID-19 sending home students, staff and teachers. Most school districts planned to reopen on Tuesday following the MLK holiday.

"Every superintendent wants to be able to have kids in the classroom and teachers in the classroom ... but you get to a certain critical place where you don't have enough staff available and you have to shut the campus down," Kevin Brown, executive director of the Texas Association of School Administrators, said in a Texas Tribune report. "We want to keep kids safe, and you have to have a certain number of adults in the building."

The Hutto school district, northeast of Austin, will remain closed at least through Wednesday with 200 staff members and 1,680 students reported absent, according to the Austin American-Statesman. In North Texas, more than three dozen school districts closed last week.

The number of new cases of COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week reached a record high of 506,226, up 22% from the week before, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of new deaths dropped slightly, with 623 reported statewide in the past week. Hospitalizations are on the uptick, with 12,071 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is up 23% from the previous week.

#### EMPTY SHELVES RESULT OF WORKER SHORTAGE

It feels a bit like March 2020 when one goes to the grocery store lately. But

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders

this time, it's not necessarily supply chain woes but a shortage of workers to restock, as the omicron variant of COVID-19 sweeps the state. The Dallas Morning News reported shoppers should expect the shortages to continue until the fourth wave of the virus subsides.

"Either other employees work overtime, or the shift goes empty," said Gary Huddleston, grocery industry consultant to the Texas Retailers Association. That means groceries are stuck on trailers, in stockrooms or at distribution centers, he added.

One trend since the pandemic began is the marked increase in self-checkout aisles, which now account for nearly a third of all transactions, The Morning News reported.

#### VOTING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY IS APPROACHING

Folks who want to vote in the March 1 Texas primary have to be registered to vote by Jan. 31. Texas Secretary of State John Scott encouraged all eligible Texans to register as they prepare to head to the polls for early voting next

"We want all eligible Texans to participate in all of this year's upcoming elections, including the primary elections in which voters will choose the candidates to appear on the November 2022 general election ballot," Scott said.

"Don't wait until the last minute — start the registration process today!"

Texans will pick nominees in the Republican and Democratic primaries for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and all 38 members of the U.S. House who represent Texas.

## HOTTEST DECEMBER IN TEXAS SINCE SUL ROSS WAS GOVERNOR

Yup, it was hot last month as we hung Christmas lights and decorations.

Texas experienced the warmest December on record since 1889. Throughout the state, temperatures ranged 5 to 9 degrees above average.

"It's like the entire state moved south for the winter," said John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist. "Amarillo got Dallas's normal temperatures, Dallas got Corpus Christi's normal temperatures, and Austin got Brownsville's normal temperatures

"Not only is it by far the warmest December since the beginning of comprehensive weather records, it will probably also turn out to be the warmest winter month, period," said Nielsen-Gammon.

The hot weather increased drought conditions throughout the state. More than two-thirds of the state is experiencing drought conditions, with 10% in extreme drought.

"In much of West Texas, it hasn't rained for over two months," Nielsen-Gammon said. "The high temperatures increase the rate of evaporation, drying out everything and leading to increased wildfire risk."

#### WILDLIFE VACCINE AIRDROPS TO COMBAT RABIES

The state has resumed airdrops of oral rabies vaccines that have led to the elimination of the domestic dog-coyote and Texas fox rabies virus variants along the Texas border. DSHS began using aircraft on Jan. 12 to airdrop more than 1.17 million baits containing the rabies vaccine in 19 border counties. The project will last two weeks.

"The annual rabies vaccine/bait distribution along the border of Texas and Mexico is critical for the protection of humans, pets and livestock in Texas," said Dr. Susan Rollo, with DSHS. "The maintenance distribution levels help keep the U.S. free of the canine strain."

The vaccine baits are small plastic pellets dipped in fish oil and coated with fishmeal crumbles that attract coyotes, gray foxes and other wild carnivores.

Rabies spreads through a bite of an infected animal. Skunks and bats are now the most common source of rabies in Texas.



#### Eating Broccoli

"I bought more broccoli because I knew you were coming," my mother informed me.

You can never get enough broccoli, that is my belief.

I am lucky in that I never had to acquire a taste for vegetables out of some sort of concern for my health. I have always loved vegetables. My mother has a picture of me at three years old, sound asleep with a serving spoon in my hand. I had apparently offered to finish up the remaining peas. I did, then fell fast asleep at the table. I think I could still do that today.

My sister also loves broccoli, so I am inclined to think it was our upbringing that instilled our love of vegetables. She remembers the time when she had dinner at a friend's house as a child and realized the modest-sized bowl of broccoli was intended to feed the entire table—a bowl she could easily have eaten on her own. My broccoli-eating capacity exceeds my sister's, and this is why my mother (who prefers to buy things in small quantities) bought twice the normal amount of broccoli before my visit. We cooked it all. It was all

Eating vegetables is not something I have to worry about doing. I saw an advertisement for "vegetables in a pill" and was appalled. I have a hard time believing there is anything in those pills approximating a vegetable but, even if there were, why would anyone want it? Eating vegetables is one of my favorite things in life.

I'm reading a book about habits right now. I hesitated to buy the book because I thought I had pretty good habits already, and I thought it would be about breaking a bunch of bad habits or training myself to eat broccoli.

But it turns out that habits are even more important than I imagined. A lot of habits don't pay off for a long time, which makes staying motivated to keep them hard. But habits will have more influence on accomplishing goals than actual goal-setting. Most of us have similar goals. Not everyone has habits that make accomplishing the goals possible.

The author suggests that, instead of celebrating big accomplishments, we should celebrate sticking to a good trajectory, staying the course, making and keeping good habits. It doesn't sound quite as exciting as celebrating a big success, but maybe that's OK because the morning after the big success usually means going right back to the boring habits that made the success possible. And that's a good thing. Especially if you like broccoli.

The year is still new, and I'm trying out some new habits. I want to read more. I want to spend less time scrolling the internet. I want to do more pushups. I want to try to learn a little more Spanish, since I'll be traveling to Mexico and I feel I've forgotten every word I ever knew. None of these activities will have any effect whatsoever if I only do them for a day or two. So I'm trying to get some new habits in my life and push out the things I'd be doing instead.

Progress in Spanish is slow, and pushups make me tired. I usually start too late in the day to get much reading done. But I am going to keep trying.

I like the idea that getting a little stronger or a little smarter or a little more fluent might become easier with time. None of these habits will ever be as fun as eating broccoli, but that's a lot to ask.

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



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He and other members of the Big Red Machine have been working on the collegiate level audition music since August. We had several band students make the Region level. They had a wonderful clinic and concert last month. A few advanced to Area... and Spencer made it to State! He beat out bassoons from all over (the greater Houston area, Cy-Fair, Spring, Beaumont, Magnolia).

Spencer will practice and perform with the 5A All-State Band next month in San Antonio at the annual TMEA Conference. The conductor of the state honor band will be Dr. Damon Talley, from LSU. Also, at the conference, Crosby Band Director, Mr. Knight, will be inducted into Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity.

Congratulations from all of us at Crosby ISD.



**SPENCER MENDEZ** 

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by WESTON COTTEN

Attorney for the Estate

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by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Testosterone gone wild! Don't mess with "The Rock," even if you're Vin Diesel! Dwayne Johnson's not returning for "The Fast & The Furious 10," which is supposed to end the franchise. The Rock recently explained why: "This past June when Vin and I actually connected, not over social media, I told him directly and privately I would not be returning to the franchise. I was firm yet cordial saying I'd always be supportive of the cast and root for the franchise to be successful, but there was no chance I'd return. Vin's public post was an example of his manipulation. I didn't like that he used his children (in reference to me), in the post as well as Paul Walker's death. We'd spoken months ago about this and



**DWAYNE "THE ROCK"** 

**JOHNSON** I thought we came to a clear understanding. It's unfortunate this public dialogue has muddied the waters." Diesel revealed, over the summer, the bad blood between them was due to his using "tough love" while producing Johnson in "The Fast & The Furious 8." He told Men's Health magazine he used the approach "to assist in getting that performance where it needed to be." Dwayne Johnson's one of the busiest and highest paid actors in the world. Small wonder he objected to anyone, even Diesel, assuming he couldn't cut it. With or without "The Rock" this is not the end for the F&F universe there are plans for additional spin-offs and TV shows.

The still beautiful Jane Fonda, one of the last four living stars from the Golden Age of Hollywood, has completed the last 12 episodes of "Grace & Frankie." The show was shut down due to the pandemic after four episodes, which aired already, with the remaining episodes to air via Netflix soon. While waiting for "Grace & Frankie," she completed "Luck The Dragon," a computer animated comedy co-starring Whoopi Goldberg dropping on Apple TV Feb. 18. At 84 Jane shows no signs of slowing down - happily, because we're all still "Fonda" Jane.

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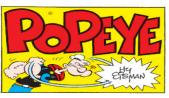




















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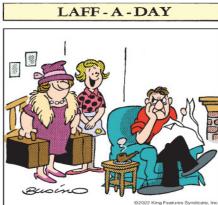
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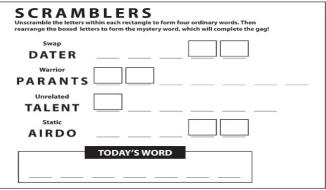






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# "Off-hand, I'd say he's



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4. U.S. STATES: What animal is featured on the state flag of Louisiana?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the fictional airline whose jet crashed of the fictional airline whose jet crashed on an island in "Lost"?

6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president ran on the slogan "Vote Yourself a Farm and Horses"? 7. MOVIES: What is the name of Thor's hammer in the earlier "Avengers" movies?

8. FOOD & DRINK: The "Iron Chef"
TV cooking show originated in which

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9. HISTORY: In what year did the Cold War end?

10. SCIENCE: What weather condition is measured in millibars?
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10. Atmospheric pressure

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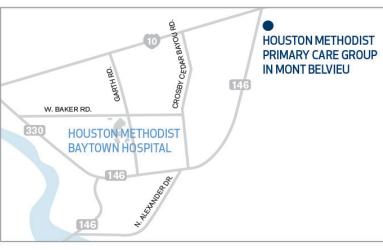


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