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IN THE STARS

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 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 your 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

Feb 3--David Buford Sammy Covey, Jr.
Feb 4--Harry New Andy Scott Chris West Mike Getlemy
Feb 5--Angi Boudreax Kyle McCain Geraldine Krampota Judy Powell John Mouton
Feb 6--Josina Hovater Tori Brumfield
Feb 7--Chris Browder
Feb 8--Leah Cathey Johange C. Highfield Jerry Hovater James Simpson
Feb 9--Gerald D. Harris
Feb 11--Carol Kelley Mary Mills Michael Parson Lanette Salters

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 11--Keith & Becky Adams Howard & Patricia Brockinton
Feb 12- Donnie & Elonda Cravatt
Feb 14--Larry & Jeannie Kelly

ROTARY CHILI FEAST FUN RETURNS FEB. 5

The Highlands community is looking forward to this Saturday, when the 47th Annual Chili Feast Raffle and Auction will be held at the social hall of St. Jude's Catholic Church on Main Street. The event is scheduled from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Tickets are \$100 for the raffle with a chance to win a new car, or \$10 for a delicious chili meal. Take-out or stay for the auction and raffle, says club president Jerry Fallin and event chairman Andy Scott.

This annual event attracts hundreds from the community, and city-wide, as Chester's Famous Reci-



Last Year's Chili Feast raffle winner, Carolyn Mulloy, poses with Highlands Rotary Club President Jerry Fallin as they view last year's top prize, a new Chevrolet Pick-up truck. This year, the winner will have a choice of a new Equinox or TrailBlazer from Turner Chevrolet.

pe Chili has a loyal following for its unique and delicious taste.

Attendees also enjoy meeting with old friends, and making new ones with Rotarians, community members, and a host of officials from around the county who drop in.

In addition to the top raffle prize of a new 2022 Chevrolet SUV, an Equinox or TrailBlazer, there are also 16 other valuable prizes, including electronics, guns, and gift cards.

Tickets may be purchased at the door, or from any Rotarian, or local businesses.

Proceeds from the Chili Feast fund a number of local and international projects. Locally, the Rotary Club last year awarded 18 scholarships amounting to \$35,000. They also purchased a van for the library, to take books and programs to local schools.

Sacred Heart fills their purse, at bingo

CROSBY--Winter Wonderland Designer Purse Bingo was hosted on January 21st, 2022 to raise money for Sacred Heart Catholic School of Crosby.

The proceeds that were raised went directly to replace a broken air conditioning unit in the Early Childhood Building at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, which holds the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes, and where Sacred Heart Catholic Church holds their CCE classes on Sunday mornings.

The event was a huge

success with proceeds of \$18,100!! That allowed the school to not only replace the broken compressor, but to replace the entire A/C unit!

It is such a blessing and very heartwarming to not only see the community come together to support the children, but to also have fun while doing it!

Thank you to Father Emmanuel Akpaide, M.S.P., Pastor, Ms. Susan Harris, principal, and the parishioners and community for supporting the cause.



A view of the large crowd last Friday night, community members enjoying purse bingo and helping support the Sacred Heart Catholic School of Crosby. MORE PHOTOS, PAGE 2



VOLUNTEERS: From left to right, Nancy Casey, Amanda Brown, Dolores Casey, Kathy Harpst; volunteers enjoying a break during the festivities. (Photos Amanda Brown)

Crosby Superintendent's message to the community

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

Welcome to February! February 1st marked the 100th day of school for Crosby ISD's 2021-2022 academic year. When you consider the last two years of the pandemic, I am so grateful for what I've seen visiting campuses during the last few weeks and months. You can "feel" the learning happening at each school. Thank you to staff members, students, and par-

ents for a great first 100 days of instruction.

A new year means so many of our Crosby High School students are thinking about their next steps. This month is the perfect opportunity for families to examine and apply for local scholarships provided by organizations and members of the

Crosby ISD communities. More than 40 college scholarships are available for four-year and two-year colleges as well as trade school scholarships for students working to earn their certifications. The CHS Next Level Counseling Center has made it easy for families to see what's

available. You can log onto <https://www.crosbyisd.org/localscholarships> to read more. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 25th at 4pm. Good luck!

In January and February, we are recognizing 151 JROTC cadets in our District with program completion certificates. For the first time ever, cadets at Crosby Middle School are officially included in JROTC. It was great to be on hand and see the future high

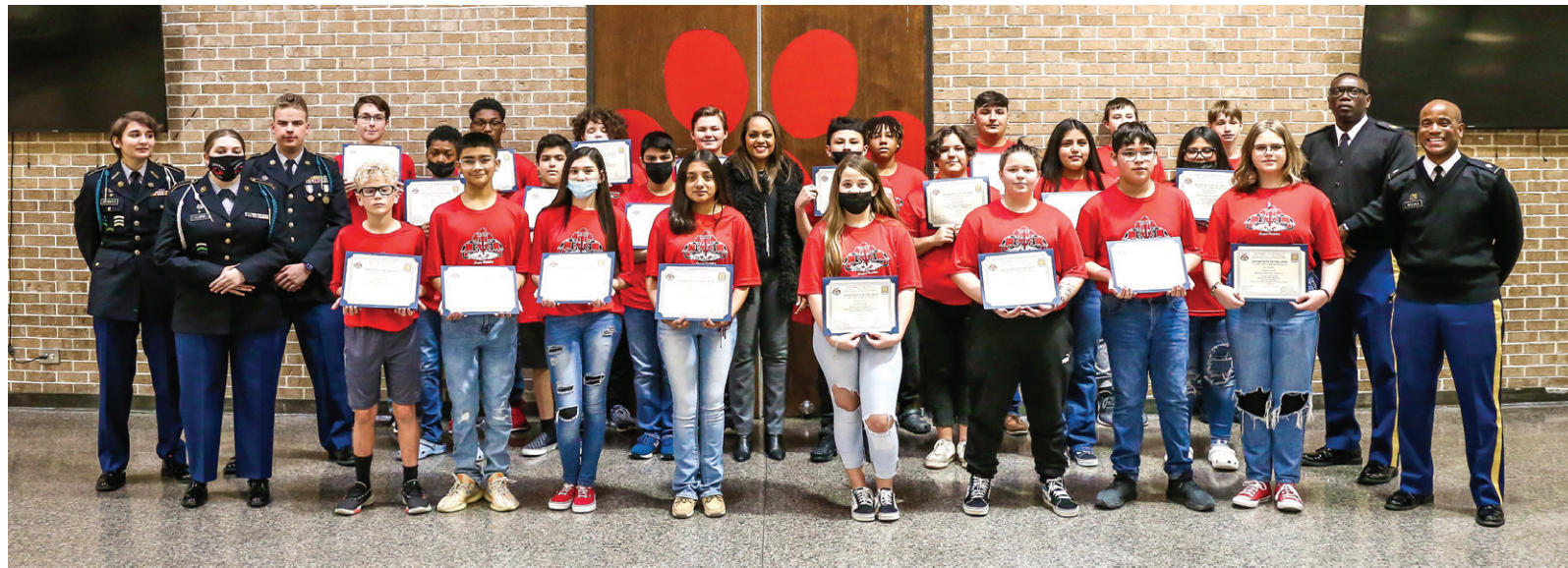
schoolers receive the recognition for the first time. Later this month, cadets at Crosby High School will receive their completion certificates as well. I am so proud that Crosby ISD has one of the strongest JROTC programs in the region.

Also, this month, Crosby ISD Spring sports are starting. The CHS varsity softball team has started the season with scrim-

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SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON



JROTC Middle school cadets in our District with program completion certificates. For the first time ever, cadets at Crosby Middle School are officially included in JROTC.



ROTARY CHILI FEAST

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New Member in the Highlands Rotary Club



Highlands Rotary Club president Jerry Fallin, left, present the newest member of the club, Gay Lynn Milliorn, with her membership certificate and welcomes her to the “Biggest Little Club in Rotary District 5890.” Gay Lynn is the co-owner of Re/Max Eastside, a real estate firm. A native of Highlands, she remembers when her father, Wayne Prescott, was also a Rotarian.

Crosby EF donates \$194,407 to district



Crosby Education Foundation is with Tanya Eagleton and 8 others.
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CEF was proud to present a check to Crosby ISD in the amount of \$194,407.54 for 2021! We couldn't have done it without our wonderful community that is committed to the success of our Crosby ISD students! Thank you!

Purse Bingo,

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FACULTY AND STAFF OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL, AT THE PURSE BINGO WINTER WONDERLAND EVENT: Pictured from left to right; Faculty and Staff, Vanessa Noyola, Ciana Haggerty, Jocelyn Miller, Andrea Williams, Susan Harris, Jean Maraffa, and Yasmin Salinas

Crosby Superintendent,

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images and will hold the team's annual Hit-a-Thon on February 5th. The CHS varsity baseball team will host an Alumni game later that same day at 7pm. We love seeing the familiar faces from years past.

Our varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams have started District play. The boys won "The Battle for Highway 90" against Dayton, and they defeated PNG 2-1 to kick off District play at Cougar Stadium. The girls' varsity team is well into District play as well, battling PNG, Nederland, and Beaumont United in recent weeks.

Our boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams will wrap up District play soon, with an eye on the playoffs. Whether our students dominate all game or battle until the final buzzer, they love seeing the support from the fans in the stands. These student-athletes are all giving 110% at each game. It's a joy to watch their success in action. Come join us!

February also marks Black History Month. Crosby ISD has some of the richest history in East Harris County. Many descendants of the founder of Barrett Station still live in our communities today. Many are active in Crosby ISD, and we honor the legacy and history in our district.

Finally, I want to share how our Cougar family continues to pay it forward. During the recent cold snap, the Harris County Precinct 3 Constable's Office and Joseph House donated winter coats for students in need. I had a chance to see some of our youngest students light up when they put on a new jacket. I also want to thank the community members who donated blood at Crosby ISD's recent community blood drive. The pandemic has caused a severe shortage in blood supplies, and once again, the Crosby/Barrett Station communities stepped up to do our part. Giving to others is the mark of a Cougar heart.

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ON THE HILL

Pay Mont Belvieu Utility bills 4 ways

It's never been easier to pay your utility bill! You can still pay in person, by mail, online, or using the drop box in front of City Hall. But now, you can pay by phone as well; just call or text 888-291-1829. Click it! Call it! Text it! We've made it easier to pay your way! Check it out for yourself: www.montbelvieu.net/paymybill

5K Love Run Fundraiser Feb. 12th

BHPG22 Fundraiser February 12th at Barbers Hill Auxiliary Field 1K Kid Dash (through 5th grade) starts @ 8:00 AM 5K Run/Walk starts @ 8:30 AM You may register & pay online at: <http://bit.ly/2022LoveRun>

To register & pay in person, scan QR code, print and fill out form, then take form & payment to Eagle Family Vision on Eagle Drive.

T-Shirts will be provided to all pre-registered runners that register by Jan. 25th. T-shirts will be available for pick up on Thursday, Feb. 10th & Friday, Feb. 11th at MSS from 6pm-7pm. If your t-shirt is not picked up on February 11th, then you will receive it on race day. Those registering after Jan. 25th through race day will receive a shirt ONLY if available. If registering on race day, please arrive by 7:30am so we can start the 1K Kid Dash promptly at 8am.

1K Kid Dash \$20
5K Run/Walk \$25
Registration prices increase on race day.

Please send any questions to: bhpg2022@gmail.com
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR BEST "LOVE" THEMED COSTUME!

Mont Belvieu Farmers Market Feb. 5th

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 12:00 p.m.

The mission of the Mont Belvieu Farmers Market is to support our community by providing our residents and visitors with vendors that bring quality, fresh, locally-produced agricultural products, and delicious 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.

VENDOR INFORMATION
We are always looking for new vendors to join our Farmers Market! Its your products that make it a success. If you have something you'd like to sell, Please send your completed application, to farmersmarket@montbelvieu.net

BH ALUM NAMED TEXAS AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Barbers Hill alumnus, Second Lieutenant Mark Wilson of the U.S. Air National Guard, who was named the Texas Outstanding Airman of the Year in January. This state-level award honors Airmen who displayed superior leadership, job performance, community involvement, and personal achievement over the preceding 12 months.

I am proud to represent the efforts that all our Texas Airmen have contributed throughout the year, said Wilson.

In December, Wilson was named the Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year for the 147th Attack Wing of Houston, which comprises nearly 1000 local Airmen.

In January, a state-level



2nd Lt. Mark Wilson, Texas Airman of the Year

el distinguished panel selected Wilson as the Texas Outstanding Airman of the Year from among nearly 3000 Airmen, including Wilson's Houston-area Wing, the 136th Airlift

Wing in Fort Worth and the 149th Fighter Wing in San Antonio.

2nd Lieutenant Mark Wilson receives Texas Airman of the Year Award



2nd Lieutenant Mark Wilson with family

Air National Guard Second Lieutenant Mark Wilson receives the Texas Outstanding Airman of the Year Award 2022, and the Texas Outstanding Service Medal, from Brigadier

General Matthew Barker, Texas Air National Guard Chief of Staff (left), and from State Command Chief Master Sergeant LaTasha Mitchell.

Burned bodies found in vehicle under FM 1409 bridge



DAYTON — Authorities are investigating a gruesome scene in Liberty County, where a burning vehicle was discovered with two bodies inside.

The vehicle fire was reported to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office at about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday. The vehicle was underneath the FM 1409 bridge, just south of Dayton Advertisement

The roadway was temporarily closed to traffic while TxDOT officials checked the structural integrity of the bridge.

According to Captain Billy Knox with the sheriff's office, one body was found in the back seat of the vehicle, and the second body was located in the trunk. Due to the extreme heat of the fire, it was initially impossible to determine whether the victims are male or female. Investigators spent hours at the scene gathering evidence.

Autopsies have been ordered on the victims. No identification has been made.

Authorities have said they obviously suspect foul play in the deaths. The investigation is ongoing.

Houston Methodist Hospital Baytown

Early Diagnosis and Prevention Key to Beating Hepatitis C

BAYTOWN — (Jan14, 2022) — Hepatitis C is a stealthy virus that can be potentially lethal. An estimated 3.5 million Americans have the hepatitis C virus, but because it frequently has no symptoms, many of them have no idea their health could be in danger.

Hepatitis C, the most common type of the disease in the U.S., primarily affects the liver. It may cause inflammation and can lead to liver cirrhosis and liver cancer.

Dr. Rashid Khan, a gastroenterologist/hepatologist with Houston Methodist Gastroenterology Associates, says May's designation as Hepatitis Awareness Month(liverfoundation.org) helps bring attention to the prevalence of the virus in the U.S. and its potentially dangerous impact. He says people in high risk groups for developing hepatitis C should schedule a blood test to detect the disease in its earliest stages.

"Hep C spreads through the blood or bodily fluids of an infected person," Khan said. "Someone may become infected by using intravenous drugs (sharing needles), acquiring tattoos, piercings, and getting blood products (donated blood) prior to the 1990s. Sexual transmission is not common, but does occur."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a one-time screening blood test for anyone with an increased risk of infection. The CDC reports that baby boomers (anyone born between 1945 and 1965) have a higher risk of contracting hepatitis C. Other high-risk groups include people with HIV, patients undergoing long-term kidney dialysis and anyone born to a mother who has the disease. Khan says while there is no vaccine to prevent the disease, there are steps available to lessen the risk of infection.



DR. RASHID KHAN

"To avoid getting the virus, do not share personal items such as razors, and be careful when getting things like piercings, tattoos and manicures because the equipment may be contaminated with infected blood. Practice safe sex and avoid injection drug usage," Khan said.

Chronic, or long-term hepatitis C, may result in cirrhosis (scarring of the liver) and liver cancer. It may remain a "silent" infection for many years until the virus damages the liver sufficiently to cause symptoms. Some patients will experience nausea, fatigue, loss of appetite, jaundice, itchy skin,

bleeding or bruising easily, dark colored urine, swelling in the legs, confusion, drowsiness and slurred speech. Khan says new advanced treatments for hep C have been developed in recent years, including highly effective oral therapies. In cases in which the disease progresses to cirrhosis, however, liver transplantation may be required.

Now located in their new, spacious office located conveniently in Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital (4301 Garth Rd., Suite 200, Independence Plaza 2), the specialists with Houston Methodist Gastroenterology Associates—Dr. Khan, Ludie Hernandez-Buck, MD, Dr. Yassir Ashraf and Samir Nath, MD—diagnose and treat the full spectrum of gastroenterology conditions, including irritable bowel syndrome, fatty liver disease, acid reflux disease, colon and rectal cancer screening, and diverticular disease. To schedule

an appointment, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown or call 281-422-7970.

About Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital
Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital has provided Baytown and east Harris, Liberty and Chambers counties with quality medical care since opening its doors in 1948. The hospital has grown throughout the years with the community, providing comprehensive care at all stages of life. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist Baytown provides some of the most advanced and innovative procedures while never wavering from its focus on compassionate and patient-centered care. Houstonmethodist.org/baytown.

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OPINION

By Carol Alvarado



It's Past Time for online Voter Registration in Texas

The state’s chief election officer, the Texas Secretary of State, recently announced that supply chain issues have forced the state to reduce the number of voter registration card applications available for the public.

Voter registration organizations who have requested applications are only receiving a fraction of the number they request. This is inexcusable, indefensible and downright embarrassing.

New 18-year-old adults, citizens who have moved to Texas from other states, naturalized citizens and previously unregistered Texans might not be able to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election on March 1 because of a supply shortage of voter registration cards. We are not talking about not being able to buy toilet paper—it is our sacred right to cast a vote. This is sad, tragic, laughable and happening in real time.

It didn’t have to be this way.

I have filed legislation to allow universal online voter registration every session since 2013 and I will file a bill next session. If my bill gets a hearing, I will not need to call up a panel of experts to testify why we need the bill; I will just point to the events of this past week to make a compelling case.

Online voter registration is safer, more secure and cheaper than its paper equivalent. It was first implemented close to 20 years ago in Arizona. Now 42 states and the District of Columbia allow online voter registration. This includes red, blue, purple, small and large states. Notably there have been no major scandals involving fraud or other issues that have caused states to scale back use of online voter registration.

In August of 2020, a federal court ruled that Texas was in violation of the National Voter Registration Act because the state was not giving residents the option to register to vote when they renewed their driver’s license. Texas was forced to comply and since then, 1.5 million Texans have used the online system to register to vote or change their voter registration address. We have not heard any reports from the Texas Secretary of State that this system is being abused with fraudulent registrants.

This latest episode of voting in Texas confirms the obvious. Texas is not a voter friendly state.

Last summer, I stood for 15 hours straight on the floor of the Texas State Senate to bring national attention to legislation that makes it difficult for Texans to access the ballot box. During my filibuster Texans from across the state sent me their concerns about this bill, including how difficult it would be for older Texans, veterans and those with disabilities to cast their vote. Nevertheless, Texas adopted the most restrictive voting measure of any state in the nation and we are already paying the price.

One of the provisions I spoke out against was a new requirement for voters to include their state-issued ID card number or the last four digits of their social security number on mail ballot applications. The number needs to be the exact same one a voter used when they first registered to vote—even if it was decades ago. If the number doesn’t match, then the application must be rejected. So if you used your driver’s license number when you registered to vote but then you used your SSN for the mail ballot application, you’re out of luck.

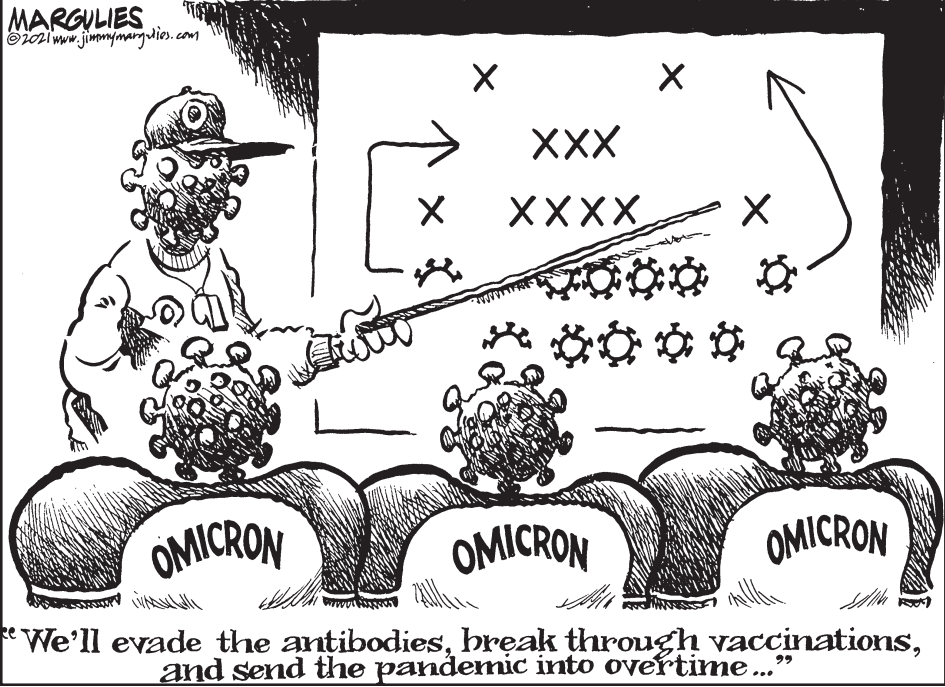
I warned that mail ballot applications would be rejected because of this unnecessary requirement. I was correct. We are now getting reports that election officials across the state have been forced to reject up to half of mail ballot applications because of confusion over what must be included on the application. What’s worse is the state has not provided a way for voters to correct their applications. We’re running out of time; mail ballots are already being sent out. It looks like the so-called election integrity legislation will disenfranchise many Democratic and Republican party primary voters.

It is no secret that those in control of state government want to make it hard for certain folks to vote. That was on full display last year during the regular legislative session and subsequent special called sessions. There is however a difference in making it harder to vote and not letting you vote.

The jig is up. Enough. Let’s join the rest of the country in the 21st century and get online with voter registration.

Senator Alvarado represents District 6 in the Texas State Senate.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Registration Form shortage as Deadline nears

Less than a week remains before the Jan. 31 deadline to register to vote in the March 1 primary. While Secretary of State John Scott publicly assured Texas voters that “every single eligible Texas voter will be able to register to vote if they have not done so already,” the League of Women Voters on Friday threatened to sue his office if the nonpartisan group isn’t provided with additional voter registration forms.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the league contends the state has decided to “sharply limit” the number of voter registration forms distributed to the league and other groups, claiming that is a violation of the National Voter Registration Act.

“It is crucial that the Secretary of State’s office act swiftly to provide the necessary voter registration forms for the people of Texas. The deadline to register to vote for the upcoming primary election is quickly approaching, and Texas is one of 11 states without online voter registration,” said Grace Chimene, president of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sam Taylor, assistant secretary of state for communications, told KUTV that supply chain issues have made it harder and more expensive to get paper, which means the Secretary of State’s office will be giving out fewer voter registration forms to groups ahead of elections this year.

“We are limited in what we can supply this year because of the paper shortage and the cost constraints due to the price of paper and the supply of paper,” he said.

Texas is one of the few states that does not have online voter registration.

LEANDER MAN CHARGED FOR THREATENING ELECTION OFFICIALS

A Leander man is the first person to be charged



by federal officials in a case brought by a task force formed to combat threats against election officials. Numerous media outlets reported that Chad Christopher Stark posted a message last January on Craigslist, saying it was time to kill a Georgia elections official.

“Georgia Patriots it’s time for us to take back our state from these Lawless treasonous traitors. It’s time to invoke our Second Amendment right it’s time to put a bullet in the treasonous Chinese [Official A]. Then we work our way down to [Official B] the local and federal corrupt judges,” Stark wrote, according to the indictment.

The three officials allegedly threatened were not named.

The Texas Tribune reported Georgia officials were especially targeted by a flood of hostile messages after they refused to back then-President Donald Trump’s claims of election fraud. Election officials across the country have faced criticism and personal attacks by Trump supporters claiming the election was stolen. No widespread instances of election fraud have come to light despite dozens of investigations.

STATE AGAIN REACHES RECORD JOB LEVEL

The Texas Workforce Commission reported last week that the seasonally adjusted state unemployment rate dropped to 5.0% in December, down 0.2 per-

centage points from the previous month. The state added 50,000 nonagricultural jobs last month — marking job gains in 19 of the last 20 months. The state set another record level of employment with more than 13 million jobs.

“Seeing a second consecutive month of record-setting employment, with more than 13 million jobs, highlights the underlying strength of the Texas economy,” said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. “This economic strength creates an environment for Texas employers to continue to create jobs and provide opportunities for the workforce in the Lone Star State.”

The state has added 694,000 jobs since December 2020.

COVID-19 CASES SET RECORD HIGH

Spurred by the omicron variant, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas in the past week climbed to a record 433,584, with 971 new deaths reported as well by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, the state has recorded 5.9 million cases and 78,055 deaths — equivalent to the entire population of Cedar Park.

Hospitalizations in Texas of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients also continued to rise, up 36% from the previous week at 13,324, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That figure is approaching the record high of 14,106 set in January 2021.

PAXTON DENIES OPEN RECORDS LAW VIOLATION

Attorney General Ken Paxton denied that he violated the state’s open records law, rejecting an allegation by the Travis County district attorney that his office should release communications from the week of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Five of the state’s largest newspapers filed a joint complaint after Paxton denied their open records requests. The district attorney’s office warned it would file suit if Paxton did not release the information. In a letter to the Travis County district attorney’s public integrity unit, Paxton’s office called the claims “meritless” and said there was “no violation to cure.”

Editors for the newspapers released a joint statement saying: “We believe these records are public and should be released. We hope the Travis County district attorney continues to hold the attorney general accountable for following our state’s open records laws and continues to advocate for the public’s right to know in this case.”

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

A better way

“You’ll never guess what I did!” my husband, Peter, announced.

“You’re right. I won’t.” “I microwaved the masking tape!”

I can’t tell you how pleased he was with himself.

My husband has a hack for everything. When I buy a roll of masking tape that is good for nothing but causing intense frustration, I am willing to give it up, toss the tape, and call it a lesson learned.

“Next time, I’m buying the expensive kind!” I said to Peter, after the tape shredded into itty-bitty bits just trying to get a few inches out to secure a box.

I was packing away the last of the holiday stuff—rather late—as I am supposed to be packing for Mexico. We are leaving next week and, so far, the packing has all occurred in my head. I know what I am bringing, more or less. Meantime, Peter has all the items he plans to pack laid out in a line that fills most of his office (aka “the brooding room”) and new unidentified items are arriving in the mail daily.

“What is that?” I ask, concerning the latest mysterious package.

“It’s a battery phone charger.”

“For when there’s no electricity?”

“Yup!”

“When will there not be electricity?”

Peter has some sort of plan in mind, and I will not be at all surprised when his battery phone charger saves the day. Peter is always thinking of a better way to do things, which brings me back to the masking tape.

“You microwaved the masking tape?” I said, not quite sure I’d heard correctly.

“I did!”

“And?”

“And now it works perfectly! It was just old. I microwaved it for 15 seconds and now look!” Peter grabbed the roll of tape and effortlessly pulled off several inches—just for fun.

“Wow.” It was impressive.

“I think you should go back to the hardware store and tell them,” Peter said. “A lot of customers could be spared frustration if they just put their tape in the microwave!”

I considered doing this for exactly two seconds, and rejected the idea. I think the guys at the hardware store might think I’m a little odd already. This would seal the deal, so to speak.

But it’s nice to have a husband who is always thinking of everything. We have every imaginable form saved to the cloud. We bring our own knives and kitchen odds and ends so we can cook wherever we are. Peter uses our departure on an extended trip as an opportunity to update his end-of-life instructions, should we both suddenly die or disappear in Mexico.

“I don’t plan on dying this trip,” I informed him.

“You should have seen how out of date the document was!” he marveled, ignoring me.

I used to think of myself as someone who was reasonably well-prepared for whatever life threw at me, but it would never have occurred to me to raise a roll of masking tape from the dead.

Today, I need to start packing. So far, my focus has been on whether I am bringing enough warm clothes to wear inside as we will start out in the mountains, there will be no central heating—and it can get chilly at night. Peter is not concerned about keeping warm.

“I’ll wear my raincoat!” he tells me. And I know he will.

Peter will keep warm and he will make sure we have what we need. After a life of mostly taking care of myself, it’s nice to rely on Peter to figure out a better way to do everything.

Till next time,
Carrie Classon’s memoir is called “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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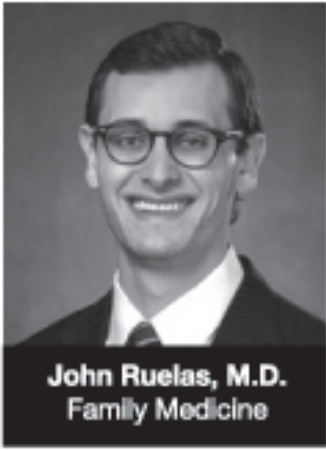
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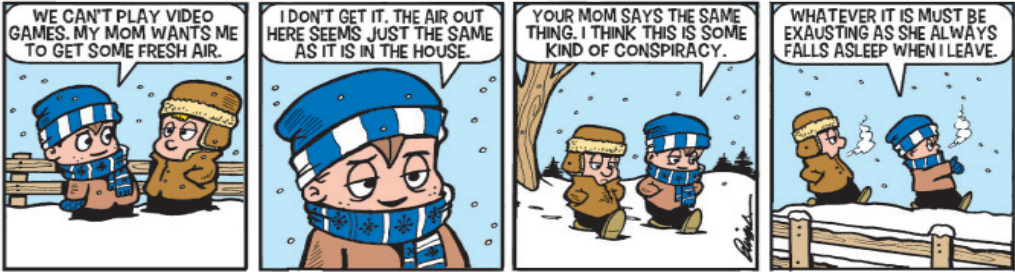
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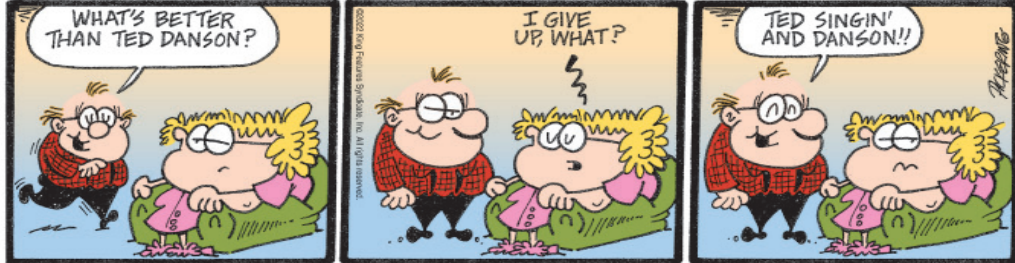
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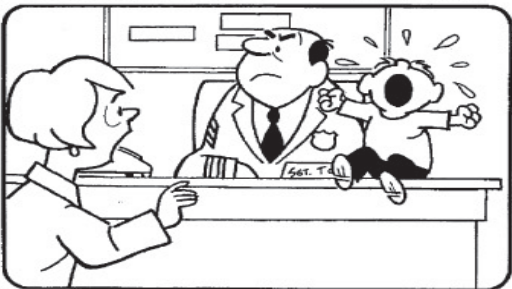
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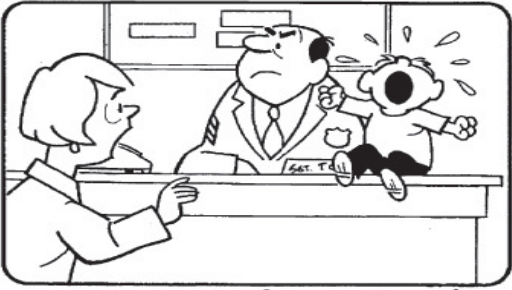
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different; 2. Tie is different; 3. Chair is missing; 4. Arm is moved; 5. Badge is missing; 6. Arm is moved; 7. Hair is different; 8. Tie is different; 9. Chair is missing; 10. Arm is moved.

Trivia Test Answers

1. An undershirt; 2. The flight of a large flock of starlings in a coordinated, swooping pattern; 3. "The African Queen"; 4. Abraham Lincoln; 1864; 5. Chicago; 6. Three; 7. Kenyan shilling; 8. An eighth of a mile; 9. The Volga; 10. Keratin

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ACROSS

- 1 Kitten's cry
4 Opera set in Egypt
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17 Appease
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- 34 Pinnacle
36 "— come back now, hear?"
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49 Unspoken feeling
53 Gulf War missile
54 Unwell
55 Yon maiden
56 Sweetie

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: In British English, what is a singlet?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a murmuration?
3. MOVIES: Which 1951 adventure film features a character named Charlie Allnut (played by Humphrey Bogart)?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president campaigned for reelection with the slogan, "Don't change horses midstream"?
5. HISTORY: Where did the St. Valentine's Day massacre (murder of seven gangsters and associates) take place?
6. TELEVISION: How many seasons did the original "Star Trek" series run?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the basic currency used in Kenya?
8. MEASUREMENTS: What is a furlong?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest river in Europe?
10. ANATOMY: What is the basic component of hair, skin and nails?

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