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THURSDAY

Huffman ISD plans Bond Election

\$98.9 Million for Expansion, upgrades



Russell Rogers dies, was CF&R President



CROSBY – The community is mourning the loss of one of its leading citizens for many year, Russell Rogers. Rogers passed away on Monday, March 7 in Hico, Texas.

Originally from Oklahoma, Rogers came to Crosby in 1999 from Durant, Oklahoma and met and married his wife Shirley.

Russell and Shirley are remembered fondly for the energy and devotion that they gave to the success of the Crosby Fair & Rodeo.

Russell was a board member of the Crosby Fair and Rodeo Association from 2004, serving as the President until 2012. The Rock'n C Arena was his second home and he spent every spare moment supporting the youth and the fairgrounds.

In 2013 Russell and Shirley retired to Hico, Texas. A memorial service was held March 13 in Stephenville. A full Obituary is on page 5 of this newspaper.

Mar 17-Lyndsay Dam-

Isabell Daniels Annie Marie Herron Chris Scott Jett Sherwood

Mar 20–Josh Kimberlin

Mar 21–Crystal Burton

Mar 22–Craig Gross

Lisa Strouhal

Laura White

Mar 24-Lindsey Bell

ANNIVERSARIES

March 31-William &

Susan O'Neal

Clarence Russell Rogers,

Hico/Crosby

Mar 23--Jackie Thomp-

John Townsend

Mary Helen James

Charolotte Wotipka

Kathy Townsend

BIRTHDAYS

mon Mar 18–Kent Nelson Mar 19–Yvonne Browder HUFFMAN — The Huffman ISD board voted at their February meeting to call for an election for a new bond issue. According to district spokesperson Kristen Breaux, the total amount of the bond will be \$98.9 million dollars. The election will take place on May 3rd.

Based on a study conducted for the board, the money will be used in the following categories:

• HIGH SCHOOL

RENOVATION & EX-PANSIONS \$57.3 mil-

- -- 20 new classrooms, work on HVAC, Roof, Gym, Auditorium, DAEP
- MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS & EX-PANSIONS \$17.3 million
- -- 15 new classrooms, Cafeteria expansion, Ag, Field House • MAJOR MAINTE-
- NANCE PROJECTS \$5.6 million



- SAFETY & SECU-RITY \$4.0 million
- -- Cameras, Lighting, Alarms, Doors, Controls, Roads & Traffic
- O P E R A T I O N S CENTER \$15.7 million

- BUSSES (6) \$660k
- LAND New and Reimbursements \$5.6 million
- TECHNOLOGY \$1.8 million
- -- Wi-Fi improvements, Classroom Technology, Data Center Upgrades

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST \$98.9 million, after a FEMA credit, or reimbursement of \$9 million.

- BASEBALL/SOFT-BALL TURF UP-GRADE \$2.9 million
- -- (This item will be a separate proposition on the ballot, as required by law)

Breaux indicated to this newspaper that the District would be issuing additional details of the bond issue in the near future, and posting this on the District website.

Crosby Superintendent's Message to the community

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

I hope you are enjoying Spring Break this week. This month, we are celebrating staff appreciation at each campus. Teachers and staff members are having lunch on us and extended lunch breaks. My Cabinet members and I are covering lunch duty to free up campus leaders and other staff to enjoy a longer lunch and some delicious food courtesy of a food truck on campus. We not only want to feed our employees' stomachs but also their hearts and souls. We are planning another surprise in April. Thank you for all that you do!

As soon as we're back from Spring Break, Crosby High School Theater Arts students will be re-



SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON

hearsing to compete in the Bi-District One Act Play Contest. They advanced after hosting the District competition earlier this month. One Act Play was one of the activities I enjoyed the most during my time as a student at Crosby High School. I can't wait to watch our students star in their production at

Friendswood High School on March 24th. I hope to see you there.

I want to give a shoutout to the Crosby High School varsity boys' basketball team. They fought all season with heart, right up to the Regional Final against the reigning state champs. Their season came to an end, but what a season it was. They are among the 8 best in the state and advanced further than any Crosby boys' basketball team in 43 years. We'll salute them later this Spring when we honor all the achievements from our extracurricular teams, activities, and organizations this semester.

You know Spring has arrived as softball and baseball are now in Dis-

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RodeoHouston speaker at Highlands Rotary



With the RodeoHouston in full swing at NRG Center, the Highlands Rotary heard from Don Nichols of the speaker's bureau of the Rodeo. Nichols is a past president of the Galena Park Rotary club. He spoke about the history of the Houston Rodeo, starting in 1932 with one entertainer, Gene Autry, who sang for a whole week. Originally in the Sam Houston Coliseum, it moved to the Astrodome in 1966 and to NRG stadium in 2002. Every year the Rodeo awards 2300 scholarships to college-bound seniors. There are four "pillars" on which the event is founded: Agriculture, Entertainment, Western Lore, and Education. This is the 90th Anniversary year of RodeoHouston.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month Celebration

PART 1 OF 2 OF A 5 PART SERIES...

By Allan Jamail

March 9, 2022 – The month of March gives us the opportunity to celebrate Women's History Month. In our today's world we're seeing more and more how women are contributing to improving the world in ways never seen before. Some call the larger roll women are now taking in the world as the "new women's movement" or "women's lib move-

ment". Regardless of how women have begun to be more instrumental in our lives, I welcome it.

Women's History Month, a national recognition of the vital roles women have played throughout history. This recognition began in one town in 1978 when the Education Task Force of the Sonoma Countv Commission on the Status of Women celebrated "Women's History Week" in Santa Rosa, California. The week was chosen to include International Women's Day, March 8.

The movement spread to other communities, so in 1980 a consortium of women's groups and historians asked the federal government for recognition. President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the week of March 8, 1980 to be National Women's History Week, citing in his proclamation that the "achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as

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Houston's Barbara Jordan

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOR'S HOUSTON'S BARBARA JORDAN PART 2 OF A SERIES...

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. – March 8, 2022; in celebration of Women's History Month Houston Barbara Jordan is recognized for her outstanding achievements in making sustainable progress as a Black Women. Jordan, a Houston native, was the first African-American woman



BARBARA JORDAN

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Crosby FFA and Ag Mecanics Crosby Superintendent's students compete at San Antonio Rodeo

San Antonio, Texas - The Crosby FFA and Crosby Agriculture Mechanic students attended the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo to exhibit their projects in February. Students represented Crosby ISD with their hard work and determination along with successfully showing their skills. Students competed in one of the largest junior livestock shows in the world. Exhibitors travel from all over for the opportunity to show their animals and showmanship skills. Here are the Crosby ISD competitors and the results:

Swine Show

- •Haley Bobalik-3rd Place
- •Austin Eilers-Top 20 Pull
- •Kami Fajkus-Top 20 Pull
- •Kenley French-Top 20 Pull •Stratton Manuel
- •Addison Maxey-Top 20 Pull
- •Orien Payne-Top 20 Pull
- Hannah Roder
- •Charly Turbitt-Top 20 Pull •Peyton Turbitt-6th Place

Lamb Show

- •Chloe Hood
- •Taylor Veach-Top 20 Pull

Goat Show

• Ruthie Campbell

The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo is also one of the largest and most competitive Ag Mechanics shows. This year offered a record year for the show with 728 participating exhibitors and more than 150 judges. Here are the Crosby ISD competitors and results:

• Madalynn Davis - Ag Mechanics Blue Ribbon Quality and Craftman-

•Brent Starkey - Ag Mechanics Blue Ribbon Quality and Craftmanship Pu

Congratulations to all our Crosby exhibitors for their outstanding dedication!







Melissa Silva, M.D.

Channelview Family Medicine Welcomes New Physician

Dr. Melissa Silva joined the CFM family on October 1, 2021.

Dr. Melissa Silva is a Family Medicine physician who has joined Channelview Family Medicine and the Pasadena community in October of 2021. Dr. Silva received a double degree from the University of Houston with a BS in Biology and a BA in History. Dr. Silva went on to obtain her Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Dr. Silva's residency in Family Medicine was with the Memorial Family Medicine Program. Dr. Silva is bilingual in both English and Spanish. We look forward to welcoming her back to her hometown community and the Channelview family.

To book an appointment, call 281.452.4747 To learn more, visit channelviewfamilymedicine.com



Message,

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Crosby High School Theater Arts students will be rehearsing to compete in the Bi-District One Act Play Contest.

trict play. We are expecting big things this year from both teams. I invite you to come to the Ballparks in Crosby and spend quality family time at one of the best ballparks in the state of Texas.

Both our varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams are headed into the playoffs. The girls' team finished up regular season with a 3-0 win, and they are the third seed in the playoffs. The boys' wrapped up regular season play with a 4-1 win over Port Arthur Memorial. The boys also clinched a spot in the playoffs.

Our track and field teams are racking up some hardware. The Crosby Middle School 7th and 8th grade teams are District champs. Our CHS varsity

teams are competing in relays over the next couple of weeks before the District meet in April.

Also this month, a real example of girl power! Crosby High School 11th grader Xandra Hernandez will compete at State in powerlifting. She clinched Regionals by deadlifting 225 pounds.

One of the biggest champions for our smallest Cougars is Crosby Kindergarten Center Principal, Ms. Operium Baldwin. I had the privilege of surprising her with the big announcement that she is the 2021-2022 Principal of the Year in Crosby ISD. Ms. Baldwin grew up in Barrett and Crosby ISD campuses. This is her first year as Principal at CKC,

and the moment you walk on the campus, you can feel the positive climate and culture. Thank you, Ms. Baldwin, to you and your

March marks Women's History Month, celebrating the success of barrier breakers. The field of education has many women making a difference in the lives of children every day. We are the moms, the sisters, the daughters, the wives, and the leaders whose passion can't be beat. To the women who've had a lasting impact on Crosby ISD students through the decades, thank you for your unwavering dedication and contο tribution communities.

This is Now! Go Coogs!

Houston's Barbara Jordan,

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elected to the Texas Senate and the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Congress from the South.

Rosemary McGowen and I have been friends for many years and she's given me personal experiences she and Barbara have had together. She's Barbara's only living sibling and she joined State Rep. Shawn Thierry today on Women's Day for the unveiling of the Barbara Jordan Memorial Parkway. It's the stretch of Highway 288 from Cleburne, which runs into Texas Southern University where Jordan earned an undergraduate degree, to the Beltway 8.

"I'm delighted this is being done in her honor and celebrates the accomplishments she made," McGow-

an said. Representative Thierry wrote the bill to rename the highway. It was signed into law on June 19, 2019, also known as Juneteenth, the day in which enslaved Texans learned of their freedom. Because the state does not appropriate funds for signs, Thierry said CenterPoint Energy is underwriting the cost of the

signs.

"It really has been a labor of love visualizing and then working on this project for so many years," State Representative Shawn Thierry said. "This highway dedication is a permanent memorial for future generations to witness." "We are honoring an iconic woman who was such an inspiration. This is a permanent memorial to a great woman for all to see," Thierry said.

BARBARA CHARLINE JORDAN HISTORY: She was a product of Houston's Black Fifth Ward; she opened the door in the political arena for both Blacks and women. Elected a State Representative from Texas; February 21, 1936; she was educated in the public schools of Houston; graduated, from Phillis Wheatley High School, in 1952. She got her B.A., at Houston's Texas Southern University in 1956 and her law degree at Boston University School of Law, Boston Mass. 1959. She was admitted to the Massachusetts and Texas bars in 1959 and commenced practice in Houston in

Jordan was elected to the Texas senate in 1967 and re-elected and served until 1972; served as administrative assistant to Harris County's Judge. In 1966 she was a delegate to Texas State Democratic conventions, 1967, 1969 and a delegate to Democratic National Convention of 1968.

She was elected as a Democrat to the Ninetythird, Ninety-fourth and Ninety-fifth Congresses (January 3, 1973-January 3, 1979); and was not a candidate for re-election in 1978 to the Ninety-sixth Congress. She was a professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin, 1979-1982, and Lyndon B. Johnson Centennial Chairman in National Policy. 1982-1986; She chaired the Commission on Immigration Reform; was a resident of Austin, Tex., until her death there on January 17, 1996; her interment is in Texas State Cemetery. Allanj211@aol.com

Women's History Month,

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that of the men whose names we know so well."

The recognition was renewed by later presidents until 1987, when Congress designated March as "Women's History Month."

Women's contributions through the years have often gone unappreciated and forgotten. The month of March provides us a time to set aside for reflection, appreciation, and celebration; it's our time to recognize contributions both large and small they've made to change our

lives for the better. Each of us can reflect back on our personal history of how significant our own mother was to us and her care and influence she made on us. My mother has passed but her memories live on within me dailv. I think of her care for me as well as the disciplining of me, both she dished out because of her love for me. It made me a better person and her lesson on life still influences my be-

Sadly to say women have been discriminated against is so many areas of life, equal pay, job promotions, sexual harassment to name a few.

Laurie Fickman, of the University of Houston (UH) released the study by the University of Houston Institute for Research on Women, Gender & Sexuality (IRWGS) stating that women lag far behind men on multiple fronts in Harris County. Women are almost 50% more likely to live in poverty than men and the wage gap for men and women by race and ethnicity is considerably greater here than nation-

In Harris County during 2017, women's poverty

rate (15.3%) was nearly 50% higher than the male poverty rate (10.4%). The gender gap is higher than observed nationally, statewide (Texas) and in comparable counties in the United States.

Wage gap data for men and women by race/ethnicity in Harris County is considerably greater than the national wage gap, with the median non-Hispanic (NH) white woman here making 69.4 cents on the dollar made by the median NH white man; the median NH Asian woman making 63.6 cents; the median NH black woman making 47.1 cents; and the median Hispanic woman making 33.5 cents.

Next week we'll honor more women's social, economic and political achievements. Allanj211@aol.com



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ON THE HILL

Baytown Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

TREE SALE

Thursday, March 24llam to 6pm Friday, March 25-llam to 6pm Saturday, March 26-8am to 1pm

Oaks - Live, Laurel, Willow, Overcup, Shumard Red, Nutall Red, Southern Red, Chinquapin, Swamp Chestnut; Other Hardwoods -Sweetgum, Green Ash, Sycamore, River Birch, Water Tupelo, American Elm, Sugarberry; Shrubs - American Beautyberry, Buttonbush, Wax

Myrtle

All Trees \$10 Assortment Available While Supplies Last Pre-Sales Offered With Payment in Full Sale & Pick Up at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 800 W. Baker Rd. Back parking lot at the basketball pavilion. For information contact Baytown Habitat for Humanity at 281-427-0866 or info@baytownhabitat.org

Fundraiser made possible through the generous tree donation by Tree Life Farms, 3703 Fig Orchard Rd. Highlands TX 77562

History Heals Luncheon

Chambers County is excited to partner with the History Heals Foundation (HHF) to host the First Annual History Heals Luncheon on March 29, 2022 at the White Memorial Park Community Building.

This event will serve as the Kick Off of several months of promotional and fundraising events leading up to HHF hosting The Wall That Heals in October 2022. More information regarding The Wall will be provided at the luncheon.

The luncheon is dedicated to honoring Vietnam Veterans and fallen soldiers and will focus on remembering the Vietnam War and it's lasting impact on Chambers County.

Sponsors are needed. If you would like to support this endeavor, please contact Samantha Humphrey at shumphrey @ chamberstx.gov.

EPA orders ChevronPhillips to reduce air pollution

Settlement will cut Flaring at Cedar Bayou plant, others

Dallas (March 9, 2022) - Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP has agreed to make upgrades and perform compliance measures estimated to cost \$118 million to resolve allegations that it violated the Clean Air Act and state air pollution control laws at three petrochemical manufacturing facilities located in Cedar Bayou, Port Arthur, and Sweeney, Texas. Chevron Phillips will also pay a \$3.4 million civil penalty. The settlement will eliminate thousands of tons of air pollution from flares.

According to the complaint filed with a consent decree, the company failed to properly operate and monitor its industrial flares, which resulted in excess emissions of harmful air pollution at the three Texas facilities. The company regularly "oversteamed" the flares and failed to comply with other key operating constraints to ensure the



CHEVRONPHILLIPS PLANT AT CEDAR BAYOU, WITH FREQUENT FLARING.

volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) contained in the gases routed to the flares are efficiently combusted.

"This settlement will require Chevron Phillips to install pollution control and emissions monitoring equipment at three facilities in Texas, reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and other harmful gases by thousands of tons per year," said Acting Assistant Administrator Larry Starfield for the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. "Those controls, plus a requirement for fence line monitoring of benzene emissions and corrective actions when benzene readings are high, will result in significant benefits for the local communities in Texas."

"The Justice Department and EPA will enforce the law against petrochemical plants that violate the Clean Air Act," said Assistant Attorney General Todd Kim for the Justice

Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division. "We are committed to reducing harmful air pollution from unnecessary and improper flaring, especially near overburdened communities with environmental justice concerns."

"While the health impacts of Clean Air Act violations in Port Arthur, Cedar Bayou and Sweeny, Texas, cannot be reversed, this Consent Decree does provide for improvements at Chevron Phillips facilities that are located close to residential neighborhoods," said EPA Regional Administrator Dr. Earthea Nance. "Port Arthur and these communities have been demanding assistance for years. It is good to see this kind of bold enforcement action."

Once fully implemented, the pollution controls are estimated to reduce emis-

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Barbers Hill High School Anchor Club at Texas District Anchor Convention

Barbers Hill High School Anchor Club recently attended the 2022 Texas District Anchor Convention in Tyler, Texas.



(pictured Front row): Emily Gonzales, BHHS Anchor President-Elect, Judy Duncan, WCCPC Anchor Coordinator, Hayden Harris, BHHS Anchor Historian. (pictured Second row): Arielle Ibarra, Allison Longorio, Aubrey Falk, Aiden Engrissi, Jennifer Jones, BHHS Anchor Advisor

West Chambers Pilot Members make Fidget mats

West Chambers County Pilot members made Fidget Mats for President Angela Fackler's students and they are also making some Fidget Mats for the Mont Belvieu Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center residents.



(I-r) West Chambers County Pilots Wynona Montgomery, Deana Fojt, Jan Jones, Linda Polk, President Angela Fackler, Diana Jackson, Judy Duncan, and President-Elect Tonya Keller.

WCC Pilot Club, b Receives a Copper Sponsorship for Gala

West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc. received a Copper Sponsorship from Crystal Allen from Farmers Insurance, for our upcoming annual fundraising Gala on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M., at Barbers Hill High School, Mont Belvieu TX. The theme of this year's Gala is "Kentucky Derby on the Hill".

For more information contact W.C.C.P.C. at P.O. Box 1032, Mont Belvieu, TX 77580, Email wccpilotclub@gmail.com or Linda Gilmore at rayegil2@yahoo.com or to purchase tickets contact any West Chambers County Pilot Club member or call Treasurer Diana Jackson – 505-



(Left to right) Sofia Castellan, Liliana Rendon, Kathy Ellis, Vicky Parker, and West Chambers County Pilot Linda Gilmore, not pictured Crystal Allen

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination PODS and Clinics By Chambers County Public Health McLeod Park - 10717 Langston Dr Friday, February 18, 2022 Friday, February 25, 2022 9am-12pm 9am-12pm

Mont Belvieu – 10616 Eagle Drive
Wednesday, March 02, 2022 Wednesday, March 09, 2022
7:30am-3:00pm 7:30am-3:00pm

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Tuesday, March 15, 2022 Wednesday, March 23, 2022
7:30am-3:00pm 8:00am-3:30pm
Tuesday, March 29, 2022

7:30am-3:00pm

Winnie – 203 East Broadway

Thursday, March 03, 2022 Thursday, March 17, 2022 7:30am-3:00pm 7:30am-3:00pm Thursday, March 31, 2022 7:30am-3:00pm

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Friday, March 11, 2022 Friday, March 25, 2022
8:00am-3:30pm 7:30am-3:00pm

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OPINION PAGE



This Ain't Our First Rodeo



Barrel racing, mutton bustin', and bull riding are just some of the many events you can catch at one of Texas' many rodeos. Recognized as the official sport of Texas, the history of rodeos in the Lone Star State dates much further back than its official proclamation by the Texas Legislature 25 years ago.

The Spanish conquistadors and Spanish-Mexican settlers that first arrived in Texas came with horses and cattle, kicking off our state's rich and deep roots in the livestock industry. This new livestock led to the rise of ranchers and *vaqueros*, or cowboys. After the Civil War, the Southwest became the hub for cattle drives, large ranches, and range cowboys which are now pillars of the celebrated culture we know today.

While overseeing their pastures and driving cattle, these cowboys earned their spurs learning how to rope, ride, and wrangle livestock. These tricks of the trade traveled throughout Texas, and cowboys showcased these skills at local rodeos. The word "rodeo" came from a Spanish word meaning "round up," an incredibly important activity where cattlemen gather their cattle to brand the new calves or move them to new pastures.

The first official rodeo took place in 1883 in Pecos, Texas. The Pecos Rodeo began as a competition for bragging rights between two cowboys duking it out to see who was the best in Texas. 140 years later, this renown rodeo continues to this day and attracts some serious competitors.

As more cowboys were crowned rodeo champions across the Lone Star State and the country, a unified effort to grab the reins and organize official competitions began. In 1936, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association established official rules to formalize the sport nationwide. By 1948, a determined group of women met in San Angelo, Texas with a mission to jump into the ring and create the Girls Rodeo Association, known now as the Women's Professional Rodeo Association. The Association became the United States' first women's sports organization and still remains as the oldest women's professional sports organization in the country. These visionaries branded themselves as trailblazers for women in the rodeo arena. Today, the Association is the only rodeo organization governed entirely by women and they work year-round to host competitive events across the nation.

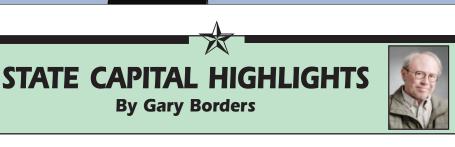
No one deserves the grand champion belt buckle more than Mesquite, Texas. Since Mesquite hosts the most rodeos in our state, the Texas Legislature declared Mesquite the official rodeo capital of Texas in 1993. For over 60 years, the Mesquite Championship Rodeo has been quintessential to the rodeo experience with numerous events such as saddle bronc riding and team roping. To date this rodeo has been one of the most watched on television, with over 8 million households tuning into the events.

Following the trailheads south from Mesquite, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo always rounds up quite a crowd. Previously known as the Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition, this rodeo began in 1931 at the Texas State Hotel as a way to grow the area's cattle industry. More than 90 years later, this event moved to the Astrodome, and it now takes place at the neighboring NRG Stadium which was specially built for rodeo and the NFL. Cowboys and rodeo enthusiasts of all ages can enjoy the annual kickoff rodeo parade, trail rides, and concerts from a variety of music genres. The King of Country, George Strait, even debuted at the Houston Rodeo as a newcomer to the country music scene way back in 1983.

This year, I had the honor to saddle up on a horse named Cinch and ride in the Houston Rodeo kick-off parade, as I have frequently done in the past. Apart from living out my John Wayne dreams, it is a great chance to visit with Texans who support this great tradition that marks the start of the three week-long event thanks to the help from over 35,000 volunteers. The Houston Rodeo also awards over \$14 million to the bright minds of student cowboys and cowgirls across our state, with \$1.4 million going towards Texas 4-H scholarships.

Regardless if you're competing in the stock show and rodeo events or just wanting to horse around, I hope you find a chance to wrangle up your friends and family and rope them into going to the local rodeo this year.





Several Statewide Races Headed to Runoffs May 24

A number of statewide races are headed for a May 24 runoff after the votes were tallied in the March 1 primary.

Topping the ballot in the Republican races is the contest for attorney general, where incumbent Ken Paxton led the field with 42.7%of votes cast, followed by George P. Bush, current land commissioner, who garnered 22.8%. The remainder of GOP ballots went to former Supreme Court justice Eva Guzman at 17.5% and U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert with 17%.

In the Democratic race for lieutenant governor, Houston businessman Mike Collier took 41.5%, with Carrollton state Rep. Michelle Beckley getting 30.2%. They will face each other in the runoff to determine who will face incumbent Dan Patrick in November. Patrick handily won the GOP primary with 76.6% of the vote.

In the race to succeed Bush as land commissioner, there will be runoffs in both parties, with State Sen. Dawn Buckingham, R-Lakeway, taking 41.8% and Tim Westley, the historian for the Texas Republican party, trailing with 14.8%. On the Democratic ballot. Sandragrace Martinez, a San Antonio licensed professional counselor, took 32% while Jay Kleberg, a conservationist whose family owns the storied King Ranch, trailed with 25.8%.

Two Democrats are vying to face incumbent Glenn Hegar in the race for state comptroller. Janet T. Dudding, who retired from Texas A&M to run, led the field with 46.2%. She will face Angel Luis Vega, a business strategist, who received 34.7% of the

GOP incumbent Wayne Christian, chair of the Texas Railroad Commission, fell short of gathering a majority in the primary with 47.2% of the vote. Sarah Stogner, a Midland attorney who gained attention



by posting a semi-nude video of herself on top of an oil pumpjack, finished second with 15.1%.

Voters may cast ballots in a party's runoff races if they originally voted in that party's primary or didn't vote at all. Voters who cast ballots in the Republican primary can't cross over and vote in the Democratic runoff, and vice versa. Early voting runs from May 16-20.

OPERATION LONE STAR

Gov. Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas National Guard last week marked the one-year anniversary of Operation Lone Star, the state's effort to "secure the border." Since its launch, more than 208,000 migrants have been apprehended, with 11.800 criminal charges filed.

In the last legislative session, lawmakers approved an additional \$1.8 billion in state funding, bringing the total of funding for border security to \$3 billion.

EMERGENCY SNAP BENEFITS AGAIN EXTENDED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture again has extended emergency food benefits for eligible Texas families, with more than \$310 million going to more than 1.5 million Texas households for the month of March. The allotments are

distributed through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and administered by the **Texas** Health and Human Services Commission.

"Putting food on the table is critical for the health and well-being of families, and we're proud to continue helping with these most basic needs," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter.

Since April 2020, more than \$6.13 billion in emergency food benefits have been provided through SNAP. All SNAP households will receive at least \$95 in emergency allotments by March 31.

NEW WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

A streamlined resource for Texas parents to get information about early childhood services is now up and running. The new website, earlychildhood.texas.gov, serves as a one-stop-shop to connect Texas parents with access to a variety of free or low-cost services and re-

The website offers information and resources for health and development, parenting, child care and education.

FEDERAL COVID-19 FUNDING TOPS \$75.6 BILLION

The Legislative Budget Board reports that the state received an estimated \$75.6 billion in COVID-19 federal funding, not counting funds awarded directly to individuals and local entities. The funding came from a half dozen pandemic response packages passed by Congress since March 2020.

The funding provided assistance to Texas public schools, higher education, local governments and health care providers. More detailed information can be found at the budget board's website: lbb.texas.gov/Cov-<u>id-19</u>.

Meanwhile, the state's Division Workers Compensation reported more than 78,000 workers' compensation claims with 422 fatalities. More than half of the fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers.

COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE TO DROP

The number of COVID-19 cases continues to drop across the state, with 26,520 reported in the past week by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, along with 936 deaths. The omicron variant continues to wane, with lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations dropping to 2,838 statewide, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.



Room for More

My husband, Peter, and I were traveling in Mexico when we suddenly found ourselves without a place to stay.

Over the years, all our accommodations while traveling have been quirky in one way or another, but they have all been pretty much what we were expecting, and we've never had any insurmountable problems.

This week, we encountered insurmountable problems.

When we arrived at the airport, the caretaker stood us up. That was not a good sign. We found other transportation and, when we finally found the caretaker, we were glad he had not come, as he was in no condition to drive and the car he would have driven didn't look much better.

Things got worse from there. We were going to have guests join us, and the guesthouse was supposed to have two bathrooms. There was just one and it was filthy, along with the rest of the house. There were junked vehicles piled around the property, windows were broken, and everything was covered with a thick coat of dust.

"We can't stay here a month!" I said to Peter.

"We can't stay here at all!" Peter answered. I was relieved we were obviously on the same

"I want to go back to San Miguel!" Peter said before I had a chance to.

We had just left San Miguel de Allende, which we loved. But finding a place to stay-anywhere—was not going to be easy with universities on break and people finally taking vacations. Then I remembered how helpful the residents of San Miguel had been. I asked for help on their Facebook page.

Literally within minutes, a man named Jorge said he had a one-bedroom apartment in a hotel with a fully equipped kitchen. "I am the owner," he said. He gave the address. It couldn't have been in a better location.

"This is going to be expensive," I thought. "How much for an extended stay?" I asked. "30 dollars per day," he an-

swered. "Housekeeping includ-

"Well, that's not gonna be any good!" I said to Peter.

"It will give us a place to land and we can look for something better," Peter said.

We hustled out of town, sending a note to the absentee landlord in Europe, telling her we would be pursuing a refund. "And we'll get it!" Peter told me, in a tone that he reserves for the rare instances when he gets seriously angry.

Late that evening we showed up at "Casa de Los Soles," which means "House of the Suns," and Jorge was sitting at the front

"You must be Carrie!" he said, and I got a very good feel-

He showed us the immaculately clean apartment. There was a bedroom with a balcony, and a rooftop terrace, and a place for me to write, and a fully equipped kitchen, and sunshine pouring into every room.

Best of all, there were suns everywhere. Smiling ceramic depictions of the sun in every color and style imaginable covered the three-story-high walls of the courtyard and the lobby and the stairs leading to our apartment. Every brick and stucco wall was covered in smiling sunny faces.

"How many are there?" I asked Jorge after he had shown us the apartment and after I had almost burst into tears at how comfortable and clean and charming it was.

"2,504," Jorge answered.

"Really!" I said, in amaze-

"But next week, I will get more," he added.

I couldn't imagine how there could be room for one more smiling face. But I knew Jorge would somehow manage to find room for more.

Till next time,

Carrie

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



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MILESTONES PAGE *



Clarence Russell Rogers

Clarence Russell Rogers gained his wings to Heaven in the wee hours of the morning ~ March 7, 2022. Russ, or as those who knew him well, affectionately called him "Papa" was born on the 15th day of December, 1941 in Devol, Oklahoma. The little cottontop boy was the second son of Elmer (Buster) and Odoska Jane Rogers. Russell leaves behind his wife of twenty years, Shirley, Hico, Texas. Daughter, Celena Weaver, and husband Jim of Calera, Oklahoma. Son, Rhett Rogers, and wife Tina of Calera, Oklahoma. Daughter, Andrea Mersiovsky, and husband Justin

Grandchildren: Kurtis Elmore, Jeffrey (Alyssa) Rogers, Riggin Rogers, Raylee Rogers, Colt Weaver, Ella Jayne Mersiovsky, Kerrigan (Brennen) Reznicek, Ryan Webb, Madison Webb, and soon to be, first great-grandson Noah Rogers.

of Celina, Texas. Stepsons,

Chance Webb of Anahuac,

Texas. Wes Webb, and wife

Jennifer of Spicewood,

Brothers, Elmer & Bob Rogers of Calera, Oklahoma. And special mention brother, Donald Ray Davis of Forney, TX. Numerous beloved family members including cousins, nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors from all over the world. He had loved ones in Utah, Oklahoma, Texas and anywhere he ever roamed - Russell never met a stranger!

Russell was a lifelong member of the Methodist faith. He graduated from Calera High School in 1958. While in high school, for numerous years - re-Russell was the FFA President from 1957-1959 and won numerous FFA awards. After high school, Russell

attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University Mason, earning his "Fifty and worked at Green Spray Year Award" in 2014. grocery store and Potter's



Sausage. He earned the Honorary State FFA Degree in 1974. This award is the highest grade that you can bestow on anybody in the Oklahoma FFA Association honoring individuals with outstanding service toward the advancement of the youth in FFA programs. He was the first in the State of Oklahoma to earn such an honor alongside his brother, Elmer. Russell worked many jobs...a jack of all trades. Part time rodeo announcer, president of Durant Savings and Loan, owner of Triangle Tractor, building an airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, head of maintenance equipment while he worked to build a dam/lake and an underground tunnel, supervisor at World Wide Welding, and finally retiring from JV Industrial as quality control manager. He served as President of the Durant Round Up Club and as the President of the Durant, Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce ceiving the "Durant's Outstanding Citizen Award" (Rotary Club) in 1973-74. He was a member of

Kiwanis and was a Master In 1999, he moved to

Crosby, Texas and fell in love with two things - the community and Shirley Webb. He and Shirley married on November 22, 2001. Russell was a board member of the Crosby Fair and Rodeo Association from 2004, serving as the President until 2012. The Rock'n C Arena was his second home and he spent every spare moment supporting

the youth and the fairgrounds. In 2013, Russell and Shirley built their dream home in Hico, Texas, where they spent the remainder of his days. As always, he embraced the community and they did the same for him. He was proud of his "Rogers farm." Taking care of the farm on his tractor, along with Hunter, his horse and dog, Molly were his dream. He loved to RV and traveled as far as Alaska and frequented Lake City, Colorado. If you ever spent any time with him, you'd hear about country music, westerns, and of course, rodeo. Memorial service will be held at 2pm on Sunday, March 13 at the United Methodist Church in Stephenville, Texas. Graveside service will take place in coming weeks in Calera,

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations made to Crosby Fair & Rodeo P.O. Box 1546, Crosby, TX 77532 or to the Rose Hill Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 441, Calera, OK 74730, all in memory of Russell Rogers. Condolences may be sent to www.stephenvillefh.com.

Oklahoma.



by Dana Jackson

Q: It seems like Benedict Cumberbatch is in everything these days. I first noticed his talents in the "Sherlock" series, but I'd never heard of him before then. How long has he been acting professionally? — B.B.

A: Benedict Cumber-

batch started out on the stage in London, which is no surprise given that he is the son of two actors, Wanda Ventham and Timothy Carlton. He's been earning screen credits for the past 20 years, but the British mystery series "Sherlock" was his breakout hit. Before then, he built up an impressive resume with small roles in U.S. films like "August: Osage County," starring Meryl Streep, and "12 Years a Slave," starring Chiwetel Ejiofor. After joining the Marvel Universe as Doctor Strange, Cumberbatch's name is now above the title. He re-



Benedict Cumberbatch in "Sherlock"

cently reprised the comicbook role in the blockbuster hit "Spider-Man: No Way Home" and will next star in "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness." He'll also soon learn if he can add Oscar winner to his list of accomplishments, as he's a Best Ac-

tor nominee for his role in "The Power of the Dog." The Academy Awards will air Sunday, March 27, on

Q: When is the new "Jurassic Park" movie coming out? I want to make sure I don't miss

it on the big screen.

Movies don't seem to last very long in theaters these days. B.D.

"Jurassic World Dominion" is expected to premiere in theaters nationwide on June 10. It will no doubt be a big hit as it stars not only Chris Pratt, but features the return of characters from the original "Jurassic Park' trilogy — Jeff Goldblum, Laura Dern and Sam Neill. In the newest installment, humans and dinosaurs must learn to co-exist,

and Bryce Dallas Howard leads the movement as the founder of the Dinosaur Protection Group.

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SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the person's homestead from the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."

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sions of climate-changecausing greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, methane and ethane, by over 75,000 tons per year. The settlement is also expected to reduce emissions of ozone-forming VOCs by 1,528 tons per year and of toxic air pollutants, including benzene, by 158 tons per year.

The pollutants addressed by the settlement can cause significant harm to public health. VOCs are a key component in the formation of smog or groundlevel ozone, a pollutant that irritates the lungs, exacerbates diseases such as asthma, and can increase susceptibility to respiratory illnesses, such as pneumonia and bronchitis. Chronic exposure to benzene, which EPA classifies as a carcinogen, can cause numerous health impacts, including leukemia and adverse reproductive effects in women.

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harmful waste gas constituents, like VOCs and HAPs, and turn them into water and carbon dioxide. The agreement is designed to improve Chevron Phillips's flaring practices. First, it requires the company to minimize the amount of waste gas that is sent to the flares, which reduces the amount of flaring. Second, the company must improve the combustion efficiency of its flares when flaring is necessary.

Chevron Phillips will take several steps to minimize the waste gas sent to its flares at each facility. At the Cedar Bayou facility, Chevron Phillips will operate a flare gas recovery system that recovers and "recycles" the gases instead of sending them to be combusted in a flare. The flare gas recovery system will allow Chevron Phillips to reuse these gases as a fuel at its facilities or a product for sale. At the Port Arthur and Sweeny facilities, Chevron Phillips will be required to amend its air quality permits to limit the flow of gas at selected flares. Chevron Phillips will also create waste minimization plans for each facility that may further reduce flaring. For flaring that must occur, the agreement requires that Chevron Phillips install and operate instruments and monitoring systems to ensure that the gases sent to its flares are efficiently combusted.

Chevron Phillips will also perform air quality monitoring that is designed to detect the presence of benzene at the fence lines of the three covered plants. Monitoring results must be publicly posted, providing the neighboring communities with more information about their air quality. The monitoring requirements also include a trigger for root cause analysis and corrective actions if fence line emissions exceed certain thresholds. Flare compliance is an ongoing priority for EPA under its Creating Clean Air for Communities National Compliance Initiative.

The consent decree, lodged in the Southern District Court of Texas, is subject to a 30-day public comment period and final court approval. The consent decree will be available for viewing at https:// www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees.



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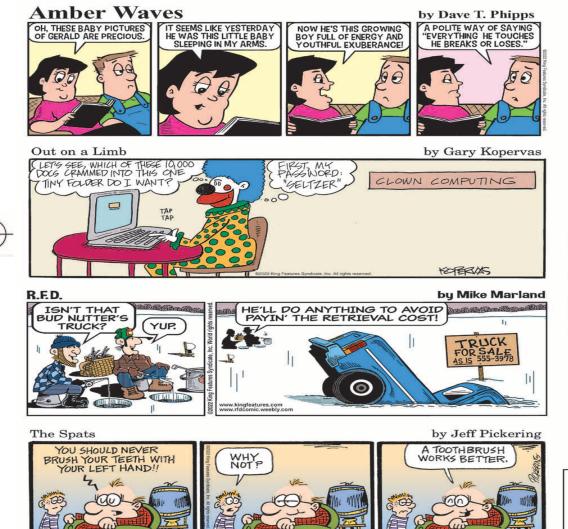
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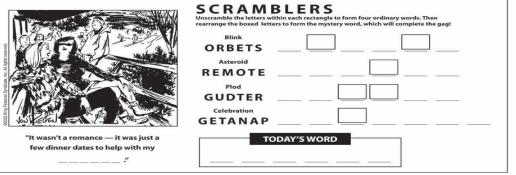




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5. FAMOUS QUOTES: Which 19th century author once wrote, "It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade"?

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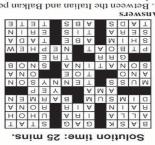
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We are accepting new residents with special COVID-19 precautions in place.

The Lodge at Pine Creek offers a perfect blend of senior living options, including a secure and caring environment for residents with Alzheimer's or other memory-related diseases. Also offering Independent Living cottages and apartments, single-story Assisted Living homes, and a host of amenities and services, in a resort-style community. All this at surprisingly affordable rates.

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