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## IN THE STARS

### EVENTS

#### SAT. APR. 9 Crosby Community Center Easter Egg Hunt

Crosby Advisory Council is hosting a Hippy Hop Easter Egg Hunt at the Crosby Community Center. 9am to 11am, 409 Hare Road, Crosby. Free and open to all. Also crafts, tattoos, games, and refreshments. Take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

EGG HUNT TIMES:  
9:30 children 0-3  
10am children 3-6  
10:30 children 7-10

#### THU. APR. 14 Highlands Chamber Luncheon

Regular meeting of the Highlands/Lynchburg Chamber, San Jacinto Community Center, 11:30-1:00pm

#### THU. APR. 28 Tees-N-Tails Golf

30th Annual Crosby/Huffman Chamber Tournament. Stonebridge at Newport. 8:30am register, 9:00am breakfast, 10:00am Shotgun start. Call 281-328-6984 to Register.

### BIRTHDAYS

Mar 19-Cameron P. Peters  
Apr 7-Jean Oliver Charlotte Yates  
Apr 8--Thomas Earl Fabian Marie Engle  
Apr 9- Casie Russell Damon Lay Mitchell Thompson  
Apr 10-Wendi Owens  
Apr 11--Paul Bailey Teresa Barker Richard Lyons  
Apr 11-Ashleigh Oviedo  
Apr 12-Rylee Clamon  
Apr 13-Cameron Hosea  
Apr 14-Mike Parrott  
Apr 15-Harry Stewart Cherie Zarsky Maria Cortez-Ochoa  
Apr 16--Louis Marie Bradbury Morgan Little Jason Roffe Diana Weaver

### ANNIVERSARIES

Apr 9--Robert & Delana Matthews Joshua & Kaylee Bradley  
Apr 10--Rod & Anita Davis  
Apr 17- Roy & Pauline Cutbirth  
Apr 19--Vance & Cecilia Banik  
Apr 23-Jerry & Jeanette Thompson

## Eagleton resigns; Crosby School Board reorganizes

### Karen Thomas appointed to open position

Crosby, TX (March 28, 2022) - At the board meeting on March 28, the newest Crosby ISD Board of Trustees member took the Oath of Office. Ms. Karen Thomas, of Barrett, was appointed to fill the vacant seat in Single Member District 1. Ms. Thomas will fill the remainder of the term through November 2022. The Board of Trustees voted to appoint Ms. Thomas during a Special Called Meeting on March 21.

Ms. Thomas previously taught math at Crosby Middle School and coached freshmen volleyball at Crosby High School. Now, she is active in the Barrett Station community, where she is currently the Director of the Barrett Station/Riley Chambers Community Centers, with Harris County Precinct 3.

Ms. Thomas was born in Baytown, TX to parents: Ernest St. Julian of Dayton, TX and Anita Edwards-St. Julian of Barrett Station, TX. Ms. Thomas attended Ross S. Sterling High School, graduating in 1995. After graduating

from high school, she earned a track and field scholarship to attend Alcorn State University, in Lorman, MS. In 2000, she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Studies with a concentration on Health Sciences.

After graduating from college, Ms. Thomas immediately went into the medical field as a Senior Research Coordinator for MD Anderson Cancer Center. After many years of working in research, she decided to change her career and become an educator.

Ms. Thomas taught 9th grade Biology, coached



KAREN THOMAS

Varsity and JV Track and Field at North Shore High School in Galena Park ISD. She also coached Freshman Basketball.

At Crosby ISD, she



TANYA EAGLETON

coached Freshman Volleyball at Crosby High School and taught Math at Crosby

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### Board President Tanya Eagleton moving; resigns

CROSBY – Last month the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Board President Ms. Tanya Eagleton. During a Special Called Meeting, Ms. Eagleton announced she is moving out of state for a new career opportunity.

In an emotional message, Ms. Eagleton said, "It's been a great journey. We've had good times, and we've had bad times. Through it all, we stuck together. I feel the District is in such a great place right now. We have a wonderful Superintendent. We have an amazing Board. I feel like I have accomplished my mission as a Board member for Crosby ISD. ... I will forever be a Cougar. This is my home. This is my love. This is now. But now it's time for me to move on."

After Ms. Eagleton's message, Superintendent Paula Patterson and fellow Trustees thanked Ms. Eagleton for her 13 years of

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CROSBY SCHOOL BOARD WISHES MS. EAGLETON GOODBYE IN FEBRUARY

## Swing into Spring event fun for all

Crosby United Methodist Church held their Spring Festival last Saturday, April 2nd from 10am to 3pm. The event was entitled "Swing into Spring" and included an Easter Egg Hunt, a two day Rummage Sale Apr. 1 and 2, Kids games, a train ride, and a bounce house.

Also present for adults and families were Vendors, a sweet shop, and concessions. The church also held a Silent Auction, Plant Sale, BBQ cook-off and lunch, and a Dessert contest.

Hundreds of families attended the all-day event, and went home happy and filled with good eats and a few items from the sale. Below are some photos of the festivities at the SWING INTO SPRING.



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## GC CISD Announces Principals of the Year



Goose Creek CISD announced its "Principal of the Year" winners during their monthly principals meeting.

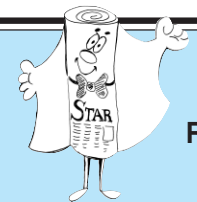
Blanca Capetillo, Highlands Elementary Principal, was selected as the elementary winner and Laura Reyes,

Impact Early College High School Principal, was selected as the secondary winner.

Selected by a group of their peers, both women exemplify strong leadership skills, commitment to character building,

strengthening their communities, uplifting their staff and closing the learning loss gaps amongst their student body.

--By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey, Director of Communications



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# GOOSE CREEK NEWS

## Goose Creek Fine Arts Department: Excellence in Artistry

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey, Director of Communications

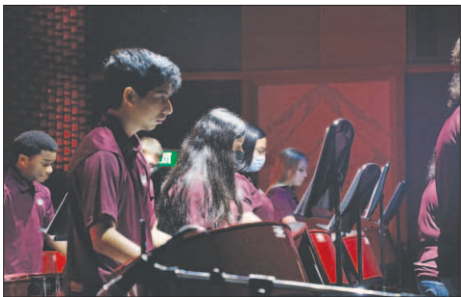
The Goose Creek CISD Fine Arts department, under the direction of Director of Fine Arts, Ray Lavan, debuted a new branding campaign, "The Arts Effect," on March 29<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium of Robert E. Lee High School. packed audience of educators, parents, students and community supporters enjoyed the sights and sounds of fine arts students from elementary to high school. The department's motto of "Arts, Academics and Achievement" were evident in every facet of the performances. The night ended an especially high note with the premiere of the department's recruitment video.

According to an article written by Fran Smith for Edutopia, “Arts education solves problems,” she said. “Years of research show that it’s closely linked to almost everything that we as a nation say we want for our children and demand from our schools: academic achievement, social and emotional development, civic engagement, and equitable opportunity.”

Lavan, a fine arts aficionado in his own right, expressed the importance of fine arts in public education. "Fine arts students perform better in the classroom; plain and simple," he said. "Half of the top 10 graduates from year to year are from the fine arts department."

The GCCISD Fine Arts department includes the following disciplines: dance, music, theatre, and visual arts.

**All photos taken by: Carrie Pryor-Newman**



**Lee High School band students playing the calypso drums during the Fine Arts department premier.**



**Lee Jazz Band Students perform during the department's premier event.**



Lee High School dance student, Courtney Childs, creator of the department's new logo, shared her vision with the audience.

## Van Gogh Inspires Children at Hyland Child Care Center

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey, Director of Communications

The Peter E. Hyland Child Care Center held their annual children's art exhibit on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Children from 18 months to four years old created process art interpreting Vincent Van Gogh's paintings.

Process art is characterized by being open-ended, experiential, unstructured, self-motivated, creative, and unique. Painting, drawing, coloring, building, cutting, and gluing are just a few examples of ways the students strengthened their muscles while participating in the engaging art activity. Each class created art inspired by one of the famous painters most notable pieces. “Cat,” “The Bedroom,” “Starry Night,” “Wheat Fields with Crows,” were just a few of Van Gogh’s pieces that were used for the project.

Tammy Davis, PEH Child Care Center Director, was extremely proud of the hard work her teachers and students created. "Our teachers did an amazing job guiding our students through the process art process," she said. "From our babies to our pre-k kids; they took their imagination and ran with it!"

The Peter Hyland Child Care Center is nationally accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

**All photos taken by Kristyn Hunt  
Cathey**



**Hyland's teacher, April Toppeto, discusses a process art project created by toddler students in the program.**



Hyland Child Care Center Director, Tammy Davis, poses in front of a children's art collage, inspired by Van Gogh's "Hat" piece.

# Highlands Rotary Club donates towels to HES homeless project



Highlands Rotary Club donates towels to the Highlands Elementary School Student Council Bath Towels & Bubbles project. Thank you to all the students for your donation to the Bay Area Homeless Shelter families.

# Teen Titans Take on The Lone Star State

By: Roshelle Stevenson, Nutrition  
Services Community Outreach/Market-  
ing

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, culinary students from all over the lone star state descended upon Minute Maid Park in Houston to show their skills in the kitchen at the Aramark Lone Star Chef competition. The theme for this year's contest was "Breakfast of Champions." Students were charged with the task of creating a delicious breakfast dish that met USDA K-12 dietary standards for the National School Lunch program.

Teen Titans from Goose Creek CISD's Stuart Career Technical High School delivered a hearty performance. Nathan Nicholas, Edgar Mora and Anastasia Nora created a dish they aptly called, the "Breakfast of Titans."

This delectable entry included a croissant dipped in French Toast batter and lightly toasted that was topped with fresh berries, scrambled eggs and bacon.

Competitors had to incorporate at least two secret ingredients into their dish which included as well as an herb from the Hydroponic Garden that was on display.

Teen Titans came up short on winning the contest, but their recipe received rave reviews from the judges which included Chef Scott Strickland, Executive Chef for Minute Maid Park; Chef Ed Nguyen from Potente and Lindsay Clark from Mod-U-Serve.

The Lone Star Chef Competition is held annually and is sponsored by Aramark. The first-place team shares scholarship money donated by Chrane Foodservice Solutions and Mod-U-Serve.

**All photos taken by Rochelle Stevenson**



**Culinary Arts students, Edgar Mora and Nathan Nicholas collaborate on their team's breakfast dish.**



**"Breakfast of Titans" dish created by SCTHS Culinary Arts students.**



**Photo #3: SCTHS Culinary Arts student, Nathan Nicholas, picks the freshest of the secret ingredients for his team's dish.**



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**Tuesday: Creamy Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Borracho Beans, Chips & Creamy Green Dip, & Tres Leches Cake**

**Wednesday: Beef Stroganoff served over Egg Noodles, Green Beans, Rolls & Brownies**

**Thursday: King Ranch Chicken, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread & Strawberry Jam Cupcakes**

Large Family Meal Feeds 6+ \$50 \* Small Family Meal Feeds 4+ \$40 \*Single Meal \$11.95

**Friday: Lent Special! Spinach & Artichoke Raviolis, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Garlic Bread & Chocolate Chip Cookies!**

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## ON THE HILL

### Annual CC Youth Livestock Show and Ranch Rodeo this March through April.

The planning committees and Chambers County staff have been working feverishly to prepare for the events associated with the show and we are proud to invite you out to see their hard



work come together. Chambers County Youth Livestock Show and Ranch Rodeo Pageant

Saturday, March 26, 2022  
Ranch Rodeo  
Friday, April 10, 2022 | Cook Off, Women's Ranch Rodeo  
Saturday, April 11, 2022 | Cowboy Church, Ranch Rodeo  
Sunday, April 12, 2022 | Team Roping  
Chambers County Youth Livestock Show  
April 27 through April 29, 2022  
Chambers County Youth Livestock Auction  
Saturday, March 30, 2022

### Dayton Jones Library Book Sale

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Jones Public Library will be hosting a book sale on April 9th-10th during the Trade Days. The Friends will be set up with a booth located just inside the Community Center. The booth will be open on Saturday and Sunday from opening to closing of the day.

Jones Public Library  
801 S Cleveland St  
Ste A  
Dayton TX 77535

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## Walmart Expands Baytown Supply Chain Campus, Opening Fall 2022

(Baytown, TX) - Walmart today announced plans to expand its Baytown, TX supply chain campus with a new 1,000,000+ square-foot distribution center to support the retailer's growing supply chain network. The new facility, located at 4633 Borusan Road, is the retailer's fourth in Baytown and is set to open in the Fall of 2022, bringing the total square-footage of the campus to over 5,000,000 square-feet. The expansion will create an additional 300 full-time jobs due to growth across multiple shifts.

"Walmart is excited to expand our Baytown campus and another step in Walmart's continued investment in the state," said Mike Gray, SVP Supply Chain Operations, Walmart. "The Baytown campus and our other regional facilities continue to bring exciting new career opportunities within Walmart's modern supply chain to hundreds of resi-

dents of the Houston area—all while helping us provide our local customers their everyday necessities with more variety and efficiency than ever before."

"Southeast Texas is booming, and I am happy to see Walmart make significant investments in Baytown. The campus expansion will bring jobs and opportunity to the already diverse and strong Chambers County economy," said Senator Brandon Creighton.

"We are thankful for our ongoing partnership with Walmart, who has been a staple in Chambers County for several years," said Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia. "This new investment is a representation of the positive working relationship we have fostered and shows their commitment to fostering economic development and resiliency."

The Baytown campus is currently hiring full-time



positions, including specialized roles and leadership positions. Candidates can search for open positions and complete applications online at [careers.walmart.com](https://careers.walmart.com). Full-time positions qualify for Walmart's total rewards and benefits plans, including medical, vision and dental insurance, 401(k) matching, paid time off, associate stock purchase plan and access

to a free college degree 100% paid for by Walmart.

"A highly skilled labor pool in the Houston area, and Texas more broadly, makes Baytown a prime destination for Walmart to continue expanding our supply chain network," said Karisa Sprague, senior vice president, US Supply Chain People, Walmart U.S. "We're excited to continue to work

with the community and government officials to bring new career opportunities to Southeast Texas."

Walmart operates 19 distribution centers, 593 retail stores and employs 185,000+ associates in the state of Texas. In FYE 21, Walmart Foundation gave \$129.2 million in cash and in-kind donations to local Texas organizations.

## CCYLSRR Queens Contest Winners

Congratulations! Chambers County Youth Livestock Show and Ranch Rodeo Queens Contest Winners.

Thank you to all who helped make the 2022 CCYLSRR Queen's Contest a success!

2022 CCYLSRR Queen Contest Winners

Sweetheart- Gemma Kucera  
Princess- Irelynn Milligan  
Junior Queen- Taylor Trainer  
Senior Queen- Brooke Poole



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#### NOTICE OF GENERAL TRUSTEE ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Barbers Hill ISD, Chambers County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 7, 2022, for voting in a general election, to elect two trustees for a full three-year term, electing one trustee each for positions designated as Places 1 and 2.

#### LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE:

Precincts 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 and 18	Leadership Support Center, Room 250 Barbers Hill ISD 9600 Eagle Drive Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

Barbers Hill ISD, Leadership Support Center, Room 250  
9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580

between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., beginning on April 25, 2022 and ending on May 3, 2022. On April 26 and May 3, 2022 early voting hours will be extended from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Barbers Hill ISD, c/o Lesa Hall  
P. O. Box 1108  
Mont Belvieu, TX 77580  
[lesa.hall@bhisd.net](mailto:lesa.hall@bhisd.net)  
281-576-2221

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2022.

Issued this the 24th day of January, 2022.

*Fred Skinner*  
Fred Skinner, President, Board of Trustees

#### AVISO DE ELECCION DE ADMINISTRADOR

A los votantes registrados del Barbers Hill ISD, Chambers County, Texas:

El aviso se da por este medio que los lugares de la interrogación enumerados abajo estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 7 de mayo de 2022 para votar en una elección general para elegir a dos administradores para un término de tres años completo, eligiendo a un administrador cada uno para las posiciones señaladas como lugares uno (1) y dos (2).

Precintos Electorales del Candado de Chambers	Lugar de votación
Precintos 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17 y 18	Leadership Support Center Salón 250 Barbers Hill ISD 9600 Eagle Drive Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580

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Barbers Hill ISD Leadership Support Center Salón 250  
9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580

entre las 7:30 de la mañana y las 4:30 de la tarde empezando el 25 de Abril de 2022 y terminando el 3 de Mayo de 2022. El 26 de Abril y 3 de Mayo 2022 horas de votación temprana se ampliará de 7:00 am a 7:00 pm.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

Barbers Hill ISD, c/o Lesa Hall  
P. O. Box 1108  
Mont Belvieu, TX 77580  
[lesa.hall@bhisd.net](mailto:lesa.hall@bhisd.net)  
281-576-2221

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 26 de Abril de 2022.

Emitada este día 24 de Enero, 2022.

*Fred Skinner*  
Fred Skinner, Presidente de la Junta de Síndicos



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OPINION

By U.S. Senator  
JOHN CORNYN



# Cornyn Travels to Poland, Germany

The group of 10 senators visited U.S. troops and met with military leaders, Ukrainian civil society, refugees and NGOs, and U.S. State Department personnel.

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) returned from a congressional delegation (CODEL) to Poland and Germany this weekend. The delegation included Senators Joni Ernst (R-IA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Susan Collins (R-ME), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Angus King (I-ME), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Steve Daines (R-MT), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), and Roger Marshall (R-KS).

“Poland, Germany, and really all of our NATO allies in Europe have been heroic in their response. It was heartwarming to see how they have opened their hearts, doors, and homes to the women and children, the elderly and infirm trying to make their way out of Ukraine for safety,” said Sen. Cornyn. “Ukrainians are showing great courage, but one thing we heard is that they need more humanitarian relief and weapons to defend themselves and their country. We ought to provide the Ukrainians what we know they need, and that was a subject of intense questioning and discussion during our visit.”

Yesterday, Sen. Cornyn joined Fox News’ America’s Newsroom to discuss the trip and future support for Ukraine.

Background:

The bipartisan delegation engaged with military leaders from United States Army Europe-Africa (USAREUR-AF) in Wiesbaden, Germany about the United States’ and NATO alliances’ commitment to freedom over tyranny. Sen. Cornyn had the opportunity to thank Texans serving overseas in Germany.

From there, the delegation met with U.S. officials in Berlin at the U.S. Embassy to get an up-to-date brief on American-German long-term economic and security cooperation goals

In Berlin, the group of bipartisan senators discussed our continued security partnership with German State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office Andreas Michaelis. The members met with German Parliamentarians over dinner in Berlin.

The next day, the senators had a security briefing with U.S. Army leadership in Poland and learned more about their effort to assist and deter Russia from further aggression. The military leaders then led a roundtable discussion with the senators, NATO allied military leaders, and non-government organizations (NGOs) helping with the humanitarian needs in Ukraine and throughout Europe.

The bipartisan delegation visited a refugee processing center near the Ukrainian-Polish border where they saw firsthand how organizations are working with the Polish military and government to care for Ukrainians who’ve fled their homes.

The final stop in Poland was a discussion with members of Ukrainian civil society. This included a group of passionate women who provided a clear message to the senators: Ukraine needs more military and lethal aid to win this fight. Sen. Cornyn discussed his Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act during this meeting as an additional effort to support Ukraine with military equipment. Included in the meeting were State Department officials originally stationed at Embassy Kyiv.

On the last day of the CODEL, the 10 senators visited a U.S. Army base in Grafenwohr, Germany. They received a firsthand briefing of the military mission, met with constituents from each of the states represented on the CODEL, and saw the might of the U.S. Army in action.

The bipartisan CODEL returned to the United States late on Sunday, March 20.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary Committees.

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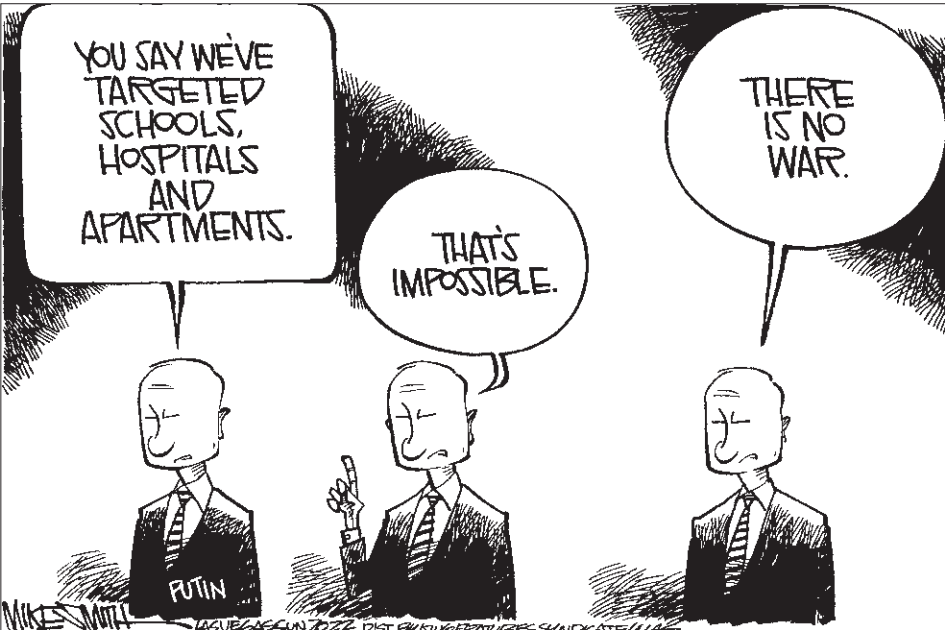
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To The Editor

To The Editor,

Thanks so much for the coverage of my chairmanship for the upcoming “March of Dimes March for Babies!” It’s a great cause and I’m happy to be involved. And I Love being featured in my hometown paper!


---Jeanna Bamberg  
CEO HCA Healthcare Southeast



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



# Wildfire risk remains high in much of state

Much of the state remains at considerable risk for wildfires through this week, largely because of higher-than-usual temperatures and drought conditions. More than 40% of the state is suffering extreme drought conditions, according to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#). Nearly the entire state is in some form of drought, with much of the Panhandle, High Plains and west central Texas most at risk.

Nearly 123,000 acres in Texas have burned in March alone, according to Texas A&M Forest Service. Earlier this month, more than 54,000 acres burned in Eastland County, between Fort Worth and Abilene. A sheriff’s deputy died while trying to rescue others from that blaze.

A fast-moving fire forced Medina County residents near Medina Lake to evacuate on Saturday, according to the San Antonio Express-News. That blaze reportedly started with a vehicle fire and quickly covered nearly 1,000 acres.

Climate change is playing a role in this hot and dry spring, John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist, told the Texas Tribune.


“There are enhanced chances of warmer-than-normal weather for literally the foreseeable future because of the combination of La Niña and climate change,” Nielsen-Gammon said.

La Niña is a weather pattern that occurs in the Pacific Ocean. It typically brings colder, wetter weather to the Northwest and drier, hotter conditions in Texas and the South.

**INSURANCE TIPS AFTER SPRING STORMS**

It’s spring storm season. More than two dozen tornadoes swept through Central and East Texas early last week, damaging about 1,000 homes from Round Rock, north of Austin, to Gilmer in Northeast Texas.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS  
By Gary Borders

The Texas Department of Insurance is available to provide contact information for insurance companies to homeowners and businesses and can also help with questions about how to file a claim. Its Help Line —800-252-3439 — is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TDI advises folks to report property damage as soon as possible to their insurance agent or company. Other tips:

- Take pictures and video of the damage. Don’t throw away anything until the insurance adjuster tells you.
- Make temporary repairs, such as covering broken windows and removing standing water.
- Don’t make permanent repairs before the adjuster sees the damage.

**TPW AWARDS \$12.5 MILLION IN PARK GRANTS**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last week awarded more than \$12.5 million in grants to enhance and expand outdoor recreational spaces at 26 community parks statewide. The money is provided on a 50/50 match and is used to create more nature trails, native gardens, playgrounds, dog parks and athletic fields.

Money was awarded in three categories: cities with more than 500,000 population, cities with less than 500,000 population and towns of less than 20,000

population. A complete list of grant recipients can be found at [tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/releases](http://tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/releases).

**ARLINGTON DOCTOR GETS PRISON TIME FOR FRAUD, DRUG CRIMES**

A federal judge sentenced an Arlington doctor to 12 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to submitting fraudulent bills for physical therapy and office exams and illegally issuing prescriptions for controlled substances. Dr. Clinton Battle pleaded guilty last July to the charges after an investigation conducted by the Texas Division of Workers’ Compensation’s Fraud Unit and federal investigators.

“Health care fraud impacts everyone in the Texas workers’ compensation system, and thanks to the teamwork between the Texas Division of Workers’ Compensation (DWC) Fraud Unit and federal investigators, we were able to ensure justice was served in this case,” said Debra Knight with DWC.

**STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH YOU**

This tidbit comes from “[Game Warden Field Notes](#),” compiled from TPWD law enforcement reports:

“Val Verde County Game Wardens received information about a fishing boat that ran aground on the Rio Grande River. The area recently accumulated excess silt from the Amistad Dam. Combined with decreasing water levels on the river, the exposed silt became sticky and acted as quicksand. The two boaters were unharmed but unable to vacate the boat without sinking into the mud.

One of the wardens moved to an overlook point and located the boat. The wardens confirmed there was no way to reach them through waterways or on land. A call was placed for a helicopter with hoist capability. A municipal helicopter reached the individuals, and the rescue was completed successfully. The boaters did not require medical attention.”

**COVID-19 CASES, DEATHS RISE IN PAST WEEK**

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas doubled in the past week compared to the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. A total of 37,030 cases and 533 new deaths were reported, both up considerably in what could be a timing issue. New cases, spurred by the omicron variant, have dropped considerably since January.

Reflecting that trend, despite this week’s increase, the number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday dropped to 1,245, down 22% from the previous week.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By  
Carrie Classon

# A Dog Knows

“What a sweet dog!” I said, in Spanish.

“She is a sweet dog,” the man walking her answered, in English. He had an Irish accent and was walking the young dog down the street as my husband, Peter, and I made our way home from dinner.

“And she has no idea what will happen tomorrow,” he added.

“What will happen tomorrow?” I asked.

“She will get on a plane and fly to California!” he said.

“Really?”

“Really,” He sounded a little sad.

“Are you going with her?” I asked.

“No,” he said, “I am not. I’ve just been taking care of her until she is ready for her forever home.”

“Oh my gosh! She will miss you,” I told him.

“I will miss her!” he answered. Then he added, “Maybe she will miss me, too—for a little while.”

I had heard about this. Peter and I are staying in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and they have several dog rescue operations. Street dogs are picked up and fostered until they have all their vaccinations and deworming done. Then they either find homes here in town, or are flown or driven off to the U.S. to be adopted.

I looked at the little brown dog with floppy ears and a concerned look on her face. If she was concerned now, I wondered how she was going to feel when she was put into an airplane full of dogs headed to California.

But it was good she would have a home. One of the many things I like about this town in Mexico is that every dog seems to have a home—or will soon find one.

There is the miniature poodle mix who was a stray three years ago and now has a string of sparkly plastic pearls and a perfect coif as she walks down the street with her owner. There is a black Lab whose owner sells lunches to the folks catching the bus. Keeping his owner company all day while she sells burritos is exhausting work. By afternoon, the Lab has his chin resting on the step, watching the pedestrians go by, too tired to move anything but his eyes.

“You are a such tired dog!” I tell him when I pass. “Po-brecito! Poor baby!” The dog agrees. His owner laughs.

I see all these dogs—some happily in their homes, some seeking new ones—and I know I’m no different from them. A dog needs relatively simple things to be happy, and so do I. The only difference between us is that a dog knows what it needs, whereas I often make the mistake of thinking the things I need to be happy are complicated.

I need satisfying work and healthy food. I need to take my walk every day and I need a safe home. I need to know I am cared for and, sometimes, I need to play.

I’m thinking of that dog on her way to California. I’m wishing the best for her. She’s headed to a new life and a new world filled with experiences she’s never had and luxuries she’s never dreamed of. The people who will adopt her will never know where she came from or what she had to go through before her big plane ride. She’ll probably get a nice bed and good food, and she’ll go on vacations and maybe, in time, even get a little fat. I’m happy for her.

But I’m even happier for the people who will be her new family. I think she’ll have a lot to teach them.

Till next time,

Carrie

Carrie Classon’s memoir is called “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](http://CarrieClasson.com).

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Crosby board president resigns,

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service to the students and staff of Crosby ISD. Superintendent Patterson later added: “Ms. Eagleton has been a champion for the children of our Crosby / Barrett Station communities for more than a decade. Her tenure on the board included challenges and triumphs. Her time as Board President involved making major decisions while navigating the pandemic and the unprecedented learning challenges it presented. Despite some setbacks, Ms. Eagleton’s passion to serve never wavered, and she always put the students and staff of Crosby ISD first. We know this personal decision was difficult, and we thank Ms. Eagleton for her commitment to Crosby ISD. We wish her well in this next chapter.”

Tanya Eagleton

Ms. Eagleton was first elected to the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees in 2008. She represented the Barrett Station community in District 1 for 13 years. Ms. Eagleton grew up in Barrett Station. She has been a life-long resident, and her family lineage can be traced back to the founder. Ms. Eagleton graduated from Crosby High School in 1985. Her two children are also proud Crosby High School graduates. When she was not serving on the Board, Ms. Eagleton ran a successful cosmetology business. Despite her departure, Ms. Eagleton remains passionate about education and sees a bright future ahead for Crosby ISD under the leadership of the Board of Trustees and Superintendent Patterson.

New Officers

Following Ms. Eagleton’s resignation, the Board elected new officers: Vice President JR Humphries was elected President; Trustee John Swinney was elected Vice President; Heather Barrett was re-elected as Secretary; Jennifer Roach was re-elected as Assistant Secretary.

Congratulations to Huffman student Emily Frasier

CEDARVILLE, OH — Cedarville University student Emily Frasier of Huffman, TX, majoring in English, was named to the Dean’s Honor List for Fall 2021. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,715 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Sylvia Mendez awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom

Women’s History Month / One of a weekly series

By Allan Jamail

March 29, 2022 Women’s History Month - Sylvia Mendez at age eight, played an instrumental role in the Mendez v. Westminster case, the landmark desegregation case of 1946. The case successfully ended de jure segregation in California and paved the way for integration and the American civil rights movement. Later in life for her continued activism for civil and equal rights she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States’ highest civilian honor, on February 15, 2011 by President Obama. (See Mendez wearing Freedom Medal in photo)

Upon receiving the medal Sylvia Mendez smiled through tears when President Barack Obama draped the Medal of Freedom around her neck, overcome as she remembered the desegregation fight her parents waged on her behalf.

imagined as a child battling segregation that I would end up one day meeting the president and receiving such a tremendous honor,” said Mendez, 74, of Fullerton, CA. “My parents just wanted what was best for their children. So I have made it my life’s work to spread their message.”

In 1947 Mendez’s parents challenged the practice of school segregation in California. The Mendez couple, joined by the families of Ramirez, Palomino, Estrada and Guzman, filed a lawsuit against the Westminster, Garden Grove, Santa Ana and El Modena (in Orange) school districts on behalf of 5,000 children who had been excluded from attending white-only schools.

The Mendez v. Westminster case made California the first state in the nation to end school segregation, paving the way for Brown v. Board of Education. Attorney Thurgood Marshall’s amicus brief filed for Mendez on behalf of the NAACP contained the arguments he would later use in the famous Brown case.

Mendez grew up during



Sylvia Mendez is an American civil rights activist of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage.



Sylvia Mendez when she was 8 years old.

a time when most southern and southwestern schools were segregated. In the case of California, Hispanics were not allowed to attend schools that were designated for “Whites” only and were sent to the

so-called “Mexican schools.” The school principal when denying Sylvia to attend said, “Her skin is too dark for her to attend here.” And told her parents she’d have to attend Hoover Elementary that was a two-room wooden shack in the middle of the city’s Mexican neighborhood, along with the other Hispanics.

When Sylvia Mendez was denied enrollment to a “WHITES ONLY” school, that event prompted her parents to take action and together organized various sectors of the Hispanic community who filed a lawsuit in the local federal

court. The success of their action, of which Sylvia was the principal catalyst, would eventually bring to an end the era of segregated education.

On May 23, 2018, the school Sylvia was denied to attend the board of Berkeley Unified School District voted unanimously to rename Le Conte Elementary School, Sylvia Mendez Elementary School. The school is a Spanish-English two-way immersion school. Mendez has been a spokesperson at Berkeley schools and her story has been inspirational to Berkeley students, teachers, and parents.



Felicitas Gómez Martínez de Mendez & Gonzalo Méndez parents of Sylvia Mendez.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey —

- 1. Is the book of Iscariot in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus’ tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
- 3. When Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers
- 4. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
- 5. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days
- 6. According to the apostle Paul, above what number saw the risen Christ at one time? 100, 300, 500, 1000

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) An angel; 3) Disciples; 4) Thomas (called Didymus); 5) 40 days (Acts 1:3); 6) 500 (1 Cor. 15:3-8)

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

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CISD board appoints Thomas,

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by Middle School.

Ms. Thomas has more than 20 years of combined work experience in the medical field, education, and her current work at the Barrett Station/Riley Chambers Community Centers.

Ms. Thomas has been married to Joshua Thomas Jr. of Barrett Station, TX for 13 years. Together, they have 3 children, Joshua, Madison, and Andrew Thomas.

Her hobbies include: community service, cooking, listening to music, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Her favorite saying is “Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations,” by Dr. Mae Jemison.

We welcome Ms. Thomas, and thank her for her further commitment to the students and staff of Crosby ISD.



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BARBARA A. HALE

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Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Crosby ISD's Redistricting plan

(As required by Texas Education Code 11.052)

Crosby ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00pm, Monday, April 18, 2022, in the Operations Center, 14670 FM 2100, Crosby, TX, 77532.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the following information: options for redrawing new boundaries for single-member district representation on the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees. Redistricting must be considered every 10 years following publication of U.S. Census data. The first election in which any new districts will be effective is November 8, 2022.

Redistricting does not impact school zoning or attendance boundaries. Redistricting relates exclusively to the elections of Board members.

Crosby ISD llevará a cabo una reunión pública el lunes 18 de abril de 2022 a las 7:00 p. m. en el Centro de Operaciones, 14670 FM 2100, Crosby, TX, 77532.

El propósito de esta reunión es presentar la siguiente información: opciones para volver a trazar nuevos límites para la representación de distritos de un solo miembro en la Junta Directiva de Crosby ISD. La redistribución de distritos debe considerarse cada 10 años después de la publicación de los datos del censo de EE. UU. La primera elección en la que los nuevos distritos serán efectivos es 8 de noviembre de 2022.

La redistribución de distritos no afecta la zonificación escolar ni los límites de asistencia. La redistribución de distritos se relaciona exclusivamente con las elecciones de los miembros de la Junta.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Revised Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: 01441

Application and Draft Permit. ALTIVIA Oxide Chemicals, LLC, 1019 Haverhill-Ohio Furnace Rd, Haverhill, OH 45636, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal and revision of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 01441, Application No. 21181, to authorize operation of the ALTIVIA Oxide Chemicals, an All Other Basic Organic Chemical Manufacturing facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 16503 Ramsey Rd in Crosby, Harris County, Texas 77532-5916. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.921666&lng=-95.053055&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was received by the TCEQ on March 19, 2014.

ALTIVIA Oxide Chemicals, LLC acquired the ALTIVIA Oxide Chemicals site located at 16503 Ramsey Rd in Crosby, Harris County, Texas 77532-5916 from KMCO effective May 14, 2020. ALTIVIA has made physical changes to the process units at the site. In response to these changes and in response to the public comments/hearing request received on April 09, 2020, ALTIVIA is re-noticing the public notice for FOP 01441.

A request for a public hearing is pending and may be scheduled following the re-notice public comment period. All previously received public comments and any new public comments that may be received during the re-notice public comment period will be addressed in a response to comments (RTC) letter from TCEQ at the end of the public comment period. The EPA review period will begin upon sending the RTC letter.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452; and the Crosby Public Library, 135 Hare Rd, Crosby, Texas 77532-5273, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

[www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice)

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-2900.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/) and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for ALTIVIA Oxide Chemicals, LLC by calling Mr. Jason Patrick at (740) 532-3420.

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## The Fun Begins April 9

Sylvester Turner Park is where the fun begins Saturday, April 9, with music, baseball, games and food. The 14th Family Day will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Sylvester Turner Park, 2800 West Little York. The event is free.

Family Day features three stages with music and other entertainment. J. Paul Jr. and the Zydeco Nubreeds, Carver High School Performing Arts Students, Tiger Rock Martial Arts, Operation Get Fit and more will perform throughout the afternoon.

There will be inflatable games, a rock wall to climb, train rides for the little kids, facepainting, a senior tent will provide a place to gather for our seniors and the Zoomobile will bring some animals to meet.

The Major League Baseball/Houston Astros Urban Youth Academy at the Park will hold youth baseball games on three of the park's fields beginning at 12 noon.

Better come hungry because the food is plentiful and free. Feast on turkey legs, hot dogs, sausage on a stick, corn on the cob, nachos, popcorn and snow cones.

Metro will be providing free shuttle buses from two off-site parking locations: Carver High School, 2100 S. Victory, and Lone Star College, Victory Campus, 4141 Victory. In addition, attendees can park free at Living Word Fellowship Church, 7350 T.C. Jester, and walk the two blocks to the Park.

Family Day at Sylvester Turner Park is produced by the Greater North Houston Youth Alliance and the Mayor's Office of Special Events. Special thanks to the Houston Police Department for organizing security. Big thanks to our sponsors: AT&T, Aldine ISD Police Department, Amerigroup, CenterPoint Energy, Coca-Cola, Comcast, Precinct 1 Constable Alan Rosen, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, HEB, the Houston Astros Foundation, Inframark, MLB/Houston Astros Urban Youth Academy, Major League Baseball, Pepsico, Plumbers Local 68, ReddyIce, Turkey Leg Hut and the following Houston City departments: Police, Neighborhoods, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Solid Waste.

# Constables nab Crosby MS intruder



**CROSBY – Harris County Pct. 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton reported that early the morning of March 23, before students were present, Precinct 3 Deputies responded to an intruder in Crosby Middle School. After searching the building and surrounding area, suspect Aaron Smith was located in Wal-Mart. He was taken into custody without incident and charged with Criminal Mischief.**

Constable Eagleton said "Great work by the Crosby ISD Staff and Precinct 3 Deputies!"

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# Rep. Sylvia Garcia secures \$10mil for Projects in Houston, South Houston, Galena Park and Jacinto City

Washington, D.C. – Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia (TX-29) voted to pass the historic \$1.5 trillion Bipartisan Omnibus Appropriations Bill. As part of the package, 9 Community Project Funding (CPF) requests led by Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia were secured. The bill's transformative investment will help Texas families with cost-of-living increases, good-paying jobs, and local community projects.

"I was proud to secure nearly \$10,200,000 in Community Project Funding for Houstonians across our community," said Congresswoman Garcia. "These critical funds will invest in local neighborhoods, strengthen communities, and foster economic development for Texans. This will improve our district and benefit all district residents for years to come."

The legislation includes the following Community Project Funding secured by Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia:

- Project: City of Galena Park Water Line and Fire Protection Im-

provements  
Amount: \$3,000,000  
Background: This project would replace and upgrade the aging system and allow the city to guarantee delivery of potable water to residents and provide adequate firewater in case of fire. The project would replace over 52,000 linear feet of water mains and install over 100 new fire hydrants for fire protection.

—Project: Asian American Health Coalition of Greater Houston, d/b/a HOPE Clinic, Houston, TX for a health initiative, including facilities and equipment  
Amount: \$1,000,000  
Background: The funding would be used to develop a school-based clinic at Aldine Middle School. The clinic would deliver both physical and mental health services to the nearly 16,000 in the school's feeder patterns.

—Project: South Side Water Main & Fire Hydrant Construction  
Amount: \$997,365

Background: This water infrastructure project will replace existing 80-year-old water mains serving a region from Market Street to Lane Street. This will yield a significant increase in water flow and pressure to ensure access to potable water and required water pressure for fire protection.

—Project: YMCA of Greater Houston, TX for the Early Childhood English Language Learner Initiative  
Amount: \$700,000  
Background: The project proposes to create and pilot the Early Childhood English Language Learner Initiative/ECCELLI that aims to support the success of English Learners enrolled in licensed childcare facilities and home childcare programs in underserved communities.

—Project: The Houston Financial Empowerment Center (HFEC)  
Amount: \$621,000  
Background: The

HFEC launched in January 2020 as a free, on-demand, professional financial counseling service for all Houstonians regardless of income, employment status, or resident status. The professionally trained counselors help individuals manage their finances, pay down debt, increase savings, establish and build credit, and access safe and affordable mainstream banking products. The program has three locations, including the Magnolia Park Multi-Service Center.

—Project: TXRX LABS, Houston, TX for employment and training activities, an apprenticeship program, and a youth STEM initiative.  
Amount: \$550,000  
Background: The project proposes to train more than 150 veterans and second-chance residents, and service another 75 adults through the apprenticeship programs. The youth STEM initiative will train over 500 local high school kids in innovative and relevant job skills for the future of our workforce.



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