



IN THE
STARS

EVENTS
OCT. 24-NOV. 4
Early Voting East Harris County
Locations:
May Community Center
2100 Wolf Rd 77336
Crosby Branch Library
135 Hare Rd 77532
Riley Chambers Comm. Center
808 1/2 Magnolia Ave 77532
Highlands Community Center
604 Highlands Woods Dr 77562
J.D.Walker Community Center
7613 Wade Rd 77521
Baytown Community Center
2407 Market St 77520
November General Election - Early Voting: (Tentative Voting Hours)
October 24 (Monday): 7am – 7pm
October 25 (Tuesday) – October 29 (Saturday): 7am – 7pm
October 30 (Sunday): 12pm – 7pm
October 31 (Monday) – thru November 2 (Wednesday): 7am – 7pm
November 3 (Thursday): 7am – 10pm
November 4 (Friday): 7am – 7pm
November General Election - Election Day: (Voting Hours)
Nov. 8 (Tuesday): 7am – 7p
OCT. 29, SAT.
Highlands UM Church Fall Fest
107 W. Houston St 77562, from 2-6:30pm.
Carnival Games, Hay Ride, Cup-Cake Walk, Bake Sale, Concessions.
OCT. 31, MON.
Halloween Bash Highlands CCtr
Games, Prizes, Snacks.
San Jacinto Community Center, 5pm to 7pm, Courtesy of Pct. 3 Comm. Tom Ramsey.
604 Highland Woods Drive 77562. Info: Tonya 713-274-2860

EARLY VOTING STARTS MONDAY OCT. 24

Democrats add Star power to campaign

ALDINE – Hundreds of potential voters turned out last Tuesday night at the Escapade club on the Eastex Freeway in East Aldine, to hear campaign talks from Gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke and Attorney General candidate Rochelle Garza. But the featured speaker of the evening was Lin-Manuel Miranda, star of the hit Broadway show "Hamilton."

Introductory remarks and welcome were given by State Representative Armando Walle, and then fiery speeches were delivered by Beto and Lin-Manuel. The crowd enthusiastically listened and applauded the message of need for change in Texas government.

Democrats are making a strong push near the end



Appearing at a Rally last Tuesday night at the Escapade club in Aldine were Gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke, Attorney General candidate Rochelle Garza, and Broadway star Lin-Manuel Miranda of "Hamilton" fame. A crowd of about 500 attended and expressed their enthusiasm.

of the campaign, as their Republican opponents are showing strength in the polls. Beto has trailed incumbent governor Abbott through the whole race, and although he was with in a few points last week,



On Saturday, the Democrats brought Hollywood star and activist Jane Fonda to a rally and block walk for incumbent Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and the TOP Texas Organizing Project. They met at Mason Park on the city's East side. Fonda was also promoting her climate PAC.

for her opponent, Alexandra Mealer. Mealer has shown her own star power, with an endorsement from the popular Mattress Mack.

EARLY VOTING
Election Day is November 8th, only two weeks away. Before that Early Voting starts on Monday, October 24 and runs

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Message from the Crosby Superintendent

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

As we move into November, Crosby ISD is in recruit mode as we look for the best and the brightest educators to call our communities home. Our Human Resources team is in the middle of a hiring tour covering 8 job fairs in 3 weeks. We're determined to recruit top talent, especially December graduates. If you know any future teachers, let them know we want to talk to them! They can visit www.crosbyisd.org/



SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON

jobs to see our current openings. Our hiring tour's next stops are: Lamar University on No-

vember 1; Texas A&M-San Antonio on November 4; Texas A&M on November 7; Texas State University on November 9; UH-Clear Lake on November 10; and the University of Houston on November 11. Recruitment is one of my administration's priorities to ensure we add to our outstanding

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UNITY DAY. STUDENTS AND STAFF AT CROSBY MIDDLE SCHOOL CREATED A CHAIN OF POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS.

Latest UH poll shows Judge race very close

Beto ahead of Abbott in Harris County

Harris County Judge's Race Too Close to Call

HOUSTON, October 24, 2022 – The race for chief executive in Texas' most populous county is too close to call, with concerns about crime helping to propel Republican Alexandra del Moral Mealer into a statistical dead heat with Democratic incumbent Lina Hidalgo.

A poll from the Hobby School of Public Affairs at the University of Houston, released Monday on the first day of early voting, found 47% of likely Harris County voters say they will support Mealer, a political newcomer running for

GIANT BALLOT RUNS OVER 70 PAGES
Voters should plan on taking some time, with a ballot that runs over 70 pages, and new style two step voting machines.
Local races of interest include the Governor's race(Abbott vs O'Rourke), the Harris County Judge (Hidalgo vs Mealer), Pct. 2 Commissioner (Garcia vs Morman) and House District 128
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Cain vs Crews). Voters can also choose from 70 judge positions.
School District Trustees will be elected in Crosby, Huffman, Channelview and Sheldon.
U.S. House of Representatives seeking re-election in
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Harris County judge. Hidalgo drew support from 45%.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke is leading Gov. Greg Abbott by eight points (50% to 42%) among likely Harris County voters, while Republican Jack

Cagle, the incumbent Harris County Precinct 4 commissioner, leads Democratic challenger Lesley Briones, 40% to 35%.

"Crime and public safety are the top concerns cit-



EARLY VOTING starts Oct. 24
ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8

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GOOSE CREEK CISD NEWS

Goose Creek Enters Into The Future with New Robotics Facility



Guests pose with robot created by the Blarglefish Team during the ribbon cutting ceremony in Goose Creek.

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey, APR – Director of Communications

Goose Creek CISD held their ribbon cutting for the district’s new Robotics Center on October 20th. Located across the street from the Stuart Career Technical High School, the new facility will serve as a hub for the district’s robotics program, which includes the award-winning Blarglefish team. The building was, designed by Stantec and constructed by Comex Corporation, will introduce K-12 students to the STEM field and provide them with additional opportunities for learning and exploration.

Dr. Demetrius McCall, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services and leader of this project, praised the district for their support of this project. “I would like to thank Dr. O’Brien and the Board for their support of this project from its inception to now,” he said. “Being on the cutting edge of technology is one of the many attributes that sets us apart from other educational entities, and now we can add this new facility to that list. This is not just for our children, but for all children.”

Dr. Randal O’Brien, Superintendent of Schools, was just as proud of the new facility. “We are so proud of our new Robotics Center and we know that it will be a beacon of success for our students and community for many years to come.”

All photos taken by Carrie Pryor-Newman:

Goose Creek CISD IT Team Wins 2022 CLAS Award of Excellence

Baytown, Texas - October 21, 2022

ClassLink celebrated the exceptional achievements of both individuals and teams during the closing session of their annual ClassLink Learning Analytics Summit, CLAS 2022, on October 7th. Goose Creek CISD’s IT Team, under the leadership of Gary Lackey, was recognized as the winner of the Data Security Champions Award during the event.

ClassLink’s CLAS Awards of Excellence celebrate the innovative ways individuals and teams use data to better serve their district’s learners, recognizing the educational impacts of institutions, leaders, and experts. The Data Security Champions Award recognizes an organization using analytics/security insights to inform their data security strategy implementation.

Dr. Randal O’Brien, Superintendent of Goose Creek CISD, applauded the efforts of the district’s IT Team. “Gary Lackey and his department have done an amazing job keeping our district safe and secure through the use of data security technology,” he said. “I applaud them for a job well done and congratulate them for winning the Data Security Champions Award this year.”

George Perrealut, Chief Academic Officer for ClassLink, echoed Dr. O’Brien’s sentiments. “On behalf of everyone at ClassLink, I would like to congratulate the Goose Creek CISD team on winning this award. Their incredible commitment to using data in new and innovative ways in their district to support secure learning is inspiring.”

About Goose Creek CISD

Goose Creek CISD serves nearly 24,000 students in the communities of Baytown and Highlands. Goose Creek CISD’s mission is “Developing the Whole Child.” Goose Creek CISD develops and enhances each learner’s intellectual, social and emotional well-being facilitated by a highly qualified team committed to Growth, Community, Collaboration, Innovation, Success and Determination. gccisd.net

About ClassLink

ClassLink is a global education provider of access and analytics products that create more time for learning and help schools better understand digital engagement. As leading advocates for open data standards, we offer instant access to apps and files with single sign-on, streamline class rostering, automate account provisioning, and provide actionable analytics. ClassLink empowers 17 million students and staff in over 2,200 school systems. Visit classlink.com to learn more.

Happy National Principal’s Month

We asked our principals, what’s something fun people don’t know you do? Mrs. Mackyeon at Baytown Junior isn’t afraid to put in the sweatequity to keep her flower beds looking fresh!





CHAMBER NEWS

Crosby/Huffman Chamber Luncheon and Board Election



Great turnout at our October Election Luncheon for 2023 Board of Directors. We had 8 positions open for board and the winners were: Tiffany Muller-Crosby Care, Eddie Foster-Handyman, Kimberly Davila-JLA Realty, Margarette Chasteen-Rodan & Fields, Laci Rendon-Rendon Legal, Crystal Egorushkin-Trusted Ins Group, Stephanie Rosendahl-United Community Credit Union and Angelica Hodges-Wellness Advocate! Congratulations to them all! Thank you to Vinson Drewry with Aflac speaking on Breast Cancer Awareness, Teapot Depot for catering and Crosby Church for hosting!

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ON THE HILL

Halloween at The Jones Public Library

The Jones Public Library will be hosting a Halloween fun day on October 31st during regular business hours (9 AM - 5 PM). We'll have cartoons and crafts in the morning (9 AM - 11 AM), Hocus Pocus and games in the afternoon (2PM-4PM), with popcorn and candy all day. Costumed Patrons will get to draw from the treasure chest!

Chamber's Updated Citizen's Collection Station Schedule

The hours of operation have changed at many Chambers County Citizen's Collection Stations. Please plan to take your household trash to your local site during the appropriate days and times or visit a neighboring facility if possible.

We recognize that the change in hours will be an adjustment, but residents are encouraged to remember that dumping of household trash at local park facilities is illegal and, if necessary, violators will be prosecuted.

Collection Sites and Hours

Anahuac

1811 Belton Lane
Monday – Saturday
9am – 6pm

Mont Belvieu

10610 Eagle Dr
Monday – Saturday
9am – 6pm

Beach City

5121 Lawrence Rd
Monday – Saturday
9am – 6pm

Winnie

47414 IH 10
Monday, Tuesday
9am-6pm

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9am – 5pm

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2817 Eagle Ferry Rd
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9am – 5pm

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308 Boxsite Rd
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9am – 4pm

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The City of Mont Belvieu Celebrates Two TML Finalist Awards

During the 2022 Texas Municipal League (TML) Annual Conference and Exhibition in San Antonio (October 5-7), the City of Mont Belvieu was one of three finalists for a 2022 Municipal Excellence Award in management innovations for cities under 25,000 in population. The City was recognized for its housing scoring matrix.

To better align the City's growth and goals, Mont Belvieu implemented a housing scoring matrix and amended its zoning and subdivision codes. The matrix helps promote a diverse mix of home sizes to ensure future residential development matches Mont Belvieu's needs and demographics, as well as accommodating the ever-changing population.

"As we continue to

grow, we not only need to meet demands, but maintain what makes Mont Belvieu a wonderful place to live. By continuing to innovate with our zoning and building codes, we feel we can achieve both goals," said Public Works and Engineering Director Ricardo Villagrand, P.E.

The City of Mont Belvieu was also one of three finalists for a 2022 Municipal Excellence Award in communication programs for cities under 25,000 in population. The City was recognized for its video series, "The Vieu", which focuses on economic development, capital improvement projects, and City programs.

The City created the vlog, named "The Vieu", to better share information on City programs, economic development, and capi-

tal projects in a conversational way. Mont Belvieu's communications and marketing director produces each video entirely in house. In just the first year, seven episodes were created for less than \$1,000 investment, and typically generate views that far exceed the city's population.

"I'm really proud of what we've been able to achieve with The Vieu, and having it be a finalist for a TML Municipal Excellence Award is incredible," said Communications and Marketing Director Brian Ligon. "The vlog has not only been able to reach residents in a meaningful way, but it has fostered important conversations about the things that are happening in our growing community."

About the TML Mu-

nicipal Excellence Awards

TML's Municipal Excellence Awards recognize and encourage the achievements of Texas cities in meeting the challenge of municipal governance. Innovative problem-solving, excellence in management, increasing citizen participation, and reaching toward higher service levels are all daily occurrences in Texas cities, and they deserve recognition. This awards program seeks out the best of these programs to honor. Awards are given in two population categories (under 25,000 and over 25,000) and five areas (management innovations, communication programs, city spirit, public safety, and public works).

The 2022 TML Annual Conference and Exhibition was held at the Henry B.

González Convention Center in San Antonio on October 5-7 and attracted more than 3,300 city officials, who learned ways to govern more effectively, discussed critical issues, and shared best practices and solutions.

TML is a voluntary association of 1,174 Texas cities. Guided by its purpose statement—*Empowering Texas cities to serve their cities*—the League provides support and services to city governments. The City of Mont Belvieu is a member of TML.

For further information about TML and the awards program, contact Jacqueline Redin at 512-231-7400 or jredin@tml.org.

For more information about the City of Mont Belvieu, contact Brian Ligon at 281-974-0384 or bligon@montbelvieu.net

Think Pumpkins!

First United Methodist Church of Mont Belvieu



Pumpkin Patch Festival October 22, 2022 – 10:00am - 2:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 10629 Eagle Drive

Celebrations of the Dead

October 26-November 18 Opening Reception & Workshop: Thursday, Oct. 27, 12-3 p.m.



Lee College Visual Arts Department invites you to an afternoon hands-on workshop, art exhibit and reception inspired by Dia de los Muertos, All Saint's Eve, All Hallow's Eve, Samhain, and all the other celebrations of the dead around the world!

Lee College PAC Art Gallery 801 West Texas Avenue, Baytown, Texas 77520 M-Th9a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. 9a.m.-12 p.m. www.lee.edu/pac www.lee.edu/maps

For more information, contact:

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United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County

75 Projects completed for Annual Day of Caring

Baytown, Texas (October 21, 2022) 75 Projects Completed for United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County's Annual Day of Caring.

Hundreds of volunteers gathered in the cool autumn morning to start their projects for United Way of Greater Baytown Area and Chambers County's annual Day of Caring. More than 600 volunteers, representing the oil & gas industry, civic groups, education, and local government, were led by their team leaders to complete projects that improved and beautified agency space, provided six Chambers County elderly residents with house maintenance and supported the clothing for kids program and installed several Little Free

Libraries.

This annual day of volunteerism is an initiative of United Way's board of directors and supported by sponsors including ExxonMobil, Chevron Phillips, Community Resource Credit Union, Zachry Group, Covestro, Lori Rumfield and the Lions Club. In its 22nd year, Day of Caring continues to make a difference in the community through the hands of so many volunteers and supported by sponsors.

This year, ExxonMobil supported Hearts and Hands request to create a garden to grow produce. The fresh produce is one of many items the agency



makes available to individuals in need of food. Covestro created crayons out of the pillars at Bowie Elementary school that are on the car pickup line. ONEOK did landscaping for Crockett and supported Bay Area Homeless Shelter with landscaping and building maintenance including painting. Chevron installed plants to beautify the entrance of Baytown Junior. Goose Creek ISD had their admin team and AVID students from Sterling,

including hosting a sock drive to support the clothing for kids' closet program. Nearly 900 homeless packets were delivered to first responders and local agencies in Chambers County and the Baytown area. These are the people who often engage with individuals that are in need. All in all, every project and every volunteer had a hand in making a difference during one day of volunteerism proving much can be accomplished when done with others.

If you are interested in learning more about next year's Day of Caring reach out to us at admin@unitedwaygbacc.org or 281.424.5922.

About United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County

For more than 75 years, United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County has served the community, which covers Baytown, Highlands, and Chambers County. With a focus on education, health, financial stability, and basic needs, United Way collaborates and partners with local human service organizations that provide programs tackling community-wide issues.

For more information about your United Way, visit <https://www.unitedwaygbacc.org/>

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OPINION

By BILL KING



The Art of Disagreement

The French philosopher, Michel de Montaigne, once quipped that, “there is no conversation more boring than the one where everybody agrees.” My experience is that only talking to people with whom we agree with (or only watching people on TV with whom we agree) is not only boring, it makes us less informed. I rarely learn anything from talking to people who agree with me.

When I was running companies, I found that having staff around me who only agreed with everything I said was a sure-fire way to get into trouble. But as the media has Balkanized into ideological strains, Americans have increasingly listened only to those voices which reflect what they already believe, thereby reinforcing those beliefs.



Michel de Montaigne, French Philosopher, 1533-1592

Psychologists tell us that hearing something that conflicts with our beliefs is emotionally painful because the possibility that we have been wrong, especially about fervently held beliefs, lowers our self-esteem. Psychologists refer to this as cognitive dissonance. To avoid it, we naturally tend to avoid and are hostile to such input.

But I have learned some simple rules over the years that helped me embrace engaging with those who disagree with me, and I would like to share them with you.

Acknowledge the possibility you might wrong. No one is right all the time, therefore, there will be occasions when your conclusion is wrong. Routinely stop and think about whether that may be the case.

Look for evidence that contradicts your own beliefs. Because we don’t like to hear things that negate what we believe, we have a natural tendency to seek out evidence that supports our preconceptions and ignore evidence that does not. So, do the opposite. Look for evidence that questions your opinions. And do it in a good faith attempt to challenge your conclusions. If nothing else, understanding evidence will help you defend your position if you do not change your mind. Every good lawyer looks for holes in their own case.

Recognize that two intelligent people of good faith may reach different conclusions. As much as we think of our brains as a computer, they are infinitely more complex. Our opinions and beliefs are the result of a lifetime of continual inputs along with an element of genetic diversity. No two people have exactly the same life experiences or genetic makeup. Those two elements may lead two honest and bright people to look at the same set of data and reach different conclusions. And that is okay. The ability to see different approaches to a problem is a strength of our species.

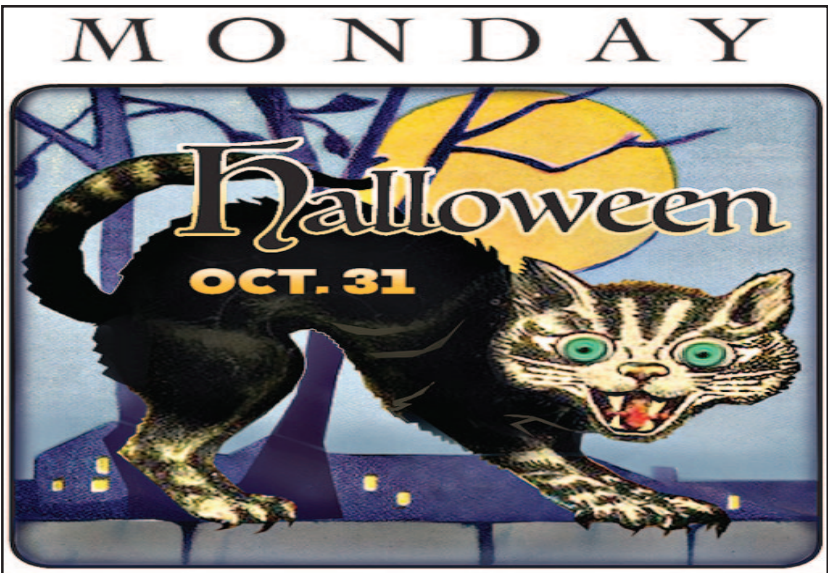
Don’t Call People Names or Label Them. When someone starts calling someone who disagrees with them a name or applies some label, it is a sure sign they have run out of anything intelligent to add to the discussion. Also, it is completely ineffective if you hope to persuade anyone. Calling someone a “socialist” or a “Nazi” may make you feel righteous for “calling them out,” but you have accomplished little else.

Assume Good Faith in Others. I regularly see extremists from both sides assert that the other side is trying to destroy the country. Really? I do not think I have ever met anyone whose purpose was to destroy America. Indeed, I have rarely met any American that does not love this country. While you may think their prescriptions for the country will damage it, they almost certainly do not see things that way. Assume that the vast majority of Americans want good things for our country and for their fellow Americans, even if they may have different views of how to achieve those goals.

There is no reason to hate someone that disagrees with you. This is the most important one. There is no one in our lives that we agree with on everything. It is a waste of spirit to go around denigrating people who come to a different conclusion. We should always keep in mind the words of former Wyoming Senator, Alan Simpson: “Hatred corrodes the container in which it is carried.” Hating someone because they disagree with you does not hurt that person. It only hurts you.

Happy disagreeing.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Early Voting Begins Oct. 24

Early voting in the Nov. 8 general election begins Oct. 24 and runs through Nov. 4. Applications for voting by mail must be received by Oct. 28, according to the secretary of state’s office.

Texans are eligible to vote by mail if they are 65 or older; sick or disabled; are expected to give birth within three weeks of Election Day; will be absent from the county where they vote during early voting and on Election Day; or are in jail but otherwise eligible.

If voting by mail, Texans are urged to carefully read the instructions before putting their ballot in the mail. More than 12% of mail-in ballots were rejected in the March primary for not complying with tighter voting regulations enacted in the last legislative session, according to kut.org.

Meanwhile, the latest poll shows the race between Gov. Greg Abbott and Beto O’ Rourke has tightened since the Sept. 30 debate between the two, the Corpus Christi Caller Times reported. The latest poll by Marist College shows Abbott’s lead has dropped to 4 percentage points.

As the race hits the homestretch, O’ Rourke reports having slightly more cash on hand in the latest three-month reporting period, which ended Sept. 29. He also outraised Abbott by a slight margin during the same period.

EPA SUED OVER POLLUTION FROM TEXAS COAL PLANTS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been sued by two national environmental advocacy groups for allegedly failing to ensure eight Texas coal-fired power plants are meeting approved emission standards.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the suit was filed last week after the EPA missed a deadline to stop the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from exempting the coal plants



from regulations limiting particulate matter emissions.

An attorney with one of the groups, the Environmental Integrity Project, said the groups have been challenging the TCEQ exemptions since 2010.

“Essentially, Texas has these emission limits for particulate matter,” Clark-Leach told the American-Statesman. “Particulate matter is soot, it’s the black stuff you see coming out of smokestacks. It’s a bad idea if you’ve got people living nearby to emit in excess of those limits.”

The EPA’s website says that exposure to particulate matter can be harmful and is linked to lung and heart issues. Since being exempted by TCEQ in 2010, the plants have increased emissions as much as 33-fold. However, four of the plants have in recent years either switched to natural gas or shut down completely.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPECTED TO RETURN

A warmer and drier September and the continued presence of La Nina conditions mean drought conditions are likely to return to the parts of Texas that got some relief in August, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

At the end of September, drought conditions covered 61% of the state, Wentzel wrote, which was down 15 percentage points from the end of August.

However, the National Weather Service expects a third straight fall and win-

ter of La Niña conditions, meaning below-average rain and above-average temperatures across Texas during the fall and early winter. Those conditions are expected to dissipate early next year, hopefully bringing drought relief and possibly complete recovery by the end of next spring.

AVIAN FLU SHOWS UP IN BACKYARD POULTRY FLOCK
The highly contagious avian influenza was recently detected in a backyard poultry flock in Dallas County, prompting health experts to recommend owners of domestic birds to limit all unnecessary contact with wild birds. The virus is easily transmitted not just by actual contact but through contaminated equipment, clothing and even shoes of caretakers.

Symptoms include diarrhea, incoordination, lethargy, coughing, sneezing and sudden death, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Game bird hunters are urged to wear gloves when disposing of carcasses, and disinfecting tools with a bleach solution. Those who find birds who have signs consistent with avian influenza should contact their local TPWD biologist, whose contact information can be found on the agency’s website.

NEW ERCOT CHIEF VOWS GRID STABILITY

The new CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas said at a press conference last week that one of his main duties is convincing Texans they can stop worrying about the electric grid.

“The key is going to be continued reliable execution,” Pablo Vegas said. “Achieving reliable operations over extreme weather conditions, that’s how you continue to build trust.”

He made the comments at a press conference held jointly with Peter Lake, chair of the Public Utility Commission. Both Lake and Vegas said improvements and operational changes made since the February 2021 freeze have made the grid much more reliable.

They pointed out there were no systemic outages during one of the hottest summers on record, which spurred a record demand for power, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

“We continue to be tested, (and) we continue to pass those tests,” Vegas said.

COVID-19 CASES DROP SIGHTLY

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in the past week in Texas by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University decreased slightly to 13,442, with 92 deaths reported. Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,147 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations across the state.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Sharing Books with Stranger

I love Little Free Libraries.

If you don’t have these in your neighborhood, they are little boxes that look like tiny houses—not much larger than a big birdhouse—with a glass door on the front and books inside. People leave books they have read and pick up books they want to read and, somehow, the whole thing seems to work out pretty well most of the time.

During the pandemic, I noticed that some little libraries went empty. The regular libraries were closed, and people ran out of things to read. Then everyone started ordering books, and the little libraries had more than they could hold. I saw some stacked three books deep.

I walk by a free library every day, and I always check the inventory. Most of the time, my little library is modestly full, and the inventory seems to be constantly changing. I find a book I’ve never heard of before and read the first few pages, standing on the sidewalk, in front of someone’s house.

“Well, this looks like a lot of fun!” I’ll think. I stick it in my bag and take it home, knowing I could always return it if I don’t enjoy it—or even if I do.

But I usually do enjoy it. I discover a lot of books I would never have heard of otherwise. As I’m reading, I wonder who left the book there. I wonder if they enjoyed it as much as I am. I wonder how many people have read it. The free library doesn’t tell me. The free library keeps its secrets.

But cooler weather is coming, and people must be reading a little more, because it seems to be kind of slim pickings at my free library.

“Classroom Discipline: Guiding Adolescents to Responsible Independence” was one new offering the other day. Who is going to want to read that? I wondered.

The only person who would be interested would be a teacher, and do they really want to curl up after a hard day’s work and get more information on the topic? Unsurprisingly, when I checked several days later, the book was still there.

Next to it was an enormous tome entitled “The Reformation: A History.” The Reformation is certainly interesting, but this book had more than 700 pages. I’m thinking there’s a pretty small audience for half a million words on the Reformation.

“Frommer’s New England 1991” also seemed unlikely to go anywhere. I think if you’re planning a visit to New England, you might want to read something about either 1791, or the present day. It’s hard to believe many of the restaurants listed would still be around, and a hotel can change a lot in 31 years.

I started to feel bad for my Little Free Library. So I sorted through my bookshelf. I looked for books I had already read and enjoyed, and I made a small pile. The next day, I brought them to the free library and nestled them next to “New England 1991” and closed the little glass door behind me.

“There!”
It felt good to leave some nice surprises for the next person who came to the library. I know there are people who keep every book they’ve ever read, and even more who keep every book they’ve especially enjoyed, but I am not one of them.

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Till next time,
Carrie
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Crosby man fatally shot in dispute with stepdaughter’s friends

CROSBY, Texas – An investigation is underway after Harris County sheriff’s deputies said a man was fatally shot by suspects that were with his teen stepdaughters in Crosby Sunday.

HCSO units responded to reports of a shooting in the 13700 block of Spectacled Bear Lane around 11 p.m.

Deputies said when they arrived at the scene, a man, who was identified as 48-year-old Kevin Adams, was located with a gunshot wound to the back.

Adams was transported to the hospital via Life Flight, where investigators said he was pronounced dead.

According to HCSO, Adams’ stepdaughters, 16 and 17 years old, arrived

home in a white Impala with two males. Deputies said the stepfather went outside and confronted the two males. Investigators said there was an ongoing issue between the males and the victim, and they got into a physical fight. One of the males then shot Adams, deputies said.

Investigators said the two suspects fled the scene in the white Impala.

Deputies said they are unsure what relationship the suspects have with the teens’ stepfather.

Adams’ stepdaughters reportedly remained at the scene and are cooperating with investigators.

Anyone with information about this case is urged to contact HCSO or Crime Stoppers of Houston.

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 9: Aggies look to bring down No. 7-ranked Ole Miss: Texans, Cowboys look for home victories



KEENEY’S KORNER

By
MIKE KEENEY

It’s been a rough season thus far for Texas A&M fans. The season started with much optimism as Jimbo Fisher’s Aggies entered the season ranked No. 6 in the nation. Well, that ranking went by the wayside rather quickly as the Ags dropped a home game to Appalachian State, lost road games to Mississippi State and Alabama and entered last week’s game at South Carolina with a 3-3 record.

A&M had an open week prior to taking on the Gamecocks and Aggie fans are hoping the extra week of practice allowed Fisher and his staff time to improve a mediocre offense that has struggled so far this season to generate points and yards.

This Saturday at Kyle Field, the Aggies host the No. 7-ranked Ole Miss Rebels and Aggie fans would like nothing more than to had Lane Kiffin’s team its first loss of the season (Ole Miss did have a tough road game at LSU last week).

An upset of the Rebs could do be the springboard Fisher’s team needs to finish strong and get the wolves off of his front door. I don’t think Fisher is in any danger of losing his job. A&M has invested way too much money and resources in the former Florida State head coach, but those same folks are getting tired of 8-4 seasons.

A win over a top-10 ranked team could soothe a lot of nerves in College Station.

In other key games this weekend, there’s another good one in the Big 12 as the No. 11-ranked Oklahoma State Cowboys will travel to Manhattan to take on the No. 17-ranked Kansas State Wildcats. The winner remains in the hunt for a spot in the Big 12 title game in December, while the loser will be on the inside looking out.

In the Big 10, No. 2-ranked Ohio State travels to State College to take on No. 16-ranked Penn State. The Nittany Lions saw their undefeated season come to an end two weeks ago with a 41-17 loss at No. 4-ranked Michigan. PSU fans would like nothing more than to spoil the Buckeyes unblemished season. That’s going to be a tall order against one of the most balanced, and loaded, offenses in the country.

In the NFL, the Cowboys host the Bears looking to go to 6-2 heading into their bye week. Two weeks ago, Dallas dropped a 26-17 decision at Philadelphia as the Pokes got down 20-3 before rallying in the third quarter behind reserve QB Cooper Rush (1,020 yards, 5 TDs) to pull within 20-17 before the Eagles scored the game-clinching touchdown midway through the fourth quarter. Dallas should have starting QB Dak Prescott back for this game, which should be a big boost to the offense. Dallas still has one of the best defenses in the league.

While the Cowboys host the Bears, the Texans will host AFC South rival Tennessee. Things kickoff on Thursday Night Football with Baltimore visiting Tampa Bay, in a meeting of teams that have been struggling lately.

Speaking of struggling, the Green Bay Packers, who dropped a 27-10 home decision to the Jets two weeks ago, get the pleasure of visiting the Buffalo Bills on Sunday Night Football. You’d better believe Bills fans will be juiced up for this one having all day to “prepare” for Aaron Rodgers and the Packers. Two weeks ago, Buffalo QB Josh Allen outdueled KC QB Patrick Mahomes as the Bills sent a message to the rest of the AFC with their 24-20 road win. At this point of the season, Buffalo appears to be the class of the AFC, but there’s a lot of football left.

Before we take a look at this weekend’s schedule, let’s review last week’s record. Well, well, we finally have something to crow about. A 10-2 week upped the season record to 49-35 (58%).

Now, onto this weekend’s game.

NCAA

Ohio State at Penn State: The No. 2-ranked Buckeyes take their high-powered offense (averaging 48 points per game) to State College to take on No. 16-ranked Penn State. The Buckeyes have been rolling behind quarterback C.J. Stroud (1,737 yards, 24

TDs) a strong, two-headed running game of Miyan Williams (497 yards, 8 TDs) and TreVeyon Henderson (436 yards, 4 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Marvin Harrison, Jr. (31 receptions, 536 yards, 9 TDs). The younger Harrison is the son of Hall of Fame wide receiver Marvin Harrison. Penn State’s defense got carved up two weeks ago by a Michigan offense that is not to be confused with OSU’s. If the Nittany Lions hope to pull off the upset, they will need a big day from their QB Sean Clifford (1,150 passing yards, 9 TDs) and need to control the clock with its running game led by Nicholas Singleton (482 yards, 5 TDs) and Kaytron Allen (319 yards, 4 TDs). I think Penn State stays close in this game, but Ohio State will have too many weapons for the PSU defense to contend with come the fourth quarter. My pick, Ohio State 34, Penn State 22

Mississippi at Texas A&M: The Aggies need a big win, and beating the 7th-ranked team in the country would certainly count as a big win for Jimbo Fisher’s team. As stated earlier, this season began with so much hope, but has turned into another disappointing campaign. An upset of a very good Ole Miss team would be a huge confidence builder for the rest of the Aggie’s season. If the Ags are to pull off the upset, their defense, which has played well this year, will have to slow down a very strong Rebel running game led by running backs Quinshan Judkins (720 yards, 10 TDs) and Zach Evans (605 yards, 7 TDs). Ole Miss also has a good QB in Jaxson Dart (1,488 yards, 11 TDs/371 rushing yards) and a big-play wide receiver in Jonathan Mingo (22 receptions, 507 yards, 3 TDs). The A&M defense played well against Alabama’s high-powered offense on Oct. 8, but then again, that came against Bryce Young’s backup, Jalen Milroe. Look for the A&M defense to set the tone early in this one to give QB Haynes King (763 yards, 5 TDs), running back Devon Achane (528 yards, 3 TDs) and young but talented wide receiver Evan Stewart (15 receptions, 291 yards, 2 TDs) and Moose Muhammad (13 receptions, 199 yards, 2 TDs) time to settle down and make plays on offense. Fisher and his team need a boost, and it says here they get that boost with a huge win on Saturday at Kyle Field. My pick, Texas A&M 31, Mississippi 26

NFL

Baltimore at Tampa Bay: Week 9 begins with a Thursday Night Football meeting between the Ravens and the Bucs in Tampa. Both teams have struggled as of late. Two weeks ago, the Ravens blew a lead against the Giants and lost late in the game, while the Bucs dropped a 20-18 decision to what was a one-win Pittsburgh team. Both teams have issues on offense. Baltimore QB Lamar Jackson (1,277 passing yards, 13 TDs/451 rushing yards, 2 TDs) has decent numbers, but is having trouble finishing off drives once he gets his team into the Red Zone. TB QB Tom Brady (1,652 yards, 8 TDs) is also having trouble getting his team into the end zone. It’s strange, because he has weapons in running back Leonard Fournette (343 rushing yards, 1 TD/32 receptions, 232 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Mike Evans (24 receptions, 358 yards, 3 TDs) and Chris Godwin (22 receptions, 250 yards). Look for the Bucs’ defense to be the difference maker in this one as Brady rallies the troops and get his team rolling in the second half of the season. My pick, Tampa Bay 26, Baltimore 23

Chicago at Dallas: The Bears visit the Cowboys on Sunday and if this one isn’t over by halftime, then Cowboy fans might not have such a good feeling about their team. To put it simply, the Bears are a horrible offensive football team. QB Justin Fields (869 passing yards, 4 TDs/282 rushing yards, 1 TD) has no one to throw to and struggles getting the ball downfield. The Dallas defense needs to be

aware of his running ability and stay in their lanes. They left Philadelphia two weeks ago with 24 sacks. Look for Micah Parsons and Co. to add more sacks against the sad-sack Bears. Dak Prescott should return at QB for the Cowboys (he was expected to start against Detroit on Oct. 23d) and that should give the offense a boost. Look for Ezekiel Elliott (386 yards, 2 TDs) and Tony Polard (292 yards, 2 TDs) to set the tone early in the running game, which will set up Prescott to find WR CeeDee Lamb (33 receptions, 409 yards, 2 TDs) for some big plays in the passing game. Look for Dallas to dominate as they head into their bye week. My pick, Dallas 34, Chicago 13

Tennessee at Houston: The Titans come calling on Sunday at NRG Stadium in a rare 3:05 p.m. kickoff. The Houston defense will need to deal with running back Derrick Henry (408 yards, 5 TDs) as he appears back to his old self after missing much of last season with a foot injury. When Henry is running wild, that gives QB Ryan Tannehill (965 yards, 6 TDs) to make plays downfield to WR Robert Woods (17 receptions, 204 yards, 1 TD). The Texans need better play from QB Davis Mills (1,048 yards, 6 TDs) and will look for rookie running back Dameon Pierce (412 yards, 3 TDs) to take some pressure off of him. My pick, Tennessee 26, Houston 23

Green Bay at Buffalo: Are we watching the end of the Packers dynasty in the NFC North? Two weeks ago, in their 27-10 home loss to the Jets, Green Bay looked bad on both sides of the ball. Star QB Aaron Rodgers (1,403 yards, 9 TDs) struggled to make plays in the passing game, while running back Aaron Jones (409 yards, 1 TD) could not get anything done on the ground. WR Allen Lizzard (20 receptions, 285 yards, 4 TDs) and tight end Robert Tonyan (90 receiving yards in the Jets game) were the lone highlights on offense. The defense was also suspect and if that unit doesn’t improve by Sunday night, it could be a long evening in Western New York when they take on Josh Allen (1,980 passing yards, 17 TDs/257 rushing yards, 2 TDs), Stefon Diggs (49 receptions, 656 yards, 6 TDs) and Gabe Davis (14 receptions, 383 yards, 4 TDs). The Buffalo defense is pretty good as well, so Rodgers might be in for another long night. The Bills picked up a load of confidence two weeks ago when they won at Kansas City, 24-20 and had an extra week to prepare for this game. Look for the Bills to be at peak performance when the Packers come calling on Sunday night. My pick, Buffalo 33, Green Bay 20

Cincinnati at Cleveland: Week 9 concludes on Monday Night Football with an AFC North battle between the Bengals and the Browns. After losing their first two games of the season, the defending AFC champs appear to be getting on a roll, winning three of their last four games heading into last Sunday’s game against Atlanta. Two weeks ago, QB Joe Burrow (1,616 yards, 12 TDs) and WR Ja’Marr Chase (39 receptions, 475 yards, 4 TDs) led the Bengals to a comeback win at New Orleans. Cincinnati is also getting offensive production from fellow WR Tee Higgins (26 receptions, 362 yards, 2 TDs) and running back Joe Mixon (347 yards, 2 total TDs). While the Bengals look to be getting things together, the Browns appear to be falling apart. They’ve lost four of their last five games heading into last Sunday’s game against Baltimore. QB Jacoby Brissett (1,326 yards, 6 TDs/5 interceptions) is not playing well. About the only Brown who is performing well on offense is running back Nick Chubb (649 yards, 7 TDs). The defense has been porous for the last five weeks and with Burrow and Co. coming to town on Monday night, that unit had better start playing better or the Browns will be out of playoff contention well before Deshaun Watson returns in Week 12 to take over the offense. My pick, Cincinnati 30, Cleveland 26

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“Pickleball is booming in popularity nationwide, including here in Houston,” said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. “The citizens of Houston have asked us to build more Pickleball courts, and thanks to Council Member Abbie Kamin and my dedicated staff in the Parks and Recreation Department, more places to play are on the way.”

Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. It is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States, with an estimated 4.8 million players nationwide, according to the Sports and Fitness Association. There are an estimated 10-thousand players in the Houston area, according to the Houston Pickleball Association.

“It’s really exciting. This is going to be the first professional Pickleball Tournament to come to Houston,” said Councilmember Abbie Kamin, City Council District C. “It was a team effort to bring this tournament here. Thank you to our local Pickleball organizations and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department for helping to bring another high-profile event to the City of Houston.”

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department currently has 11 outdoor and 17 indoor dual courts available for Pickleball play. For more information on locations and hours, visit the Houston Parks and Recreation Department website at www.houstonparks.org. For more information on the APP Sunmed Houston Open, including tickets, visit www.apptour.org. Tickets will also be available at the event gate.

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Latest UH poll shows Judge race very close,

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ed by voters in the county races, and that is more pronounced among voters who support Mealer and Cagle,” said Renée Cross, senior executive director and researcher at the Hobby School. Eight out of 10 likely voters listed crime, public safety and government corruption as very important to their decision about which candidate to support for county judge.

“Hidalgo remains popular with voters concerned about voting rights, abortion rights and racial equity, but overall, her support has softened,” Cross said.

Mark P. Jones, senior research associate at the Hobby School and political science fellow at Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy, said the local races reflect many of the same passions driving midterm elections across the country.

“Republicans and independent voters told us they are concerned about crime and immigration and border security,” he said. “Democratic voters listed voting rights and abortion rights as their top concerns, with crime and public safety issues ranking

lower.

Overall, Jones said, concerns about crime and public safety appear to be boosting Republican candidates, even in a county that has seen a steady growth in Democratic voters. A plurality of likely voters said they believe Mealer would do a better job than Hidalgo on issues involving crime, immigration and border security and government corruption.

Among the poll’s findings:

—Overall, 81% of likely voters said crime and public

safety will be “very important” in choosing a candidate. That rose to 98% of likely Mealer voters and 99% of Cagle voters. 64% of likely Hidalgo voters agreed, with voting rights (95%), racial equity & equality (89%), abortion (87%), election administration (77%), flooding (75%) and government corruption (70%) all ranking higher.

—49% of voters have an unfavorable opinion of Hidalgo, compared with 28% who have an unfavorable opinion of Mealer. Almost one-third (29%) said

they didn’t know enough about Mealer to have an opinion, compared to only 8% for Hidalgo.

—The battle for Latino voters remains tight, with 47% supporting Mealer and 44% backing Hidalgo; 9% are undecided. Mealer holds a 19 point advantage among white voters (56% to 37%), while Hidalgo holds a 56 point advantage among Black voters (73% to 17%).

—There is a clear gender gap – 56% of men favor Mealer, while 52% of women favor Hidalgo.

—One in four likely voters remain undecided in the Harris County Commissioner Precinct 4 race, with 48% saying they do not know enough about Cagle to have an opinion of him, and 71% saying the same of Briones.

—Two of the three Harris County bond propositions appear to have majority support, including 63% for Proposition B authorizing up to \$900,000,000 in spending for roads and 52% for Proposition C, authorizing up to \$200,000,000 for parks.

—Proposition A, which would authorize up to \$100,000,000 in public safety spending, drew support from just 38% of likely voters, with 31% opposed and another 31% undecided.

The full report is available here. The poll was conducted Oct. 10-15, with 625 likely voters in Harris County completing an online survey in either English or Spanish, with a margin of error of +/- 3.92.

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (EPA) will be conducting the sixth five-year review of remedy implementation and performance at the Highlands Acid Pit Superfund site (Site) in Highlands, Texas. In the early 1950s, the Site received an unknown amount of industrial waste sludge, believed to be spent sulfuric acid, from oil and gas refining processes. Waste disposal activities contaminated the soil and groundwater with hazardous chemicals. Cleanup included the excavation and off-site disposal of hazardous soil, backfilling of the excavated area with clean soil, establishment of vegetation and installation of a security fence. The remedy also included monitored natural attenuation and institution controls. Site maintenance and groundwater monitoring are ongoing. The five-year review will determine if the remedies are still protective of human

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health and the environment. The five-year review is scheduled for completion in May 2023.

The report will be made available to the public at the following local information repository:

Highlands Public Library, Stratford Branch
509 Stratford Street
Highlands, Texas 77562

Site status updates are available on the Internet at <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/highlands-acid-pit>


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Sitio Superfund Highlands Acid Pit

Aviso Público

Región 6 de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de los Estado Unidos

Octubre 2022

La Región 6 de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA, por sus siglas en inglés) llevará a cabo la sexta revisión de cinco años de la implementación y rendimiento del plan de limpieza del sitio Superfund Highlands Acid Pit (Sitio) en Highlands, Texas. A principios de la década de 1950, el Sitio recibió una cantidad desconocida de lodos de desecho industrial, que se cree que era ácido sulfúrico gastado, de los procesos de refinación de petróleo y gas. Las actividades de eliminación de desechos contaminaron el suelo y las aguas subterráneas con productos químicos peligrosos. La limpieza incluyó la excavación y la eliminación fuera del sitio de suelo peligroso, el relleno del área excavada con suelo limpio, el establecimiento de vegetación y la instalación de una cerca de seguridad. La acción correctiva también incluyó atenuación natural monitoreada y controles institucionales. El mantenimiento del Sitio y el monitoreo de las aguas subterráneas siguen en curso. La revisión de cinco

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años determinará si las acciones correctivas aún protegen la salud humana y el medio ambiente. La revisión de cinco años está programada para completarse en mayo de 2023.

El informe se pondrá a disposición del público en el siguiente repositorio de información local:

Biblioteca Pública de Highlands, Sucursal de Stratford
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Las actualizaciones del estado del Sitio están disponibles por Internet en <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/highlands-acid-pit>

Todas las preguntas de los medios deben dirigirse a la Oficina de la Prensa se la EPA al (214) 665-2200

Candidates & Propositions on Ballot,

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clude District 2 Dan Crenshaw, D-18 Sylvia Jackson Lee, D-29 Sylvia Garcia, and D-36 Brian Babin.

ESD#14 has a Proposition that would extend Highlands Fire Protection to McNair.

Large bond packages will be on the ballot, with Harris County seeking \$1.2 Billion for Improvements, Crosby MUD \$42 Million, Newport DA2 MUD seeking \$73.35 Million, and Sheldon ISD \$247.7 Million.

Harris County MUD 50 Director Election
- Jerome A. Chenevert
- Daryl "Eagleton" Johnston

McNair Area ESD#14 Annexation & Assumption Prop.A
- Add McNair to ESD#14
McNair Defined Area Prop. B
- Assume its share of Debts & Taxes ESD#14

Newport MUD DA2 Prop. A
- Designation of Defined Area
Newport MUD DA2 Prop. B
- \$55 Million Bonds - water, sewer & drainage
Newport MUD DA2 Prop. C
- \$18.35 Million to Refund Exist. Bonds
Newport MUD DA2 Prop. D
- Unlimited Rate Tax - Operation & Maintenance

ON THE BALLOT:

County Judge
R - Alexandra del Moral Mealer
D - Lina Hidalgo
County Commissioner Pct. 2
R - Jack Morman
D - Adrian Garcia
Justice of Peace Pct. 3 Place 2
R - Denise Graves
D - Lucia Bates
County Commissioner Pct. 4
R - Jack Cagle
D - Lesley Briones
District Clerk
R - Chris Daniel
D - Marilyn Burgess
County Clerk
R - Stan Stanart
D-Teneshia Hudspeth
County Treasurer
R - Kyle Scott
D - Carla L. Wyatt

Harris County Prop. A
- \$100 Million Public Safety Bonds
Harris County Prop. B
- \$900 Million Roads & Drainage
Harris County Prop. C
- \$200 Million Parks & Recreation

Baytown City Council District 2
- Sarah Graham
- Michael Emmanuel
District 3
- Ken Griffith
- Charles Johnson

Crosby ISD At Large Trustee Position 6
- Victoria Garcia-Hernandez
- Kevin Day
- Phillip Chapman
- Marvin Webb
- Christopher Destin
- Melody Fontenot
Crosby ISD Trustee District 1 Position 1
- Karen St. Julian Thomas
Trustee Dist. 2 Pos.2
- Kea Lynn Lewis
- Sharyl Upchurch Fain
- Rachel Hood
- John "Jay" Killough
Trustee Dist. 3 Pos. 3
- J.R. Humphries
Trustee Dist. 4 Pos. 4
- Lisa Kallies
- Patricia Kay
Trustee Dist. 5 Pos. 5
- Heather Barrett
Trustee Dist. 7 Pos. 7
- Jennifer Roach

Huffman ISD Trustee Position 1
- Vernon Reed
- Jared Dagley
- Greg Nason
Trustee Position 2
- Dean Warren
- Barbara Carroll
Trustee Position 3
- Ray Burt
- Clint Fischer
- Robert B. Batan

Crosby MUD Proposition A
- Tax up to \$.25/100 - Operation & Maintenance
Crosby MUD DA2
- Designation of Defined Area 2
Crosby MUD DA2 Proposition B
- \$42 Million Water & Sewer & Drainage
Crosby MUD DA2 Proposition C
- Unlimited Rate Tax - Operation & Maintenance

Harris County ESD#14 Prop. A
- Add McNair to Service Area
Harris County ESD#14 Prop. B
- McNair to pay its share of Debts & Taxes of ESD#14

Channelview ISD Trustee Election Trustee Position 4
- Ramiro Granados
- Patrick Lacy
Trustee Position 5
- Steve Dennis
- Frank Renard Bryant
Trustee Position 6
- Lynette Breedlove
- Ellie Llanas
Trustee Position 7
- Raquel Dobbins
- Dennis Cedillo

Sheldon ISD Trustee Position 5
- Kristin Williams-White
- Ken Coleman
Bond Election Proposition A
- \$240.8 Million - New Buildings, Sites, Buses
Bond Election Proposition B
- \$.6.9 Million - Technology

State Representative District 128
R - Briscoe Cain
D - Charles "Chuck" Crews

State Senator Dist. 15
R - George Brian Vachris
D - John Whitmire

Election Campaign brings out Star power,

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through Friday November 4th.

In commenting on the Rally, Armando Walle said “I was honored to welcome Beto, Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Rochelle Garza to House District 140 at Escapade 2001 in Aldine. Our families matter and the persons who will lend voice to our concerns are Beto

and Rochelle. The energy and excitement from the crowd felt like an Astros game. I was proud that Beto has made several stops in Aldine. Thanks also to Escapade 2001 @ Imagen Venues.”

BETO’s campaign issued the following statement: “Beto O’Rourke and Lin-Manuel Miranda host-

ed the free Get Out the Vote Rally in Houston ahead of Early Voting on Tuesday evening at Escapade club in Aldine, Imagen Venues Escapade, 11903 Eastex Fwy, Houston.

Beto O’Rourke, Democratic Nominee for Attorney General Rochelle

Garza and award-winning composer Lin-Manuel Miranda rallied supporters in Houston ahead of Early Voting the following week. The 7:00 p.m. rally is part of Beto’s growing grassroots campaign to defeat Greg Abbott’s extremism and deliver for all the people of Texas as this

state’s next governor.

During the event, Beto, Rochelle and Lin-Manuel shared their vision for bringing Texans together around the popular things that we want to accomplish: creating great jobs, investing in world-class schools, expanding health care so more people can see a doctor, restoring abortion access, keeping Texas kids safe in their classrooms and lowering costs so families can afford to live in this state.”

Joining with Beto O’Rourke were Rochelle Garza, and Luis A. Miranda, Jr., Lin-Manuel Miranda father.



BETO O’Rourke was the featured speaker for the evening at the Escapade club, attracting a crowd of about 500. Beto spoke about the issues, the need for change, and implored the audience to get out the vote in the coming days before the election, emphasizing the importance of this election.



Armando Walle, State Representative for the Aldine area, gave a welcoming talk and introduced the guests and the speakers.



Attending the rally were many local politicians, including at left State Senator Carol Alvarado, and then Luis A. Miranda, Jr. (Lin’s father), Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Beto O’Rourke.

Greens Bayou Regatta: Back to the Bayou

HOUSTON - The Greens Bayou Coalition hosted its first post-pandemic Greens Bayou Regatta on Saturday, October 8th, with dozens of canoes and kayaks participating.

Seventy-two paddlers departed from Brock Park Golf Course for the 2022 Regatta at 9:00 a.m., finishing 7.7 miles down the bayou at Thomas Bell Foster Park. The Regatta, which raises funds to support the mission of the Greens Bayou Coalition, combines recreation, stew-

ardship and education on one of Houston’s most beautiful and secluded waterways. Along with awards for speed, the Styrofoam Cup award is given for most trash collected. TEXAR was on the banks and on the bayou to keep the fleet safe.

Council Member Robert Gallegos was on hand for the regatta send-off, and Paul Young, representing Council Member Ed Pollard, and Beth White of the Houston Parks Board encouraged people to get out and enjoy the bayou.

The Regatta after-party included vendors, lunch, music and dancing, and awards to the category winners were presented during the closing ceremonies. Donna Kouwe, with a time of 01:22.5, was the overall winner of the Regatta. “What a well-organized and fun race!” she said upon finishing. Kris Linberk and Ross Schkade of Harris County



Kayaks line up at the Starting Line in Brock Park. They finished at Thomas Bell Foster Park in North Channel.

Precinct 3 took home the Corporate Cup with their 1:49:47 finishing time. Crystal and Matthew Williams won the Styrofoam Cup after collecting almost 33 lbs. of trash. A link to all finishers’ times can be found under the “Events” tab of the www.greensbayou.org website.

Complimentary Metro shuttles were available to take paddlers back to Brock Park to retrieve their vehicles and pick up their canoes and kayaks from the finish line.

Message from the Crosby Superintendent,

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teachers at all grade levels in Crosby ISD.

What an exciting few weeks Crosby ISD has experienced this month. I’ve been bursting at the seams to share the good news. First, congratulations to the Crosby High School Band. Their performance in the UIL Regional Marching Contest was terrific. The judges agreed with the Cougar fans cheering in the stands. The Big Red Machine scored Division 1 Ratings for the 10th year. Aside from the band’s performance, it was incredible to also see the band parents who woke up early and broke a sweat pushing large drums and heavy harps across the field so the band would hit their marks flawlessly.

High fives all around for the Crosby High School Culinary Arts students who are running a restaurant inside their school three times this month! The Cougar Bistro is serving lunch on October 28th with a Halloween-themed meal of Skeleton sticks (mozzarella sticks), Mummy Pasta (chicken alfredo), Frankenstein Fingers (bread sticks), and a Werewolf Dessert (homemade cannoli). On Halloween day, the culinary students will serve fall drinks, including Pumpkin Spice Coffee and Hot Chocolate and Halloween cupcakes. You can order ‘to go’ or enjoy a sit-down meal in the full-service bistro inside Crosby High School. The order forms are on the Crosby High School website. A tip of the hat to Chef Vasso Espinosa and her students who create wonderful meals, learning valuable real-life skills.

On Friday, October 21st, the Crosby Education Foundation’s Grant Giveaway crisscrossed campuses making dreams come true. CEF Board members, Crosby High School’s Pep Band and Cheer squad, and the Texans mascot Toro surprised teachers with big checks. The grant money pays for innovative instructional tools, from specialized math programs to new welding equipment. This day each year truly reminds you how community support comes full circle. These teachers use their grants to move our students forward. The grants are funded by Crosby and Barrett Station businesses, many owned by proud CHS alumni. Our students eventually graduate, and many become active members and business owners of their own in our communities. It is truly a great day each year!

Unity Day on October 19th had students across the District taking a collective stance against bullying. Our children and staff members wore orange that day to symbolize the power of kindness. Crosby Middle School went all out! Students wrote positive affirmations on each link of a paper chain and proudly displayed that chain in the cafeteria. They also painted their hands and high-fived a sign that read “The End of Bullying Starts with You!” Kindness is a powerful



Crosby High School Band at the UIL Regional Marching Contest at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring.



Unity Day. Students and staff at Crosby Middle School created orange handprints to represent taking a stance against bullying.



Cougar Bistro. Crosby High School staff members enjoy lunch in the student-run business known as Cougar Bistro.

force in our schools and communities.

For me, November is a month of intentional gratitude. Some psychologists estimate it takes about 21 days to create a new daily habit. If it’s been on your mind and in your heart, now is the perfect time to

strengthen acts of appreciation and grace as we head into the season set aside for Thanksgiving. Anytime is always the perfect time for a journey of gratitude.

We are Better Together! Go Coogs!