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## **STARS**

## Fans celebrate World Series win!

#### **EVENTS** NOV. 10, THUR. Highlands Chamber

Luncheon

Highlands/Lynchburg Chamber November Member Luncheon, at Highlands Community Center. Lunch starts at 11:30am, \$20 for

#### **NOV, 12, SAT. Huffman Fun Festival**

Huffman Education Foundation presents the Huffman Fun Festival, Saturday Nov. 12 from 10am to 5pm at Falcon Stadium, 25400 Willy Lane, Huffman.

Free Admission, 50 Vendors, Corn Hole Tourney, Food Trucks, Photos with Santa.

\$15 All Day Wristband for Events. Games, Carnival rides, Children's Zoo, much more. Mechanical Bull, Kiddie Train, Video Games, Rock Wall, Bungee Run, Moonwalks, more fun.

#### **NOV. 17, THUR. Crosby Chamber** Luncheon

LET'S EAT TURKEY! Crosby/Huffman Chamber November Member Luncheon, at Crosby Church, 5725 Hwy 90, Crosby. Lunch starts at 11:30am, \$20 for members SPEAKER: Pastor LaNora Purvis, Heaven's Army 1st Step Recovery & Crisis Intervention Center. Catering by Just Passing Thru BBQ. RSVP by November 15, 281-328-6984 or email chamber@crosbyhuffmancc.org.

HOUSTON - It was a great night for baseball last Saturday evening, as the Houston Astros defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 4-1 to win the World Series.

Many fans from this area, from Mattress Mack to David and Deonicia Mendez to scores of others watched with excitement as Yordan Alvarez in the sixth inning, with two men on base, homered to the farthest point in center field, and the Astros went ahead 3-1 and led the rest of the way to win the game. Alvarez's home run went at least 450 feet, and experts say he hit a 98mph



fastball sinker. The MVP trophy went to Jeremy Pena, who continued his amazing hitting with a .400 batting average for the series. Fans also saw some amazing pitching throughout the series, with Valdez, Verlander, and Pressley. And who can forget that impossible catch by Chas McCormick against the centerfield wall in Phily?

The fan excitement and pleasure was so thick that most of them stayed for a while after the game, to enjoy the feeling and revel with their friends and watch the interviews on the big scoreboard screen in center

Deonicia and David Mendez of Crosby at the end of the Sixth Game of the World Series at Minute Maid Park last Saturday evening. As the Astros team runs onto the field in the background to celebrate the victory, David exclaims "We just witnessed history." Mendez snagged his tickets at the

## Message from the Crosby Superintendent

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD fami-

It's a November to remember in Crosby ISD! Let's catch you up on all the great things happening with our students and staff.

All 466 of our third graders are coming together for a giant literacy rally at Crosby High School on Monday, November 14th. Crosby ISD is competing in this year's Read to the Final Four bracket challenge with 10 other Districts and more than 37,000 other third graders. Each third grader at Drew, Newport, Crosby, and Barrett elementary schools will add to our team total by logging how many minutes they read between November 7th and December 11th. The top 68 teams are an-



**SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON** 

nounced in January with the hope of making it to the Read to the Final Four Championship when Houston hosts the NCAA Men's Final Four in late March. Moms and Dads, Grandmothers and Grandfathers, let's help our students reach their goals!

Congratulations to four Crosby High School se-



Crosby High School seniors who earned more than 20 scholarship offers during the recent TxETA Theatrefest Convention in Galveston. Kylie Richards, Harley Molsbee, Grace Kay, and Trent Louque auditioned in front of colleges and universities. Each received no less than 6 formal offers to join collegiate programs and all received multiple offers of scholarships.

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## Pct. 2 opens Mental Health Services POD



Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia announces the opening of a Mental Health Services POD, seen in back. Also at right is another health POD for medical services. Both are located at the Northeast Community Center on Bentley.

Access2Health Smart Pod is the third mobile clinic to open in Precinct 2

Harris County, TX -Monday, October 31, 2022 - Commissioner Garcia was joined by Baylor College of Medicine, Catholic Charities, and The Harris Center to celebrate the ribbon cutting for the third ACCESS2HEALTH Smart Pod in Precinct 2. The Smart Pod will bring mental health services to the

community regardless of ability to pay. The event took place at 2:30 p.m.

Officials at the Ribbon Cutting were Commission-

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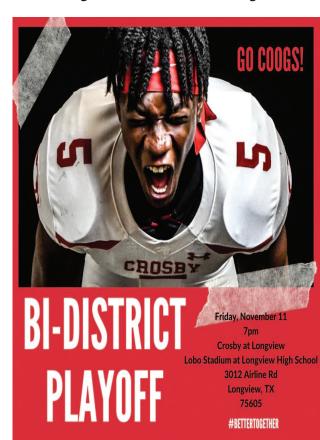
## **Crosby Cougars vs Longview** in Round 1 Playoffs Friday

CROSBY - Cougar fans and the whole community are excited about the football team reaching the playoffs, with their first game this Friday evening at 7pm against the Longview Lobos at Lobo stadium, 3012 Airline Road, Longview, Texas.

Longview's record is 10-0, and they are ranked #1 in 5A-1. Crosby is ranked #40 and will be the underdog in this game, but if they win they have a chance to go far in the standings.

Crosby is coming off a win over Goose Creek Memorial, 59-13 last week. Their overall record is 6-4. Coach Jerry Prieto says he will have his team ready for a real scrap, and high hopes to win.

Schools will have early dismissal Friday at 11:25am to allow time for the 3-1/2 hour trip to Longview.





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## **GOOSE CREEK CISD NEWS**

## Marching to the Beat in Goose Creek



 $\label{lem:members} \mbox{Members of the Sterling Stars dance team pose before their performance at the {\it 2022 band expo.} \\$ 



Members of the Sterling Stars dance team pose before their performance at the 2022 band expo.

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey, APR – Director of Communications

The Fine Arts department, led by Ray Lavan, held their annual marching band expo on October 27<sup>th</sup> at Stallworth Stadium. Eighth grade band and dance students from the district's five junior schools-Baytown Junior, Cedar Bayou, E.F. Green, George H. Gentry, Highlands Junior and Horace Mann, filled the stands as they excitedly watched performances from their high school feeder pattern.

Fine arts is heavily included within the district's curriculum. Students as young as kindergarten are able to participate in the fine arts. The district currently offers art, dance, marching band, orchestra, cheerleading and much more to its K-12 students. All photos taken by Carrie Pryor-Newman:

## Sterling Championship Coach Receives His Flowers



Former student athletes under Coach Dennis, including the 1972 championship team, hold up the "four" in honor of their fourth quarter in the championship game.

By: Kristyn Hunt Cathey, APR – Director of Communications

Coach Al Dennis, a proud product of Baytown and a graduate of Lee High School, was honored with a naming ceremony at Sterling High School on November  $3^{rd}$ . Goose Creek CISD Athletic Director, Lee Martinez, and Assistant Athletic Director, Greg Smith, spoke at the May 2022 Board meeting in favor of naming Sterling High School football field after Coach Dennis. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation and the process of honoring Coach Dennis began.

The packed crowd of friends, family and former players, coaches and teammates, reunited in honor of their revered coach. Four of his former players spoke, at times getting emotional, on the impact he made on their lives. The former players in attendance, many of whom had not seen each other in decades, including Board



Coach Al Dennis and his family pose in front of the plaque in his honor at the new Coach Al Dennis Field at Sterling High School.

Secretary Howard Sampson, unveiled Coach Dennis' named that was painted on the field. Near the end of the ceremony, Coach Dennis gave a message to his players; reminiscent of his time as their head coach 50 years ago. At the end of the event, Dennis and his family unveiled the bronze plaque in his honor that is placed at

the entrance of the field.

Dennis came to Goose Creek in 1967 and was selected as the head football coach at Sterling High School in 1972. That was also his most successful year; with a 13-2 record and a district championship. Under his leadership, the Sterling Rangers were a constant competitor dis-

trict and state-wide for

over a decade; which was no small feat. He had a consistent winning record for nine out of his 11 years as head football coach and his 1972 team holds the title of being the only team to reach the UIL Football State Championship in Sterling High School history.

All photos taken by Gemina Trujillo:

# Lee Teacher Receives Coveted Floral Design Certification Award

Tracey Roder, an agriculture teacher at Robert E. Lee High School, has been a CTE educator for 23 years and believes that CTE gives students knowledge that will prepare them to be successful adults. Roder implemented the Benz School of Floral Design Principles of Floral Design Certification in her floral design class and successfully certified 90 students becoming the top certifying teacher for the certification for the 2021-2022 school year. Roder shared that the iCEV platform is easy to use, even for special population students. In fact, when asked what a success story she was most proud of was, Roder stated that she is "most proud of my Spanish learners. They overcame so much in a year. This year I had three students that really struggled with the language barrier. All three became

certified in floral design."
Roder follows a yearlong implementation plan
when utilizing industry
certifications in the classroom, giving her students
"a goal, something to
achieve towards." "In August every student logs in
and creates their account.



Ms.Tracey Roder, Teacher at Robert E. Lee High School

Then the lessons are what we follow the entire year. We work up until March to complete the interactive portion. Once we return from Spring Break we begin to study. Mid-April we start sitting for the test. I am very fortunate that my school will allow me to stop teaching for one day and administer the online test," said Roder. As for her piece of advice? Roder states that "You have to know the material before you expect the students to learn it." As this year's Benz School of Floral Design Principles of Floral Design Certification Teacher of the Year, iCEV congratulates Roder and her students for their achievement and dedication to career success.

# Stuart Career Teacher Recognized for Gains in Certifications



High School

Stephanie Brock, agricultural science teacher at Stuart Career Tech High School, has been an educator for eight years and believes implementing certifications better engaged her students in their learning. Brock implements the National Horse Judging Team Coaches' Association (NHJTCA) Equine Management & **Evaluation Certification in** her equine science class and is the top certifying teacher for the certification in the nation for the 2021-2022 school year. "I infuse certification work into all of my lessons; my students gain a lot of knowledge and experience when I intertwine certification and everyday class work," said

Brock.

Brock shared that allowing students to understand the end goal of each lesson by taking time and

explaining the "why" behind what they are learning is a key factor in her program's certification success. "Make sure students understand what is going on in the lesson and what their goal should be," Brock said, "use the certification process as a time to learn alongside your students," Brock also shared for educators interested in implementing certifications in their program, "Don't be afraid of the work that comes with certifications, they are a truly impactful way to set your students up for career success," said Brock. As this year's NHJTCA Equine Management & Evaluation Certification Teacher of the Year, iCEV congratulates Brock and her students for their achievement and dedication to career suc-

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#### **ON THE** HILL

## Universal Health Care for Lee College Students and Part-Time Staff Lee College Prioritizes Health and Well-Being Through TimelyMD

#### Burn Ban **Terminated** for Chambers County

EXECUTIVE OR-DER OF CHAMBERS COUNTYJUDGE TER-MINATION OF ORDER PROHIBITING OUT-DOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2022, the Cham-County bers Commissioners Court, pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 418, (the "Texas Disaster Act"), and Local Government Code Chapter 352, issued an order prohibiting outdoor burning for the County of Chambers; and

WHEREAS, Chambers County has received rainfall, the average KBDI for Chambers County as determined by the Texas A&M Forest Service is 445 and the conditions necessitating an Outdoor Burning Ban have ceased to exist: and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act provides that a local state of disaster may be terminated by the governing body of the political subdivision or by executive order of the County Judge,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE:

1. The County Judge hereby terminates the order prohibiting outdoor burning described the preamble above.

2. This order shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the County Judge.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 31st day of October 2022.

#### Celebrations of the Dead Art Show, Workshop

October 26 - November 18 at Lee College. 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-Th 9a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. 9a.m.-12 p.m. www.lee.edu/ pac www.lee.edu/ maps

For more information, contact: Sarah Lennek: slennek@lee.edu Ph: 281.425.6821

#### BAYTOWN, TX – Oct. 31, service is funded by a \$12.50 2022 – Lee College student student fee each semester

Nadine Duran has been and is additionally available dealing with anxiety and to college part-time employstress for years and admitees at no cost. tedly never had the courage Through TimelyCare on a mobile phone or tablet, stuto ask someone for help. But that all changed when she dents and part-time employsigned up for TimelyCare, ees can select from a an app-based platform that wide-ranging menu of virtual care options from licensed offers users like Duran round-the-clock access to physicians and counselors medical, mental health and in all 50 states – without the basic needs support. hassle of traditional insur-This fall, Lee College beance premiums or co-pays -

came the first higher educa-

tion institution in the

Houston area to partner

with TimelyMD, the leading

virtual health and well-be-

ing solution in higher edu-

cation. TimelyMD says its

TimelyCare platform serves

as a 24/7 virtual extension

of campus health and coun-

seling center resources, with

the goal of improving stu-

dent well-being, engage-

ment and retention. The

Have you ever visited a

horse barn? There are

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work with horses. If you

look at a wall of tack, you

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the assumption is that ev-

- including: • On-demand or appointment-based medical care
- On-demand mental health and emotional support (TalkNow)
- Appointment-based mental health counseling
  - Psychiatric support
  - · Health coaching • Digital self-care con-

Additionally, faculty and staff have access to support

that empowers them to guide students to Timely-Care resources to help students achieve a sense of well-being, live healthier lifestyles and improve their mental health. Linda Torres Mann, Lee College's mental health counselor says since the pandemic began, her caseloads have doubled.

"Students are seeking help for grief, anxiety and depression due to the loss of loved ones to COVID-19 as well as fear of transitioning back to in-person classes," she explained. "Other stressors such as fear of failing courses and financial concerns are keeping them from being able to focus in class."

The partnership with TimelyMD allows Lee College to deliver a hybrid model of care in collaboration with on-campus resources. Benefits to users include:

Convenient 24/7 care -Physical and mental health

issues often present themselves outside regular business hours, and TimelyCare makes seeking support or treatment as easy and convenient as making a video or phone call. Nationally, about 40% of mental health care visits through Timely-Care occur after hours.

Reduced wait times -Typical consultations for ondemand services through TimelyCare begin within 5-10 minutes – less than the amount of time it takes to walk across campus.

Diverse provider network - In addition to being from diverse backgrounds, TimelyMD providers are trained to be culturally competent. For example, more than 60% of mental health providers identify as BI-POC. The platform also offers professionals who identify as LGBTQIA+, speak multiple languages and/or have various religious and spiritual beliefs. Students can choose to meet with a specific provider or select the first available.

Peace of mind - TimelyCare is a safe, secure, and HIPAA-compliant platform that follows campus-specific protocols to facilitate care coordination and follow-up to ensure continuity of care. Integrations with leading learning management systems ensure students have even more on-ramps to inthe-moment support whenever they need it.

The need for 24/7 access to high-quality care has never been more important. According to the American Council on Education, student mental health is the top concern of college and university presidents.

## THOUGHTS FROM HILLSIDE CHURCH

By Dr. Mark Trice



## Keep It All On

learn things about the peotice them. The truth is erything actually gets used that, if you are actively and isn't simply hanging serving God, the devil is around like so much wall very interested in you. décor. That would be ridic-Those who are genuinely ulous. Right? It's equally doing what God says are absurd that so many walking around with tar-Christians leave their argets on their backs. This is mor hanging around on why the Bible makes it their spiritual tack walls. clear that we need to be "Put on the whole armor of wearing the full armor of God," Paul tells us in Eph-God; the devil is on the atesians 6. Why? "That ye tack and we will have to may be able to stand deal with him whether we against the wiles of the like it or not. Who in their right mind, when they Many prefer to ignore

battle, leaves their armor and weapon behind?

Sadly, Christians do it all the time. They may wear the helmet of salvation, but what about the rest? God means what He says when He warns us to put on "the whole armor." The belt of truth is a foundational piece of that armor, but it seems large numbers of Christians today are more interested in feelings than they are in seeking out the truth of the Word. The breastplate of

righteousness also appears to have fallen out of use in many circles, but the breastplate plays an essential part in protecting the vital organs. Righteousness does the same. Want to protect your heart? Wear righteousness (true righteousness, not ungodly self-righteousness) like a breastplate to guard that vital organ.

What about your feet? Are they shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace? What are you walk-

ing on? We shouldn't walk around spiritually barefoot any more than my horses should be without shoes. And the shield of faith? The wise soldier keeps his shield at ready so he can protect himself from what the enemy shoots at him. And then there's the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Believers must learn to use this one offensive weapon if they are to prosper in this spiritual war, but many don't even seem

We are at war, my friends. Hopefully you are one who understands the necessity of being fully prepared. If so, I urge you to encourage others to also keep on the whole armor of God. Let's see those spiritual tack walls stay empty because the armor is in

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## Houston Methodist Hospital Baytown

## When to Worry About a Persistent Cough

Whether it's keeping you up at night or interrupting your day — or both — dealing with a cough is no fun. Particularly if it's not going

the devil, pretending he

doesn't exist or doesn't no-

devil."

"There are a variety of reasons a person may have a cough, whether that's due to an acute infection or an underlying health condition," says Dr. Houssam Oueini, a pulmonologist at the Houston Methodist Lung Associates in Baytown. "An over-the-counter cough medication is a good first step to finding relief, but if your cough is persistent, you should consult your doctor."

When you have allergies or a cold, the resulting nasal congestion and postnasal drip can irritate the back of your throat. Some upper respiratory infections, like COV-ID-19. cause can inflammation in your throat, as can acute bronchitis and even the occasional bout of acid reflux.

"These types of temporary irritation and inflammation are very common triggers of a cough," says Dr. Oueini. "But the cough should resolve with your other symptoms. For instance, once your nasal congestion clears up after a viral infection, your cough should clear up with

know they're going into

This is why your doctor might recommend not only taking an over-the-counter cough suppressant but also addressing symptoms contributing to your cough taking a nasal decongestant to help reduce postnasal drip if you have a cold; avoiding the common triggers of heartburn if your cough is due to acid reflux.

A persistent cough, on the other hand, is a cough that lingers. Sometimes it might not have a clear cause.

"A cough is considered chronic if it persists longer than eight weeks," explains Dr. Oueini. "At that point, we start to worry whether the cause might be a chronic health condition that needs to be addressed.'

Plus, coughing frequently comes with its own problems. Not only can a cough keep you awake and cause poor sleep, but it can also lead to hoarseness, headaches



and other uncomfortable and

frustrating side effects. The potential causes of persistent cough in-

clude: \*Asthma

\*Chronic bronchitis \*Emphysema

\*Environmental triggers, like recurrent exposure to dust or smoke

\*Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)

\*Heart failure

\*Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)

\*Interstitial lung disease \*Smoking or vaping (smoker's cough)

\*Vocal cord dysfunction Additionally, certain medications can cause a persistent cough. ACE inhibitors, which help lower blood pressure, are one example.

"If you have a cough that lasts beyond eight weeks, start by consulting your primary care doctor," recommends Dr. Oueini. "He or she can assess your symptoms and work toward identifying the underlying cause of your cough and how best to treat

The most important step in treating a persistent cough is identifying and managing the specific issue or underlying health condition causing

Sometimes this may be as simple as reviewing the medications you're taking and making a substitution. Other times it may mean a referral to a specialist for further evaluation.

For instance, a pulmonologist can help treat and/or better manage asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, IPF and other lung diseases; a gastroenterologist can help with GERD; and a cardiologist can help with heart fail-

With the underlying condition better managed, the cough should improve, too.

Also, cough drops and over-the-counter medications containing dextromethorphan can help suppress a cough that doesn't dissipate entirely. "Additionally, if your

cough continues to be disruptive, your doctor can prescribe a stronger cough medication," says Dr. Oueini. Either way, however,

cough medications alone aren't a long-term solution to a persistent cough.

"It's important to know that these medications aren't curing the problem," says Dr. Oueini. "They're simply suppressing the cough. Symptomatic relief of your cough can help make your day-today life more bearable, but it's still critical to work with your doctor to identify the root cause of your cough and treat it."

To schedule an appointment with a pulmonologist call 281.428.4510 or visit houstonmethodist.org/pulmonology.

#### OPINION PAGE $\bigstar$ $\bigstar$



#### Gunther, Havlat, Knauss, and Veterans Day

By Joseph Reagan, Director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America and Afghanistan Veteran.

COLUMBIA FALLS, ME. — October 28, 2022 — The 11th hour has become synonymous with Veterans Day, originally called Armistice day, in recognition of the document signed at the 11th hour, or the 11th day, of the 11th month. In reality, the Armistice ending the war to end all wars was signed around 5 am on November 11th. Over the course of the next 6 hours, nearly 3,000 men would lose their lives in the final hours of a war that had already claimed the lives of 20 million military personnel. The final death of WW1 came at 10:59 am one minute before the guns of war would fall silent.

Private Henry Gunther was a German-American drafted in the fall of 1917; most accounts state that his final actions were motivated by Gunther's need to demonstrate that he was "courageous and all-American." A chaplain from Gunther's unit recounted, "As 11 a.m. approached, Gunther



suddenly rose with his rifle and ran through thick fog. His men shouted for him to stop. So did the Germans. But Gunther kept running and firing. One machine gun blast later, he was dead. His death was recorded at 10:59 a.m.

In every conflict, inevitably a final service member pays the ultimate sacrifice. In World War II, Private Charlie Havlat, the son of Czech immigrants, in the closing days of the war, found himself liberating his  $parents' former \ homeland-word \ of \ the \ cease-fire$ reached his position minutes after he was killed. Officially, the U.S. has never declared a final casualty in the Korean War; since the armistice was signed, nearly 100 U.S. Soldiers have been killed in combat on the Korean peninsula. On April 29, 1975, Charles McMahon and Darwin Judge were two of a small number of Marines tasked with safeguarding the U.S. Embassy in Saigon. They had been deployed for only 11 days when they were killed by a rocket attack. The U.S. would complete the process of withdrawing from Saigon the following day. Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss was the last of the 2,461 Service Members who died in Afghanistan; he along with 12 of his comrades was killed in a suicide attack during the withdrawal from

In every war, there is always one that must fill the dignified but dubious role in history as being the last to give the full measure of devotion. Each year on the 11th day of the 11th month as a nation we pause, not only to honor those that have given their lives but for all those who believed so deeply in American exceptionalism that they were willing to give their lives to defend it. For most Americans talking about war is conceptual, something learned through history books, news reports, and movies - those that have served do not have that luxury. Not only should we remember that the democratic principles we hold so dear have been defended by generations of Americans whom we honor on Veterans Day, but more importantly we should take inspiration from that sacrifice. Our country, despite all our self-imposed differences, needs to look to our Veterans and see that there are no divisions in a foxhole - there are only those who stand in defense of democracy and those who stand against

While we may only celebrate Veterans Day with a few moments of silence each year, we have an opportunity to use those moments to find our own way to serve as part of our commitment to living up to the legacy of our Veterans. When the Armistice was signed in 1918 when the Japanese surrendered, and when the last flights departed Kabul and Saigon these were not simply endings – they were new beginnings. We honor those who serve by recommitting ourselves to making the sacrifices necessary to preserve our way of life.

As Adlai Stevenson once stated, "Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." Let this Veterans Day be a new beginning. Go forth and find a way to serve, our nation, our communities, and each other we owe it to our Veterans.

Joseph Reagan is the Director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America. He has over 10 years' experience working with leaders within Government, non-profit, and Fortune 500 companies to develop sustainable strategies supporting National Security, and Veterans Health. He served 8 years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army including two tours to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. He is a graduate of Norwich University, the oldest private military college in the country.

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About Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission -Remember, Honor, Teach - is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.



### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Gary Borders**



# Early Voting Ends Friday; Election is Tuesday, Nov. 8

Early voting for the general election ends on Friday. Nov. 4, with the closely watched governor's race pitting incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott against challenger Beto O' Rourke headlining the ballot. A number of other statewide races are on the ballot, including lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner and comptroller.

Voters can find polling places in their county by visiting VoteTexas.gov. Those voting early can visit any location in the county in which they're registered. However, those who choose to vote on Election Day must go to the specific precinct in which they live.

#### **DPS DIRECTOR SAYS HE WON'T RESIGN**

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw is fending off calls for his resignation in light of his department's handling of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary in Uvalde last May, in which 19 students and two teachers died. However, McCraw said "every responding officer needs to be accountable for their actions," according to the Austin American-Statesman. The Texas Rangers, an arm of the DPS, reportedly are investigating several troopers among the 90 who were on the scene. DPS Sgt. Juan Maldonado was fired recently for his role in the shooting response.

As the Statesman reported, officers from multiple law enforcement agencies delayed confronting the gunman for 77 minutes even as those trapped inside called for help.

McCraw said the Rangers' investigation will be complete by year's end.

#### REPORT CARD: TEXAS STUDENTS LAG IN MATH

Like students across the country, students in Texas are struggling to recover from learning losses stemming from the pandemic, particularly in math, the



Nation's Report Card indicates. Officially called the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), the test is administered in reading and math for a sample of students in 4th and 8th grade roughly every two years, according to the Texas Education

Agency. The bright side appears to be that students in Texas showed more progress than most in their academic recovery, TEA reported. Reading scores for Texas students are not statisticallv different than in 2019, the last time the test was administered — and before the pandemic struck. However. math scores are significantly lower than they were in

"Results from the 2022 Nation's Report Card highlight the hard work of Texas teachers and students. While we are largely recovering from the effects of the pandemic in reading, much work remains in math," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath.

#### STATEWIDE VETERANS' HIRING EVENT

Texas veterans, service members and their spouses are invited to participate in this year's Hiring Red, White & You! statewide hiring event, which began Nov. 1 and runs through Nov. 18 with in-person and virtual events across the state.

Hosted by the Texas Workforce Commission, along with workforce development boards and other agencies, the hiring fair

connects veterans, transitioning service members and spouses with Texas employers seeking their skills and experience. The state is home to more than 1.7 million veterans and current military members.

Employers who hire veterans could be eligible for a tax credit of up to \$9,600. The event in the past 10 years has worked with more than 20,000 employers, connected more than 144,000 job seekers to job opportunities, and helped facilitate 3,198 same-day hires.

The events are free. Job seekers can find more details at twc.texas.gov/hiring-red-white-you.

#### **AGRICULTURE STILL** SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC **DRIVER**

While the state's large cities are experiencing considerable population growth, agriculture continues to be a big part of the Texas economy. Farming and ranching operations can be found in every part of the citrus crops in the Rio Grande Valley, cotton in the High Plains, rice paddies in the Coastal Plains, cattle ranches in West Texas and timber in East Tex-

The state comptroller's office reported nearly \$25 billion in cash receipts in 2021 from the Texas agricultural industry, the fourthhighest among all states trailing only California, Iowa and Nebraska. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports the state has 247,000 farms (ranches are considered a type of farm), more than double the next two states, Missouri and Iowa.

Cattle represent the state's top ag commodity, with 40.4% of the cash receipts generated. The top three commodities are cattle, dairy and poultry, according to USDA.

#### **DRY WEATHER TEMPERS DEER SEASON EXPECTATIONS**

Dry weather throughout much of the state as deer season approaches is tempering expectations for the general white-tailed deer season, which begins Satur-

day, Nov. 5. "A number of hunters and landowners report seeing lots of deer, especially younger deer," said Alan Cain of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. "Part of that is a result of good fawn crops the last couple of years, so there's more bucks in those younger age classes relative to bucks in that four- to six-year-old range. As we move into November and closer to the rut, those older bucks should increase movement activities in search of does, hopefully presenting an opportunity for a lucky hunter."

Drought impacts on deer habitats have adversely affected antler quality, Cain added.



#### Rushing the Season

My husband, Peter, says they are rushing the season.

I'm not sure who "they' are. The Christmas Cartel, perhaps. The vast conspiracy of premature holiday merrymakers. Whoever they are, Peter does not approve.

And he does have a point. There are still life-size skeletons scaling the walls of a huge brick house I walk by every day. The remains of jack-o'-lanterns are still sitting on the stoops—although the squirrels have eaten off most of their faces, making them much scarier than they were to begin with.

"What are you doing?" I ask a gray squirrel, caught in

"What do you care?" she answers, cheeks full of pumpkin. "It's almost Thanksgiv-

ing."
"Thanksgiving is a month away!"

Meanwhile, the first red and green lights have appeared, Holiday Festival posters are springing up in the lawns, and I have already found myself humming snatches of Christmas tunes that I picked up from an open shop door.

Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas all pile on top of one another in a way that Peter finds annoying. I am more open-minded. It's a confusing time of year, after all.

My mother tells me that, up north, the adult loons have all migrated, leaving their children behind. Apparently, young loons are not old enough to make the flight, and so they are left behind for a few weeks to mature and figure things out on their own. I expect a new parenting style, "Loon Parenting," to become all the rage sometime in the very near future.

The young loons are left by themselves, looking a little bewildered and forlorn. Although I might be imagining that part. Perhaps they are relieved the older loons have finally left them in peace. "Yes, Mom, I can make it to the Gulf of Mexico without your help!" (eye-roll)

At any rate, they are left behind in this, the most unpredictable time of the year, when it feels like summer one day and requires a puff jacket and mittens the next. I can understand why people might just throw up their hands, let the squirrel finish off the jack-o'-lantern, start making pumpkin pie and play Christmas songs.

How would I know?

I always feel restless this time of year. I see those older loons-and older humans—heading south. leaving the younger loons and younger humans behind, and I understand the need for motion. Fall is a time of change, and a lot of those changes happen fast.

The wind picks up, and it doesn't feel like it's from around here. It feels like it has come from somewhere far away. It offers the suggestion of new surroundings, new emotions, new experiences. Every day, I walk through the piles of leaves and wonder what this fall will bring, what that new wind is carrying with it. I remember myself as a younger human, watching the birds overhead flying south, and wondering where they were going and why I wasn't going with them.

Peter and I, now being older humans, will be heading south in a little while. Peter is working on his packing list. I am, too-but only in my head.

I'm packing up new ideas and things I'd like to do and putting them in my carry-on so I can pull them out in an instant. I'm putting into storage some of the judgments and opinions I've been hanging onto for too long. I'm imagining how it would feel to be as bright and fearless as the maple tree in the autumn of its life.

Peter would probably say I'm rushing the season.

Till next time, Carrie

Photos from the column and other fun stuff can be found at <u>CarrieClasson.com</u>.



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## EPA awards \$3milllion for Air Polution monitoring

#### City of Houston, Galena Park to benefit

Galena Park area, City of Houston each receive \$500,000

HARRIS COUNTY -The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that six Texas organizations will receive \$3,050,010 from President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act and American Rescue Plan to enhance air quality monitoring in marginalized communities. The project is focused on communities that are underserved, historically marginalized, and overburdened by pollution, supporting President Biden's Justice40 Initia-

"I've traveled across the country and visited communities who've suffered from unhealthy, polluted air for far too long. I pledged to change that by prioritizing underserved communities and ensuring they have the resources they need to confront longstanding pollution challenges," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "The air monitoring projects we are announcing today, which include the first EPA grants funded by President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, will ensure dozens of overburdened communities have the tools they need to better understand air quality challenges in their neighborhoods and will help protect people from the dangers posed by air pollution."

"EPA has prioritized cutting harmful pollution in communities and this announcement delivers on that promise," said Regional Administrator Dr. Earthea Nance. "We are pleased to award these grants to the state, local, tribal agencies and community-based groups to monitor air pollution in

#### **BIRTHDAYS** Nov 10-Tyler Elkins

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their areas. "This funding will allow vulnerable communities to have better data on toxic pollutants and allows for development on community led strategies that achieve healthy air quality."

"I'm proud of the \$500,000 in federal grant funds the EPA awarded to the City of Houston for their community air monitoring projects," said Congresswoman

Sylvia Garcia. "This will help improve Houston's local air quality and edu-



**SYLVIA GARCIA** 

cate residents on the hazards of air pollutants. These funds are a direct result of President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act. I strongly supported both laws in Congress because I knew it would help communities like ours. I look forward to seeing the positive impact this grant will bring to Houston neighborhoods."

"After years of inaction and inattention to this insidious problem, I am very pleased there is a much broader understanding of how communities of color are directly impacted by the harmful emissions that emanate from mobile and stationary sources. Today, the EPA announcits award \$6,100,021.58 in funding,

the largest investment for community air monitoring in EPA his-

tory, to SHEILA JACKSON LEE enhance air quali-

ty monitoring in margin-

alized communities," said Congresswoman Sheila Jackson. "The City of Houston will receive \$499,982 for community air monitoring while Achieving Community Tasks Successfully (ACTS) will receive \$499,197 for an air monitoring campaign in some of the communities that I represent, specifically, Pleasantville, Sunnyside, Fifth Ward, and Galena Park. It is gratifying to see that the funding for which I advocated will be allocated in the form of grants to the City of Houston and organizations that are working in local communities. This funding will target the problem of air pollution in the neighborhoods that have been most affected by toxic emissions. The real-time monitoring of these airborne toxins will enable us to better understand the risks that they pose to human health, the specific neighborhoods which are most in jeopardy, and the steps that will be necestivities that impair the health and lives of Houstonians.'

The city of Houston and Achieving Community Tasks Successfully (ACTS) will receive \$499,982 and \$499,197 respectively for community air monitoring in several Houston-area neighborhoods. The city of Houston will monitor for four hazardous air pollutants in the Meadowbrook/Allendale, Park Place and Pecan Park neighborhoods with community members working towards implementing education programs for residents. ACTS will receive \$499,197 for an air monitoring campaign in the Pleasantville, Sunnyside, Fifth Ward and Galena Park areas. The campaign's goal is improving community health by reducing exposure to pollutants, increasing surveillance and response from local and state governments, and implementing community-led efforts on disaster planning and contributing to new data for national risk assessments and rule-

makings. The air pollution monitoring projects are made possible by more than \$30 million in Inflation Reduction Act funds, which supplemented \$20 million from the American Rescue Plan and enabled EPA to support 77 additional projects, more than twice the number of projects initially proposed by community-based nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, and Tribal governments. More than \$4 million will be awarded to communities visited by EPA Administrator Michael Regan during his first Journey to Justice tour.

EPA will start the process to award the funding by the end of 2022, once the grant applicants have met all legal and admin istrative requirements. The grantees will have three years to spend the funds from the time EPA awards the grants.

The announcement today delivers on Administrator Regan's commitment to action following his ongoing Journey to Justice tour. Following the first leg of the tour through Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas in November 2021, EPA encouraged communities to apply for the grants. Today's selectees include eight projects in communities from the tour, totaling nearly \$4 million from this grant program. These awards to communities from Journey to Justice and additional awards to underserved and overburdened communities reflect the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to deliver environmental justice and the whole-of-government approach to addressing these issues in communities that are historically marginalized.

#### **FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 11:** UT, Sarkisian look for program-changing win at No. 7 TCU: Surging Cowboys head to GB to face struggling Packers

College teams are beginning their home stretch as a handful of hopefuls jockey to be one of four teams that receive College Football Playoff (CFP) berths, while in the NFL teams that many thought would be in rebuild mode (Atlanta, Seattle, the New York Giants and Minnesota) are leading their respective divisions and are gaining momentum week by week.

The University of Texas and second-year head coach Steve Sarkisian are looking for a program-changing win when they face No. 7-ranked TCU on Saturday afternoon in Austin. Much was expected of UT this year after finishing 5-7 in Sark's first year at the 40 Acres, but they entered their bye week two weeks ago at 5-3 and played at pesky Kansas State (a 48-0 winner over Oklahoma State two weeks ago) last weekend. There's a good chance the Longhorns enter their game against the Horned Frogs at 5-4, which has to have some UT loyalists wondering if Sarkisian is the right man for the job and to take Texas into the SEC in a year or

The Horned frogs are no joke and have a high-powered offense led by QB Max Duggan. They picked up a gritty road win two weeks ago when they outscored West Virginia 41-31 to move to 8-0 on the season. They should be 9-0 when they face UT considering they hosted Texas Tech last Saturday in Fort Worth (the Red Raiders celebrated putting former Tech QB Patrick Mahomes in their Hall of Honor by laying an egg enroute to a 45-17 thumping by Bay-

While Texas looks to pull off the upset, there's a good one on tap in the SEC as No. 6-ranked Alabama visits No. 11-ranked Mississippi and their fast-talking head coach Lane Kiffin. Kiffin served as Nick Saban's offensive coordinator before leaving for the job in Oxford and the young protege would like nothing more than to stick it to his mentor on Saturday night.

In the NFL, the hapless Texans travel to New Jersey to take on one of those surprise teams when they face the Giants in the Meadowlands. Two weeks ago, the Giants suffered their second loss of the season when they fell at Seattle (another surprise team) to go to 6-2 on the season heading into their bye week. They should be rested and ready for a Houston team that looked awful two weeks ago in their 17-10 home loss to the

Texas' other pro team, the Dallas Cowboys, also entered their bye week with a 6-2 record after dispatching Chicago, 49-29. This week, they travel to Green Bay to take on Aaron Rodgers and a Packers team that fell to 3-5 after their Sunday night loss at Buffalo two weeks ago. The Packers passing game has issues and it could be another long afternoon when they face a Dallas team that can flat out bring a lot of heat to the QB. Micah Parsons and Co. have recorded 33 sacks and forced 13 turnovers in their first

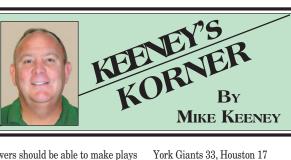
eight games. Not too shabby. Other key games in the NFL this week pit the NFC South leaders Atlanta visiting a feisty Carolina team, while Seattle, which is first in the NFC West, visits the struggling Tom Brady and Tampa Bay. Minnesota, the leaders in the NFC North, take their shot against the Buffalo Bills. Good luck. The Sunday Night Football game should be a good one as the Los Angeles Chargers visit the San Francisco 49ers and their new weapon running back Christian Mc-Caffrey. The 49ers traded for Mc-Craffrey in October and in his second game he threw a touchdown pass, rushed for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass, becoming the first NFL player since Chargers Hall of Fame running back LaDainian Tomlinson had a hattrick in 2005.

Before we take a look at this weekend's schedule, let's review last week's record. A 10-2 week (another solid one!) upped the season record

Now, onto this week's schedule.

#### NCAA

TCU at Texas: It's time for the Longhorns to prove they can play with the big boys in the Big 12 and they don't get any bigger than No. 7-ranked TCU. The Horned Frogs have one of the most balanced offenses in the NCAA led by QB Max Dug $gan\,(2,\!212\,passing\,yards,22\,TDs/\!276$ rushing yards, 4 TDs) and a solid running back in Kendre Miller (851 yards, 11 TDs). They also have a bigplay wide receiver in Quintin Johnson (42 receptions, 650 yards, 4 TDs). The TCU defense can be moved on and it would behoove UT QB Quinn Ewers (1,139 yards, 11 TDs) to give the Frogs a steady dose of running back Bijan Robinson (920 yards, 13 total TDs). Let Robinson soften up the TCU defense and then



Ewers should be able to make plays to speedy wide receiver Xavier Worthy (36 receptions, 510 yards, 7 TDs) and Jordan Whittington. Sarkisian needs a quality win to keep the wolves off of his front door. Something tells me UT gives him it on Saturday. My pick, Texas 34, TCU

LSU at Arkansas: These two bitter rivals meet in Fayetteville on Saturday with the Razorbacks looking to put a crimp in first-year LSU head coach Brian Kelly's rebuild project. Kelly has done a nice job in his first year and had the Tigers ranked No. 15 in the country heading into last Saturday's game against Alabama. Kelly inherited a questionable roster, but has LSU winning behind dual-threat QB Jayden Daniels (1,812 passing yards, 10 TDs/524 rushing yards, 9 TDs). Arkansas has a pretty fair dual-threat QB of their own in KJ Jefferson (1,697 passing yards, 15 TDs/399 rushing yards, 6 TDs) and a solid running back in Raheim Sanders (1,041 yards, 7 TDs). Arkansas should be bowl eligible (they hosted Liberty last Saturday) and would like nothing more than to solidify their bowl destination with a signature win over LSU. My pick, Arkansas 31, LSU 24

Alabama at Mississippi: A key one in the SEC West pits the defending SEC champs against the Rebels as both teams are tied atop the division standings. Two weeks ago, Ole Miss picked up a nice road win with a 31-28 win at Texas A&M, while Alabama enjoyed its bye week and rested and prepared for a late-season run. The Crimson Tide will once again rely on QB Bryce Young (1,906 yards, 18 TDs) and running back Jahmyr Gibbs (672 yards, 6 TDs). Young has found a new target to throw to in speedy wideout Ja'Corey Brooks (21 receptions, 376 yards, 4 TDs). The Rebels have one of the best running teams in the country led by its two-headed rushing attack of Quinshon Judkins (1,036 yards, 13 TDs) and former North Shore star Zach Evans (680 yards, 7 TDs). They have a decent QB in Jaxson Dart yards). While they can light it up on offense, the defense is suspect. Look for Saban to take advantage of that suspect defense as Young and Co. light it up in Oxford come Saturday. My pick, Alabama 36, Mississippi 38

#### NFL

Seattle at Tampa Bay: The NFC West-leading Seahawks travel to Tampa to take on a struggling Bucs team that fell to 3-5 after their home loss to Baltimore two weeks ago. Seattle has been getting solid play from QB Geno Smith (1,924 yards, 13 TDs) and have been sparked by rookie running back Kenneth Walker III (461 yards, 5 TDs). They still have dependable wideouts in Tyler Lockett (46 receptions, 531 yards, 3 TDs) and DK Metcalf (37 receptions, 473 yards, 5 TDs). Tom Brady (2,267 yards, 9 TDs) has had a rough season on and off the field. Brady and his wife Gisele Bucshon announced they were filing for divorce. This has to be a difficult time for the seven-time Super Bowl champ. On the field, he's having trouble finding the end zone as the Bucs continue to struggle in the Red Zone. Look for Brady and TB begin to turn things around this week as he starts to make plays downfield to Mike Evans (37 receptions, 577 yards, 3 TDs) and Chris Godwin. Brady knows his team can't afford to get too far behind in the division race, so look for a more determined team come Sunday. My pick, Tampa Bay 26, Seattle 20

**Houston at New York Giants:** It looks like it's going to be another long year for Texans fans. Two weeks ago, in their 17-10 loss at home to Tennessee, the offense was horrible, while the defense gave up 319 rushing yards (Derrick Henry romped for 219 yards). If the run defense does not play better, it could be another long day when it faces Saquon Barkley (779 yards, 5 TDs) on Sunday. The Giants are another surprise team led by first-year head coach Brian Daboll. Much maligned QB Daniel Jones (1,379 passing yards,  $6\,\mathrm{TDs}/363\,\mathrm{rushing\,yards}, 3\,\mathrm{TDs})\,\mathrm{has}$ played well. I wish the same could be said for Texans QB Davis Mills (1,502 yards, 8 TDs/6 interceptions). Rookie running back Dameon Pierce (539 yards, 4 total TDs) has been the lone bright spot on offense. It could be another long day for both sides of the ball this Sunday. My pick, New

York Giants 33, Houston 17

Minnesota at Buffalo: A meeting of division leaders as the NFC North leading Vikings take on the AFC East leaders Buffalo in what should be an interesting game to view. The Vikings won six of their first seven games as QB Kirk Cousins (1,734 yards, 11 TDs) has played solidly thus far this season. He has a stud at running back in Dalvin Cook (561 yards,  $\bar{5}$  TDs) and one of the top receivers in the league in Justin Jefferson (52 receptions, 752 yards, 2 TDs). The defense has been opportunistic, but will face its biggest challenge of the season when it takes on Josh Allen (2,198 passing vards, 19 TDs/306 rushing vards, 2 TDs) and WR Stefon Diggs (55 receptions, 764 yards, 7 TDs). The Bills also have a very solid defense. Two weeks ago, both sides of the ball performed well enroute to a 27-17 win over the Packers. Look for the Bills to continue to roll this week as they send the Vikings back to Minnesota with a loss. My pick, Buffalo 31, Min-

Arizona at Los Angeles Rams: This is an important game for both teams if they hope to remain in the NFC West race. Two weeks ago, the defending Super Bowl champs the Rams fell to 3-4 after losing 31-14 at home to the 49ers, while the Cardinals dropped to 3-5 after losing at Minnesota. The Rams have issues on offense, especially on the offensive line and at the running back position. The Rams are pretty much onedimensional on offense with QB Matthew Stafford (1,763 yards, 7 TDs/8 interceptions). Stafford may be without star WR Cooper Kupp (64 receptions, 686 yards, 5 TDs) after he sustained an ankle injury late in the loss to SF. The Cardinals aren't in much better shape. QB Kyler Murray (1,993 passing yards, 10 TDs/299 rushing yards, 2 TDs) has been soso this year, but he does have his favorite wideout back in DeAndre Hopkins (22 receptions, 262 yards, 1 TD in 2 games). The Rams are a beat up team and if they lose this game, they can pretty much kiss their playoff hopes goodbye. The defense definitely needs to perform bet ter. Perhaps they will against the Cards. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 27, Arizona 23

Dallas at Green Bay: The Cowboys head into Lambeau Field rested and ready to make a second half run after enjoying their bye week after their 49-29 home win over the Bears on Oct. 30. QB Dak Prescott (591 yards, 3 TDs in first two games back from his thumb injury) has played well in his return. It helps that he has two strong backs in Tony Pollard (506 yards, 5 TDs) and Ezekiel Elliott (443 yards, 4 TDs). Elliott missed the Chicago game and Pollard filled in well with 131 yards and three touchdowns. Prescott and CeeDee Lamb (42 receptions, 556 yards, 3 TDs) appear to be locked in in the passing game. GB QB Aaron Rodgers (1,800 yards, 13 TDs) will have his hands full against a Dallas defensive front that should feast on a banged up Packers offensive line. As stated earlier, the Dallas defense has 33 sacks and 13 turnovers in their first eight games. Rodgers will need help in the running game from Aaron Jones (575 yards, 1 TD). Even a big day from Rodgers and Jones probably won't be enough against a good Dallas team. The Cowboys end their slide at Lambeau with a big road win. My pick, Dallas 33, Green

Los Angeles Chargers at San Francisco: A good one for Troy and Joe and the Monday Night Football crew. The Chargers head north to SF to face 49ers team that now has the services of versatile running back Christian McCaffrey. QB Jimmy Garoppolo (1,691 yards, 11 TDs) should benefit from McCaffrey as a runner and pass catcher. The Chargers have some weapons of their own on offense in QB Justin Herbert (2,009 yards, 12 TDs) and running back Austin Ekeler (380 rushing yards, 5 TDs/53 receptions, 357 yards, 3 TDs). The Chargers are hoping WR Keenan Allen returns after missing most of the season with an injury. They will need him back because their other WR, Mike Williams (37 receptions, 495 yards, 3 TDs) might miss considerable time after sustaining an ankle injury two weeks ago in their home loss to Seattle. Look for the 49ers defense to be the difference in this one as the 49ers get on a second-half season roll. My pick, San Francisco 24, Los Angeles 21

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### Pct 2 opens Mental Health Services POD in Aldine,

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Cutting the ribbon to open the health POD were Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Dr. Sharmila Anandasabapathy, Baylor College of Medicine; Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee; and Wayne Young, The Harris Center.

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The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony took place Monday, October 31, 2022, 2:30 p.m. at the Northeast Community Center parking lot at 10918 Bentley, Houston, Tx 77093.

About the ACCESS2 HEALTH Smart Pods: When taking office in January 2019, Commissioner Adrian Garcia made it one of his top priorities to ensure everyone, regardless of their socio-economic status, had access to healthcare.  $_{
m His}$ immediately got to work to find medical partners who would be willing to join in and make this vision come to life. Baylor Medical College proudly stepped up to the plate. Together, they have brought 3 mobile clinics to Precinct 2, now known asthe Access2Health Smart

What is a Smart Pod? A Smart Pod is a mobile clinic containing innovative technology that allows healthcare professionals to treat patients with a severe common cold all the way to a highly infectious disease without risk of additional spread. The Smart Pods are also unique in their ability to fold up and be moved to other locations as needed via truck or even helicopter. Smart Pods were designed and trademarked by Baylor College of Medicine with the help of NASA engineers.

FACT: The original Smart Pod was invented by Baylor Dr. Sharmila Anandasabapathy for the Ebola outbreak. It was entered into a contest from USAID and was chosen to be developed for treatment for infectious diseases in

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**HUNTING & FISHING NEWS:** 

# Crosby Hunter makes his first Deer Kill



Isaiah Jamail killed his first deer, a 170 lb Axis deer while hunting on his Uncle Buster Jamail's ranch in Brackettville, TX. (Kinney County). He made a heart shot at 50 yards with a Remington 30-06 caliber rifle on the evening of October-18, 2022. Isaiah graduated from Crosby High School with the highest male grade in the 2021 class. Axis deer in Texas are considered an "exotic" and there's no closed season. Photo by Allan Jamail

# Astros fans include these Highlands Little Leaguers



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Those colleges saw the star power we see each day.

Crosby ISD students are also talented singers. Three Crosby High School students advanced in the UIL Region 33 Choir Competition. Averee Silva (Alto 2) placed third chair out of 40; Emberlynn Gallegos (Soprano 1), finished in fourth chair out of 40; and Sydney McMurrey (Alto 1), placed seventh chair out of

40. Our Athletics Department is building a bench of talent from seniors to seventh grade. The Crosby Middle School 8th grade football team ended their middle school careers as District Champions. The A Team went undefeated for two years, and the B Team only lost one game in two years. We're looking forward to seeing them compete at the high school level. Also, congratulations to the Crosby Middle School 7th grade volleyball A Team. They were crowned District Champs after an undefeated sea-

Our Cougars varsity volleyball team had a great season. They fought for every point in the Bi-District Championship against Manvel but came up a little short. We can't wait to see what's next for the four seniors on the squad: Victoria Grace, Shyla White, CJ Brogan, and Ashley Anderson. Our Cougars varsity football team is entering the playoffs, facing Longview on Friday, November 11th. Kickoff will be at 7pm at Lobo Stadium in Longview. Now winter sports are starting up, including boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' golf, swimming, and soon boys' and girls' soccer. There's also big news from the Crosby High School Bass Club. The fishing team won first place at the Lake Livingston Tournament a few weeks ago. Next, they're competing in a tournament at Somerville Lake this month.

Our students interested in a future in agriculture are earning accolades for their hard work raising livestock. Barrett Elementary fourth grader Peyton Givans won Champion Lightweight, Champion British Steer, and overall Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the Harris County Fair and Rodeo. Peyton raised the second best steer in the county! 7th grader Chloe Hood won Reserve Champion Market Dorper during the State Fair of Texas Market Lamb Competition. That means her lamb was one of the top 10 market lambs in the entire show. Chloe and her family use the District's livestock facility, and we appreciate how much success she's had raising lambs.

November is the month of gratitude. We are so grateful to the veterans of Crosby and Barrett Station, many of whom are Crosby ISD employees. We enjoyed saluting them during our Veterans Day pro-

Crosby Superintendent's Message,

gram at Cougar Stadium. We are also extremely grateful to the parents and community members who graduated from our Crosby ISD Volunteer Academy. We appreciate your willingness to share time with our students, whether on campus or on field

trips. You are living out our theme for the year with your generosity.

We are Better Together! Go Coogs!



Crosby High School Bass club after their first place finish in the Lake Livingston tournament.



Chloe Hood and her lamb who won Reserve Champion Market Dorper during the State Fair of Texas Market Lamb Competition.



Peyton Givans and her steer "The Riddler" who won Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the Harris County Fair and Rodeo.



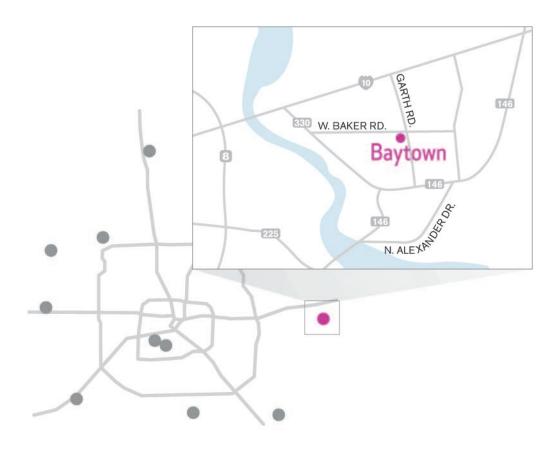
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