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First Dig at Waste Pits



A Payloader with broken concrete is the first material removed from the South Impound site of the Waste Pits.

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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

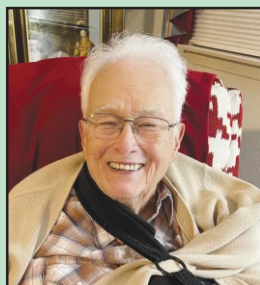
DEC. 10, SAT.
Crosby Christmas Festival & Parade

Crosby-Huffman Chamber presents a Christmas Festival at the Crosby Church from 1pm to 5pm. Free food, Christmas Market, Entertainment, Santa 2pm to 4pm. At 6pm the Lighted Parade takes place on FM2100 starting and ending at the Middle School.

DEC. 8, THURS.
Santa comes to Highlands

Highlands Chamber and Harris County Precinct 3 will have Cookies & Pictures with Santa at the Highlands Community Center, 5pm to 7pm. The celebration this year is indoors, in place of the traditional Santa in the Pavilion at the Railroad Park.

DECEMBER 9
Congratulation to Earl Boykin on his 90th Birthday



Earl Boykin and family celebrated his 90th this week. See Story Page 2

EPA reports first excavation at Waste Pits

Southern site on schedule for remediation; North under review

HIGHLANDS – Neither a gas smell, or mosquitos could keep the EPA from making their report to the community on progress at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits site. The meeting last Monday night had to be moved outside the Highlands community building, due to concerns about a gas odor detected by the EPA.

The public was pleased



EPA Project Manager Lauren Poulos explains slides and reports progress on the South Impound, to an audience that had to be move outdoors due to a Gas Odor in the Highlands Community Center.

to hear that after over 5 years of waiting for some remediation activity, equipment is now on the Southern Impound site and some excavation has started.

EPA Project managers Lauren Poulos and Ashley Howard made a detailed slide presentation, reviewing both the history of the Waste Pits, and the current status of negotiations and remediation.

An audience of about 40, including residents and public officials listened to the most encouraging report in years on the plan

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Message from the Crosby Superintendent

Hello East Harris County and Crosby ISD families,

I want to introduce and welcome two new members of the Crosby ISD Board of Trustees. Mr. Phillip Chapman and Ms. Lisa Kallies were elected in the November 8th General Election and will be sworn into office this month. Mr. Chapman is a long-time construction manager who will serve in the At-Large Position. Ms. Kallies is an educator who spent 21 years with CISD before retiring from Newport Elementary. She will represent Position 4. We appreciate both Ms. Kallies and Mr. Chapman for donating their time and talent to better the Crosby ISD communities. I look forward to working with both of them and our en-



SUPERINTENDENT PAULA PATTERSON

tire Team of 8.

Mr. Chapman and Ms. Kallies will serve in seats previously held by retiring Board members, Vice President Mr. John Swinney and Trustee Ms. Christina Castillo. Mr. Swinney retires from the Board after eight years of service. Ms.

Castillo leaves the Board after two years of service. We thank them for being fierce advocates of education and taking so much pride in our students and staff.

I want to pass along the District's condolences to the family of former Board President, Mr. John Lindsey. He and his wife and daughters were all graduates of Crosby High School. He loved to brag about our District and served faithfully for 14 years on the Board of Trustees (2004-2018). He set a great example of volunteer service.

This month, I was honored to speak with



Newly-elected school board member: Ms. Lisa Kallies. Ms. Kallies will represent Trustee Position 4.

Crosby Middle School students who were being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. The students earned a 3.0 to 4.0 GPA and represent the five attributes to achieve membership: Outstanding Scholarship, Character, Leadership, Service, and Citizenship. It was



Newly-elected school board member: Mr. Phillip Chapman (and his wife Courtney Chapman). Chapman will represent the At-Large Trustee Position 6.

a pleasure to see them join the Society at a young age, well on their way to being future leaders of Crosby and Barrett Station. Later this month, the Board of

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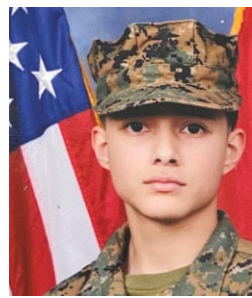
2 sentenced to 25 years for Highlands murder

HIGHLANDS – Two men were sentenced last week to 25 years in prison after pleading guilty to killing a friend they got in a fight with in 2021, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg announced.

"This was a brutal and senseless murder carried out by two young men who will now spend decades behind bars," Ogg said. "There are consequences for every action and in this case, justice was served."

Leroy Lopez and Christopher Paz, both 19, were sentenced this week after admitting to fatally shooting 17-year-old Abraham Mata on April 4, 2021.

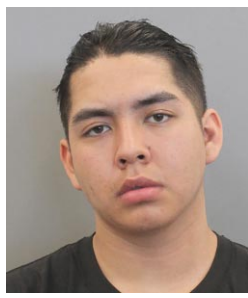
The three men, all 17 at the time, were at a trailer house in the 400 block of East Wallisville Road when a fight broke out.



VICTIM: Abraham Mata

Witnesses said all three were "highly intoxicated." Lopez apparently picked up Mata and slammed him to the ground, knocking him unconscious. Mata was then dragged out of the trailer house and shot twice.

Lopez and Paz then dragged Mata's body to the back of a wooded area behind a church in Highlands. His body was then



Leroy Lopez



Christopher Paz

stabbed several times. The next day, both men were detained by police after they were seen nearby acting suspiciously. Paz then led police to the body and told investigators what had happened.

Lopez pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 25 years in prison by state District Judge Te'iva Bell on Monday. Paz pleaded guilty in exchange for 25 years in prison on Wednesday.

Assistant Harris County District At-

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Rotary Chili Feast set for Feb. 4th

HIGHLANDS – The Rotary Club is preparing to hold their 48th Annual Chili Feast, on Saturday, February 4, 2022. A chili lunch will be served from 11 am to 3 pm or until the chili runs out, according to Chili Feast chairman Denise Smith. A live auction will take place starting at 12:30 pm. as well as a silent auction.

The event is being held at the St. Jude's Catholic Church social hall. The club president, Andy Scott, said that the raffle and chili feast will be held with COVID-19 protocol followed.

The club members are continuing to sell raffle tickets. There are 700



Winner of the Chili Feast Raffle will have their choice of a 2023 Chevy Trailblazer or a 2023 Chevy Equinox SUV, from Turner Chevrolet.

tickets available for a \$100 donation. A ticket entitles you to two bowls of

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EPA reports on Waste Pits work,

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to remove the dioxin and other toxic waste from the SJR Superfund site.

Included in the audience were Harris County officials County Attorney Christian Menefee, Pollution Control head Latrice Babin, Pct. 3 representative Roger Bridgewater, and others.

Representing environmental groups were THEA assistant director Rachel Jordan, with consultant Lisa Gossett, CHIC Channelview director Carolyn and Bobby Stone, and Sarah Davis from the Chamber and SJR Coalition.

After introductory remarks by EPA facilitator Jeanetta Coats, the presentation of progress on the South Impoundment site was made by Lauren Poulos, She showed slides of the work areas for the first and second seasons of scheduled remediation.

(See Illustration)

Poulos said that the contractor, GHD Services, had started to amass equipment on the site, and done some preliminary clearing of areas to be excavated. The next step is to set up the water treatment system, she said, which will consist of 4 large storage tanks and filtration equipment. Offices and excavation machines have been moved to the site, work actually started on November 9, and will continue until completion, which is scheduled to be Spring of 2024. Excavation work will only be done outside the hurricane season, or November to April, she said.

There will be 3 crews working each day, with dif-

ferent tasks. She showed a workflow chard, with the following steps:

- Site Prep
- Sampling
- Excavating
- Dewatering/solidification as needed
- Loading and decontamination of trucks
- Off-site Disposal

Poulos said that two disposal sites had been identified, the Republic Services near Beaumont,

70 miles away, and the Sea Breeze site near Angleton, also 70 miles away. These disposal sites take non-hazardous waste Class I and hazardous waste Class II.

Ashley Howard reported on the progress of the Remedial Plan for the North site. She said a meeting had been held in June with Emergency responders to advise them of future risks.

She said that a request from the PRP (Presumed Responsible Party) for an extension and change in remedy had been denied, pending submission of the 90% Remedial Design.

She said the PRP has been told a capping solution is not acceptable, even though they keep bringing it up.

Currently, the RD is approved for dry excavation and removal, and an alternate with a “wet column” where hydraulic heave is possible.

During the question period that followed this presentation, complaints about the slowness of the progress, and how to limit fish consumption were discussed. THEA objected to the work period being limited to non-hurricane season, but Howard explained some work will continue year-round.

Rachel Jordan and others said that they thought a third party should be reviewing material to be removed for toxicity, since GHD had been known to manipulate some tests.

Bobby Stone and others pointed out that the RD design presumes floods will not exceed the 9 foot headwall, but he said that at least 3 times in the past water has been higher than that. Howard said precautions would be taken to cap the work area if that might occur.

She also said that the BMP enclosing wall would be 30 feet wide, had been adjusted further south, and that TxDOT had some concerns about the wall, and the stability of the waste pits site once the remediation is concluded. She indicated these were under further study and coordination with TxDOT.

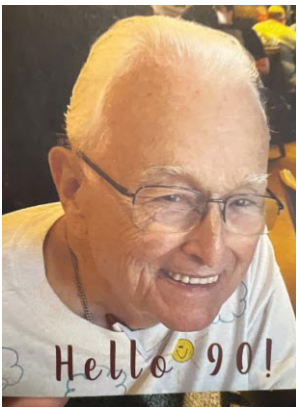


MAP shows areas to be excavated in Green, and equipment and staging areas outlined in black. Market street is at top and right.

Earl Boykin celebrates 90th Birthday

On Saturday, December 3, Mr. Earl Boykin joyously celebrated his 90th birthday at Bill's Barn in Crosby Texas. Family and friends came to honor and celebrate a man motivated by meaningful relationships and connections with others; his family, his friends, his community and his church. His life has been marked by his service to others as he has enthusiastically served , and continues to serve , his community.

Mr Boykin was born 12-9-32 in Jewett Texas. He grew up in Pasadena and went on to play trombone in the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band , graduating in 1955. He re-



tired in his 70s from Mustang after a career in sales and purchasing Caterpillar heavy equipment companies that took him all over the US until he returned to Texas in 1979. A committed church member,

wherever he lived, he remains active at First Baptist Church, Crosby. He proudly served on the CISD school board for 25 years, impacting the community and was honored for his many areas of dedicated involvement in 2003 when a bridge on North Diamondhead Blvd in Crosby was named for him.

He is honored to be married to Joyce Carver for 65 years, loves his five children, 19 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren, one sister, Kaye Boykin Bergeron and several nieces and nephews , who also attended.

IN THE STARS

BIRTHDAYS

- Dec 8--Barbara Glaze Margaret K. Boyd
- Dec 9--Bruce Abbott Ray Denson Alston Elkins Briscoe Cain EARL BOYKIN (90 in 2022)
- Dec 10--Alecia Simmons Karl Tewold Maegan West Kacy Browning
- Dec 11--Caydie Farmer Wesley Sheffield
- Dec 12--Sheila Young Cameron Townsend
- Dec 13--Gary Hart Patricia Herman Don Lauders Bernard Kotalik Mary McCee
- Dec 14--Blaine Allen Dickey Mandy Griggs
- Dec 15--Courtney Langham Russell Rogers
- Dec 16--Kelsy Browning
- Dec 17--Tim Dammon Helen Dunks Brandon Tappan Laurie Delome

ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec 8--Ray & Melissa Denson
- Dec 11--Kevin & Sandra Muldrow
- Dec 12--Jim & Patsy Dammon
- Dec 15--Bob & Mary McGee
- Dec 16--George & Aimee Palmer
- Dec 17 -- George & Stachia R. Thurmond Zorro & Katie Soto
- Dec. 19--Kitty & Bob Elkins
- Dec 20--David & Kathryn Dunlop

Rotary Chili Feast,

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“Chester’s Famous Recipe” chili, and a chance to win one of 17 raffle prizes, all worth more than the \$100 ticket price.

Club members are also selling Chili lunches only, for \$10. Great for extra hungry folks, or to take home for later.

This annual event is a high point for many in the community, who see their friends at least this one time each year, and catch up with stories. It also has great good, and quality auction items.

Raffle prizes this year include gift cards, a 32” smart television, portable ice maker, battery charger, Beats wireless headphones, an air fryer, a 65 qt. Artic cooler, a shotgun, a 28” Black Stone Cooker, an outdoor Propane Fire Pit, a 22-250 Rifle, a 55” Smart TV, and of course the grand prize, a new Chevrolet vehicle, the winner’s choice of a 2023 Chevy Trailblazer or a 2023 Chevy Equinox SUV.

The Highlands Rotary Club uses the proceeds from the Chili Feast for community projects, such as scholarships, library,

and fire departments, as well as scouts and other organizations. Last year they purchased a van to facilitate a mobile library for the community with the help of the Stratford branch library.

The Highlands Rotary Club is now 74 years old, having been chartered in 1948. Fundraising for community projects over all those years has amounted to almost \$1,000,000. Much of this was returned in scholarships, as the club annually awards about \$30,000 to graduating seniors and college students. The club actively supports our local schools, including Interact clubs at Chinquapin and Goose Creek Memorial.

The club members are selling raffle tickets and welcome your support. Contact 713-906-2337 or 832-483-3505 for information on how to acquire a ticket.

The club is always looking for new members, also, if you would like to join others in community projects and fellowship.

CHAMBER NEWS



Cookies & Pictures with Santa

December 8, 2022
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

San Jacinto Community Center
604 Highland Woods Dr.
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23rd Annual Christmas Festival

Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10th
1:00PM - 5:00PM

Crosby Church-
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- Entertainment
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Highlands Murder,

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torney Catherine Johnson, a chief prosecutor who handled the cases, said the sentences brought closure to the victim’s family.

“Leroy Lopez and Christopher Paz were both

convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison this week for the gruesome murder of Abraham Mata,” Johnson said. “Our community is much safer with these two individuals in

prison, and we are grateful to the Harris County Sheriff’s Office for apprehending them quickly following the murder.”

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MONT BELVIEU, TEXAS 77580

ON THE HILL

Beach City: Santa on The Bay Dec. 9,10

This year, the Beach City Santa On The Bay Parade will take place on December 9th and 10th.

Friday, Dec. 9th the parade will start on the south end of town on Cedar Point Rd. near TriCity Grocery store and progress northward and finish up the night with the Northpoint subdivision.

Saturday, Dec 10th, the parade will pick up just north of Northpoint and finish the parade just north of the city's northern boundary along Texana. The BCVFD will be throwing out candy to all the children along the route and Santa will most certainly be in his usual festive spirit. The volunteers of the fire department, and with help from the Beach City Mayor and City Council, will be collecting Food donations for our local food pantry and also financial donations to the Food Pantry or Fire Depart. Make checks out to "Food Pantry" or "BCVFD" whichever you prefer.

If you are new to the area, please plan to bring the kids out to watch the parade when it comes down your street. This is fun for everyone with the decorated fire trucks, Christmas music, sirens and the star of course, Santa. Who I might say can really cut a rug when he comes to Beach City. The parades will start around dusk each night and believe me, you will be able to hear them in advance of coming down your road.

Let's make this the best one yet!
Ken Pantin,
Mayor, Beach City**

Chambers County Mosquito Control

Chambers County Mosquito Control Director Lawrence Lewis has asked that we share the information below regarding the high levels of mosquitoes in the area:

Chambers County Mosquito Control is aware of the inundation of mosquitoes throughout the County. Mosquito Control is monitoring traps which record activity 24 hours per day.

Chemical labels prohibit the treating of mosquitoes in periods of fog, rain and winds above 10 mph. Treating for mosquitoes is prohibited during the day due to possible negative effects on honey bees. Unfortunately we are often affected by these constraints which limit our ability to take preventative action.

The County's contract pilot is on stand-by to perform aerial treatment. Mosquito Control staff are ready to start ground treatment when weather permits.

Mont Belvieu Christmas Parade Dec. 4th; Holiday Event Schedule for 2022

Event Details: Events occur throughout the month of December.

Story Visual Opportunities: Holiday Market - 12/2, 8:00 a.m. - Noon; Christmas on the Hill

Parade - 12/4, 6:00 p.m.; Breakfast with Santa - 12/10, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Mont Belvieu, and the City is excited to celebrate with both beloved favorites and new events that are sure to put the community in the holiday spirit.

"This time of year is magical in Mont Belvieu," said City Manager Brian Winningham. "As always, we are excited about kicking off the season with the community-favorite Christmas on the Hill Parade. And, it's great to see newer traditions, like Santa in the City, continue to grow while we add new events like the Holiday Market at City Park."

Christmas on the Hill Parade

Mont Belvieu's most beloved holiday tradition, the Christmas on the Hill Parade, enters its 14th year. This event draws thousands of people from across the area to kick off the holiday season with floats, lights, music, and more. And, you better be on the nice list; you never know if you know- who



Parade Route MAP: From Lakes of Champions Blvd to Wilburn Ranch Drive

might make his way to MBTX for an early visit!

The parade is scheduled for Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. along Eagle Drive in Mont Belvieu. A map of this year's parade route can be found attached to this email release.

Additional information can be found at www.montbelvieu.net/Christmas.

Along with the Christmas On The Hill Parade, the City of Mont Belvieu is hosting several other events for families to enjoy:

• **Holiday Market at City Park** - Snow in Mont Belvieu? It's true! Kids will have a blizzard of fun while the grown-ups can work on finding the perfect gift for everyone on their list at the Holiday Market at City

Park. The market will be Saturday, December 3, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at Mont Belvieu's City Park (10900 Eagle Dr., Mont Belvieu). This event features dozens of unique local vendors, s'mores with Santa, holiday music provided by Jon David Finney, and a sledding hill and snow play area covered in 30 tons of snow.

• **Breakfast With Santa** - Jolly ol' Saint Nick makes an early trip to Mont Belvieu to have breakfast and take last-minute gift requests and pictures with all the good boys and girls. This popular event is Saturday, December 10 at The Hilltop (12430 Eagle Pointe Dr., Mont Belvieu) from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased via the event link

at www.montbelvieu.net/Christmas

• **Santa In The City** - With the help from the Mont Belvieu Fire Department and other City departments, Santa will take a grand tour of Mont Belvieu's neighborhoods by fire truck from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on December 12, 13, and 15 so he knows exactly where all of his stops will be on Christmas night. All of Mont Belvieu's residents need to be sure to get out and give the big man a wave and a shout! A list of neighborhoods for each night can be found at www.montbelvieu.net/Christmas and will also be published on the City of Mont Belvieu's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/City-ofMontBelvieu closer to the event nights.

• **Pictures With Santa at Eagle Pointe** - Stop by the Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex Event Center (12450 Eagle Pointe Dr., Mont Belvieu) from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, December 16 for a cookie and photos with Santa before he heads back North to wrap things up before the big night! Cookies and milk will be available for children on a firstcome, first-served basis while they last.

• **Cookies & Cocoa Christmas Party** - On Saturday, December 17,

from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., grown-ups can take a well-deserved break and drop off their kids, ages 3 and older, at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center (12450 Eagle Pointe Dr., Mont Belvieu) for some holiday fun! While parents are wrapping up their Christmas shopping or taking time for quiet dinner out, they can know their kids are safe and having fun. The kids will be having a blast with cookie decorating, mixing up some yummy hot chocolate, and enjoying a holiday movie. The Cookies & Cocoa Christmas Party is \$15 per child and space is limited; event registration is open now

at www.montbelvieu.net/Christmas. With everything that's going on, we're going to give our City elves a rest after it's all done; City offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. City offices will resume normal operating hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 27.

For additional information please contact Brian Ligon, Director of Communications and Marketing for the City of Mont Belvieu, at bligon@montbelvieu.net / 281-974-0384.

Dr. Hibba Haider Celebrates Baytown Pediatric Clinic opening with Ribbon Cutting



Pictured left to right: Jose Hernandez, Dr. Alisha Mukadam, Diana Galarza, Dulce Galarza, Destiny Mallet, Ali Haider, Dr. Hibba Haider, City Manager Rick Davis, Kwanza Dukes, LPC, LSSP, Kathy Jaeger, Mike Kirk, Lori Kirk, Mike Nebgen

Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and city manager, Rick Davis, welcomed Baytown Pediatrics, located at 1113 West Baker Rd, to the Baytown Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Friends, staff and family also toured the new clinic, which has been decorated with a custom,

colorful mural throughout the building.

Dr. Hibba Haider is passionate about creating a clinic where children's bodies and minds are cared for at the highest level. To accomplish this goal, she shares the clinic space with Licensed Professional Counselor, Kwanza Dukes.

Dr. Haider's office is also equipped with a state-of-the-art Vaccine system that eliminates vaccine waste and reduces the chance of human error.

Suspect Charged in Stabbing Incident in Mont Belvieu, Bond set at \$500K



MONT BELVIEU, Texas - A suspect has been arrested and charged in the stabbing of a Liberty County man Wednesday, officers with the Mont Belvieu Police Department said.

Mont Belvieu PD and EMS responded to a reported disturbance with a knife and possible stabbing at an industrial construction site located in the 10900 block of Fitzgerald near FM 1942.

Upon arrival and investigation, police said it was determined that a 36-year-old Liberty County resident had suffered multiple stab wounds. Officers and other witnesses on-scene reportedly rendered emergency first aid initial-

ly until Mont Belvieu EMS arrived and continued treatment. Police said the victim was transported to a Houston hospital, where he was admitted in critical condition.

Officers on-scene said they were able to interview witnesses and determined that the suspect was 40-year-old Randy Tanner, a Liberty County resident.

According to Mont Belvieu police, they worked with Liberty County Sheriff's Department and were able to locate the suspect in Liberty County, where he was taken into custody and transported back to Mont Belvieu PD.

Officers on-scene said they were able to interview witnesses and determined that the suspect was 40-year-old Randy Tanner, a Liberty County resident.

Tanner has been charged with aggravated assault. His bond was set at \$500,000.



STARLITE

By Gil Hoffman, Publisher



Handy Andy

The Holidays are a time to enjoy family time, and give thanks for your blessings. I will be doing both this year as I spend time with one of my daughters and her family, including her “Handy” husband Andy.

When they were giving out son-in-law prizes, I think I won the lottery. Andy is not only an accomplished father, husband, executive for Proctor & Gamble, but he also likes to cook, especially big dinners for holidays. Getting to be a guest at his house is something we look forward to every year, and we anticipate that his meal will not only be tasty, but include a dish or two that he concocted from his own unique recipes.

You can see from the photograph that he can handle a huge assortment of dishes, most of which he prepared himself, and it’s a matter of pride that he doesn’t ask for help. Oh yes, we get to clean up afterwards, and eat leftovers for a few days (In spite of the message on his Apron), but what a feast to remember... again each year.



Thanksgiving Meal Deluxe: Turkey, Ham, brussel sprouts, cranberry, rolls, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, yams, corn, and dessert.

Actually, my story about Andy starts in 2006, when my wife and I drove our daughter Kristan to her first day at college, Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh. When we arrived at her assigned dorm, New House, we were met at the front door by the RA (Resident Assistant), a friendly and cheerful young man who was a student in the economics department. He made my daughter feel welcome, and helped get her established in her room. That was day one at college. But over the next four years, we heard more and more about Andy, for it seems that these two were destined to help each other for a long time.

Andy was writing a book, among other endeavors of this ambitious young man, and our daughter turned out to be a big help in the writing and editing, and even became one of the characters in the book. The title of the book is “New House 5” and is about “How a Dorm becomes a Home.” Like a Hollywood movie, the two of them formed a relationship that went far beyond the dormitory, and after graduation they moved together to Cincinnati, where Andy works for Proctor & Gamble. They now have two children and it all started with a friendly greeting at the front door of a dormitory.



Andy as C-3PO with the rest of the family dressed in their favorite STAR WARS costumes, all secured by.. you guessed it, Handy Andy.

Andy has turned out to be “Handy” is so many other ways. Have a party, and he will make the costumes, furnish the games, and make the snacks. Visit his house, and he will have a Welcome Basket ready for you, with gifts, toiletries, and other thoughtful tokens. Have a Halloween night out, and he will arrange to get the costumes to your theme.... Just see the photo of the Star Wars characters the family chose this year.

Pretty Handy, eh?





STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Registration Forms face Shortage as Deadline Nears

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEANDER MAN CHARGED FOR THREATENING ELECTION OFFICIALS

A Leander man is the first person to be charged



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

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

The three officials allegedly threatened were not named.

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

STATE AGAIN REACHES RECORD JOB LEVEL

The Texas Workforce Commission reported last week that the seasonally adjusted state unemployment rate dropped to 5.0%

in December, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month. The state added 50,000 nonagricultural jobs last month - marking job gains in 19 of the last 20 months. The state set another record level of employment with more than 13 million jobs.

“Seeing a second consecutive month of record-setting employment, with more than 13 million jobs, highlights the underlying strength of the Texas economy,” said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. “This economic strength creates an environment for Texas employers to continue to create jobs and provide opportunities for the workforce in the Lone Star State.” The state has added 694,000 jobs since December 2020.

COVID-19 CASES SET RECORD HIGH

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

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

PAXTON DENIES OPEN RECORDS LAW VIOLATION

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

Five of the state’s largest newspapers filed a joint complaint after Paxton denied their open records requests. The district attorney’s office warned it would file suit if Paxton did not release the information. In a letter to the Travis County district attorney’s public integrity unit, Paxton’s office called the claims “meritless” and said there was “no violation to cure.” Editors for the newspapers released a joint statement saying: “We believe these records are public and should be released. We hope the Travis County district attorney continues to hold the attorney general accountable for following our state’s open records laws and continues to advocate for the public’s right to know in this case.



THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Waiting for My Laundry

It’s an odd experience watching someone fold your underwear.

I was thinking this yesterday as I was waiting for my laundry. When my husband, Peter, and I packed to go to Mexico, we knew there would be a wide range of temperatures. San Miguel de Allende is in the mountains, so the days can be quite hot, and the nights can be cold, and the weather changes a lot in November everywhere, so we had to be prepared for anything.

We do not have a washing machine in the little place we rent, so I walk a few blocks to the tiny neighborhood laundry and leave my clothes there.

The truth is I don’t need a lot of clothes. I joked during the pandemic that all I wore were pajamas at night and clothes that looked like pajamas during the day. This has not changed significantly. Ninety percent of the time, I am wearing the same uniform.

Yesterday, all the variations on my uniform were dirty, so I went to the laundry.

The laundry service holds two washing machines, two dryers and a constantly changing cast of one to three cheerful women who weigh the laundry, wash it, throw it in the dryer, carefully fold it on top of the two dryers and return it to my laundry bag for approximately three dollars.

If I leave it in the afternoon, I have to wait until the next day to pick it up. But since I don’t have that many clothes, I try to get there before noon. They will then tell me to return at three o’clock to pick it up. Three o’clock does not mean precisely three o’clock—I know this by now—so I come a little later. But even so, they were not quite finished when I arrived yesterday. So I stood on the sidewalk (There is no room for a customer in this tiny place!) and waited while my underwear was folded.

For the record, I don’t usually fold my underwear. I’m not sure if that makes me a savage, but I just don’t. It doesn’t wrinkle, and it doesn’t seem to stay folded, so I don’t see the point. But the two ladies at the laundry were carefully folding my undies and there was nothing I could say to stop them. They also folded all of Peter’s socks and Peter’s underwear, and I stood by, helpless, not feeling I deserved—or wanted—quite this much customer service.

The laundry ladies were not in a hurry. They were chatting away, oblivious to the anxious gringo lady standing at the counter on the sidewalk, and I realized I had no reason to be anxious—in either sense of the word. I was not in a hurry and certainly, when it comes to underwear, these ladies had seen it all. So I tried to relax while I waited for my laundry.

And, as I watched them, it occurred to me how little I really need. That small pile of clothes was everything Peter and I had worn for the last two weeks, and we had everything we needed. I thought of all the clothes I have at home and wondered how they earned their keep.

That is, perhaps, one of the greatest gifts this time in Mexico gives us. It’s good to be reminded that I have enough clothes and I have enough time. It’s good to be reminded that, most of the time, living simply is better. And it’s good to remember that it doesn’t really matter if someone sees my underwear.

Till next time,
Carrie
Photos from the column and other fun stuff can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0011770001

APPLICATION. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50, 12900 Crosby Lynchburg Road, Crosby, Texas 77532, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0011770001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0057053) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 550,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 922 Magnolia Avenue, in Harris County, Texas 77532. The discharge route is from the plant site to Rickett Creek; thence to a series of ponds/lakes; thence to San Jacinto River Tidal. TCEQ received this application on November 7, 2022. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Crosby Library, 135 Hare Road, Crosby, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
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ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

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TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 15: Texans could be in for a long day against Cowboys: Dolphins, Chargers battle in key AFC contest

Now that the college season has completed its regular season and conference championship games, we will focus on the NFL for the next few columns as the college lads prepare for their bowl games and of course, the College Football Playoffs (CFP).

The CFP Committee announced the four CFP teams on Sunday, Dec. 4. It's a safe bet that defending national champion Georgia and Michigan will land two of the four spots. Ohio State may have played its way out of the playoff due to the 45-23 thrashing the Wolverines administered to them two weeks ago in Columbus. It will be interesting to see who the other two teams will be. We will discuss that later this month.

For now, we'll focus on the NFL as the 2022 season enters the stretch run.

As a number of teams battle for playoff spots, one team that won't be in the post-season hunt are the Houston Texans. Two weeks ago, head coach Lovie Smith benched starting quarterback Davis Mills and went with backup Kyle Allen and the move had little impact on the woeful Texans as they fell behind at Miami 30-0 before producing 15 garbage points in the second half to make the final score look respectable. That was the Texans sixth straight loss and things don't get any easier this week when they head north to face in-state rival Dallas.

The Cowboys are rolling on both sides of the ball, especially on defense where Micah Parsons and Co. have recorded 45 sacks in their first 11 games. It looks like whoever starts at QB for Houston on Sunday is going to be in for a bruising afternoon at AT&T Stadium.

With another lost season looming, the Texans look like they will need to draft a quarterback with their first pick, which could be first overall. After the Dallas game, Houston still has to play Kansas City, Tennessee, Jacksonville and Indianapolis. They won't be favored in any of those games, not even against the Jags, who shocked Baltimore, 28-27 two weeks ago. There's a very good chance this could be a one-win team. Yikes!

Other games of interest in Week 14 feature Baltimore taking on arch rival Pittsburgh, Cleveland and new QB Deshaun Watson facing the Bengals in Cincinnati, and the Jets traveling to Buffalo to take on the Bills in an important AFC East contest. Other games of interest include Miami visiting the Los Angeles Chargers in a duel of two of the best young QBs in the league as Tua Tagovailoa and Justin Herbert square off. Tampa Bay faces a daunting task with a trip to San Francisco to face 49ers team that is rolling on defense. In their last four games before last Sunday's game against the Dolphins, the SF defense has pitched a shutout in the second half in each of those four games and two weeks ago they blanked NO 13-0.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, let's review last week's record. A 9-2 week upped the season record to 102-51 (66%). Now, onto this weekend's game.

NFL

Cincinnati at Cleveland: An in-state battle in the AFC North has the Bengals visiting the Browns on Sunday. The Bengals appear to be rounding into form and should battle Baltimore for the division titltdown the stretch, while the Browns are hoping Deshaun Watson's return at quarterback sparks the offense. to take over at QB in Week 11 against the Texans. Look for Joe Burrow (3,160 yards, 23 TDs), running back Joe Mixon (585 yards, 6 TDs) and Tee Higgins (57 receptions, 826 yards, 5 TDs) to have a big day against a porous Browns defense. If superstar wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase returns from a hip injury, Cleveland could be in for a long day. could be in for a long day. The Browns should get a boost with Watson now at QB and running back Nick Chubb (1,039 yards, 12 TDs) should have his usual productive day, but the Bengals are getting hot at the right time in the season. My pick, Cincinnati 30, Cleveland 27

Baltimore at Pittsburgh: These two bitter rivals meet in an important AFC North contest on Sunday in Pittsburgh. These two teams are heading in opposite directions. Baltimore is a definite playoff contender in the AFC and is tied with Cincinnati atop the AFC North division, but they suffered an embarrassing loss two weeks ago when they fell at Jacksonville, 28-27. Ravens QB Lamar Jackson (2,231 passing yards, 17 TDs/755



rushing yards, 3 TDs) needs to pick things up in the passing game. He still has Mr. Reliable in tight end Mark Andrews (52 receptions, 601 yards, 5 TDs), but they need to find a deep threat. The Steelers are playing for next year and this could possibly be Mike Tomlin's first year as a head coach to finish with a losing record. The Steelers will treat this game like a playoff game and would like nothing more than to stick it to the Ravens. I think Jackson plays better this week, while the Ravens defense will light it up against rookie QB Kenny Pickett. My pick, Baltimore 26, Baltimore 13

Houston at Dallas: So, how did that change at quarterback work for you Texans fans? Kyle Allen definitely isn't the answer. He threw for 215 yards, one TD and two interceptions in the 30-15 loss at Miami two weeks ago against Miami. This week, he or Davis Mills will face a relentless Dallas pass rush that recorded 45 sacks in its first 11 games. While the defense has been solid all year long, the offense seems to be getting better week by week now that Dak Prescott (1,393 yards, 10 TDs) is back at QB. Dallas can also run the football with its two-headed attack of Tony Pollard (761 yards, 6 TDs) and a now healthy Ezekiel Elliott (577 yards, 7 TDs). Wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (64 receptions, 857 yards, 5 TDs) is making plays all over the field and Dallas' young tight ends are also getting into the act. This could turn out to be a long afternoon for Houston's professional football team. My pick, Dallas 36, Houston 13

Minnesota at Detroit: The Vikings rebounded from their blowout loss to the Cowboys on Nov. 20 with a gritty 33-26 win over New England on Thanksgiving night. This week, they travel to Detroit to face a feisty Lions team that plays hard for all four quarters. The Lions dropped a hard-fought 28-25 decision on Thanksgiving Day to the Bills. The Lions are a fun team to watch on offense as QB Jared Goff (2,682 yards, 17 TDs), running back Jaamal Williams (734 yards, 13 TDs) and wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (65 receptions, 716 yards, 4 TDs) have sparked the Detroit offense. The Vikings have some offensive weapons of their own in QB Kirk Cousins (2,760 yards, 17 TDs), running back Dalvin Cook (841 yards, 6 TDs) and star wide receiver Justin Jefferson (81 receptions, 1,232 yards, 5 TDs). There should be plenty of offense in this one, but look for the Vikings balanced offense to make one or two more plays down the stretch to win it for the visitors. My pick, Minnesota 34, Detroit 30

New York Jets at Buffalo: A good one in the AFC East pits the Jets against the Bills. Two weeks ago, New York benched starting QB Zach Wilson for backup Mike White, who threw for more than 300 yards and three TDs in the Jets' 31-10 route of the Bears. It would be hard for head coach Robert Saleh to go back to the ineffective Wilson after what he did two weeks ago. There is no doubt who the starting QB is in Buffalo. Josh Allen (3,183 passing yards, 23 TDs/561 rushing yards, 5 TDs). Allen is one of the top signal callers in the NFL and is having an MVP-type season. The Jets play well on defense, but they will have their hands full on Sunday with Allen and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (84 receptions, 1,110 yards, 9 TDs) and the rest of the Bills offense. NY's defense will keep the Jets in this game, but look for Allen to be the difference maker come Sunday in Buffalo. My pick, Buffalo 26, New York Jets 18

Philadelphia at New York Giants: This is an important game for the Giants who might have peaked a bit early. Heading into last Sunday's game against Washington, the Giants had lost three off their last four games, with their lone win coming against the hapless Texans. They lost at Dallas on Thanksgiving Day as QB Daniel Jones (2,165 yards, 10 TDs/451 rushing yards, 4 TDs) struggled against the Dallas defense, as did running back Saquon Barkley (992 yards, 7 TDs). Things won't get any easier for those two and the rest of the Giants' offense when they take on the Eagles on Sunday. Two weeks ago, QB Jalen Hurts (2,560 pass-

ing yards, 17 TDs/597 rushing yards, 8 TDs) set an NFL record with 157 rushing yards by a quarterback. The Philly run offense ran wild in their 40-33 win over the Packers. Running back Miles Sanders (900 yards, 8 TDs) added 143 yards on the ground. The Giants are beat up on defense, so look for the Eagles to continue to pound the rock. When Hurts does drop back to pass, look for him to make plays downfield to A.J. Brown (53 receptions, 831 yards, 7 TDs) and Devonta Smith (56 receptions, 609 yards, 3 TDs). The Giants were a nice story early in the season, but reality might be setting in. My pick, Philadelphia 31, New York Giants 23

Miami at Los Angeles Chargers: This will be The Game of the Week in the NFL and the league has moved it to Sunday Night Football (replacing the KC-Denver game) that will pit two high-scoring offenses and two good QBs as Tua Tagovailoa (2,564 yards, 19 TDs) and Justin Herbert (3,004 yards, 19 TDs) will fling it all over SoFi Stadium. The LA secondary will get tested by Tua and his two star receivers, Tyreek Hill (87 receptions, 1,233 yards, 4 TDs) and Jalen Waddle 56 receptions, 963 yards, 6 TDs), while the Miami defense will be tested by versatile running back Austin Ekeler (554 rushing yards, 7 TDs/80 receptions, 497 yards, 5 TDs). The LA offense got a boost with the return of wide receiver Keenan Allen, who missed a majority of the season with a hamstring injury. Allen gives Herbert a consistent target who's not afraid to go over the middle. If fellow WR Mike Williams returns from an ankle injury, the Miami defense will have one more weapon with which to deal. This should be a fun game to watch, but I'm going with the Chargers who came up with what could be a season-defining win two weeks ago against Arizona on the road. LA scored late to pull within one point with just seconds remaining in the game. Instead of going for the tie and heading to overtime, head coach Brandon Staley opted to go for the win. The Chargers made the two-point conversion and left Arizona with a 25-24 victory. My pick, Los Angeles Chargers 33, Miami 31

Tampa Bay at San Francisco: Tom Brady (3,051 yards, 14 TDs) and the Bucs will try and solve the 49ers defense when they head to Northern California on Sunday. Good luck, Tom. The 49ers defense is playing lights out and is making plays all over the field. Brady had better have his head on a swivel because SF will pressure from all angles. It doesn't help that he will be without starting tackle Tristin Wirf for this game. The Tampa Bay offense has kind of been stuck in neutral this season, and really hasn't gotten untracked. Things won't get any easier this week when they face a hot 49ers team. Brady needs to make plays downfield to wideouts Mike Evans (51 receptions, 702 yards, 3 TDs) and Chris Godwin (60 receptions, 583 yards, 2 TDs). The 49ers aren't great on offense either, but QB Jimmy Garoppolo (2,381 yards, 16 TDs) takes what the opposing defense gives him. Look for running back Christian McCaffrey (241 rushing yards, 2 TDs/25 receptions, 202 yards, 1 TD) to get untracked in this one as the 49ers keep rolling. My pick, San Francisco 26, Tampa Bay 23

Kansas City at Denver: The high-flying Chiefs take on the disappointing Broncos in an AFC West matchup. KC looks like the team to beat in the AFC and QB Patrick Mahomes (3,585 yards, 29 TDs) is having an MVP season. It helps to have the game's best tight end to throw to in Travis Kelce (73 receptions, 912 yards, 12 TDs) and a host of other dependable pass catchers. KC has also gotten help in the running game by rookie Isiah Pacheco (455 yards, 2 TDs). The Broncos, on the other hand, have struggled all season long as QB Russell Wilson (2,369 yards, 8 TDs/5 interceptions) has been underwhelming, and that's being kind. Denver has a very good defense, but Wilson and the offense are putrid. Look for Mahomes to carve up the Denver defense as the Chiefs look to make their usual late-season run to secure the No. 1 seed in the AFC. My pick, Kansas City 31, Denver 13



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Trustees will celebrate and recognize the achievements of students at Crosby High School. From FFA to All-District athletes to top scholars, we'll salute major successes this fall.

It's remarkable when you consider Christmas is only about two weeks away. We are in the heart of testing season at Crosby High

School, as students take end-of-semester final exams. Crosby ISD will have two early dismissal days, on Tuesday, December 20th, and Wednesday, December 21st. Crosby High School and Crosby Middle School students will be released at 11:25am, and students at our elementary schools will be released at 12:20pm both days. The Winter Break will

run from December 22nd to January 4th. Teachers and administrators return on Thursday, January 5th, and Friday, January 6th for Staff Development Days. We'll welcome students back to class on Monday, January 9th.

'Tis the season for holiday concerts and performances. Crosby High School

is staging a musical combining the talents of Theatre, Choir, and Dance students. They are performing Disney's "The Little Mermaid" through December 9th. This is a great show! Tickets are available 45 minutes before the shows begin. Families are invited to attend the Crosby High School Band's Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 13th at the CHS

Performing Arts Center. The concert is free for everyone. Earlier this month, the Crosby High School Choir performed their Winter Concert. The choir is blossoming with larger participation this year. Our elementary schools are also holding holiday performances at each campus this month. It is a joyous time to hear the songs of the season

performed by our smallest Cougars.

My grown-up Christmas list is simple: may the last few weeks of December bring your family peace and joy and dreams of what we'll achieve in 2023.

We are Better Together! Go Coogs!

What goes
UP,



must come
DOWN.



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My goal is always to keep Precinct 2 the best place in America to live, work and play. I appreciate you!





Happy Holidays!

Wishing you the gifts of love, friendship and good health now, and in the years to come.



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