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CROSBY 200 CELEBRATION
Bicentennial preparations continue at a frenzied pace
Thousands expected for Bicentennial Events on Saturday, September 23


## Rotary Washer Tournament raises fun, and funds for R.I.


#### Abstract

teams competed - About 20 the Higheted last Saturday nnual Washer Throwing ournament. The event was held at Charlie's Ice House on Excellent play from several throwers made this an exciting tournament, with the final a play-off after the top two teams tied with perfect 100 scores. Winning teams were: \#1 - DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH, Billy Young Norman Adkins Bryan Teel, Bobo Cotten


## Ganders outlast Crosby

 in fiery finish, 43-42
## Another attempt to install

 barge moorings in the SJ Rivery Carolyn Stone
Opinion Special to the Star-Courier

CHANNELVIEW This Labor day weekend received by mail from the US Army Corps of Engineers notice of another Holtmar Land LLC Letter f Permission (LOP) SWG23. Holtmar Lated 08/29 a.k.a. Buffalo Marine Service, Inc. The LOP's Applicant Point of Contact is Tim Studdert. Tim Studof Buffalo Marine. The LOP SWG-2015-00855 is the $5^{\text {th }}$ attempt by Holtmar to receive a USACE permit to dredge approx. 15,000 cy



Each year the ROTARY TROPHY is awarded to the Rotarian with the be score. This year is was won by Team Izyy, Ruben and Mini I zaguire, thed byub president Denise Smith.

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The RotaryTrophy by Ruben and Mini Izaguire who will keep it for a year until next tournament. the fue auction helped with the fund raising. Two beauti-
ful handmade quilts, ful handmade quilts, donated $\$ 1000$ dollars. A liquor wagon and a giant TV were included The tournament is a fund raiser with all proceeds going their Polio Plus and other worldwide projects. Each year Highlands Rotary raises al most $\$ 10,000$ for this cause.

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install three (3) 36 -inch inseel monopile mooring steel monopile moorings
within the SJR in the area along properties Holtmar owns at 17525, 17601, er Rd. in Channelview. er Rd. in Channelview.
The proposed loca tion is in a FEMA Spe
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Control Floodway, is a Harris County Flood Mitigation Area under HCFCD buyout, in a pro tected blue crab,
shrimp, flounder and shrimp, flounder and
speckled trout estuary of the San Jacinto River, in the Area of Con
cern for the SJR Waste Pits Superfund Site and in close proximity to res idential homes.
Our communities are very aware of the havoc raised by the SJR flood waters in the area from the Baytown to Magnolia Dr. in Channelview which includes this project's location and the dangers and damages caused by the barges in the area. Barg-
es in the proposed area will potentially send barges onto the properties in the San Jacinto River Estates Meadowbrook Park, onto $\mathrm{I}-10$ itself and increase th Continued. See Barges in the San

By David Taylor
Managing Editor Star-Courier
Crosby must have felt Crosby must have fel
comfortable as they led 28 14 late in the third qua er over district foe Baytown Lee at Stallworth Stadium last Friday night
but then the house fell in. The Gander offense reeled off four touchdowns beginning late in the third quarter and finishing up with seconds remaining in the
final stanza to eke final stanza to eke out a
tight win over the Cougars tight win over the Cougars,
$43-42$. Early on, the contest was a see-saw battle between the two in the first district game of the season. After two four-and-out
for both teams, the offensfor both teams, the offens

Lee's QB Levay Duncan Levi Fontenot tying the scored on a two-yard run score again at 14 all. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { with } 3: 44 \text { remaining in the } & \text { Brandt Wright inter } \\ \text { first quarter capping an } & \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { first quarter capping an } & \text { cepted a tipped Gande } \\ \text { 11-play, } 80 \text {-yard drive for } & \text { pass at the Crosby } 21 \text {-yar }\end{array}$ 11-play, 80-yard drive for pass at the Crosby 21 -yard
the Ganders. Andres Guz- line and returned it to the man added the PAT and Lee 38. the Ganders led early, 7-0. Eight plays later, Eudy Crosby's Kade Eudy rewarded Wright with a connected on a 26 -yard 16 -yard TD pass. Eudy's
pass to Brandt Wright pass to Brandt Wright PAT gave the Cougars
with 14 seconds left in the
21-14 lead at the break first quarter and then add- $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Coming out of the hal }\end{aligned}$ ed the PAT to knot the the Coogs were looking for score at 7 all. On the next series, the
Ganders went 70 yards in Ganders went 70 yards in
five plays to hit pay dirt five plays to hit pay dirt With the rest of the game with a 1-yard plunge by Eudy alternt possession QB Duncan with 10:19 left in the second quarter. Eudy led the Coogs back lown the field with an 11play, 75 -yard effort and a play, 75-yard effort and a $\begin{aligned} & \text { Continued. See CROSBY v LEE, } \\ & \text { two-yard run for a TD by } \\ & \text { Page } 6\end{aligned}$ 有


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## Congressman Brian Babin is speaker at the Mont Belvieu Chamber of Commerce



Thanks to the Mont Belvieu Area Chamber of Commerce for inviting me to provide a legislative update on Tuesday! I hit on several issues important to our region, including energy independence, fiscal security, the Coastal Barrier, and local priorities for the next Water Resources Development Act.

## Fatal Accident on IH-10 Bridge Claims one life

Chambers County Sher- Interstate 10 Trinity River iff's Office- Sheriff Brian
Hawthorne reports on September 9, 2023 at approximately $1: 20 \mathrm{pm}$, Sheriff's Deputies and Texas DPS Troopers responded to a
major accident at the 806 mile marker eastbound on Interstate 10.
Preliminary information shows that a construction style front end loader wa ridge being followe hive bridge being followed by anards on. As the front end loader was coming down the other side of the bridge at a
slow rate of speed, a semi slow rate of speed, a semi direction struck the rear of the passenger vehicle and the passenger vehicle and
front end loader. Texas DPS has confirmed that this crash is a fatality,
 Trinity River after a semi hita a slow-moving construction vehicle.
senger vehicle which was following the front end load er succumbing to their inju-
ries. This is still an active investigation being conduct ed by the Texas Departmen of Public Safety. "We ask that our commudeceased in their prayers a they work through this try ing time." Said Sheriff Brian
Hawthorne. ing time." Said
Hawthorne.

Commissioner Buckingham Prionitizes Coastal Protection Allocates \$10 Million to Plug Abandoned Wells in Thinity Bay


The Texas General Land Office entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Railroad Commission
(RRC) to provide $\$ 10$ million in fund$(\mathrm{RRC})$ to provide $\$ 10$ million in fund-
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wells. Unplugged wells can prove to be wells. Unplugged wells can prove to be
an environmental hazard, and the for an environmental hazard, and the for-ty-seven wells in Trinity Bay pose
most risk to wildlife in the area. The GLO is committed to provid support for orphan well plugging in Trinity Bay. While the RRC is the state agency with the authority to plug wells, the GLO is responsible for ensuring prevention and response to oil spills in the state's coastal bay systems. Additionally, the GLO stands ready to support the contributes to coastal oil spills. The total amount of $\$ 10$ million
granted to the RRC from the GLO to plug the wells is drawn from an account and gas industry for re lamation purposes o Permanent Fund (PSF) properties such (PSF) properties, such a
Trinity Bay. The PSF Trinity Bay. The PSF is a constitutionally created schools in Texas. The royalties paid for oil and natural gas production on PSF lands are deposited into the fund.
Plugging these wells will ensure the safety of
Texans, wildlife, and ec osystems in the area


New Harris PROSPERS Plan Maps Out Pathways to Success for Harris County Families


The unveiling of the new initiative Harris ROSPERS on August 10th. Commissioner Rodney Ellis at the podium.
Every person in Harris County deserves a stable foundation and a clear path to prosper, thrive, and build a better life for themselves and heir families. Yet, according to recent data, half of Harris County residents can't afford a $\$ 400$ than $\$ 25,000$ annually
That is why on August 10th Harris County nveiled Harris PROSPERS (Pathways to Realiz Opportunity, Security, Potential, Equity, Resilnee, and Safety, a plan to accomplish two goals: reating paths lo abs an opport building to succeed.
To learn more about Harris County's commitment to prosperity for every family and the programs that encompass Harris PROSPERS, visit HarrisProspers.com.

Funding Approved for TeleDeputy Unit to Speed Up Response to Emergency Calls

In recent years, population growth and staffing challenges have contributed to the Harris County Sheriff's Office receiving a much higher volume of emergency calls resulting in longer response times to the scene of the crime. However, not all requiring an officer to physically respond.
To help meet demand and free up officers needed for emergencies, Harris County Commisiow new TeleDeputy program to allow officers to heeding to file a police report after a car break-in or reporting an abandoned vehicle. The TeleDepty program is expected to reduce response wait imes from an average of over 14 minutes to less han 10 minutes. The new TeleDeputy Unit is another example of how Harris County is giving law enforcement the 21st-century tools they need to do their jobs most effectively, and ultimately better protect the community.
County Breaks Ground for New Building for Hay Center


At
Every year in the Houston area, more than 200 outh exit the foster care system when they reach dulthood or graduate high school. Nationwide so kids who age out of foster care become instantly homeless. Without traditional family support and community connections, many youth
will face unstable housing and have a greater risk of homelessness.
The HAY Center, a program of Harris County Resources for Children and Adults, has provided comprehensive, wraparound services for these foster youth in Harris County since 2005, and has helped thousands of young people in Harris County get access to the education, employment, mentoring and health services they need. In June, Harris County broke ground on a new campus that will, for the first time, give the HAY Center the capacity to actually house youth with will also provide wraparound services including therapy employment assistance, transportation, and more for 1,300 additional foster youth in the county. Construction is scheduled to be complete in Summer 2024.


Circumstantial Evicence
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loss of half his tail last year. H went from her archenemy to he best friend, and now my mothe
feeds him every day. He has be feeds him every day. He has be
come quite tame and is clearly come quite tame and is clearl
devoted to my mother and so, nat urally, every time I chat with my mom, I ask how Stubby is doing. Apparently, Stubby got into

The Postscript by Carrie Classon Circumstantial Evidence"
 It wasn't because of the weather. The weather was won-
derful. The nights up in the mountains were cool, and the days were warm, and sometimes in the afternoons, a thunder storm would roll in, and a re-
freshing rain would fall, leaving freshing rain would fall, leaving
the air clean and sweet. No. It wasn't the weather.
And it wasn't really my fami-ly-although, I do miss them. My parents have been in the thick of summer activities at their cabin
by the lake. They had lots to do and lots of visitors, and I knew they were doing well. No. It wasn't my family.
The truth is, I heard some concerning news about Stubby my mother's pet red squirrel, an
I thought it was time I went to visit him to make sure everything was 0 K .
My mother reluctantly adopted Stubby after the tragic loss of
half his tail last year He from her archenemy to her best friend, and now my mother feeds him every day. He spent the win ter under their deck, digging tun nels through the snow to get to the treats my mother left unde the bird feeder. He has becom ed to my mother and so, natura ly, every time I chat with my
mom, I ask how Stubby is doing mom, I ask how Stubby is doing Apparently, Stubby got int some trouble.
According to my mother, their neighbor, Rod, painted his deck
recently. I can picture Rod's deck. It is a cheerful blue and ha bright yellow flowerpots and patio furniture on it. It's a beautiful deck, bu keepingit hat colr
requires a bit of upkeep. So Im assuming that when there was no rain in the forecast, Rod got out there to paint the deck. At this point, I would like to
emphasize that there is no proof emphasize that there is no pro
whatsoever of Stubby's guilt. According to Rod, whos house is next door, his work was spoiled with little squirrel tracks all over his newly painted deck
Rod was not happy. He told his Rod was not happy. He told his
wife that he was going to get some squirrel traps and catch whoever ruined his paint job and deposit them far away. Rod would never kill a red
squirrel but I squirre,, aut can mage he was pretty angry about the deck and
would be willing to drive quite a long way to relocate whoever ha left paw prints all over it. Char, Rod's wife, was chatting with my mother last week, an
she told Mom about Rod's she told Mom about Rod's plan.
"Oh, no!" my mother said. She told Char she wished Rod wouldn't do that, but she neve heard back, and she hadn't see Rod or Char since.
"I haven't seen Stubby all day," my mother wrote me signed her note, "Stubby's friend and protector."
And that was how the story
There is a lot I don't know. First-and most importantly-
there is no evidence that it wa Stubby who ruined Rod's deck Stubby is missing his tail, not paw, and his tracks would look like
any other red squirrel's-including any other red squirrel's-including
the very wicked squirrel who ran across that fresh blue paint. And I never heard back from my mother. Surely, she would have called me in Mexico if Stub-
by had gone missing for more by had gone missing for more
than 24 hours. So now I am plan than 24 hours. So now 1 am plan-
ning a visit to check up on my mom and my dad-and Stubby But I will tell you right now if I happen to notice a slightly blueish tint on Stubbys
not plan to say a word. not plan to say a word.
Till next time, Carrii

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 CONSTITUTIONALAMENDMENT ELECTION

## Poposition Numbe

(HJR 126)
HJR 126 proposes a constitutional amendment to protect a person's right to engage in generally accepted farm,
ranch, timber production, horticulture, or wildlife management practices on real property that the person owns or leases.
The proposed amendment would not affect the authority of the legislature to authorize the regulation of these practices by: (1) a state agency or political subdivision as necessary to protect the public health and safety from imminent danger; (2) a state agency to prevent a danger to animal health or crop production; or (3) a state agency or political subdivision to preserve or under the Texas Constitution. Additionally, the proposed amendment would not affect use or acquisition of property for a public use, including the development of natural use, including the development of natual
resources under the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildife management."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 64)
SJR 64 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the governing body of a county or municipality to exempt
from property taxation all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility. The proposed amendment would authorize the governing body to adopt the exemption as a percentage of the appraised value of the property, but that percentage could not be less than $50 \%$ of the appraised value of the property. The proposed amendment also would allow the legislature to define the term "child-care facility" and to establish additional eligibility requirements receive the property tax exemption.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility"

## Proposition Number 3

 (HJR 132)HJR $\mathbf{1 3 2}$ proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the wealth or net worth of an individual or family. The proposed amendment also would prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 2- Second Special Session) HJR2 proposesa constitutional am endment to modify certain provisions of the Texas
Constitution related to property taxes. The Constitution related to property taxes. The the legislature to temporarily limit the maximum appraised value of real property for property tax purposes in a tax year. The the mandatory homestead exemption for school district property taxation from $\$ 40,000$ to $\$ 100,000$. The proposed amendment would require the legislature to provide for a reduction in the amount of the limitation on school district property taxes imposed on the residence homestead of the elderly or disabled. Additionally, the amendment would exempt appropriations not dedicated by the Texas Constitution and used for property tax relief from being considered as appropriations when determining whether the rate of growth of appropriations in a biennium has exceeded the constitutional tax spending limit. The proposed amendment would further authorize the legislature to provide that members serving on an appraisal board in a county with a population of at least 75,000 serve terms not to exceed four years.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes;
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homesteads from $\$ 40,000$ to $\$ 100,000$; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

## Proposition Number 5

## (HJR 3)

## HJR 3 proposes a constitutional

 amendment to redesignate the national research university fund as the TexasUniversity Fund (TUF) and to appropriate funds from the economic stabilization fund to the TUF. The proposed amendment would appropriate to the TUF an amount equal to the interest income, dividends, and investment earnings attributable to the economic stabilization fund for the preceding state fiscal year. The appropriation amount could not exceed $\$ 100$ million for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023 , or an amount adjusted for the increase in the general price index, not to exceed two percent, in subsequent state fiscal years. The proposed amendment also would prohibit any state
university that is entitled to participate in university that is entitled to participate in dedicated funding provided by Article VII, receiving money from the TUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."

Proposition Number 6
(SJR 75)
SJR $\mathbf{7 5}$ proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas water fund. The Texas water fund would be a special
fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or its successor to assist in financing water projects in the state. The proposed amendment would direct the Texas water fund administrator to use the fund only to transfer money to other TWDB funds or accounts. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money for deposit to the water fund to be available for permitted transfers. No further legislative appropriation would be required for the water fund administrator to transfer money from or restore money to the fund, including the transfer of money to or the restoration of money from certain designated TWDB funds and accounts. The water fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by general law; (2) other revenue that the legislature by statute dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on ammounts credited to the fund; (4) money from gifts, grants, returned from any authorized transfer The returned from any authorized transer. The proposed amendment would require the
legislature, by general law, to provide for legislature, by general law, to provide for
the manner in which money from the Texas water fund may be used. The proposed amendment also would require that at least $25 \%$ of the money initially appropriated to the Texas water fund be transferred to the New Water Supply for Texas Fund.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."

Proposition Number 7
(SJR 93)
SJR 93 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas energy
fund. The Texas energy fund would be fund. The Texas energy fund would be a
special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) or its successor. Money in the Texas energy fund could be used, without further appropriation, only by PUC or its successor to provide loans and grants to finance or incentivize the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities necessary to ensure the reliability or adequacy of an electric power grid in the state. The proposed amendment
would require PUC to allocate money from
projects for electric generating facilities projects for electric generating facilities in each region of the state that is part of an electric power grid in proportion to that region's load share. The Texas energy fund would consist of: (1) money credited, appropriated, or transferred to the fund by or as authorized by the legislature; (2) revenue that the legislature dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) the returns received from the investment of the money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations contributed to the fund.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support
the construction modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."

## Proposition Number 8

 (HJR 125)HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the broadband infrastructure fund. The broadband infrastructure fund would be a special
fund in the state treasury outside the fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller). Money from the fund could be used, without further appropriation, only
for the expansion of access to and adoption for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund
would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by the Texas Constitution, general law, or the General Constitution, general law, or the General
Appropriations Act; (2) revenue that the legislature by general law dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the Comptroller to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure fund to another fund as provided by general law, and the state agency that administers the fund to which any money is transferred could use the money without further appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure
fund would expire on September 1, 2035, fund would expire on September 1, 2035, unless extended by adoption of a joint resolution of the legislature. Immediately Comptroller wid be if he fund, the any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the broadband infrastructure fund to the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand highspeed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."

Proposition Number 9 (HJR 2)
HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to erigible annuitants of the Teacher to eligible annuitants of the Teacher
Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The
proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the general revenue fund to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to pay the cost-of-living adjustment.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the

## Proposition Number 10

(SJR 87)
SJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation tangible personal property held by a medical or
biomedical manufacturer as a finished good or used in the manufacturing or processing of medical or biomedical products.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exuipmpt from ad valorem laxation manufacturer of medical or bio a products to protect the Texas healthcar network and strengthen our medical supply chain."

Proposition Number 11 (SJR 32)
SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment to expand the authority of the legislature with regard to conservation and
exas Constitution permits conservation and reclamation districts in certain counties across the state to issue bonds to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities but does not currently provide this authority to El Paso County. The proposed amendment would add conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to those districts currently allowed, if authorized by general law, to issue bonds supported by property taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. The proposed amendment would not limit the powers of the legislature or
of a conservation and reclamation district of a conservation and reclamation district with respect to parks and recreational
facilities as those powers currently exist. the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 12 (HJR 134)
HJR 134 proposes a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County. The amendmentwould authorize the Galveston
County Commissioners Court to County Commissioners Court to employ or contract with a qualified person or
designate another county officer to perform any functions that would have been performed by the County Treasurer. The performed by the County Treasurer. The
proposed amendment would take effect only if a majority of the voters of Galveston County voting on the proposition favor the amendment.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County.

## Proposition Number 13

## (HJR 107)

HJR 107 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges. Currently, the Texas Constitution judges. Currently, the Texas Constitution
establishes that justices and judges of establishes that justices and judges of
the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts must retire on the expiration of the term during which they reach the age of 75 years or an earlier age, not less than 70 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment would change the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts to 79 years or an earlier age, not less than 75 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment also would remove the provision stating that justices and judges may only serve until December 31 of their furth year in office

## Crosby v Lee,

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ed lead with a 1 -yard run the lead and probable win into the end zone by with only 1:26 ticks left on off the clock. With 6:45 remaining in the third quarer, the Ganders put together a time-consuming 12-play 79-yard drive that yard pass to Kylan Williams for the touchdown. Momentum seemed to shift to the Ganders with he TD and Head Coach kickoff with an on-side kick surprising the Cougars recovering the ball at the Cougar 48. Four plays ater, QB Duncan connect his time for a 25 -yara catch in the end zone. Guz man's PAT tied the game up 28-28 with 11:13 remaining in the fourth uarter.
Boring spree to take on a e to take the Yarbrough punched the ball in from the 2 -yard line with 9:03 remaining to porary lead. Lee's Radavion Taylor scampered 11 -yards to bring the Ganders within point. Gander coach Finn can pass to Josiah Joseph for the 2-point conversion gave Lee what seemed like the clock. Crosby, however, would shock the Ganders when Yarbrough broke free from the line of scrimmage and bolted 54 -yards into th end zone. Needing a two
point conversion, Coach Joe Willis rolled the dice and Fontenot ran the ball in to give the Coogs a 43 36 lead with only 45 sec
onds left in the onds left in the game.
In what appeared a breakdown by Crosby a breakdown by Crosby
special teams, Lee fresh man Josh Marquez took the kickoff at the Lee 30 yard line and ran it back to the Crosby 37. Aided by a pass interfer
ence call at the end zone Duncan found Joseph in the end zone with a 17 yard pass for the touch Ganders' Finn gambled again and went for the two-point conversion. Taylor found an opening on the left side and ran the ball
in, giving Lee the win, 44in, giving Lee the win, 44
43 . ${ }^{43}$ It's the first time Cros by has started the season $0-3$ since the 2019 cam paign when they opened with losses to New Caney
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Public comments are due by: Wednesday, September 13, 2023
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site has increased in elevation since 2015 to 2023 from 3 feet to 7 feet even though the area suffers from subsidence and flood erosion. This latest LOF
application follows comapplication follows com falo's creation of a barg mooring area in the SJR just west of the project site.

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Karen Hildebrand
Sep 22 -Bethany Little
Annie Michalsky

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Sep 20-Gene \& Angie

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