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AT HIGHLANDS **CHAMBER: Goose Creek CISD** superintendent Dr. Randal O'Brien popped into the **Highlands Chamber** of Commerce meeting and at the end gave a brief report on the failed bond. While he was disappointed, his spirit was not deterred.



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Cookies & Photos with Santa in Highlands Dec. 5

EVENTS

The traditional Arrival of Santa in Highlands will be indoors at the Highlands Community Center Tuesday Dec. 5 f rom 5pm to 8pm. Cookies, Hot Chocolate,

Pizza, and Pictures of your

child with Santa. Hosted by Precinct 3, Peet & Georgiana Bighorse, Highlands Chamber, Highlands Horizons, Rotary Club of Highlands, and Seniors Helping Seniors High-Town.

Christmas Trees!

The Community Center invites you to share your tree, and decorate a tree the week after Thanksgiving, from 8am to 7pm daily.

Crosby 25th **Annual Christmas** Festival Dec. 9

Crosby/Huffman Chamber presents its 25th Annual Christmas Festival, Saturday Dec. 9 from 1pm to 5pm at Crosby Church,

5727 Hwy 90, Crosby. Event includes Christmas Market, Entertainment, Holly the Elf, Pictures with Santa and Goody Bags 2pm-4pm, Petting Zoo 2pm-5pm, Hayride, Balloon Artist,

and MORE. Lighted Parade at 6pm!

Crosby 25th Annual Christmas Parade Sat. Dec. 9 at 6pm

Crosby/Huffman Chamber presents its 25th Annual Christmas PARADE with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Starts at 6pm at Crosby Middle School, travels down FM2100 and returns to School.

Highlands Chamber undergoing Revival

By David Taylor Managing Editor

For three years, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce endured an unplanned closure. A world-wide pandemic sidelined the previously active organization and then their beloved director, Jessica Woods, suffered a devastating stroke following the death of her mother. The cascade of events left the chamber reeling until last week.

"It was just a confluence of circumstances that brought the chamber to a standstill," said incoming president of the chamber, Jim Wadzinski.

Anxious to get back to business and resurrect the chamber, current president Rand Casey called for a meeting last week and to his surprise, 30-plus members were present at the first inperson meeting in quite a while.

"You can help us out by bringing new members into the chamber," he



Jim Wadzinski and Randy Casey discuss the status of the Highlands Chamber. Wadzinski shared the value of being a member of the Chamber.

challenged those present.

Casey invited former chamber president Jim Wadzinski to speak to those present on the importance of chambers to the community at large. Wadzinski has agreed to return as presi-

dent next year to help lead the rebuilding of the chamber.

'The Highlands Chamber is not just a chamber of commerce in the classic sense being an organization that brings businesses together for events and networking opportunities," he began. "But as an unincorporated community, you have no political representation that is specifically geared toward the needs, wants, and desires of Highlands," he reminded the

He thanked current and previous commissioners and political leaders for their unwavering support, but also pointed out they needed to hear from a unified group.

"During my tenure, we had a resident come to us with a complaint about several street corners that were underlit and was inviting crime to the area,"

Continued. See Highlands Chamber, Page 7

Veterans honored with display of Signs

By David Taylor Managing Editor

A cherished tradition has returned for Veteran's and Memorial Day observances in the Crosby, Barrett, and Highlands communities.

After a brief hiatus due to the pandemic, the signs that used to line FM 2100 with a yellow ribbon on them and the name of a local veteran have a new

Last Thursday, before the holiday weekend, veterans were putting out the beloved signs in the cemetery at Sterling-White in Highlands, a different twist on the previously lined highway.

"We had been doing this for a long time as a way to continue supporting our Veteran signs return after brief hiatus



The main avenue into Sterling-White Funeral Home and Cemetery was lined with U.S. flags and was the beginning of the veteran signs placed throughout the cemetery to celebrate Veteran's Day.

veterans who have served this country," said current Crosby American Legion Post 658 Commander Richard Newman.

Newman, who had al $ready\ walked\ the\ cemetery$ and assisted in placing the signs, said he had seen many generations represented including some fathers and sons.

'We just want to make sure we keep their memory alive," he said.

The tradition of placing the signs with yellow ribbons began a decade ago but due to COVID, was put on hold temporarily

"We used to put them on the highway along FM 2100, but the highway has gotten to be so dangerous now we just can't do that.

Continued. See VETERANS SIGNS IN CEMETERY, Page 7

Harris County Health offers free COVID-19 booster shots

HOUSTON - Harris County Public Health (HCPH) now offers the updated Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. The updated vaccines are free at HCPH for community members 6 months and older without health insurance or whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs.

In September 2023, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approved the updated Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines. The updated vaccines (or boosters) are recommended for everyone 6 months and older who has completed their primary vaccine series. They are designed to protect against the Omicron variant and other circulating virus strains

"With the cool weather approaching this fall and winter, as well as the holidays, it is important for families to stay up to date with their COVID-19 and flu vaccines," said Ericka Brown, MD, Local Health Authority for HCPH. "The updated COVID-19 vaccines provide the best protection against the most recent strains of the virus, and they are safe and effective for people of all ages."

To schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at HCPH locations, please vacstrac.hctx.net or call

(832) 927-8787. HCPH also offers flu shots at its health clinics and sites. People can receive the flu and COVID-19 shots simultaneously.

The COVID-19 vaccines are provided to eligible participants through the enrollment of the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program and the CDC's Bridge Access Program to adults 18 and over.

In addition, people with health insurance can receive their flu and COVID-19 vaccines from local healthcare providers, health centers, and pharmacies. vaccines.gov to find locations near you.

Rotary places flags on graves at **Houston Veterans Cemetery**



IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY, the Highlands Rotary Club members Connie Russell, Denise Smith, Patricia Scott, and Jennie King along with others from Connie's Place, placed American flags on gravesites at the Veterans

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GOOSE CREEK CISD NEWS Friday Night Lights Experience

By: Dr. Norma Martinez Football games have always been a cherished tradition in Goose Creek CISD. But in addition to the touchdowns and cheerleaders, there are other important elements that contribute to the electrifying atmosphere: the high school marching bands and drill teams. These dedicated young musicians put in countless hours of practice to ensure that they not only entertain but also uplift the spirits of their communities. In recent years, our fine arts department has found a way to showcase their talents during the yearly Friday Night Lights Experience performances, adding a new dimension to the excitement of these



All 3 High School Bands participated in Friday Night Lights Experience.

For high school bands, the road to the marching band contests is a journey that begins months in advance. Students, teachers, and volunteers work together to perfect their routines and music. Practice sessions are intense, and band members pour their hearts into perfecting their performances. Musicians and color guard members drill relentlessly, and the drum majors lead the ensemble with unwavering enthusiasm. Their commitment to excellence is a testament to the dedication of these young performers. Mr. Ray Lavan agrees, "As the Fine Arts Director, I am immensely proud to commend our outstanding high school marching bands and drill teams - the Lee Ganders, the Sterling Rangers, and the Goose Creek Memorial Patriots - for their exceptional performances. Their dedication, creativity, talent, and hard work have enriched our community and exemplify why the fine arts are the heart and soul of our district. Congratulations to all the students, instructors, and supporters for a remarkable fall season."

During this year's Friday Night Lights Experience, eighth grade band and dance students were able to enjoy performances by the three GCCISD High School bands at Sterling, Lee, and Goose Creek Memorial:



Cassie Smith to march in 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®

Following its amazing inaugural appearance in the 2022 Rose Parade,® the Saluting America's Band Directors project is again bringing together band directors from across the country to New York City on November 23, 2023 under the theme, "America's band directors: We teach music. We teach life."

Cassie Smith, an Assistant Band Director at Robert E Lee High School, has been selected to join a marching band of 400 band directors from across the country in the historic Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade® on November 23, 2023.

The Saluting America's Band Directors parade entry will again convey its theme, "America's band directors: We teach music. We teach life." to recognize the extraordinary dedication and accomplishments of band directors



Cassie Smith at a concert

tors and music educators everywhere. Throughout their careers, the music educators in this band have collectively mentored and taught hundreds of thousands of students. These professionals not only teach and direct music, they teach about life itself.

The band will be directed by nationally known music educator and innovative band director Jon Waters.

The sponsoring organization behind the Saluting America's Band Directors project is the Michael D.



Cassie Smith
Assistant Band Director – Lee HS
Goose Creek CISD

Sewell Memorial Foundation, based in Pickerington, Ohio. The foundation was created to recognize and carry on the work of the late Mike Sewell, who dedicated his life to the school and community music programs in Pickerington and the Central Ohio area for almost 40 years





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ON THE HILL

A Night to Remember with Pat Green at the GCCISD Education Foundation Concert

Jones Public LIbrary **Memorials**

SUBJECT: Memorials, Honorariums and Donations

Memorials In Memory of:

Park, Sue & Tony: Cape, All Are Welcome: Welcome Back given by Jack Unkel and Family

Brown, Betty: Spring Sings for the Very Grouchy Ladybug, All the Beating Hearts given by Jack Unkel and Family

Raczkowski, Stanley Michael: Exploring Careers in the Military given by Stephen Dugger

Kenneally, Ivy: Enchantment: Awakening Wonder in an Anxious Age given by Cathy Harbour

Honorariums: In Honor of:

Brown, Magnolia: When's My Birthday given by Uncle Kevin and Aunt Viviann Boy-

Dudley, Sheryl Smikal: The Nutcracker given by Lambda Alpha Sigma

Judge, Kimberly: But First, Coffee given by Lambda Alpha Sigma

Stormbender, Elaanie: The Witch's Weeds given by Kristen Westmoreland

Chachere, Mrs. Jon: Good Housekeeping: Home Skills, The Secret History of Home Economics given by Paul and June Damek

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Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

By Norman Martinez

The GCCISD Education Foundation hosted the Cowboy Boots & Goose Creek Roots featuring Pat Green in concert at the Hyatt Regency Baytown on Friday, October 27. This fundraiser was held to support the students

and teachers of Goose Creek CISD as a partnership with community sponsors to provide resources, enrich teaching, inspire learning, and opportunities for excellence.

Pat Green and his band took the stage a little after 8:30pm and wowed the audience with his performance of songs that reached from the beginning of his career in 1998 to his most recent album, "Miles and Miles of You," released in 2022. Attendees danced for over an hour, as Pat Green talked and joked with the audience between songs. Pat Green finished the show

with his Grammy nominated hit, "Wave on Wave." Through events such as

this one, The GCCISD Education Foundation has been able to provide more than \$1.9 million to district teachers in the last 14 years. Committee members review grant applications and award teachers

with innovative teaching ideas. For more information on future benefit events or other questions, contact the GCCISD Education Foundation office at 281-420-4800 or visit them the web www.gccisd.net/ EducationFoundation.home.



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

MB Football Player Earns All-Conference Honors at Angelo State University

16/2023)— Seventeen players on the Angelo State University Rams football team, including Layton English of Mont Belvieu, TX, have earned a total of 19 All-Lone Star Conference accolades for their performances during the 2023 season.

Highlighting the All-LSC first team for the Rams are junior guard Noah Plsek of West, who was also named the LSC Offensive Lineman of the Year, and junior Andrew Pitts of McKinney, who made the first-team offense as a return specialist and the first-team defense at defensive back.

offensive tackle Connor Fisher of Willis, junior wide receivers Kyle Bradford of Prosper and Zorhan Rideaux of Houston, sophomore all-purpose player Also making the All-

OF THE YEAR

LSC first team are junior

Brayden Wilcox of San Angelo, graduate student defensive tackle Layton English of Mount Belvieu. junior defensive end Amieh Williams of Houston, junior linebacker Eric

NOAH PLSEK

Rascoe of San Antonio, senior safety K'Hari Watson of Keller, and junior punter Cade Fuller of Fountain Valley, Calif.

Making the All-LSC second team for the Rams are grad student quarterback Gerald Gardner of Houston, junior kicker Bradley Larson of Prosper, senior linebacker Joshua Booker Brown of Houston, grad student cornerback Kason McCullough-Cooper of Dallas, and junior safety Jordan McKinney of Waco.

Junior running back Alfred Grear of Del Valle was ASU's sole representative on the LSC All-Academic Team.

The Rams went 7-3 overall and 6-2 in the LSC this season, narrowly missing out on the NCAA D-II Playoffs.

See more details at angelosports.com and on the LSC website.

Texas American Title Company Celebrates Grand Opening with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

BAYTOWN - Texas American Title Company, celebrated their Grand Opening of their Baytown location with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Baytown Chamber of Commerce staff, Ambassadors and local mortgage lenders and Realtors joined in the festivities.

Texas American Title Company is a part of the Anywhere Integrated Services family of companies. Anywhere Integrated Services is national in scope, but locally staffed with a wealth of experience coast to coast. Texas American Title Company has been in the Houston market for over thirty years and is built on a tradition of excellence and guided by a spirit of integrity throughout all aspects of



Pictured left to right: Texas American Title staff Stacey Kuithe, Karen Martinez, Amy Davidson and Crystal Batson were joined by Chamber Ambassadors and local mortgage lenders and Realtors

the closing process. Their team brings a unique blend of knowledge, personal commitment and expertise to every transaction.

Texas American Title Company has been working in Baytown and surrounding areas for several years and are proud to say they finally have a local office for their clients to visit. They are located at 700 Rollingbrook Drive, Suite C. You can reach them via phone at 346-676-9028, website www.texasamerican.com or follow them on Facebook.



★ OPINION PAGE ★



County Clerk was the Big Winner in the Election

The biggest winner on election night was an official that was not on the ballot - Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth. There were no long lines at the polls. None of the polls ran out of paper. Early and mail-in results were announced shortly after 7:00PM and final unofficial results were finalized by early Wednesday morning. There were a handful of equipment problems reported but Hudspeth's office was quick to respond and there were no reports of any polls being out of commission for any significant length of time. Of course, this is a dramatic contrast to recent dysfunctional elections in Harris County, which were plagued with long lines, ballot paper shortages and widespread equipment problems.

But the most significant improvement was that the vote tally actually balanced at the end of the election. The State requires each county to file a Preliminary Election Reconciliation report (Preliminary Report) that summarizes how many people voted compared the number of ballots counted. Ideally, the number of voters should equal the number of ballots counted. To give you an idea of the improvement, two days after the primary election in March 2022, Harris County published a Preliminary Report that showed 10,072 more people voted than ballots cast. In other words, just over 10,000 ballots had been "lost." In the "notes" section, where any difference is supposed to be explained, the report only says, "further investigation needed." Early Wednesday morning, Hudspeth's office published its Preliminary Report that the difference between the number of voters and ballots cast was only 65 and the report explains that difference.

After the 2022 primary election, the Harris County Republican Party "established a rapid response team" to field questions and complaints from precinct judges during future elections. During the chaotic general election last year, the team fielded over 900 calls. In this election there were only 75 calls. Several of my Republican friends who were serving as poll workers or poll watchers, told me they were pleasantly surprised at how smoothly the election went. One Republican poll watcher at the vote counting center said the difference between this election and the elections last year was "like night and day."

If you have not been following the ongoing saga of Harris County elections in the last few years, let me briefly bring you up to date. Texas law charges County Clerks with the responsibility to conduct elections, and the Tax Assessor-Collector to maintain voter registration rolls. However, state law also allows County Commissioners' Courts to consolidate these functions in an election administrator who is hired by and reports to Commissioners' Court.

In July 2020, the three Democratic members of Harris County Commissioners' Court voted to create an election administrator for the County. County Commissioner Rodney Ellis argued that having elections and voter registration administered by the democratically elected County Clerk and Tax Assessor-Collector was racist, claiming that "what we have is a vestige, a relic, of that old Jim Crow era," (Houston Chronicle, July 15, 2020). Ironically, at that time, both officials were Democrats and African-Americans.

Also at that time, the County Clerk was Chris Hollins, who had been appointed by the Democratic majority on the Court after the resignation of Diane Trautman. As many of you will recall, Hollins adopted a number of changes to election procedures, such as 24-hour voting and widespread use of unsecured drop-off boxes. Many of those were struck down by the courts as being prohibited by Texas law. His actions were the primary motivation for the adoption of SB1 in 2021, which specifically prohibited many of his changes.

Because of the timing of Trautman's resignation, a special election was required in November 2020 for the balance of her term. However, her resignation came too late for the parties to nominate candidates for the 2022 ballot. In that situation, the precinct chairs of each party elect the nominee. Apparently, Ellis and Hidalgo were expecting that the precinct would rubber stamp the choice for Hollins to be the nominee. However, the precinct chairs bucked the judge and commissioner and selected Hudspeth as the nominee.

The precinct chairs showed much better judgment than Commissioners' Court. At the time, Hudspeth had worked in the County Clerk's office for fifteen years under five previous County Clerks. During her time at the County Clerk's office, she served in various roles, including working in the election division. Harris County voters elected Hudspeth in the November 2020 election. She was re-elected in 2022, to a full term with 58% of the vote.

Notwithstanding that two African-American, Democratic women had been elected by the people of Harris County to run voter registration and elections, the Commissioners' Court persisted in their plan to transfer the duties to an election administrator answerable only to them. They then selected a Democratic political operative with zero election administration experience.

However, that plan was upended by the Texas Legislature when it passed SB1750, a bill sponsored by State Senator Paul Bettencourt, which withdrew the authority of commissioners in counties with populations over 3.5 million, from establishing an election administrator and returned those duties to the county clerk and tax assessor-collector.

Of course, Harris County sued to have SB1750 declared unconstitutional. A Travis County judge initially ruled the law was unconstitutional but the Texas Supreme Court stayed her order in late August, giving Hudspeth only a little over two months to get ready for the election . . . making her performance all the more remarkable.

As early voting began, I had an opportunity to visit with Hudspeth. She asked me to contact her if I heard of any problems with the election. On election day, I got a call from a neighbor about a poll that was having equipment problems. I texted Hudspeth, who immediately responded that she would check into it. Within about 20 minutes, she had a tech at the poll and it was back up and running. Somehow, I don't think that would have happened with an election administrator who answered to county commissioners and not the voters.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

Bill Passes to Allow Undocumented Migrants Arrest and Return

A sweeping border security bill that allows state and local police to arrest undocumented migrants is headed to Gov. Greg Abbot's desk, The Dallas Morning News reported. The bill also allows state district judges to order those migrants be returned to Mexico.

In addition, a separate bill that provides billions in funding for expansion of a border wall is headed back to the Senate for final approval.

Abbott has indicated he will sign both bills. Legal experts and Democratic legislators say the bill allowing law enforcement to arrest undocumented migrants is unconstitutional.

"Texas Republicans proudly passed legislation that will allow Greg Abbott's Department of Public Safety to imprison Black and Brown migrants for simply existing in our state," Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa said.

The bill's sponsor, state Rep. David Spiller, R-Jacksboro, defended the measure.

"We still know that the Biden administration has failed and refused to enforce federal immigration laws and secure the border," Spiller said.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF JFK'S ASSASSINATION NOTED

The 60th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is Nov. 22, with a number of events taking place in Dallas, where Kennedy was killed in 1963. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas is marking the event with a "Two Days in Texas" exhibition that revisits Kennedy's visit to Texas through eyewitness accounts of his time in Texas before the

assassination.

The sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, now a museum, was

the primary crime scene.
An all-day remembrance is also taking place



at the Texas Theatre in Oak Cliff, which is where Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested after killing Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit.

LNG PLANT'S PLANS PUT ON HOLD

A liquified natural gas terminal planned for Port Arthur has been halted, at least temporarily, after the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled consistent emission standards were not applied, the Texas Standard reported.

The complaint was brought by an environmental group which claimed the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality was going to allow the plant to have higher emissions than similar plants in Texas.

Amy Dinn, with Lone Star Legal Aid, which brought the lawsuit, said in an interview that "We were very concerned that this additional pollution from this facility, if allowed to go forward at the permitted limits TCEQ had approved, would cause potential health impacts for the community that lives there because they're already forced to have a lot of air pollution."

Once the court releases its final decision, the plant's permit application will go back to TCEQ.

TIKTOK BAN CHALLENGED

An Austin federal judge will decide whether a ban of TikTok on state-owned and issued devices will on behalf of the Coalition of Independent Technology Research, kut.org reported. Arguments were heard in the case last week.

The coalition represents university faculty who wish to continue using the social media platform for research and teaching purposes at state institutions. Gov. Greg Abbott ordered the ban on TikTok, which is owned by a Chinese company, last December.

Jameel Jaffer of the Knight First Amendment Institute said plaintiffs are seeking an injunction to lift the ban.

"Their work is about the social media platforms," Jaffer said. "They study the social media platforms, write about the social media platforms, propose regulatory reform relating to the social media platforms. And the ban is impeding them from doing that work."

Todd Dickerson of the Texas attorney general's office maintained the ban is a precautionary measure, that few researchers are affected, and that faculty can do their work with Tik-Tok on their personal devices

CINNAMON APPLESAUCE POUCHES RECALLED

Elevated levels of lead have been found in several cinnamon applesauce products, prompting a recall and a warning from the Texas Department of Health Services that children who consumed those products should be tested for lead exposure.

The recalled products include:

- WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree pouches
- Schnucks brand cinnamon-flavored applesauce pouches and variety pack
- Weis brand cinnamon applesauce pouches

Some of the recalled products are sold in Texas through a number of retailers. Parents are urged to check their homes and discard these products.

GETTING HOME SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season begins this week, and the Texas Department of Transportation is urging everyone to drive sober and urge their loved ones to do the same.

During last year's 32-day holiday season, 108 people were killed and 229 seriously injured by drunk drivers in crashes across the state.

"A safe and sober ride should be at the top of your list when making plans with family and friends," Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director, said. "If not, you risk your job, your life, and the lives of others. It's just not worth it."

Law enforcement will be on heightened awareness from Dec. 16 through Jan. 1, looking for drunk drivers.



A Perfect Cup

It's important to have a good coffee cup.

My husband, Peter, makes the coffee, and has since we were married. We will be celebrating nine years of marriage this spring, so you might not be surprised to hear that I no longer remember how to make coffee. This is called "learned helplessness" in psychology circles, and it is certainly true in my case. Peter makes the coffee, and I drink it. This seems to me like a fair division of labor. And having the proper cup is essential.

I am reminded of this every time I return to Mexico, because I do not pack a coffee cup.

Our little furnished apartment has a perfectly fine selection of matching white ceramic coffee cups sitting on the shelf. But none of these cups is my cup. And so, usually on the first day, I will head out to the market where handcrafted items are sold in search of a perfect cup.

Walking through the market, it is surprising how relatively few coffee cups I see. I suppose most people do not have a cup sitting beside them all day, or at least for the first six hours of every day. I don't think this is nearly as common in Mexico as it is in the U.S. But still, there are a lot of nice cups and, eventually, I find my new cup.

"What do you think?" I ask Peter when I triumphantly return with my new perfect cup.
"Isn't that the same cup

you had before?" he asks.

Peter does not understand. He drinks his coffee from a white ceramic cup. He does not realize what a wonderful feeling it is when I find my new cup. I do not take my new cup for granted for a moment. I admire it as I drink my coffee. My cup is usually colorful and always hand-painted and, once my new cup is sitting on my green Formica desk, all is right in my little world.

In six weeks' time, I will have formed a bond with my new coffee cup. And when we return to the U.S., I cannot bear to leave the cup behind. Because this cup holds more than my coffee. This cup holds the memories I am making, day by day, sip by sip, as I sit at my desk in Mexico. It holds the bright markets and the feel of the round cobblestone streets beneath my feet and the smiles of the countless friendly people I meet every

So, when it is time to leave, I take the new coffee cup with me, and I use it every day I am in the U.S. until we leave for Mexico again. Then I put my new cup away in the cupboard, and when I arrive back in Mexico, I start the process all over again.

Some people (people like Peter) might detect a potential flaw in this routine. Over time, my cupboard in the U.S. is becoming filled with beautiful Mexican coffee cups.

But it seems to me there are worse problems a person could have. Every time I open my cupboard, I am reminded of markets and streets and smiles.

Today, I am enjoying a beautiful new cup I bought just days ago. It is several shades of blue, and I already know there is no possibility I could leave this cup behind. Because this perfect cup holds things I want to keep forever. And I know for certain my coffee always tastes a little better when I drink it out of a perfect cup.

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SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 13

Ohio State, Michigan meet for Big 10 title, CFP spot: Red-hot Texans host Jags in key AFC South battle

What a Thanksgiving feast of football we have awaiting us this

There are big games from here to Ann Arbor in the NCAA and the NFL, and off the field there is also big news that came out of College Station on Nov. 12.

Before we look at this week's loaded schedule, I would be remiss if I didn't discuss Texas A&M's firing of head coach Jimbo Fisher. The school's Board of Regents met in Executive Session on Nov. 9 and decided to part ways after six years with Fisher. The Regents made their decision based on Athletic Director Ross Bjork's recommendation that the school part ways with Fisher, who won a national title at Florida State in 2013

Fisher was brought to College Station to compete with Alabama for the SEC West title, but that never materialized in his six years at Aggieland. In his second year at A&M, he led the Aggies to a 9-1 finish and a No. 4-ranking in the polls, but he was not able to build on that season. He beat Nick Saban one time in six tries and the powers that be decided it was time to move on, albeit an expensive one. A&M still owes Fisher \$76 million, which is a nice parting prize.

So, who do the Aggies go after next? There is talent in College Station, but 'Bama isn't going anywhere and LSU is only getting better. Fisher's inability to beat the Mississippi schools (Ole Miss and Mississippi State) could have also been a factor in his firing

Defensive line coach Elijah Robinson will serve as interim head coach and will lead the Aggies against LSU on Saturday night in Baton Rogue and in their bowl

While the Aggies close out their season on Saturday night, their long-time rival Texas will look to land a spot in the Big 12 title game with a win on Friday night at home against Texas Tech. Steve Sarkisian's team will have to do it without starting running back Jonathon Brooks (1,139 yards, 10 TDs) who suffered a season-ending ACL injury in the 'Horns' 29-26 win two weeks ago at TCU. True freshman C.J. Baxter will try and replace Brooks and Baxter has the talent and speed to do just that.

The biggest game on the college schedule occurs in Ann Arbor when No. 2-ranked Michigan hosts No. 3ranked Ohio State with the winner landing a spot in the Big 10 title



game and probably one of the four College Football Playoff (CFP) berths. Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh will not be allowed to be on the sidelines or in the stadium as he serves the last of the three-game suspension the Big 10 Commissioner levied against him for the signal stealing incident Michigan is allegedly to have been involved in. Two weeks ago, the Wolverines picked up a big road win in Harbaugh's absence when they won at Penn State, 24-15.

Other key games slated for the last full weekend of the regular season have No. 12 Oregon State playing at No. 6-ranked Oregon, and No. 8-ranked Alabama playing arch rival Auburn.

In the NFL, Houston's hometown team has one of its biggest games in years when the Texans host the Jacksonville Jaguars in a key AFC South contest. Two weeks ago, the Texans and rookie QB C.J. Stroud upset the Bengals in Cincinnati to move within one game of the Jags, who suffered a 34-3 thumping at home to the 49ers.

With this being Thanksgiving weekend, there are three games on tap for Turkey Day. It all starts in Detroit where the Lions host Green Bay, followed by Washington at Dallas and the nightcap features an NFC West battle when the 49ers visit the Seahawks. There's even an NFL game on Friday on Amazon as the Dolphins visit the Jets.

Other key NFL games in Week 12 features an AFC North battle between the Steelers and the Bengals. Buffalo plays at Philadelphia and the Sunday Night game features Baltimore at the Los Angeles Chargers.

Before we take a look at this week's loaded schedule, let's review last week's record. An 8-4 week brought the season record to

I want to wish all of you a happy and safe Thanksgiving and thanks for reading this weekly column. This will be my first Thanksgiving without my Sharon and I'm not really

looking forward to it. I miss her so, so much and the holidays will never be the same for me. I am thankful for the 27 wonderful years we had

Now, onto this weekend's game.

NCAA

Oregon State at Oregon: They call this game the Civil War and it should be a competitive contest. Oregon State already has eight wins on the year thanks to the play of QB DJ Uiagalalei (2,254 yards, 20 TDs) and running back Damien Martinez (1,024 yards, 7 TDs). The Beavers have a solid defense, but that unit will face its toughest test against an explosive Oregon offense led by QB Bo Nix (3,135 yards, 29 passing TDs/5 rushing TDs), running back Bucky Irving (939 yards, 10 TDs) and explosive wideout Troy Franklin (60 receptions, 1,039 yards, 11 TDs). Look for the Ducks offense to be too much for the Beaver defense on Friday. My pick, Oregon 34, Oregon

Texas Tech at Texas: No. 7ranked Texas will take on a Tech team that has struggled this year, but did upset No. 19 Kansas in Lawrence two weeks ago, 16-13. This week, the Red Raiders face a tougher road test against a UT team that has a lot to play for, namely a spot in the Big 12 title game and maybe a CFP berth. As stated, UT's best running back is out, but Baxter (390 yards, 3 TDs) is a capable replacement, UT QB Quinn Ewers (2,232 yards, 14 TDs) and wide receiver Xavier Worthy (59 receptions, 767 yards, 4 TDs) will look to attack a suspect Tech secondary. Tech will rely on QB Behran Morton (1,170 yards, 10 TDs) and talented running back Tahi Brooks (1,170 yards, 8 TDs) Look for the UT defense to shut down Brooks early, and then turn their sights on Morton. My pick, Texas 34, Texas Tech 18

Texas A&M at LSU: The Aggies would like nothing more than to go

into Tiger Stadium and leave with an upset win. It would do a lot for the Aas confidence and build muchneeded momentum heading into a new era with a new head coach. But that might be a tall order against a LSU team that is loaded on offense led by dual-threat QB Jayden Daniels (3,164 passing yards, 30 TDs/918 rushing yards, 8 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Malik Nbors (72 receptions, 1,284 yards, 10 TDs). A&M QB Max Johnson (1,452 yards, 9 TDs) returns to Tiger Stadium where he spent his first two years before transferring to A&M. He will need to make some big plays to speedy wideout Ainias Smith (43 receptions, 716 yards, 2 TDs) if the Aggies hope to pull off the upset. I don't see that happening on Saturday. My pick, LSU 33, Texas A&M 20

Alabama at Auburn: Nick Saban's Crimson Tide take on their arch rivals Auburn with a lot to play for. 'Bama has already earned a spot in the SEC title game, but Saban knows his team can't afford another loss if it hopes to land a CFP spot. Look for Tide QB Jalen Milroe (2,070 passing yards, 16 TDs/333 rushing yards, 12 TDs) and running back Jase McClellan (675 yards, 5 TDs) to set the tone early as the Tide continues its lateseason roll. My pick, Alabama 32,

Ohio State at Michigan: The Game of the Year in the Big 100 pits these two long-time rivals. Michigan owns a two-game winning streak over the Buckeyes and will look to make it three straight come Saturday. The Ohio State offense will face perhaps the best defense in the country on Saturday. The Wolverine defense has allowed just 75 points in its first 10 games (7.5 points per game). This will be that units biggest test as the Buckeyes offense is very potent, led by QB Kyle McCord (2,687 yards, 20 TDs) running back TreVeyon Henderson Jr. (648 yards, 8 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr. (59 receptions, 1,063 yards, 12 TDs). If Henderson can find success running the ball early, that could be a big boost, but the Michigan defense will look to harass McCord, who will be playing in his first Ohio State-Michigan game. It will be imperative for McCord to play within himself and not try to do too much, because if he does, the Michigan defense will smell blood and go in for the kill. On offense, the Wolverines are led by QB J.J. McCarthy (2,194 yards, 18 TDs), running back Blake Corum (794 yards, 18 TDs) and wide receiver Roman Wilson (36 receptions, 589 yards, 10 TDs). Look for the Michigan defense to once again step up its game as Michigan earns its third straight spot in the Big 10

Ohio State 16

NFL

Green Bay at Detroit: The Thanksgiving Day triple header begins with the Lions, leaders of the NFC North, hosting the struggling Packers. Two weeks ago, Detroit picked up a wild 41-38 win in LA over the Chargers, while the Packers fell to 3-6 with a loss at Pittsburgh. Look for Lions QB Jared Goff (2,507 yards, 14 TDs), running back David Montgomery (501 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (65 receptions, 821 yards, 4 TDs) to light it up against a beat up GB defense. My pick, Detroit 33, Green Bay 14

Washington at Dallas: The Cowboys host the Commanders in Dallas' annual Thanksgiving Day game with Dallas looking to get on a late-season roll. Two weeks ago QB Dak Prescott passed for 404 yards, threw 4 TD passes and had a rushing touchdown in Dallas' 49-17 route of the Giants (in two games this year, Dallas outscored New York 89-17), while the Commanders lost at Seattle. The Dallas defense will need to stop QB Sam Howell (2,783 yards) early and turn things over to Prescott (2.415 vards, 17 TDs), running back Tony Pollard (529 yards, 2 TDs), wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (68 receptions, 975 yards, 4 TDs) and tight end Jake Ferguson (36 receptions, 354 yards, 4 TDs) Look for the Dallas defense to make it a long day for Howell. My pick, Dallas 36, Washington 18

San Francisco at Seattle: The Turkey Day triple header concludes with a good NFC West meeting between the 49ers and Seahawks. Two weeks ago. SF ended a threegame losing streak with a convincing 34-3 road win at Jacksonville, while Seattle took care of business at home against Washington. These two teams despise one another, so look for a hard hitting affair on Thursday night. The 49res will need a big game from QB Brock Purdy (2,329 yards, 15 TDs), running back Christian McCaffrey (747 rushing yards, 9 TDs/38 receptions, 339 yards, 4 TDs), wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk (38 receptions, 675 vards, 3 TDs) and tight end Georg Kittle (35 receptions, 559 yards, 4 TDs). Seattle is led by QB Geno Smith (2,171 yards, 11 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (595 yards, 8 total TDs) and wide receiver DK Metcalf (35 receptions, 552 yards, 2 TDs) and Tyler Lockett (46 receptions, 494 vards, 4 TDs), Look for the SF defense to be the difference maker come Thursday night. My pick, San Francisco 24,

Jacksonville at Houston: The Texans rookie quarterback C.J.

Stroud (2,626 yards, 15 TDs) just keeps doing amazing things. Three weeks ago, he led his team on a 7play, 75-yard drive in 40 seconds to defeat Tampa Bay, and two weeks ago, he led his team on a gamewinning drive at Cincinnati to upset the heavily favored Bengals. This week, the Texans host the Jaguars in an important AFC South game for both teams. Houston should enter the game with a 6-4 record (they hosted 2-win Arizona last Sunday) and a win over the Jags would give Houston a two-game sweep and the tiebreaker in the division race. The Jags and QB Trevor Lawrence (2,120 yards, 9 TDs), running back Travis Etienne (618 yards, 7 total TDs) and Christian Kirk (49 receptions, 624 yards, 3 TDs) scored just three points at home two weeks ago in a 34-3 loss to the 49ers. Look for another big day from Stroud, and wide receivers Nico Collins (36 receptions, 631 yards, 4 TDs) and Tank Dell (34 receptions, 510 yards, 5 TDs) to have another big day as the good times continue to roll at NRG Stadium. My pick, Houston 26, Jacksonville 23

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati: A big one in the AFC North has the Steelers visiting the Bengals. Cinci played at Baltimore last week and could be looking at a two-game losing streak heading into this one Look for Cinci QB Joe Burrow (2,208 yards, 14 TDs) and wide receivers Ja'Marr Chase (69 receptions, 821 yards, 5 TDs) and Tyler Boyd (44 receptions, 417 yards, 2 TDs) to get back on track against a solid Steeler defense. It's the Pittsburgh offense that is the issue. My pick, Cincinnati 26, Pittsburgh 18

Buffalo at Philadelphia: The Bills have a tough road test this Sunday when they take on the Eagles in Philly. Two weeks ago, Buffalo fell to 5-5 on the season with a home loss on Monday night to the Broncos. Bills fans are getting restless and it won't get any easier when they face the defending NFC champs on the road on Sunday. The Eagles will be coming off an emotional Monday night Super Bowl rematch against the Chiefs. Buffalo needs a big game from QB Josh Allen (2,600 passing yards, 19 TDs/ 246 rushing yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (73 receptions, 868 yards, 8 TDs) when they face Eagles QB Jalen Hurts (2,347 passing yards, 15 passing TDs/316 rushing yards, 7 TDs), running back D'Andre Swift (614 yards, 3 TDs) and big-play wide receivers A.J. Brown (67 receptions, 1,005 yards, 6 TDs) and DeVonta Smith (42 receptions, 533 yards, 4 TDs). The Bills will struggle against the Eagles on Sunday. My pick, Philadelphia 34, Buffalo 23

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CROSBY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Data Control Codes		General Fund	General Debt Service		Capital Projects Fund		Nonmajor Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds	
Coucs	Revenues	Tunu	_	Tullu	_	Tunu	_	Tulius	_	Tulius
5700	Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 27,416,471	\$	13,174,094	\$	675,231	\$	1,732,949	\$	42,998,745
5800	State program revenues	38,558,542		323,307	•		,	530,255		39,412,104
5900	Federal program revenues	2,145,545						9,254,027		11,399,572
	Total Revenues	68,120,558	_	13,497,401	_	675,231	_	11,517,231	_	93,810,421
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	Expenditures									
0011	Current: Instruction	25 414 225						4 202 152		20 000 407
0011		35,414,335		-		-		4,392,152		39,806,487
0012	Instruction resources and media services Curriculum and instructional staff	167,055				-		241,008		408,063
0013		4 277 100						02.205		4 270 474
	development	1,277,109						93,365		1,370,474
0021	Instructional leadership	633,688		-				105,197		738,885
0023	School leadership	3,479,743		-		-		77,550		3,557,293
0031	Guidance, counseling and evaluation	1 722 205						1 270 646		2 242 224
	services	1,733,285				-		1,279,646		3,012,931
0033	Health services	688,759						50,605		739,364
0034	Student transportation	2,605,742		-		-		39,228		2,644,970
0035	Food services	28,175		-		-		3,677,798		3,705,973
0036	Extracurricular activities	1,872,400		-		-		288,687		2,161,087
0041	General administration	3,024,682		-		-		70,270		3,094,952
0051	Facilities maintenance and operations	6,356,438						100,848		6,457,286
0052	Security and monitoring services	1,395,319				-		171,411		1,566,730
0053	Data processing services	243,699		-		-		855		244,554
0061	Community services	18,460						83,223		101,683
	Debt service:									
0071	Principal on long-term debt	625,092		10,670,000				-		11,295,092
0072	Interest on long-term debt	698,964		3,407,557		-		-		4,106,521
0073	Bond issuance costs and fees	1,650		11,302		812,996		-		825,948
	Capital outlay:									
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction	401,731				401,740				803,471
l .	Intergovernmental:					W. N. T. o. S. o. o. o. o. o.				37 47 37 990 100 1
0093	Payments related to shared services									
	arrangements	59,400				_				59,400
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	269,931								269,931
6030	Total Expenditures	60,995,657	_	14,088,859	_	1,214,736	_	10,671,843	_	86,971,095
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1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over									
l .	expenditures	7,124,901	_	(591,458)	_	(539,505)	_	845,388	_	6,839,326
l .	Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
7911	Capital-related debt issued					83,100,000				83,100,000
7913	Proceeds from right to use assets	448,227				-				448,227
7916	Premium or discount on issuance of bonds	. 10,22				4,212,996				4,212,996
7949	Other resources	88,253								88,253
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	536,480	_		_	87,312,996	_		_	87,849,476
/000	Total Other Financing Sources (Oses)	330,400	_		_	01,312,330	_		_	01,045,410
1200	Net change in fund balances	7,661,381		(591,458)		86,773,491		845,388		94,688,802
0100	Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	30,893,438	_	7,373,069	_	3,086,661	_	2,644,710	_	43,997,878
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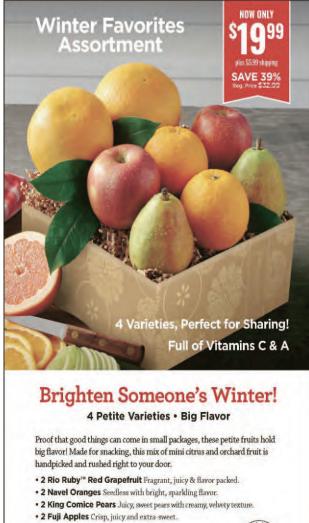
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Veterans honored with signs in Cemetery,

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Bella (Dion) was gracious enough to allow us to have this area which I think is fantastic," said Don Guillory, previous post commander. Guillory said the signs will appear regularly now on Veterans Day and Memorial Day every year.

The sign campaign originated with Son Harvest Church under the leadership of Pastor Richard Amador and then the American Legion joined in

Signs can still be purchased for a nominal amount by contacting the American Legion and providing the donation, the name, and proof of service.

"We are pleased to support the American Legion here in Crosby and we're providing a safe area for friends, families, and the community to come out over the weekend and walk or drive through the cemetery to see the names of veterans honored," said Bella Dion, managing partner for Sterling-White Funeral Home and Ceme-

The veterans will also be selling briskets at Thanksgiving for a \$100 donation.

"We're not trying to make a living off this but provide convenience for the community and earn a little bit for our veterans." Newman said. Deadline to order is Nov. 15.

"It's something new that we're doing and if the community likes it, we'll continue it every year," he said.

The money goes to support veteran's programs and their current Legion oratory representative.

To compliment the veteran signs throughout the cemetery, the front of the



Eddie Foster was one of the volunteers out placing the veteran's signs in the cemetery at Sterling-White in Highlands.



Before heading out to the cemetery to place the signs, the veteran's enjoyed a breakfast together at Hungry Jack's in Crosby.

cemetery is lined with U.S. flags. Newman pointed out that the signs are not just for war dead, but for all veterans who have served.

The veterans invited the community to come out and see the signs prior to the holiday and on the day of the celebration. Visitors can remain in the cars as they drive through the cemetery to view the signs and the names of many Crosby, Barrett, and Highlands veterans.

To purchase a sign, brisket, or donate to the American Legion call Newman at 832-872-8244 or Guillory at 713-819-5976, or the Post at 281-428-1814 or by mailing P. O. Box 135, Crosby, TX 77532. Guillory accepts emails at dmguillory@gmail.com.

Highlands Chamber,

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Wadzinski said they called leadership at the county which was Jack Mormon at the time and arranged a meeting.

"We were asking for the replacement of about 14 lights," he told the crowd, but the commissioner's office came back with a different number

After they conducted a survey, they came back to the chamber.

"They told us, 'You don't need 14 streetlights," Wadzinski said thinking to himself, "Oh God, here we go," expecting a fight to get

The rep continued, "You need 172!" They were replaced at the request of the chamber.

"Have you seen the work that was done on FM 2100 and Main Street in Highlands?" he asked. "That too, was a project we were involved in for five to six years."

"Those are just two examples of what a chamber can do for a community when the community has needs. But it's especially important, as I said, in an unincorporated community because this is the group. This is the organization that can go to the local politicians to the state level and say we need we support this," he said.

With the addition of SH 99, the completion of Main Street and FM 2100 through Crosby and under construction through Huffman to SH 99, Wadzinski pointed out that the area is more interconnected now than ever before.

"The future of Highlands is tied to Baytown, to Channelview, to Crosby, and to Dayton," he said. With growth exploding on the east side, he said it was important for Highlands to have a seat at the table.

"A Chamber of Com-

merce is an organization of businesses operating as a 501c6 organization and as a coalition of businesspeople and concerned citizens in the area, we do get the attention of politicians," he explained.

What are the benefits of a chamber?" he asked. Well, the first benefit is the ability to network with fellow businessmen that will feed all our businesses." he said.

In a study done by the Schapiro Group and commissioned by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives, one of the findings was when consumers know that a small business is a member of the chamber of commerce, they are 49 percent more likely to think favorably of it and 80 percent more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future

"You also gain referrals for business with chamber

connections," he said, "and there are all kinds of marketing outlets through the chamber."

The Christmas Tree Lighting will return in a different location, the chamber directory will return, and Wadzinski also promised to resurrect the Highlands Jamboree at some point.

"Here's my plea to everyone today. Number one, thank you for being here. Number two, thank you for your membership. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do. And number three, help us get new members. Right now, what we need more than anything else is operating cash. Consider sponsoring the gala, or a sponsor at the golf tournament," he asked.

To reach out to the chamber to join or make a tax-deductible donation for Christmas, contact them at 281-426-7227.



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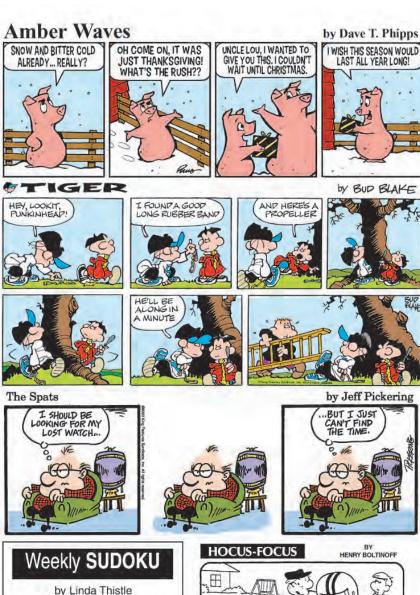
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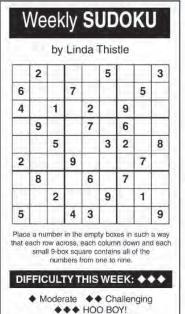
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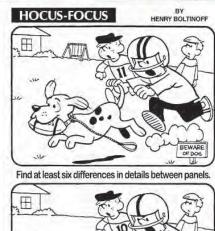
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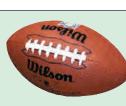
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1. TELEVISION: Who starred in the drama 2. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Wash-

ington state? 3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does the average housefly live?

4. LITERATURE: Which mid-20th century novel about animals has the subtitle, "A Fairy Story"

5. SCIENCE: What is the softest mineral in the



FOOTBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

LAST WEEK'S **SCORES**

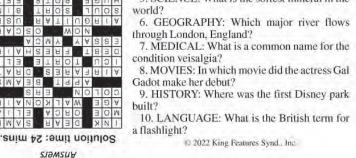
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THIS WEEK'S **SCHEDULE**

6A D1 PLAYOFFS North Shore (12-0) vs. Cy-Fair (11-1), Friday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. in NRG Stadium. Tickets and parking will be cashless. Call the **GPISD Athletics** Office for more information at 832-386-4330.

Spring Westfield (10-2) vs. Rockwall (11-1), 3 p.m. Saturday at The Pfield, in Pflugerville, Texas. **Contact the district** at 281-891-6000 for ticket information.

6A D2 PLAYOFFS C. E. King (9-3) vs. Fort **Bend Hightower** (11-1), 10 a.m. Friday at Houston's NRG Stadium. Tickets and parking will be cashless. Call the Sheldon **ISD Athletics Office** for more information at 346-378-7025.





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