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Crosby High School Band Fundraiser

BIG BANG, BIG BUCKS FOR BAND AT FIREWORKS STAND

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

For eight years, the Crosby High School Big Red Machine Marching Band has been operating the Top Dog Fireworks Warehouse at 106 Kennings Road, just behind the McDonalds near US 90. The experience has been both a learning experience for the students and a boon for the band's bottom line.

The students operate the warehouse during the Christmas holidays leading up to New Year's Eve and again in the summer for the Fourth of July season. With 15 seasons un-



Students from the Crosby High School Big Red Machine Marching Band have the Top Dog Fireworks Warehouse stocked and ready for customers. Students opened the warehouse for business on Monday, June 24, 2024, and receive a percentage of funds from the sales they make to help defray expenses for the band.

der their belt, they will need a good season to help with the incoming new students that will flood the band hall this fall.

"It always occurs during the holidays, so kids are out of school but also off all over the place," said Head Band Director Kevin Knight. "Fortunately, this is built into our culture and we have wonderful students and parents that always show up to work their shifts."

Students and parents typically volunteer to work four to six hour shifts during that two-week season. As the holiday nears and more customers are flooding the warehouse, more

students come down to volunteer and help. It's all hands-on deck as the big day approaches.

"We come down and work the same number of shifts really to just support the kids," Knight said. They buy their own fireworks from the students, and they love seeing them there to help out selling the products and running the registers.

"I'm thankful for our band officers who fully coordinate the operational side. They are skilled at this and could write a book alongside the booster

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PIE: Partners In Education

Highlands Rotary receives PIE Award

By Denise Smith
Rotary Club of Highlands

The Rotary Club of Highlands and Highlands Elementary School are celebrating 16th years as partners in education. Highlands truly appreciates all that the Highlands Rotary Club does to support both students and staff throughout the school year. They are small in number but mighty in ability to support the Hawks!

In the Fall semester, the Highlands Rotary Club helped kick the year off by



Highlands Rotarian Denise Smith, center, with 1st Place winner, and Baytown Chamber members.

treating faculty and Staff to a wonderful back-to-school breakfast in August. They also supported the campus by donating \$250.00 worth of school supplies to the campus supply closet. School supplies included composition books, pencils, and dry erase markers. This donation greatly benefits students and teachers on the campus, so when needs arise, they have the available supplies to assist students and teachers.

Each month throughout the school year, the High-

lands Rotary Club hosts birthday celebrations. They provide each student with a blue sugar cookie and a pencil. The Rotarians helped celebrate almost 900 Hawks and approximately 100 faculty members for their birthdays. Members of the Highlands Rotary Club are in attendance to help set up, serve students, and sing "Happy Birthday" Students and faculty members really enjoy this special treat during their

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Hargrave Project Graduation benefits from Fireworks sales

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

For more than a decade, project graduation parents, seniors, and volunteers have been managing the Top Dog Fireworks Warehouse in Atascocita at 4725 Atascocita Road as a fundraiser. Each year, students volunteer to work at the warehouse where they gain business acumen and split the profits with Top Dog for running the store. It's been a profitable adventure and a fun time for parents and students.

"We raise more than \$50,000-plus each year and it's our biggest fundraiser for Hargrave HS project graduation," said April Dagley, who is on the fireworks committee



Students from Huffman Hargrave High School stock the shelves of Top Dog Fireworks Warehouse in Atascocita. The students work under the watchful eye of parents.

and the ticket coordinator for PG.

The location is just a hop, skip, and a jump over the bridge.

"It's important to know that when you come down Atascocita Road from

Huffman, there's a Black Cat firework stand first, so you have to go past that to the warehouse on the right with a snow cone stand in front," she

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No Fireworks Ban in plans for the Fourth

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

For lovers of fireworks, the recent rains have drenched the ground enough to prevent authorities from calling a ban because of drought conditions.

Severe hurricane-like conditions in mid-May and intermittent storms since will ensure fireworks enthusiasts can shoot fireworks during the July 4 celebration.

According to the Keetch-Byram Drought Index from Texas A&M that measures drought conditions, Harris County is in the lowest 0-200 KBDI Value range meaning there's enough saturation to avoid drought conditions, at least for the time being.

Brandi Dumas, spokesperson for the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office said there's not enough time for Harris County Commissioners to issue a ban.

"We're still saturated from all the rain the weather that we've been receiving and then also you have to have a burn ban so many days before you can enact a fireworks ban," she said. That's no longer possible, she said, under the current timeline.

"We could be in a burn ban and still be able to shoot fireworks," she said.

Dumas reminded enthusiasts that if they are assembling a large group of people and plan on using 1.3G or 1.4G grade fireworks, a permit is required in unincorporated Harris County.

"If your HOA allows them, and you purchase them from a permitted fireworks stand, they are legal to use in Harris County," she said. The 1.3G fireworks contain a larger amount of flash powder which makes them louder and more powerful and places them in a higher hazard level classification.

"Just make sure that if you live in a community with a HOA that they permit them," she said. "You don't need a permit to use them."

She added that the fireworks cannot be used within approximately 600 feet of a school, a daycare, a hospital, or fired within

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GOOSE CREEK CISD NEWS

Brenda Garcia receives GCCISD Champion Awards

By Norma Martinez

Brenda Garcia, the Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction for Goose Creek CISD, has been recognized with the Service Citation Award, Cornerstone Award, and Distinguished Service Award at the A4LE Southern Region Conference. Her exceptional contributions were acknowledged through a nomination by the Gulf Coast Chapter.

Brenda's professional journey began with a degree in architecture from the University of Houston. She honed her skills as an architect for nearly six years before transitioning to Goose Creek CISD in 2011 as a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Teacher. Demonstrating remarkable leadership and expertise, she advanced to become a project manager in 2013



Brenda Garcia, the Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction for Goose Creek CISD (Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman)

and the assistant director of facilities management in 2014. Since 2015, she has been serving as the Director of Facilities, Planning, and Construction.

Her dedication and outstanding service to the field of educational facility management have

earned her these significant accolades, reflecting her impact on the industry and her commitment to excellence. Goose Creek CISD is proud to celebrate Brenda Garcia's achievements and contributions to the community.

Goose Creek CISD Hosted Vital Heart Screenings for Student Athletes

On June 19th, Goose Creek CISD held essential heart screenings for 6th-12th grade UIL participants at Goose Creek Memorial HS. The event took place in the athletic training room, providing a convenient location for students to receive this potentially life-saving service.

Did you know that Electrocardiograms (ECGs) have been proven by numerous research studies to

be the most effective heart screening tool? Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death among student athletes, and an alarming 1 in 300 youths have an undetected heart condition that puts them at risk for SCA. Shockingly, the standard physical exam and medical history miss 96% of youth at risk for this condition.

To protect our student athletes, Goose Creek

CISD partnered with the **Cody Stephens Foundation** to provide ECG screenings. This screening can help detect heart conditions that might otherwise go unnoticed, ensuring our students can safely participate in athletic activities.

Together, we can help prevent Sudden Cardiac Arrest and protect our young athletes.

Dr. Roger Cardona Selected as Cedar Bayou Junior School Principal

Congratulations to Dr. Roger Cardona, the new principal of Cedar Bayou Junior School!

Dr. Cardona is in his 7th year of secondary administration. He is coming to Goose Creek CISD from with experience as a former assistant principal and science teacher in Alvin ISD, Houston ISD, and Beaumont ISD. He received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University, master's degree from Lamar University, and Doctorate of Education from the University of Houston-Clear Lake with a Superintendent specialization. Dr. Cardona is an active learner who enjoys data tracking, supporting accountability processes, and engaging with stakeholders to meet the needs of learners. He is excited to join Bear Country and continue to highlight the outstanding history and success of the community.



GCCISD National Winners



Gabriel Ramirez, Annali Ramirez, Yashvir Singh Gill, and Jonathan Lewis received a special award: Irish-American History Award sponsored by the Ladies of the Hibernians



The GCCISD National History Day delegation

By Norma Martinez

Goose Creek CISD students showcased their exceptional historical research and presentation skills at the National History Day (NHD) competition earlier this month, with eight talented students advancing from the state level to compete nationally. Their hard work and dedication earned them prestigious accolades and national recognition.

National Winners:

Fifth Place in the Nation:

Junior Group Exhibit, Project Title: From Sea to Shining Sea: The Transcontinental Railroad Redefines the Face of a Nation

Students: Annali Ramirez, Gabriel Ramirez, Jonathan Lewis, Yashvir Singh Gill

School: EF Green Junior School

Sponsors: Claude Garrison, Kaci Rhine

Special Award: Irish-American History Award sponsored by the Ladies of the Hibernians

Annali Ramirez, Gabriel Ramirez, Jonathan Lewis, and Yashvir Singh Gill earned an impressive fifth place in the nation for their group exhibit on the Transcontinental Railroad. Their project also received the Irish-American History Award, highlighting the impact of Irish immigrants on this monumental achievement in American history.

Ninth Place in the Nation:

Junior Group Exhibit, Project Title: The Box That Changed the World

Students: Austin Thomas, Brycen Gardiner

School: Baytown Junior School

Sponsor: Heather Caraway

Austin Thomas and Brycen Gardiner secured ninth place in the nation for their insightful exhibit on the television's transformative effect on society.

National Competitors:

Junior Historical Paper, Project Title: Black and White Love: How

Loving v. Virginia Became a Turning Point for Civil Rights, Interracial Couples, and Marriage

Student: Maahi Singh

School: EF Green Junior School

Sponsor: Claude Garrison

Junior Individual Exhibit, Project Title: No-Fault Divorce: Turning Point in American Matrimony

Student: Ava Flood

School: Cedar Bayou Junior School

Sponsor: Carole Montemayor

The outstanding achievements of these Goose Creek CISD students at the National History Day competition reflect their dedication to historical inquiry and excellence in academic pursuits. Their success serves as an inspiration to their peers and a testament to the quality of education within the district.

Photos by Faith M. Longorio, Associate Director for Social Studies and World Languages

Erin Clement, Returning to Alamo Elementary as Their new Principal!



HERE WE GROW GIANTS
GOOSE CREEK CISD DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD

CONGRATULATIONS

Erin Clement
Alamo Elementary Principal

“ I am honored to serve the students, staff, and families of Alamo Elementary and am looking forward to another successful year of growing GIANTS! ”

Lacee Gordon, The New Principal of Ashbel Smith!



HERE WE GROW GIANTS
GOOSE CREEK CISD DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD

CONGRATULATIONS

Lacee Gordon
Ashbel Smith Elementary Principal

“ I am greatly looking forward to working with the staff and students at Ashbel Smith, as we develop the whole child. ”

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ON THE HILL

Mont Belvieu: "July 4th Celebration"

Tuesday, July 4th, 2024 | City Park
Put on your best red, white, and blue, and join us for our annual July 4th Celebration! This yearly event is held at City Park on Eagle Drive and provides a day full of fun and food. The kids will love the moonwalks, rock climbing wall, face painters, and other attractions, while the grown-ups enjoy live music, delicious food vendors, and a washer pitching tournament. Then, when the sun goes down, you won't want to miss our magnificent patriotic fireworks display.

Mont Belvieu City 811 Day + Touch a Truck

Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | City Park
Join us at the Mont Belvieu City Park for a day of fun & awareness. You'll find representatives from local industry leaders, info on how to start a project at home that involves digging, and lots of hands-on activities.

MB City Park - Anything but a Boat Race

Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. | City Park
Get ready for a race like no other! Join us for the exhilarating Anything But A Boat Race, where participants will defy convention and race in vessels that are anything but traditional boats. Leave your expectations at the shore and embrace the creativity and ingenuity of this one-of-a-kind event. Details & registration will be posted summer 2024.

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Baytown Man Admits to Making Bomb Threats to White House

HOUSTON – A 37-year-old local man has entered a guilty plea to three counts of sending threatening communications through interstate commerce, announced U.S. Attorney Alamdor S. Hamdani.

Joshua Guadalupe Magana admitted to sending bomb threats on multiple occasions to the White House, FBI and other organizations over the

course of several years. Law enforcement had previously warned him that making such threats is a crime and could subject him to imprisonment.

Specifically, Magana pleaded guilty to the charge related to a threat made June 4, 2019, when he called the FBI and said he would blow up the White House. "There is a bomb. I'm going to blow up

the White House," he stated and then hung up. Magana admitted to making the call and claimed he picked the White House because it was the most important building he could think of and wanted a "big, serious" response.

Magana contacted the White House directly Dec. 15, 2021, and sent an email with the subject line

reading "Contact the President" and a message stating "Bomb the White House." On Feb. 27, 2022, Magana contacted the White House again and sent a similar threatening email.

"We take all threats seriously," said Hamdani. "People cannot convey their political or social disagreements through threats or violence."

U.S. District Judge Lee H. Rosenthal will impose sentencing Oct. 2. At that time, Magana faces up to five years in federal prison.

He has been and will remain in custody pending that hearing.

Secret Service and FBI conducted the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Heather Winter is prosecuting the case.

Old River-Winfree Resident Wins \$1 Million in Mega Millions Lotto

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

If there was ever a doubt that there really are winners in the lotto, well Old River-Winfree has a neighbor who just scored a \$1 million prize in the Mega Millions® lotto on June 7. The second-tier prize winning ticket was purchased at Sam's Express 2, located at 12731 FM 1409 in Old River-Winfree. The claimant elected to remain anonymous.

The winning Quick Pick ticket matched all five of the white ball numbers drawn (3-5-12-22-66), but not the Mega Ball number (7).

Old River-Winfree mayor Joe Landry was out of town, but City Secretary Linda Murphy said it was a surprise to all in the community.

"We are so proud for the winner and also for our business Sam's Express 2," she said. "I heard they also receive a little bit of money too."

According to media relations specialist Andy Tate at the Texas Lottery Commission, "The Texas Lottery Commission is required to withhold 24 percent for federal taxes at the time of payment," he said. "Because the amount of taxes owed by an individual varies for each individual based on individual tax situations, more taxes may be required at year end."



The \$1 Million winning Mega Million ticket was purchased at Sam's Express 2, located at 12731 FM 1409 in Old River-Winfree.

The winner was presented a check at the time they made the claim at the Texas Lottery's Houston Claim Center. Here's the instructions for claiming a prize: https://www.texaslottery.com/export/sites/lottery/Winners/Claim_Your_Prize/index.html.

Aside from the standard 5 percent sales commission, the retailer that sold the winning ticket for the \$1 million Mega Millions® second-tier prize from the June 7, 2024, drawing will not receive a retailer bonus.

"The Texas Lottery's retailer bonus program only awards retailer bonuses for jackpot-winning tickets sold for

Powerball® and Mega Millions®," Tate said.

Mega Millions is played by choosing five numbers from a field of 70 and one Mega Ball number from the second field of 25 numbers. To win the Mega Millions jackpot, players must match all six numbers drawn including the Mega Ball. Players matching fewer numbers may not win the jackpot but could still walk away winners. Mega Millions currently offers a \$20 million starting jackpot and a second tier (Match 5+0) prize of \$1 million. By choosing the Megaplier feature for \$1 more per Play, players can multiply their non-jackpot winnings by two, three,

four or five times, winning as much as \$5 million. Drawings are broadcast each Tuesday and Friday at 10:12 p.m. CT.

"We're excited for them and wish them the best. I think it's wise on their part to remain anonymous," Murphy said.

Murphy said she could only dream of winning that kind of cash but knew exactly how she'd handle it.

"I'd hire an attorney and accountant to walk me through it and figure out what the bottom line is. If I won, I'm sure I'd donate some of it to an animal charity," she said.

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992,

the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$38 billion in revenue for the state and distributed more than \$86 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$33 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$239 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

Murphy said they don't have property tax, but all of their revenue is based on a consumption or sales tax.

"If they spend a lot of money in our area, we will fill the bump," she said.

"Our community is good to us, and we hope everyone will come out for our Old River-Winfree's Founders Day," she added which is celebrated in October.

For more information visit the lotto on Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or texaslottery.com. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

City of Mont Belvieu, 4th of July Celebration

Get excited, #MBTX - we're ONE MONTH AWAY from our July 4th celebration at City Park featuring a star-spangled lineup of concerts from Mont Belvieu's own Jon Finney, Texas country legend Cory Morrow, and country music superstar RaeLynn!

But, that's not all - we've got a whole day of fun and celebration planned for the USA's birthday including the Bud Heatwave 5K/5mi (www.texas5milerun.org), a BOGO day at the Eagle Pointe Wave Pool, washer and corn hole tournaments, watermelon eating contests, and a stunning fireworks show. Check out all the details now at www.montbelvieu.net/july4th/

4th of July Celebration

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Mont Belvieu TEXAS

OPINION PAGE

OPINION By Asher Lehrer-Small

What's in Houston ISD's \$4.4 billion bond plan?

As Houston ISD leaders consider asking voters to endorse the largest school bond package in Texas history, the specifics of their plan are beginning to come into focus.

HISD released this week its most detailed information yet on how it could spend \$4.4 billion to renovate and rebuild campuses, fix faulty air systems, improve security and more.

HISD last passed a bond 12 years ago, even though large urban school districts typically ask voters to approve a bond roughly every five years.

Recent polling suggests voters may be receptive to the current proposal, with about two-thirds of nearly 3,000 HISD residents surveyed by Rice University's Kinder Institute for Urban Research saying they would support a bond if it does not raise property taxes by more than \$25 per year.

However, some community members also have said they don't have confidence in Superintendent Mike Miles, who was appointed last year by Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath, to responsibly spend bond money.

As the HISD community takes stock of the proposed investments and what they would mean, here are five takeaways from the plans released so far.

1. Elementary and middle schools to see the biggest upgrades

All schools will see some level of investment under the bond plan, but elementary and middle schools will receive the vast majority of the funds — roughly \$3.1 billion of \$3.3 billion total slated for campus-level improvements.

HISD's youngest learners stand to benefit most from the investments because those campuses have gone the longest without receiving facilities upgrades.

Two dozen of HISD's elementary and middle schools were built in the 1930s or earlier, and families interviewed by the Houston Landing in April said some of the campuses are in dire need of fixes.

2. Over 30 schools to be rebuilt, undergo major renovations

HISD plans to rebuild or renovate about 35 schools in need of the largest improvements, at a total cost of \$2.5 billion.

Eighteen schools would be fully rebuilt, while 16 would get renovated or expanded.

Of the 18 schools to get rebuilt, eight would receive investments over \$100 million. Those schools are:

- Lanier Middle School (\$180 million)
--Black Middle School (\$178 million)
--Revere Middle School (\$162 million)
--Fleming Middle School (\$150 million)
--Holland Middle School (\$149 million)
--Hamilton Middle School (\$144 million)
--Bonham Elementary School (\$121 million)
--McNamara Elementary School (\$120 million).

Full details for those and other campuses are available at the Landing's searchable database of HISD's stated bond plans.

The roughly 35 campuses slated for rebuilds and renovations collectively use 500 temporary trailer-like structures to educate students. The classrooms, which are located on campus property but outside of the main building, can be hard to heat and cool.

3. Some schools to "co-locate" at another campus, but keep staff

Eight schools could relocate and merge onto another campus. Under that arrangement, the joined schools would operate separately and maintain much of their own staffing, though they would share some facilities like cafeterias and gymnasiums, Miles said.

Under the bond plan, six elementary schools would move to existing middle school campuses, while two middle schools would join existing elementary school campuses.

The proposed moves include:
--Blackshear Elementary School, moving to Baylor College of Medicine at Ryan Middle School
--Kashmere Gardens Elementary School, moving to Key Middle School

- Sanchez Elementary School, moving to Deady Middle School
--Isaacs Elementary School, moving to Fleming Middle School
--Port Houston and Pleasantville elementary schools, joining Holland Middle School
--Edison Middle School, moving to Franklin Elementary School
--Project Chrysalis Middle School, which is already co-located with Cage Elementary School, moving to a newly built Cage Elementary campus

4. New pre-K classrooms, career and technical education campuses

HISD said it plans to use roughly \$1 billion from the bond package to finance investments in pre-kindergarten, new technology and career and technical education, though details on the plans remain scarce.

The district currently has enough pre-K seats for about 14,000 students, equivalent to only one-third of the 3- and 4-year-olds in the district. The bond proposal would allow HISD to open roughly 4,000 new seats, district officials said, accounting for less than one-fifth of the existing gap.

HISD has not said where the new pre-K classrooms would open, but it identified the Wisdom and Lamar high school feeder patterns as the areas with the greatest need.

For career and technical education, HISD said it plans to open four new campuses in addition to the current Barbara Jordan Career Center, which functions as a districtwide hub.

Officials have not released exact price tags or locations for the potential new schools, but indicated they would be spread across the district, with one in each quadrant. The new centers would focus on top industries in the Houston area, HISD said, including construction, energy, health and information technology.

5. HISD expects enrollment to continue to decline

District officials expect HISD to continue to bleed students in coming years, losing roughly 10,000 students by 2028-29, according to projections included in the bond plan.

The 269 HISD campuses included plan, which excludes the district's virtual charter school and several other in-district charter schools, enrolled about 171,000 children this past school year. That total is projected to drop to 161,000 in 2028-29.

HISD has lost students over the past eight years, with districtwide enrollment falling from 216,000 in 2016-17 to roughly 184,000 in 2023-24.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

Drought Conditions Ease Slightly While Heat Dome Returns

Drought conditions across the state dropped a percentage point in May compared to the previous month, with 26% of the state in some stage of drought, primarily in West and South Texas and parts of the Panhandle.

Massive storms in late April and into May caused flooding and wind damage in East and North Texas but did pull those regions out of drought. Some parts of Central and East Texas received three times their average rainfall in May, according to Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

Meanwhile, Texans are starting down another miserably hot summer and wondering if it will be as bad as last year's, which was the second hottest on record. A heat dome, which is a high-pressure system that traps heat and keeps it sticking around, is making its way across the state.

The heat dome is also driving up temperatures on land. San Antonio last week saw a record heat index of 117 degrees. Some South Texas cities are already seeing heat temperatures broken, and not just by a small amount.

"They usually might beat it by half a degree and maybe, at most, 1 degree," said Victor Murphy of the National Weather service. "So, to see 120-, 150-year records shatter by 2 to 3 degrees is pretty significant. It shows you the magnitude and the strength of this heat ridge."

On the somewhat-bright side, Murphy said summer in Texas is not likely to be quite as bad as last year, which brought 45 days straight of triple-digit heat to much of the state.

ELECTION OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE HOLES IN BALLOT SECURITY

During a Texas House Election Committee hearing last week, election officials acknowledged holes in election laws that have exposed some ballots cast by Texas voters to public scrutiny, The Dallas Morning News reported.

A group of activists suing the



Texas secretary of state claim they have created an algorithm that can match any voter to an anonymous ballot, though their legal filing redacted details on how their hack of ballot security works.

The secretary of state's office, which oversees the state's elections, has sent guidance to county election officials on how to adopt procedures to ensure ballots available for public inspection are scrubbed of any identifying information, The News reported.

"Every Texan has the right to a secret ballot, and that right must remain sacred. It is unacceptable for any voter to have their ballot choices publicized," Secretary of State Jane Nelson said. "I am issuing emergency guidance to protect the privacy of Texas voters."

MOST SCHOOLS STILL DON'T HAVE ARMED GUARDS, DESPITE LAW

Despite a law that went into effect nine months ago requiring an armed officer at every public school in Texas, most schools have not done so, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Hearst Newspapers, owner of the Chronicle and other Texas newspapers, conducted an analysis of 100 randomly selected school districts around the state and found that at least half adopted an exception provided in the law to avoid having to hire an armed guard. Just one fourth of the surveyed districts had an armed security guard at each campus, while another 22 did not respond.

Some district leaders told the newspaper they were struggling to both pay for the added security or find people to take the

jobs. Grafrod ISD Superintendent Brandon Perry said his single-campus district west of Fort Worth got about \$18,500 in state dollars but needed \$80,000 to hire an officer.

"They require us to hire armed security, hire a school resource officer, but they did not attach additional funding to pay for that expense," Perry said.

State Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, was one of the bill's backers. He acknowledged that legislators had "set a standard that is not attainable," largely because there aren't enough qualified officers willing to take the positions.

"There's physically not enough law enforcement in the state of Texas trained to this level to fill all the positions," he said, making the exemption clause necessary. Otherwise, campuses would be forced to shut down.

FAR FEWER MIGRANTS BEING BUSED OUT OF STATE

While Gov. Greg Abbott insists he intends to keep busing migrants to cities led by Democratic mayors outside Texas, there has been a dramatic drop in the past six months, the Chronicle reported.

In the last half of 2023, the governor's busing program sent about 77,000 migrants to six U.S. cities with Democratic mayors. That number over the past six months has dropped to about 17,000 amidst court cases and more aggressive efforts by Mexico to stop migrants from getting to Texas.

Abbott's office declined to comment on the dropping busing numbers.

Since 2021, the state has spent \$11 billion on Operation Lone Star in an attempt to stem the tide of migrant arrivals, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The GOP chair of the Senate Border Security Committee has questioned how long Texans will be asked to bear the cost for the operation.

"How long can we do this?" Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, who has chaired the Border Security Committee since its inception in 2023, asked officials in charge of oversight of the border initiative. "Because the day will come when the comptroller is going to tell us there's a (budget) shortfall; that means some tough decisions here."

BESIDES HEAT WOES, IT'S MATING SEASON FOR TARANTULAS

It is time for male tarantulas to start looking for love, sometimes in all the wrong places, the San Antonio Express-News reported. The state is home to 14 species of the creature, the most common of which is the Texas brown tarantula. Males are out looking for mates, according to Texas A&M's Field Guide to Common Insects.

Starting next month, female tarantulas will begin laying eggs, anywhere from 100 to 1,000 in a web. While the furry critters are venomous and can be downright scary looking, severe reactions to a bite are rare. And tarantulas will often warn before striking by raising their front legs in a "threat pose."

That means it is time to back off, in case you were wondering.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Rewriting my Story



I've been working on a script with a producer named Eli.

I'm going to perform a show made from pieces of columns I've written over the years. I've been looking for themes and ideas and stringing them together, and I thought I'd done a pretty good job, so I sent off a draft to Eli.

"This is not what we talked about!" Eli told me.

I was hurt. When we first spoke, I wasn't sure what to write. I had a lot of ideas about different things. But, since then, I'd read a bunch of books about how to write a script properly, and everything I read said I needed to be focused. I needed to know exactly what topic I wanted to talk about and stay on track.

Staying on track is sometimes hard for me when there are so many enticing bunny trails along the way. So I'd spent the last few weeks tossing out all the stray ideas. I made the whole thing one streamlined thesis, and I was pretty pleased with myself—until I talked to Eli.

"You were going to write about all kinds of things, not just one subject!" he went on, not sounding happy with me at all.

"Well, yes," I admitted, "but that was before I understood how important it was to find one main topic and stick to it and..."

"I like the other idea better!" I didn't know what to say. I don't know Eli very well, but I respect him a lot. I thought he'd be pleased I had done all this research and was so much better organized.

"But the 'other idea' wasn't really an idea!" I told him. "I just had a picture in my head of a lot of stories about different things that may or may not be connected."

"I like that better!" he said. So then I had to think. And I've been thinking ever since.

Because Eli wants this script to be something bigger than a few funny stories. He doesn't want a single, easy-to-digest theme. Eli wants the whole shebang. He wants me to tell a story about how I see the world and why. He wants me to take the happy and funny and sad and the painful and mix them in a way that makes sense of them as a whole.

And he's made me realize that we are all storytellers, telling ourselves our story every day.

We take stories from our youth and struggles we've had as adults and heartache and disappointments and moments of indescribable joy, and we make sense of them in a way that defines us—to ourselves. All the happiest parts and all the hardest parts and every part in between, all the things that happened to us and what we thought about them afterward and how they changed us and become the story of who we are.

And Eli is right. There is no point in trying to tell one piece of the story. The advice from the books I read would be great if I had some terrific new idea about how to do something faster or cheaper or more efficiently—but I don't have any ideas like that.

I just have this idea that it's good to embrace our stories—because they are ours, because we have the power to tell them in a way that allows us to change and grow. We can use our stories to make the rest of our lives a little better and more compassionate.

So now I'm rewriting my story for Eli—and for me.

Till next time, Carrie

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July 4th Fireworks Allowed in Harris County Thanks to Recent Rains,

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100 feet of fireworks stands, gas stations, or even where fireworks are stored.

The fireworks season began on Monday, June 24, and runs through July 4.

“Please be mindful of your neighbors, pets, and especially our veterans who may be suffering from PTSD. Be considerate,” she asked.

One of the largest fireworks retailers in Harris County is Top Dog. Their stores open at 10 a.m. and they operate 14 warehouse stores in the Greater Houston area.

“We have lots of deals going on at each of our stores that are all staffed and operated by non-profits who earn money for their high school bands, project graduations and other groups,” said Sue Davis, spokesperson for Top Dog.

Top Dog has contributed over \$3 million to community organizations through their work at its

stores.

Davis said they stress safety and fireworks should be handled with care.

Here’s a few safety tips to remember:

SAFETY TIPS

—Know where you can legally shoot fireworks. All local cities ban shooting fireworks within their boundaries. Additionally, fireworks may not be shot within 600 feet of a church, hospital, day care center or school, within 100 feet of a place where flammable liquids or fireworks are stored and may not be thrown from a motor vehicle.

—Always read and follow label directions.

—Have an adult present. Never give fireworks to small children—fireworks are not toys!

—Always shoot fireworks on level ground away from buildings and vegetation.

—Stay away from illegal explosives. Never ex-

periment or make your own fireworks.

—Always have water handy (a garden hose or a water bucket).

—Never try to re-light a “dud” firework. (Wait 15-20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.)

—Light only one firework at a time.

—Never throw or point fireworks at other people.

—The shooter should wear eye protection. Never have any part of your body over the firework.

—Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trash can. Do not put fireworks that are still hot in the trash can—this can lead to house fires.

—If necessary to store fireworks, keep them in a cool, dry place.

—And be courteous to your neighbors. Don’t shoot fireworks in the early morning hours and pick up your debris.

Crosby Fireworks Stand,

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From left, Aron Ochoa, Sterling MacNaughton, and his brother Grady MacNaughton hold some of the numerous fireworks offerings the band is selling to raise money for this next year.



Shane Wells and Marissa Gonzales stand by the Grandfather exhibit, some of the most popular fireworks the warehouse has to offer.

PIE Award to Highlands Rotary Club & HES,

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birthday month.

For Red Ribbon week in October, the Highlands Rotary Club donated bracelets, stickers and bookmarks for The entire school, in November, each homeroom class participated in decorating a turkey box to assist the highlands Chamber of Commerce in their food donations. The boxes are voted on and one winning class from each grade level 1st through 5th was awarded a pizza party, compliments of the Highlands Rotary Club.

The Highlands Rotary Club also provided perfect attendance Incentives to Hawks throughout the school year. Each nine weeks at the Hawk Rally celebrations, through a random draw, one boy and one girl in each grade level, first through fifth grade, were awarded a \$10 Walmart gift card. A total of forty gift cards were awarded this school year.

At the end of the year, at the grade level celebrations, one boy and one girl in each grade level with perfect attendance for the entire school year, will have the opportunity to win a bicycle along with a safety helmet, provided by The Highlands Rotary Club. Members of the Rotary Club of Highlands will be on hand to presenting the bicycles and helmets to deserving Hawks at the end of year celebration.

Each month a student from each homeroom is recognized for strong, out-

standing character trait each month. There is a celebration for students and parents, where students are awarded a certificate. This year the Highlands Rotary Club purchased yard signs for students to display at their home during the month they are being recognized. This added another level of recognition for the awesome Hawks! The students and parents love them and are excited to display to the community their outstanding character!

In March The Highlands Elementary Hawk Council as well as the sponsors visited Rotary. What a great way for students to see leadership in action in their own community. It was a great experience for both the students and the adults.

Rotarians also provided the Physical Education Department with toe tokens and chains for the jogging/walking club. Every student participates in the jogging/walking club. Students receive a toe token for every five miles they jog or walk. These incentives and celebrations of accomplishment would not be possible without the assistance of Highlands Rotary Club.

The most impressive donation to Highlands Elementary this year was an outdoor classroom. The Rotary Club worked with campus administration as well as district personnel to design and build the Hawks’ vision of this out-

door classroom. Rotarians spent many hours working on the design, securing permits, providing materials and providing labor to make this wonderful addition to the campus a reality. The Rotary Club also provided tables for the outdoor classroom The newly constructed outdoor classroom will be named to honor Mrs. Betty Brewer, former PIE Liaison and Highlands Rotary Club member. Mrs Brewer is well known in the Highlands community, and she loved volunteering at Highlands Elementary. What a fitting tribute to recognize a special lady. A dedication ceremony was held in April. The construction cost of the outdoor classroom was \$15,500. Highlands Elementary is so thankful for this donation and are so excited and are looking forward to the many adventures students and teachers will have in the outdoor classroom.

This year Highlands Rotary Club contributed 100 hours and \$20,735 to the campus. The Highlands Hawk family would like to thank the Rotary Club of Highlands, for another successful year, and for going above and beyond this year in supporting Highlands Elementary, students, and staff! What an amazing sixteenth Year! They look forward to a continued partnership for many more years to come.

club,” Knight said.

He said there were three things that he liked about the fundraiser.

“First of all, it’s a good product so we don’t mind putting our name behind it and we have repeat clients who come back here every year because they know they’re getting good products and they’re supporting the band,” the director said.

Secondly, it is their biggest fundraiser of the year and the money is used to supplement numerous things throughout the school year.

“Plus, it’s a good support mechanism for the kids from college and career readiness to giving them that job experience allowing them to bond and maybe make a new friend that they wouldn’t perhaps from a different section in the band. It’s really just a win win in every way for us,” he said.

The BRM will need the additional funds this fall when they add a good bunch of new students, approximately 20 to the marching band.

“That’s a couple of more lines on the field and in the bleachers and maybe another one or two on each of the instruments. It really makes a difference to the sound of the band,” he said.

Without seeing enroll-

ment for the fall just yet, he’s estimating about 50 new students in the fall, and about 40 percent of those will join the marching band.

While the district pays a good bit of the expenses for the band, Knight gives students additional experiences that other bands don’t provide.

“With the help of the fundraiser, we are able to offer them educational opportunities they wouldn’t be able to have any other way,” he said.

In previous years, that meant paying for transportation for trips to hear the Houston Symphony, to Beaumont to hear the Lamar University band, or down I-45 to the University of Houston campus to hear the Cougar Band perform. The funds also defray costs for clinicians who come in to work with the bands before University Interscholastic League competitions, concert prep, and accompanists for contest.

“It also helps pay for meals for the kids, snacks and drinks in the bleachers, and much more,” he said.

When the community buys the fireworks, Top Dog splits profits with the organization to help them fundraise.

“I’m extremely grateful

for the support of a community that loves and provides for its Fine Arts programs,” Knight said. “This is just supplemental for education enrichment.”

Last year the band also attended a concert by the U.S. Navy Band. In July, he will take them on a motivational trip to Prairie View A&M to watch a DCI (Drum Corps International) marching contest.

“Top Dog is offering a significant discount for opening week of the season with its Freedom Ultra Mega sale with 25 percent off all fireworks through June 30,” said Sue Davis, spokesperson for Top Dog. “Many 500-gram cakes, swords and 4 and 6-pack roman candles will be buy one/get one free while supplies last. Shoppers can also get a free 500-gram cake for every \$250 spent,” she said.

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Summer band will be starting soon after the July 4 fundraiser and Knight said they are hoping for a great fundraising season. The community is invited to visit the warehouse and meet the students and directors.



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Hargrave Project Graduation benefits from Fireworks sales

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said.

"This is how we raise money for our project graduation every year. The kids come and work a shift and they earn tickets. They in turn use those tickets to win prizes at Project Graduation, it pays for the food, entertainment, and much more," she said. It's free for seniors to attend.

Throughout the year, students earn tickets with various projects, but none bigger than working a shift at Top Dog.

"With that money we're able to purchase computers, gift bags, kayaks, to things they might need for their dorm at college," she said. "If you can imagine anything an 18-year-old might like, we'll have there for them to play their tickets and win those prizes," she said.

Dagley also pointed out that more importantly, it's a safe place for seniors on a celebratory night.

"They get to spend the night with their class-

mates having food, fun, and throughout the night we're drawing for prizes," she said.

They also have drawings for cash throughout the night for all the students whether they can work or not so that they can participate and win prizes as well.

"You read about and hear stories of seniors who unfortunately make bad decisions and the consequences can be terrible. We want them to stay safe and have a good time so that's why we have this," she emphasized. "It's possibly their last chance to be with their fellow students one more time before they head on out into the real world."

From pizza to Chick-Fil-A, to cornhole boards, and many more games, students are occupied with their friends and fun games.

"We are looking into giving away a car this year," she said. "It's not a done deal just yet, but if



Students are stocking the shelves all the way to the top of the warehouse. Profits made by the students at the warehouse are split with Top Dog and help with project graduation.



Students also run the register and learn how a business operates while earning money for their project graduation at the end of next school year.

we raise enough money, we would like to offer that as our top prize for a lucky senior," Dagley said.

Volunteers hope to reach a record amount this year, not only for the car, but for the growing number of graduates and attendees to the project graduation festivities.

"This will be our biggest class with over 300 students," Dagley said, "and last year, the class was smaller, but they had the biggest participation at PG than they've ever had. We'd like to beat that number."

One of the positives for buying from Top Dog Warehouse is a portion goes to the student's raising money.

Dagley also pointed out that all the products at Top Dog can be scanned and a video pops up that demonstrates what the product will look like when it's fired.

She also said that it's good for community ser-

vice hours for the students heading off to college or into the real world and a resume builder.

"They get business experience on how to run a store, stock the shelves, run the cash register, keep the warehouse clean, take out the trash, and so much more. It's definitely a good life experience for them," she said.

The warehouse opened for business on Monday at 10 a.m. and hours extend to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On the weekends it will be from 10 a.m. to midnight. On July 3rd, they are open from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. and then on July 4th from 9 a.m. to midnight. All sales end at midnight on July 4.

This week, Dagley said they're offering 25 percent off on everything in the store for the early birds who come in and support them.

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

FQ: I just started watching the comedy series "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia." I know that two people on the series are married in real life. Did they meet on the show? — G.W.

A: Debuting in 2005 and still going strong, this hit FX (and FXX) network sitcom is the longest-running, non-animated comedy series ever, surpassing the previous record holder "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet." It was created by Rob McElhenney, who plays Mac on show, and stars his off-screen wife Kaitlin Olson as Dee, Glenn Howerton as Dennis, and Charlie Day as Charlie.

Olson and McElhenney fell in love on the set of "It's Always Sunny," but initially kept their romance a secret from their co-stars. They wed two years later and now have two sons.

The strikes in Hollywood pushed back production, but there will be a 17th season — just don't expect it until late 2024 or early 2025.



Rob McElhenney and Kaitlin Olson star in "It's Always Sunny"

Q: Whatever happened to actress Jennifer Love Hewitt? I loved her show "Ghost Whisperer" and would love to see her do a supernatural theme again. — W.J.

A: Jennifer Love Hewitt first gained fame as Sarah in the 1990s drama series "Party of Five." She followed that up with the hit scary film "I Know What You Did Last Summer" before starring in the TV show "Ghost Whisperer," which ended in 2010 after five seasons. Since then, she's starred in three other hit series: "The Client List," "Criminal Minds" and "9-1-1."

Next up, she'll star, direct and produce "The Holiday Junkie," a TV movie for Lifetime later in 2024. Her husband, Brian Hallisay, and their children will also appear in the film. It's a very personal project for Hewitt about moving on during the winter holiday season while coping with the loss of her mother.

Elaine Frontain Bryant (EVP, head of programming genres for A&E, Lifetime and LMN) stated that "Jennifer is beloved by Lifetime and our viewers. We're excited to work with her again on this special project near and dear to her and to have it as one of our cornerstones for our 'It's a Wonderful Lifetime' slate."

In addition, Hewitt launched her marketing and consumer brand The Holiday

Junkie last year and is also releasing a book titled "Inheriting Magic," which is set for publication this December.

Q: Did Bette Midler get cast as one of the cast members on "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" like she wanted? I never heard anything further about it. — W.M.

A: Back in March, film actress Bette Midler ("The First Wives Club") asked via social media if it was "too late" for her to be a "Real Housewife." She was in the mood to "talk some s**t" and get paid for it. Alas, her name was not among the cast of the upcoming season, but she does have a new project on the horizon.

She's part of the ensemble cast of the comedy "The Fabulous Four," which hits theaters this July. Midler stars as a bride whose old college pals (played by Susan Sarandon, Sheryl Lee Ralph and Megan Mullaly) make up her bridal party at her destination wedding.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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HOLLYWOOD — Fifty-five-year-old Hugh Jackman put his Broadway musical training to good use when making "Deadpool & Wolverine."

"When I came back to it, it was really fun, and I was thrilled," Jackman confessed. "My body was still responding, and I realized how good it was for your brain. The hardest bit ... [was] the food! ... For me, for my body type, I'm naturally skinny. To get the size on, that's the hardest bit." Poor Jackman!

Ryan Reynolds said of Jackman, "Just the sheer relentlessness that [he] dedicated [himself] toward stunts, choreography. It was the first time I'd ever seen how invaluable a background in song and dance is when you are doing an action movie!"

Another actor eating his way to stardom is Chris Hemsworth, who bounced from the animated Paramount/Hasbro film "Transformers One" (due Sept. 20) to the upcoming "Transformers/G.I. Joe" crossover movie. Why keep making "Transformer" films? Maybe the \$439 million grosses for "Transformers: Rise of the Beasts" last summer explain it.

The Barnes & Noble bookstore at The Grove in Hollywood had to call for extra security to handle throngs of fans of Thaa Penghli (of "Days of Our Lives" and "General Hospital" fame), who came for his book signing of "Seducing Celebrities One Meal at a Time." He regaled them with delicious tales about Claudette Colbert, Jackie Kennedy Onassis, Charlton Heston and more. But his favorite moments came when he was joined by his "Days" co-stars Susan Seaforth Hayes and Leanne Hunley, who came to celebrate his book.

Having covered Hollywood parties for decades, I became friends with lots



Actor and comedian Dick Van Dyke

of big stars. One such star was Dick Van Dyke, who came to events with his wife at the time, Margie Willett. Dick taught me a great lesson. Back in 1974 at a publicity event, I saw Dick standing in a corner by himself. I approached him, asking, "All alone, Dick? Where's your lovely wife?" He replied, "We separated today. She got the house, I got the mortgage. She got the car, I got the payments. She got the elevator, I got the shaft!"

Undaunted, I forged ahead, trying to save myself, and said, "Well, at least you have 'The New Dick Van Dyke Show' to keep you busy!" "It was canceled today," he sadly said. And from then on, I learned not to mention spouses or TV series to actors ever again!

Now at 98, Dick has announced, "I'd still like to do a one-man show. Cary Grant did it. And Gregory Peck. Went on the road and talked about their careers. I think it'd be fun!" What I'd never dare say to him is that Grant died doing that show in Davenport, Iowa! Can you say swan song?!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

NICE. SUMMER IS HERE. THE FLOWERS ARE ALL BLOOMED AND BRIGHT RED.

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by Linda Thistle

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Legs are moved. 2. Hair is different. 3. Dog's leg is moved. 4. Cap is turned around. 5. Tongue is added. 6. Apron is missing.

June 24, 2024 Posting Date King Crossword

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: What is America's first colony?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which actress' mother is actress Melanie Griffith and grandmother is actress Tippi Hedren?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president is the only one born on Independence Day?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Mont-Saint-Michel medieval monastery located?
- SCIENCE: What does a kelvin measure?
- ASTRONOMY: Which star is the brightest in the sky?
- MUSIC: What are the first names of the Gibb brothers who formed The Bee Gees?
- AD SLOGANS: Which company's slogan is "You're in good hands"?
- MYTHOLOGY: What did Prometheus steal from the gods, resulting in his eternal punishment?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby turkey called?

Solution time: 24 mins.

King Crossword Answers

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8	6	8	3	7	1	4	4	6	8
1	4	3	8	5	2	7	6	1	4

Trivia Test Answers

- HISTORY: Plymouth
- ENTERTAINERS: Elizabeth Taylor
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: John Adams
- GEOGRAPHY: France
- SCIENCE: Temperature
- ASTRONOMY: Sirius
- MUSIC: Robert and Maurice
- AD SLOGANS: Fire
- MYTHOLOGY: Fire
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Poulty

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