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ELECTION RESULTS

County Judge

R - Alexandra Mealer 49.2%

D - Lina Hidalgo 50.8%

County Commissioner Pct. 2

R - Jack Morman 47.4%

D - Adrian Garcia 52.6%

Justice of Peace Pct. 3 Place 2

R - Denise Graves 46.4%

D - Lucia Bates 53.6%

County Commissioner Pct. 4

R - Jack Cagle 48.4%

D - Lesley Briones 51.6%

District Clerk

R - Chris Daniel 48.8%

D - Marilyn Burgess 51.2%

County Clerk

R - Stan Stanart 48.4%

D - Tenehia Hudspeth 51.6%

County Treasurer

R - Kyle Scott 48.4%

D - Carla L. Wyatt 51.6%

Channelview ISD Trustee Election

Trustee Position 4

- Ramiro Granados 56.9%

- Patrick Lacy 43.1%

Trustee Position 5

- Steve Dennis 57.5%

- Frank Renard Bryant 42.5%

Trustee Position 6

- Lynette Breedlove 55.4%

- Ellie Llanas 44.6%

Trustee Position 7

- Raquel Dobbins 44.6%

- Dennis Cedillo 55.4%

Sheldon ISD

Trustee Position 5

- Kristin Williams-White 58.8%

- Ken Coleman 41.2%

Bond Election Proposition A

- \$240.8 Million - New Buildings,

Sites, Buses FOR 58.9%

Bond Election Proposition B

- \$6.9 Million-Technology FOR 55.4%

ELECTION RESULTS:

Democrats retain control of County Government

Beto defeated; Texas remains Republican

HARRIS COUNTY – Despite warnings of a Republican “Red Wave” sweeping the voting booths, it didn’t materialize in most of the country, and especially in Harris County.

Democrats kept their seats if incumbents, and in at least one critical race, Pct. 4 of the County Commissioners, they picked up a key vote. Lesley Briones defeated incumbent Commissioner Jack Cagle, and the County is now run by a solid 4 out of 5 votes by Democrats.

Republicans spent a record amount of \$9 million attempting to unseat Judge Lina Hidalgo, but she retained her position



Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo revels in the news that she won re-election over her Republican opponent by a margin of about 15,000 votes. She is joined in the celebration by Congresswomen Sheila Jackson Lee, left, and Sylvia Garcia, right, with County Commissioner Rodney Ellis behind. The Democrats now have four of the five votes on the County Commissioners Court.

by defeating challenger Alexandra Mealer by over 17,000 votes, 549,999 to 532,602.

In other county races, Adrian Garcia defeated Jack Morman for Pct. 2 Commissioner, 53% to 47%, and Lesley Briones had 52% and Jack Cagle 48%.

Voters approved \$1.2 billion in Bonds for the County, and \$478 million in Bonds for the City.

Republicans kept all their state offices, however, with a challenge for Governor by Beto O’Rourke defeated by a vote of 55% for Greg Abbott and 44% for Beto.

The turnout for the election was less than four years ago at midterm, in spite of greater money spent on the campaign and intense ads and personal appearances.

UIL PLAYOFFS

Mustangs win Bi-District over Longhorns 49-3

By Allan Jamail

November 11, 2022- GPISD Stadium - Head Coach Jon Kay’s Mustangs captured the Bi-District 21 – 6A – Div. 1 Region 3 first playoff game over Pasadena Dobie Longhorns 49-3.

The Eastside Boys actually had a scrimmage game, the Longhorns never got out of the corral. It didn’t matter whether it was an offensive running or passing play, the Longhorns couldn’t stop them. They made seven touchdowns (TD’s), five in the first half. Extra points were kicked by Carlos Dominguez and Jonathan Soto.

Kay’s newest quarterback Evan Jackson put on an aerial show throwing passes behind a star offensive line to many different



Mustang receiver Christopher Barnes and quarterback Evan Jackson teamed up on a 80 yd td pass play. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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Galena Park ISD Honors Veterans



Seated (left) World War II Veterans Archie Bourgeois (100 yrs old), Edward Murphy (90 yrs old) and Dr. John Moore (center). Standing L-R: Trustees Wanda Heath Johnson, Linda Clark Sherrard, Noe Esparza & Ramon Garza. (All Photos by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Veterans Day, Friday November 11, 2022 at the Joyce Zotz Education Center the Communications Department presented their annual recognition to veterans. The event was a luncheon full of events and videos honoring all of the branches of the Armed Forces.

As a former mayor and

chief of police and now a freelance photojournalist my biggest rewards have been events honoring veterans, law enforcement and firefighters. These groups lay their lives on the line so we can enjoy the benefits of living in a free country. John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for others.”

I cannot praise enough

the communications department and all the volunteers who made this event such a spectacular and heartfelt meaningful tribute.

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. The armed

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EPA to hold Waste Pits meeting Dec. 5th; work starts on Southern Impoundment

HIGHLANDS – The cleanup is starting at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site according to THEA director Jackie Medcalf, and an announcement from the EPA in Dallas. Initially the work will involve the Southern Impoundment site, not the Northern Impoundment.

In addition to the announcement, EPA is planning a Community Town Hall Meeting on December 5.

According to Jackie

Medcalf, here is what we know about the plan:

Phase One of the cleanup started this week. This includes removing vegetation from the site, building fences, and building a water treatment facility on location.

Physical removal of the waste will start in late December or early January. About 25-30 trucks will haul the toxic waste away to disposal facilities.

This phase will take place in two parts. Crews will use the lower part of

the southern pit for the water treatment operations and as a staging area while they remove the waste from the upper area. Once the upper area is restored, they will move the water treatment facility and staging area to that part and start work on the lower section.

The EPA says this phase will take two years. The plan to clean up the northern pit is still contentious, but the good news is that the EPA has finally put its foot down and in-

formed the responsible parties, International Paper Company and Waste Management’s subsidiary, McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation, that it won’t allow any more delays in producing a cleanup plan.

If you have questions or concerns, contact THEA or EPA representative Lauren Poulos at 214-665-8371 or Poulos.lauren@Epa.gov.

The EPA issued the following statement regarding the start of the

Clean-up and Remediation work:

DALLAS --(Nov. 14th, 2022) — Construction for the final remedy has begun for part of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site in Harris County, Texas, just east of Houston. The work involves excavation and off-site disposal of dioxin-containing wastes from the portion of the site known as the Southern Impoundment, an area of about 20 acres on a small peninsula extending just

south of Interstate 10.

“The San Jacinto River Waste Pits has proven to be one of the most complex Superfund sites in the nation, with the Highlands and Channelview areas living with the burden of dioxin contamination for too long,” said Regional Administrator Dr. Earthea Nance. “By starting construction on the remedy for the Southern Impoundment, we are taking the

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon ISD Community Votes in Favor of the Bond

Preliminary results from the election show the Sheldon ISD community has voted in favor of the two propositions for the bond referendum. There were more than 5,900 residents who voted in this election.

“I sincerely appreciate the support we have received from our community,” said Superintendent Dr. King Davis. “More importantly, I’m thankful to the voters for taking time to go to the polls and making your voices heard.”

The passing of the two propositions will allow Sheldon ISD to continue to support the enrollment growth seen annually with a new 9th and 10th Grade Campus as well as expand Null Middle School and Cra-

vens Early Childhood. Additionally, there will be district-wide facility sustainments and improvements, upgrades to safety and security, new buses purchased with GPS tracking systems and upgrades to classroom technology. The full bond package details can be viewed at www.sheldonisd.com/bond2022/.

“Thank you to our community for your trust in Sheldon ISD to provide a safe space and educational resources for our students,” said Dr. Davis.

Votes will be official once canvassed during a Sheldon ISD School Board Meeting next week. Election results can be found at <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Election-Results/Election-Day>.

Sheldon ISD Librarian Selected for National LEGO Ambassador Program



Carroll Elementary School librarian Amanda Chacon has been selected by LEGO® Education for the 2022-2023 cohort of its U.S. LEGO Education Ambassador Program.

Only 80 educators, including Amanda Chacon, were accepted into the program this year and were selected because they embody the LEGO Education mission and demonstrated innovative teaching practices, experience engaging students in STEAM learning and a commitment to hands-on learning in the classroom. Participants in the program represent a variety of grade levels and school districts from 27 states.

The LEGO Education Ambassador Program is a community of early learning through middle school educators who are advocates for learning through play and teach with LEGO Education solutions,

making them uniquely qualified to help teachers get the most out of the LEGO® Learning System. This volunteer program connects educators with their peers and LEGO Education experts to share knowledge and ideas for student success, as well as provide valuable feedback and testing.

“Being selected for the LEGO Education Ambassador Program is an honor,” says Amanda Chacon. “I love using LEGO Education products and solutions in the library to expand learning through play. Giving students these opportunities to participate in experiential problem-solving is essential to developing a growth mindset and critical thinking skills.”

Carroll Elementary is a STEM Compass School in Sheldon ISD meaning its curriculum is designed with a STEM focus for all students at each grade level.

Sheldon ISD celebrates STEM Day

In celebration of STEM Day on November 8, Sheldon ISD students across the district took part in activities involving science, technology, engineering and math. In Sheldon, STEM programs are available for students ages prek and up. The mission of the Sheldon ISD STEM program is to provide engaging, rigorous STEM content that develops a student’s ability to answer complex questions, to investigate global issues, and to develop solutions to challenging, real-world problems.

Sheldon ISD’s vision is to provide our students with a model STEM program that develops lifelong learners who are prepared for post-secondary education and 21st century careers. Students celebrated with engaging activities throughout the day.



Sheldon ISD Closed for Thanksgiving Break

Sheldon ISD campuses and offices will close for Thanksgiving break Monday, November 21 through Friday, November 25. Classes will resume Monday, November 28.

Sheldon ISD Students Honor Veterans



On November 11, students across the district honored those who served our country on Veteran’s Day through recognition at a parade, breakfast on campus, display in front office, program and more. Students learned the importance of this holiday and were able to honor relatives by sending in photos to their campus for a display.



CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

Channelview HS Choir will be performing the National Anthem at Rockets Game

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The Channelview High School Choir, along with the local group The Tune Up, will perform the national anthem at the Houston Rockets game the day after Thanksgiving on Friday November 25th at 7:00pm

It would be great to see many Channelview faces there. Houston



GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Galena Park Celebrated The Annual Veterans Day Luncheon

After two years of having a drive-through event, we were excited to welcome everyone back inside for our annual Veterans Day Luncheon.



CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



The Fascination of Five

Some days, I wake up amazed. Living in the North Channel area for 51 years has provided an opportunity to meet many people. On Sunday, I visited South Drive Baptist Church for their dedication of a restored facility. Within the past year, the church experienced extensive damage after some utility issues and today was a celebration of God’s faithfulness to not only restore the facility, but to bring it back even better.

After church, I had the opportunity to catch up with my older friend Jim who lives in Oklahoma City. As I filled him in on a few days of what has been going on in my life, he reminded me about the fun of living in five generations.

I have to say that he often is my lighting rod to return me to reality. I take life one day at a time and want to love everyone I meet. I have shared many times that when I pass away, I only want one person besides the pastor to speak at my celebration of life. I want that person to say three sentences and sit down. At that point, I pray everyone present will agree with the speaker that I was who they said I was.

Perhaps it is because he left Houston in 1984 or because he is at the onset of the Baby Boomers, where I am at the end of that generation. Or perhaps because he graduated from high school, went off to Fisk University and then enlisted in the Navy, whereas I graduated from high school and went off to the University of Texas, only to return to my community and become deeply involved. Sometimes our conversations will wrap about his treatment for stage four cancer and other times, they revolve around my aging parents, my young adult children, or my grandchildren.

I tend to think of Houston as a safe place to live, work, worship, and volunteer. He thinks of it by what he sees in the news. He asks daily for my agenda and what time I should be home. When I run an errand for a Millennial, it is typically at the last minute that they call. He gets upset thinking that it was not planned days previously. (He has that in common with those of the Silent Generation who get upset with someone is in their car and using their cell phone to text someone.)

In the middle of my ever-changing world, there is a friend in Lake Charles who falls into Generation X. He is a retired NFL player who finds himself now serving as caregiver for his father who is a member of the Silent Generation as well. His daughter is a member of Gen Z. Her world is certainly different. She feels as though even though she has a college education and a great job, Dad should still be paying her bills.

Some of you may be comfortable living within your generation. I have found that nothing stays gold forever. We must be willing to learn about others and share with others. Perhaps that is why I find fascination in living amid five generations. Enjoy today. Teach someone as you learn something.

Galena Park students honored at iWrite Gala; work in Guinness Book of World Records

NSSH Students Honored at Gala for iWrite Contest and Guinness Book of World Record

By Wendy A Reeves
As a reader of your newspaper and a teacher at North Shore Senior High School, I wanted to let you know about a student accomplishment that took place this past Saturday, Nov 5th, 2022.

A Houston-based organization called iWrite holds a contest every year for students to create a short story, poem, or artwork. iWrite publishes books “by kids for kids” and includes specifically selected work in an annual book that is available for purchase online at Barnes and Nobles website. In past years, various celebrities have been involved such as Matthew McConaughey. This year, they included a New York Time’s bestselling author, a children’s book illustrator, and the Guinness Book of World Records and the theme was “I am Texas.”

NSSH (comprised of the Senior High, 10th Grade Center, and 9th Grade Center) had 59 students who made it into the book for various pieces. They were honored at a Gala in downtown Houston this past Saturday and some students even had their artwork auctioned for sale.

In addition, one of our students, Miya Willis, was the Editor’s Choice for Poet and won a scholarship for the poem I AM FROM TEXAS. And the NSSH library received a \$5000 grant because we had the largest number of entries to the contest.

LIST OF WINNERS FROM GALENA PARK ISD:
North Shore Sr. High School Library Award Recipient - Veronica Barrientos Galena Park ISD \$5,000

North Shore 9th Grade Center Award Recipient - Nancy Silva Galena Park ISD - \$250

Purple Sage Elementary Award Recipient - Robbie Lenox Galena Park ISD - \$250

At the event was a literal 7-foot replica book with real pages that really turned, thus our students are now part of a record within the Guinness Book of World Records.

HEB is a lead sponsor, among many others, and the 7-foot book will go on a Tour of Texas via the generosity of McCoys Lumber. Tour dates include the Bryan Museum in Galveston, as well as the Alamo in San Antonio (and I think it will be part of the HEB parade for Thanksgiving, as well.)

Waste Pits work starts,

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first steps to ensuring these wastes are no longer a threat to the surrounding communities.”

The overall site consists of two large pits, or impoundments, built into the banks of the San Jacinto River in the mid-1960s for disposal of pulp wastes containing dioxin from nearby paper-manufacturing facilities. The site was added to the National Priorities List in 2008. EPA issued an order for the site investigation in 2009 to International Paper and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corporation, the responsible companies. In 2017, EPA issued a Record of Decision for the site that included removal of waste from the impoundments and off-site

disposal.

EPA issued a Unilateral Administrative Order to International Paper in 2021 to address the contamination in the Southern Impoundment. IP contractors will conduct the work under EPA oversight. The first few weeks of work will include personnel and equipment mobilization and site prep prior to the start of excavation. The work is expected to take two years to complete.

Members of the public are reminded to follow posted warning signs and stay out of the fenced areas of the site. A fish consumption advisory remains in place for the San Jacinto River.

ASK DIAMOND JIM



Diamond Jim: “Dear Hunting Season....”

When making a purchase as big, lavish, and expensive as a Rolex watch, knowing how to spot a fake Rolex is vital, as a major concern that crosses most people’s minds is whether or not the watch in question is authentic. While some counterfeits are so painfully obvious that they might as well say “Folex” across the dial, others can be so well-crafted that they easily fool the untrained eye. So how can you spot a fake Rolex and avoid spending your hard-earned money on what ends up being nothing but a super well-designed replica? After all, Rolex is one of the most counterfeited watch brands and products in the luxury world.

So while it’s absolutely essential to be confident you’re purchasing from a trusted and reliable source, it is always a good idea to cover your own bases as well. Knowing some basic tips and pointers of how to spot a fake Rolex will especially come in handy when in the market for pre-owned Rolex watches. Below is an extensive list of some signs for telling a real Rolex apart from a counterfeit. We have also included comparison photos between a real Rolex Submariner 116610LN and a replica for some visual aid of visible differences between the two watches.

Pineforest Jewelry will be presenting a 5-part series over next several weeks bringing you valuable information from some of the experts. The series will include:

- 1.How to Research the Rolex Reference Number
 - 2.How to Spot a Fake Rolex with Weight & Materials
 - 3).How to Spot a Fake Rolex Dial
 - 4).How to Spot a Fake Rolex Bezel
 - 5).How to Spot a Fake Rolex Bracelet
- Trust Your Source

As you can see, there is a multitude of tips, tricks, signs, and indicators for how to spot a fake Rolex. As the most counterfeited luxury watch brand, Rolex replicas are not only becoming more common, the “quality” of these fake watches has also reached a level of sophistication previously unseen in the luxury world. Counterfeiters have become highly advanced in their craft of replicating Rolex timepieces, as we continue to see more Rolex “Superfakes” in the market – counterfeits that are so well made they’re nearly impossible to detect by anybody short of highly trained watch experts who have the necessary knowledge, skills, and tools to identify them.

There is a plethora of Rolex replicas that are considerably easier to detect as a counterfeit with its multiple tells – many that are obvious giveaways, as well as some not-so-obvious – the increasing amount of extremely sophisticated and well-crafted counterfeits circulating in the market is alarming and worthy of the extra time, attention, and money spent for a closer inspection. We highly recommend having any watch in question authenticated by a brand authorized dealer, qualified watchmaker, high-end watch shop, or brand service provider. The last thing you want is to end up with a very convincing high-quality fake Rolex that you bought at a *real* Rolex price.

At the risk of sounding painfully obvious, an even more secure way to ensure the Rolex timepiece you buy is genuine is to be confident you are purchasing from a source that is equally genuine, trustworthy, and reputable. Finding a seller that stands by every watch they sell, such as Pineforest Jewelry, is critical. Especially when in the market for a pre-owned Rolex, there is of course more risk involved than buying brand new from a retail store. Particularly when looking on online marketplaces, doing your homework is imperative. Researching which sources are vetted for with a solid reputation, whether they guarantee authenticity of their products, if they offer a warranty with every sale, what their return policy is (if any), and any other info that will increase your trust in the seller is absolutely crucial for ensuring your confidence in your decision to buy something as extravagant, not to mention *expensive*, as a Rolex watch.

Credit to The Watch Standard for these articles: <https://www.thewatchstandard.com/how-to-spot-a-fake-rolex/amp/>.

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TX-29 MATTERS

By U.S. Representative SYLVIA GARCIA



Casework Clinics: Help with your Paperwork

My office can help you get solutions when you're having problems with Social Security, Medicare, federal employee retirement, veterans' services, or other federal programs.

This is called casework, and it is one of the most important things I do as your Congresswoman.

I'll be hosting casework clinics across the district to help residents. Staff will be available to assist in English and Spanish. If you need help with a federal agency, please stop by one of the following clinics:

- **East Harris County Activity Center** (7340 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX 77505) on Thursday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.
- **Leonel J Castillo Community Center** (2101 South St, Houston, TX 77009) on Monday, November 14, from 11:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m.
- **Northeast Harris County Community Center** (10918 1/2 Bentley St, Houston, TX 77093) on Tuesday, November 15, from 11:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.
- **Hardy Community Center** (11901 West Hardy Rd, Houston, TX 77076) on Wednesday, November 16, from 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.
- **Pep Mueller Activity Center** (14750 Henry Rd, Houston, TX 77060) on Wednesday, November 30, from 9:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m.
- **Mangum-Howell Community Center** (2500 Frick Rd, Houston, TX 77038) on Tuesday, December 13, from 12:00 p.m. through 2:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

P.S. Unable to join one of my clinics? No worries. You can always call my office at **(832) 325-3150** and set an appointment with a member of my staff.

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COUNTY MATTERS

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo

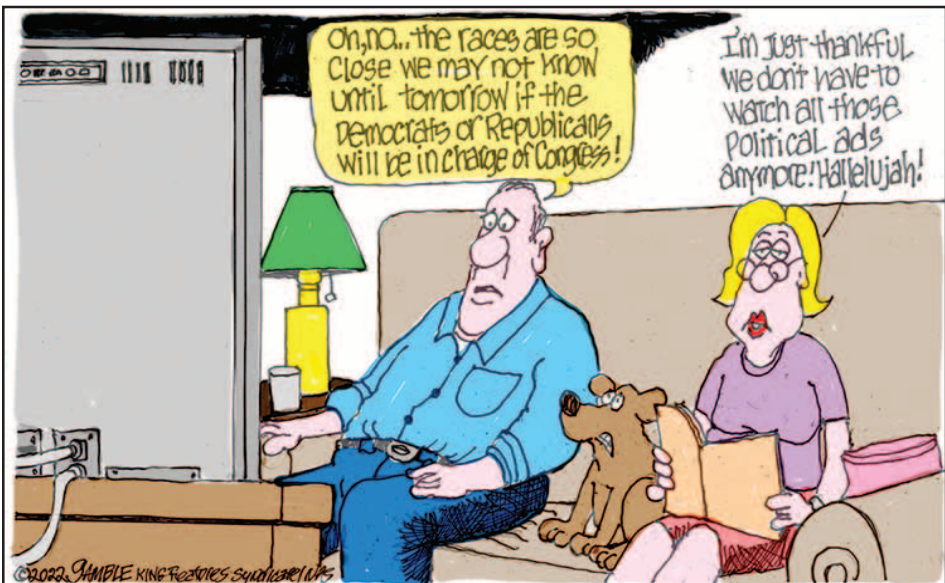


Growing Harris County's Access to Mental Health Support

Mental health is an issue we can no longer put on the back burner. During the pandemic, about four in ten adults in the U.S. reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder, four times as many as in 2019. According to CDC data, in 2021 more than a third (37%) of high school students reported experiencing poor mental health. Disturbingly, Texas ranks last among all other states when it comes to access to mental health support services and, in the last year, the state has cut \$117 million in mental health funding, further increasing the gap between support services and the individuals who depend on them. For the least fortunate folks, interaction with the police, arrest and/or jail is often the only way to access mental health services. The largest mental health provider in Texas is the Harris County Jail.

To combat this impending mental health crisis in Harris County, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioners Court last month passed a \$14.3 million initiative. Through a multi-million dollar allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the Behavioral and Mental Health Program will increase the quantity of trained mental health providers so they are better able to retain and hire more trained staff. The initiative will also recruit more high school and college students into the mental health profession, add school counselors, and will help connect residents with mental health and substance abuse resources that will aid in their recovery.

This is just another way Harris County is working to help improve lives for our residents. In August Harris County established The Brighter Futures for Harris County Kids program, which has invested more than \$80 million dollars in early childhood education, childcare, and maternal health (read more below). Commissioner's Court has also invested over \$1 billion in crime prevention and justice programs including the HART (Holistic Assistance Response Teams) program, which dispatches trained behavioral and mental health responders, instead of busy police officers, to calls involving mental health and substance abuse issues, allowing police officers to focus on violent crime.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Panic Buttons, Locked Doors for Texas Schools

Texas public schools would have to install panic buttons in classrooms and ensure all doors and windows are locked and monitored under new proposed safety standards released last week by the Texas Education Agency.

The proposal is the latest effort to strengthen school safety after 19 children and two teachers were killed at Robb Elementary in Uvalde last May in the state's deadliest school shooting.

The Dallas Morning News reported that school districts in coming weeks can apply for grants from TEA to cover spending on security-related items, including installment of silent panic buttons this year. Each district will receive at least \$200,000, with funds awarded on a per-student cost.

Districts would also be required to undergo twice-annual maintenance checks to make sure that two-way radio equipment used by law enforcement and first responders works inside their school buildings. Previous reports indicate poor radio communication was one reason law enforcement didn't confront the gunman for more than an hour in Uvalde.

20% INCREASE IN TRAFFIC DEATHS IN OIL AND GAS REGIONS

More than 79,000 traffic crashes were recorded in 2021 in the state's five main energy sectors — the Permian Basin, Eagle Ford Shale, Barnett Shale, Anadarko Basin and the Haynesville/Bossier Shale — resulting in 1,119 fatalities. The Texas Department of Transportation launched its "Be Safe. Drive Smart" fall campaign to remind drivers to slow down, stay alert and be extra cautious when driving in high-traffic oil- and gas-producing areas.

Drivers are urged to fol-



low the posted speed limit and adjust driving to road conditions; don't text or talk when behind the wheel; give large trucks plenty of space; pass only when it's safe to do so; and always buckle up.

"Be Safe. Drive Smart" is a key part of #EndTheStreakTX, which is attempting to end the streak of daily traffic deaths in Texas. On Nov. 7, the state marked 22 years since the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

WILDFIRE SAFETY URGED DURING HUNTING SEASON

Deer season is underway, and the Texas A&M Forest Service urges hunters to be careful with activities that may cause a wildfire this hunting season. From 2017 to 2021 the forest service responded to 3,682 wildfires that burned 1.4 million acres. During that period, 42% of wildfires occurred during the major hunting season months of September through January.

"Texas A&M Forest Service wants all hunters to be safe this upcoming season," said Karen Stafford of the forest service. "We all have a role to play in protecting our state from wildfires, so remember to do your part and don't let a wildfire start."

Hunters are urged to avoid driving over and parking on dry grass, which could spark a fire; to check for burn bans in effect; never leave a campfire

unattended; and to always carry a fire extinguisher, shovel and water to camp.

EMERGENCY SNAP BENEFITS AGAIN EXTENDED

Once again, emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits have been extended through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and distributed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. More than \$334.5 million in emergency benefits are going to about 1.6 million Texas households.

"As we head into the holiday season, we hope these additional allotments provide nourishing meals to Texans in need," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter.

All SNAP households will receive a minimum of \$95 in emergency benefits by Nov. 30. Since April 2020, more than \$8.7 billion in federal food benefits have been provided to eligible Texans.

TEXAS AGAIN LEADS NATION IN JOBS ADDED

The latest statistics from the Texas Workforce Commission and the Bureau of Labor Statistics show Texas led the nation in jobs added over the past 12 months and broke the state's record for total jobs for the 11th consecutive month.

The state economy has added 721,800 positions since September 2021. The state's unemployment rate was 4.0%.

"More people in Texas are working today than ever before. In fact, more people in Texas are working than the entire population of the state of Pennsylvania," said TWC Commissioner Julian Alvarez. "TWC offers an array of free services to Texans to ensure their success — everything from free online learning courses to occupational training and hiring events. We're here to help."

BIGGEST-EVER BUC-EE'S COMING TO LULING

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Stubby's Chance

I am delighted to report that my mother has come around.

I have been lobbying my mother for months to take pity on a little red squirrel who had acquired a great fondness for her, demonstrating his devotion by digging up all her flowerpots and gazing at her for minutes at a time through the window. My mother spent the summer shooing him off the deck and telling him to "scram" when she saw him through the window.

"He loves you, Mom."

"I don't love him!"

The little squirrel persisted. He would stare through the window, standing on his hind legs with his little fingers knit together, as if he was about to make a speech. I suspected I knew what his speech would be about. He wanted to be my mom's pet.

"He's not my pet!" my mother insisted.

A couple of weeks ago, I sent her a video of a squirrel that had been allowed to live in someone's house.

"Never inside!" she texted back.

The fact that she said "never inside" instead of simply "never!" indicated to me that she was softening on the subject. I suspected I knew the reason. Sometime early this fall, the poor squirrel lost half his tail.

"He was too preoccupied looking in the window at you!" I told her.

"I don't know how he lost it," my mother said. "Maybe a fox."

I could tell this recent bit of bad fortune had tipped the scale in favor of my little furry friend.

"Squirrels need their tails," my mother said. "They use them for balance. He might not be able to climb trees anymore!" As if to reassure my mother, the little squirrel nimbly scrambled up the nearest pine tree with a cone in its mouth.

But now all the other red squirrels had disappeared for the season, and this one fellow was still there, with half a tail, hanging out on the deck and acting as if he desperately wanted to be part of the family.

"Well, I've decided to start feeding him," my mother told me.

This is a big concession for my mom. Squirrels are the never-ending adversary, always looking for ways to get into the bird feeders. My parents have put considerable effort into thwarting their attempts. The red squirrels in particular are mischievous, dropping things onto the deck, stealing birdseed every chance they get and chattering loudly when they have some complaint—and they are always complaining about something. This fellow is as bad as any of them. But he won't go away. And now he only has half a tail.

"So I guess he needs a name," my mom continued. "Your sister suggested Richard, but that sounds too dignified to me. I suggested Ricky." Obviously, things had progressed significantly if my mother was christening the wicked little red squirrel.

"But Beau pointed out that we don't know if it's male or female, so maybe we should pick a name that would work either way." Beau is my nephew, and he is very concerned about inclusive language.

"Beau suggested Ray," my mom continued, which did not sound very squirrel-like to me.

"It's missing half its tail," I reminded my mother. "Why not call it Stubby? That would work for either gender."

"Stubby!" my mom laughed.

Whatever his (or her) name, I feel a lot better about Stubby's chance of making it through the winter with half a tail now that there is a daily serving of seeds on the deck railing.

And I am pleased that my mother has finally acquired a new pet.

Till next time,
Carrie

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Mustangs win Bi-District over Longhorns 49-3

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receivers. He's a late newcomer starting two games as quarterback taking over since starter Kaleb Bailey went out for the season in game four.

The Mustangs defense was relentless, they never let Dobie do anything except punt the ball to them so they could make another touchdown. Jayvon Anderson had his fourth consecutive game interception, three went for TD's. This one would've been another TD but he stepped out of bounds on the 8 yd. line. Jessie James wore a mask when he stole but Jayvon's proven to be a defensive back who'll steal the ball if it's thrown in his area without a mask.

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The reigning, defending, undefeated Class 6A Division I Region 3 State Champion North Shore Mustangs (11-0) will host the Dickinson Gators (8-3) Friday 11-18-22 @ 7pm. @ GPSID Stadium. This game known as the Area Round is a part of the "2022 UIL Texas Football State Championships - 2022 Football Conference 6A D1 "tournament. Linda Jamail, Statistician.



#25 Joseph Hood fights to get across the goal for a rushing td. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



NS receiver Kaleb Thomas goes airborne over defender hauling in a Evan Jackson pass for a td. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Mustangs David Amador leaps high to bring a td pass from Evan Jackson. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



NS receiver Christopher Barnes catches quarterback Evan Jackson pass for a 28 yd td play. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 12:

No. 4-ranked TCU faces tough road test at Baylor; Cowboys face tall task with trip to Minnesota

Before we talk football, let's talk Astros! What an amazing job our boys in Orange and Blue did this year as they brought a second World Series title back to H-Town. As a life-long Astros fan (I started going to games in the mid-60s, so yes, I'm old), you don't know how happy our team's title-clinching win on Saturday night was to me and so, so many Astros fans. So happy that Dusty Baker finally got a Series title as a manager. He was the right man for the job after owner Jim Crane fired GM Jeff Luhnow and manager A.J. Hinch following the sign stealing scandal. Hats off as well to a loaded pitching staff, and a clutch-hitting lineup. Jordan Alvarez's blast in the bottom of the sixth will live in the annals of Astros history. What a shot!

This is a solid team that can win it again. We are witnessing the greatest era of Astros baseball and it's been a fun ride. Congrats boys. You made a city very, very happy.

Now, onto football.

It's getting close to crunch time for college football teams and their hopes of landing a spot in the College Football Playoffs (CFP).

Defending national champion Georgia appears to be a lock to defend its title, but a handful of other teams need impressive wins in the final three week of the season to join the Bulldogs in the four-team tournament.

Tennessee is on the outside looking in after its 27-13 loss at Georgia two weeks ago, and Nick Saban's Alabama Crimson Tide's national title hopes are pretty much done after dropping a 32-31 decision at LSU two weeks ago. That leaves No. 2-ranked Ohio State, No. 3-ranked Michigan and No. 4-ranked TCU as viable contenders to play for a national title.

And No. 7-ranked USC is still in the hunt. They face crosstown rival UCLA, which is ranked No. 12 in the country, in a key game for both teams this Saturday in the Rose Bowl.

It's going to be an interesting close to the regular season and then the conference title games to see who will be left standing for the four CFP berths.

TCU is the Big 12's best chance to land a playoff spot, and they face a huge test this Saturday when they travel to Waco to take on a tough Baylor team. The Bears are the defending Big 12 champs and would like nothing more than to spoil TCU's undefeated season. Two weeks ago, the Frogs trailed Texas Tech 20-17 in the third quarter before ripping off 17 straight points to ease to a 34-24 win. They played at Texas last Saturday, which will be no easy feat.

Speaking of Texas, the Longhorns got a big boost two weeks ago with their 34-27 win at Kansas State. UT is still in the hunt to earn a spot in the Big 12 title game, but they need to win out and get help from others on the Big 12. Even if Steve Sarkisian's team does not make it to AT&T Stadium for the Big 12 title game, they are now bowl eligible and things could be looking up for the 'Horns after last year's 5-7 season.

In the Big 10, No. 3-ranked Michigan hosts No. 16-ranked Illinois, one of the surprise teams of the 2022 season, while in the Pac 10, No. 7-ranked USC takes on No. 12-ranked UCLA in the Rose Bowl. The winner of that game will probably earn a spot in the Pac 10 title game.

In the NFL, the hapless Texans host the Washington Commanders on Sunday, while the Cowboys head to Minneapolis to take on a very good Vikings team. This will be the Cowboys second straight week of playing an NFC North team as they played at struggling Green Bay last Sunday. Wow, Packer fans are suffering through a rough season as QB Aaron Rodgers has had an un-Rodgers like season. Two weeks ago, the Pack hit rock bottom when they lost at Detroit, which entered the game with just one win. Rodgers was intercepted three times in the 15-9 setback.

There's a big game in the AFC East as the surprising New York Jets (6-3) visit Foxborough to take on the defense-minded Patriots. Kansas City travels to Los Angeles to take on the Chargers in a key AFC West game on Sunday Night Football. Week 10 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Bengals visiting the struggling Steelers.

Before we take a look at those games and some others, let's review last week's record. An 8-4 week brought the season record to 78-42 (65%). Now, onto this weekend's game.

NCAA

Georgia at Kentucky: No. 1-ranked Georgia has a tricky trip to Lexington to take on a dangerous Kentucky team, but it appears after their domination of previously undefeated Tennessee two weeks ago (27-13) the Bulldogs are focused on a second straight national title. Georgia was methodical in its 14-point win over the Vols and this week the defense will have to deal with an NFL-style QB in Kentucky's Will Levis (1,903 yards, 16 TDs) and a strong runner in running back Chris Rod-



KEENEY'S KORNER
By
MIKE KEENEY

riguez (571 yards, 4 TDs). Look for Georgia QB Stetson Bennett (2,606 yards, 11 passing TDs/6 rushing TDs) to be his steady self. He'll look to make plays in the passing game to perhaps the nation's best tight end in sophomore Brock Bowers (34 receptions, 574 yards, 6 total TDs), while running back Daijun Edwards (488 yards, 7 TDs) takes care of things on the ground. Head coach Kirby Smart knows the Wildcats are dangerous and he will have his troops ready come Saturday. My pick, Georgia 31, Kentucky 13

Illinois at Michigan: The Illini have been one of the surprise teams of the 2022 season winning seven of their first nine games and are bowl eligible. Two weeks ago, they were upset at home by a mediocre Michigan State team and this week they face the No. 3-ranked Wolverines, who are looking to their annual encounter against arch rival Ohio State (ranked No. 2 in the nation) on Nov. 26. I don't expect Jim Harbaugh's team to look past Illinois. Illinois has the nation's leading rusher in Chase Brown (1,344 yards, 5 TDs) and a decent QB in Tommy DeVito (1,882 yards, 14 TDs). But those two will be facing a Michigan defense that is allowing just 12 points per game this season. The Wolverines will be led by QB J.J. McCarthy (1,617 yards, 12 TDs) and running back Blake Carum (1,187 yards, 16 TDs). Harbaugh will have his team ready and then it's onto the Buckeyes on Thanksgiving weekend. My pick, Michigan 34, Illinois 14

Texas at Kansas: No. 24-ranked Texas has another tough road test when they travel to Lawrence to take on another surprise team, the Kansas Jayhawks. Two weeks ago, KU became bowl eligible with its 37-16 home win over Oklahoma State. Texas picked up a nice road win at Kansas State to also become bowl eligible. The 'Horns will be seeking to avenge last year's home loss to Kansas. Look for running back Bijan Robinson (1,129 yards, 14 total TDs) to have another big day, along with QB Quinn Ewers (1,336 yards, 13 TDs) and wide receiver Xavier Worthy (40 receptions, 552 yards, 9 TDs). Kansas has a potent offense as well led by backup QB Jason Bean (986 yards, 11 TDs) and running back Devin Neal (761 yards, 7 TDs). Texas must win out if it hopes to make it to the Big 12 title game so look for another solid effort on the road on Saturday. My pick, Texas 34, Kansas 30

TCU at Baylor: If the Horned Frogs win at Baylor on Saturday, they can pretty much assure themselves a trip to Arlington and the Big 12 title game on Dec. 3. TCU has been the best team in the conference so far this season, but they face a real challenge against a good Baylor team on Saturday. TCU is led by QB Max Duggan (2,407 yards, 24 TDs/4 rushing TDs), running back Kendre Miller (1,009 yards, 12 TDs) and wide receiver Quinton Johnson (42 receptions, 650 yards, 4 TDs). Johnson injured his ankle in the win over Texas Tech, but should be back for the Baylor game. Baylor will look to running back Richard Reese (798 yards, 13 TDs) and QB Blake Shapen (1,951 yards, 13 TDs) to move the ball on offense, but I don't think they have the firepower to keep up with the Frogs. The Baylor defense will be severely tested on Saturday. My pick, TCU 31, Baylor 20

NFL

Tennessee at Green Bay: Week 11 of the NFL season kicks off with Thursday Night Football as the Tennessee Titans visit the Packers at Lambeau Field. Two weeks ago, the Titans lost in overtime at Kansas City, 20-17. The Titans are a tough team that loves to run the football which makes sense since they have one of the top running backs in the league in Derrick Henry (1,097 yards, 6 TDs). Tennessee hope to have starting QB Ryan Tannehill back for this game after he missed two games with an ankle injury. If Tannehill is unable to go, look for head coach Mike Vrabel to give Henry a heavy workload against a beat up GB defense. Two weeks ago, the Packers dropped their fifth straight game to fall to 3-6 when they suffered a humiliating loss to a then one-win Detroit team. GB QB Aaron Rodgers (2,091 yards, 14 TDs) threw three interceptions in the Detroit game and has yet to get untracked this season. Look for it to be another long night when they take on the Titans. My pick, Tennessee 26, Green Bay 23

New York Jets at New England: Don't look now, but the Jets are a bonafide playoff contender. Two weeks ago, NY upset Buffalo 20-17 as the defense intercepted Josh Allen twice and forced a fumble from the supposed MVP. The offense has issues, especially at QB as Zach Wilson (1,202 yards, 4 TDs) isn't getting

it done in the passing game. Wilson needs to step up or he could be in for a long day against a New England defense that recorded nine sacks and had a pick six two weeks ago during its 26-3 route of the Colts. Head coach bill Belichick has his team in the playoff hunt, despite an offense that is limited with Mac Jones (1,140 yards, 4 TDs) at quarterback. The Pats can run the ball, so look for Belichick to give the Jets defense a steady dose of running back Rhameed Stevenson (618 yards, 4 TDs). This should be a defensive battle and, in that case, go with the home team. My pick, New England 17, New York Jets 13

Washington at Houston: What an exciting matchup, NOT! This game features two challenged offenses as the Commanders visit NRG Stadium to take on the Texans on Sunday afternoon. Washington has turned to back up QB Taylor Heinicke (629 yards, 5 TDs) as starter Carson Wentz recovers from a hand injury. Heinicke is a battler and can make plays with his legs. He has a solid WR to throw to in Terry McLaurin (38 receptions, 605 yards, 2 TDs). The Texans need to give the Washington defense a steady dose of rookie running back Dameon Pierce (678 yards, 4 total TDs) because quarterback Davis Mills (1,656 yards, 10 TDs/8 interceptions) just isn't getting it done in the passing game. Yes, the Texans played hard two weeks ago in their 29-17 loss to the Eagles, so maybe there's hope they can win one at home on Sunday. My pick, Houston 20, Washington 17

Dallas at Minnesota: One of the better games of Week 11 has the Cowboys taking on the NFC North leading Minnesota Vikings in Minneapolis. This will be the second week Dallas plays an NFC North team as they played at Green Bay last Sunday. The Cowboys bring one of the league's best defenses into this game (33 sacks, 17 turnovers in their first 8 games) and now that Dak Prescott (591 yards, 3 TDs) is back at QB, the offense is starting to hum. Dallas has a one-two punch at running back with Ezekiel Elliott (443 yards, 4 TDs) and speedy Tony Pollard (506 yards, 5 TDs) and a big-play wideout in CeeDee Lamb (42 receptions, 556 yards, 3 TDs). Minnesota has a solid offense as well led by QB Kirk Cousins (1,999 yards, 13 TDs), running back Dalvin Cook (608 yards, 6 total TDs) and wide receiver Justin Jefferson (59 receptions, 867 yards, 3 TDs). I think the Cowboys hang around in this one, but look for Cousins to out-duel Prescott as the Vikings march on to an NFC North title. My pick, Minnesota 30, Dallas 27

Kansas City at Los Angeles Chargers: A big one in the AFC West as the Chiefs visit the Chargers in one of the better games on the Week 11 schedule. Two weeks ago, Justin Herbert (2,254 yards, 13 TDs) and Austin Ekeler (427 rushing yards, 6 TDs/60 receptions, 351 yards, 4 TDs) earned a hard-fought win against a feisty Atlanta team on the road. This week, they face a Chiefs team that is grinding out wins. Two weeks ago, Patrick Mahomes (2,605 yards, 21 TDs) used his arms and legs (63 rushing yards, 1 TD) to lead his team to a 20-17 overtime win against the Titans. Look for Mahomes to once again key in on tight end Travis Kelce (57 receptions, 659 yards, 7 TDs) and JuJu Smith-Schuster (44 receptions, 582 yards, 2 TDs) to make plays against a suspect LA secondary. The Chiefs and Chargers always play entertaining games, and I expect another offensive shootout come Sunday. My pick, Kansas City 33, Los Angeles Chargers 31

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh: The Bengals visit the Steelers on Sunday Night Football with one team seeking a second straight playoff appearance, while the other may be looking at its first losing season under the direction of head coach Mike Tomlin. The Bengals are battling the Ravens for the top spot in the AFC North, while the Steelers appear to be in rebuild mode. Pittsburgh is a proud team and look for their defense to play hard against Cincinnati QB Joe Burrow (2,535 yards, 18 TDs) on Sunday Night Football. Two weeks ago, Bengals running back Joe Mixon (585 yards, 8 total TDs) had a field day against Carolina scoring five touchdowns in a 42-21 route. Look for Burrow to rely on Tee Higgins (41 receptions, 564 yards, 3 TDs) and others to pick up the slack while Ja'Marr Chase recovers from a hip injury. The Steeler offense has been dormant this year as rookie QB Kenny Pickett (962 yards, 2 TDs) is in the process of learning on the job. He needs help from running back Najee Harris (361 yards, 1 TD) to step up. I think the Steelers play hard in this game, but look for Burrow and Mixon to make plays late to send the Bengals home with a big road win. My pick, Cincinnati 26, Pittsburgh 17

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Trivia Test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Who voices the character of Timon in "The Lion King"?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of parrots called?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the main colors of Italy's flag?
4. SCIENCE: What instrument is used to measure wind speed and direction?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the young readers' novel "Looking for Alaska"?
6. U.S. STATES: In which state can you find Glacier National Park?
7. MEASUREMENTS: What is the study of measurements called?
8. TELEVISION: The characters in "Laverne & Shirley" live and work in which city?
9. GEOGRAPHY: Which two countries occupy the Iberian Peninsula?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed into law a bill that made "The Star-Spangled Banner" the national anthem?

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King Crossword

Answers

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Galena Park ISD Honors Veterans

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forces consist of six service branches: the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard. Their theme songs were played as their members present were recognized. Each of the branches was called up front so photos could be taken. (See photos)

A white table was placed at the front of the room in remembrance of those held prisoners of war or missing in action. A call for silence marked this event. The Taps was played during the event.

Attendees were served at their tables a delicious meal with refreshments and desserts of red, white & blue icing cupcakes. (See cupcake flag photo)

Jade Pañares, Choir Director of North Shore Senior High's Perfect Harmony is to be commended for how well she's developed the group's harmonizing. They sang several of the nation's national songs and their performance of the National Anthem was very meaningful for Veterans Day. (See photo)

Bryan Clements, District Police Chief was the Master of Ceremonies and Sherrhonda Johnson Hunter, Executive Director for School and Community Relations never missed a beat moving the well planned agenda moving forward and keeping everyone's attention to the program. Clements gave the invocation and benediction.

Dr. John Moore delivered a touching statement on how much the veteran's means to him and the nation. Here's some of what he said, "We're here to celebrate freedom, and to pay tribute to those who made a sacrifice so we can enjoy our freedom. The cost of freedom is expensive; some paid a much greater price than others so don't forget why we're here."

Clements quoted both Presidents John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln. Kennedy's 11-11-61 words, "In a world tormented by tensions and possibilities of conflict, we meet in a quiet commemoration of a historic day of peace. In an age that threatens the survival of freedom, we join together to honor those who made our freedom possible."

President Lincoln reminded our nation of its duty to care for those who have borne the burden of battle and to care for their widows and orphans.

Clements said, "Nations are judged by how they treat their veterans."

Lilah Ruiz, a fourth grade student at Williamson Elementary read a letter she wrote in behalf of the veterans. (See photo of Lilah & her letter) Other students wrote letters, they were copied and placed on all the tables so everyone could read them.

VETERANS DAY MESSAGES SUBMITTED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia: "Serving in our Nation's Armed Services is the greatest form of public service," said Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia. "There are more than 300,000 veterans in Houston, nearly 1.5 million veterans in Texas, and 19 million veterans across America. I'm grateful for each and every one of them. Veterans Day is a special opportunity to thank all of them for their bravery."

Senator Carol Alvarado: "We owe so much to our veterans, especially those who paid the ultimate price. They sacrificed their well-being to preserve ours. We thank them."

State Representative Ana Hernandez: "Happy Veterans Day! We honor all the men and women who served our country. Thank you for your service!"

Galena Park Mayor Esmeraldo Moya: "Today, let's pause to honor our Veterans and express our deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation for their brave and selfless service to our country. Today, let's remember what has always made America great, what has always made us exceptional - the patriots who, generation after generation, dedicate themselves to building a more powerful and perfect nation. God bless all of them and our beautiful City of Galena Park." #VeteransDay

Jacinto City Mayor Ana Diaz: "As mayor I'm very proud of my city's veterans and service members. And to all the nation's veterans and their families whose sacrifices allow us to enjoy our freedom. We live in the freest country in the world and we owe this to our veterans. God Bless them."



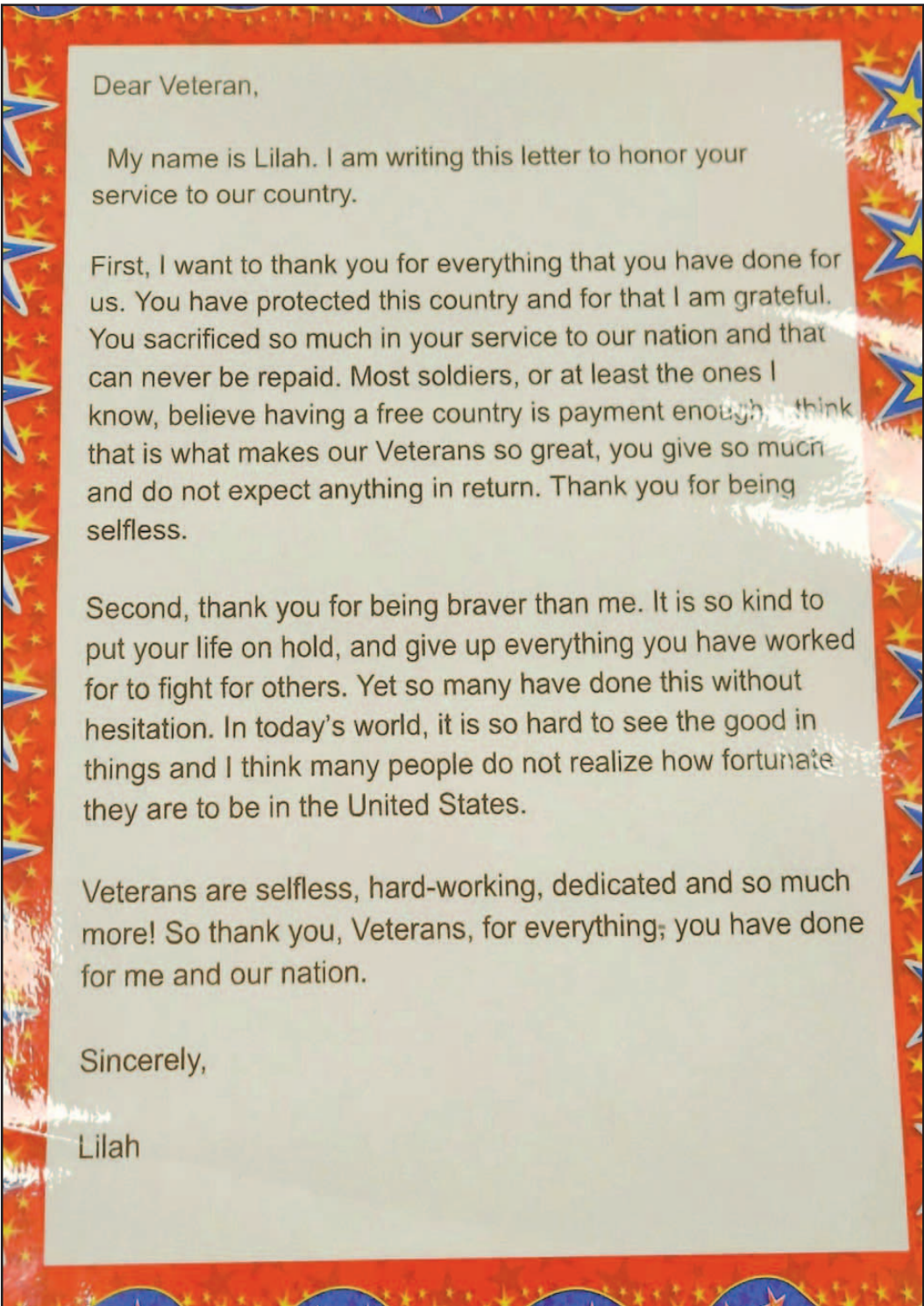
LILAH RUIZ READS HER LETTER THANKING VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICES FOR OUR FREEDOM. (SEE LETTER PHOTO)



ARMY VETERAN FRANK M. STALEY STANDS AT ATTENTION DURING NATIONAL ANTHEM.



US COAST GUARD VETERAN



LILAH RUIZ LETTER.



US ARMY VETERANS



US MARINE VETERANS



US NAVY VETERANS



US AIR FORCE VETERANS