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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

# CHS Opens District with Victory over Lake Worth

dominant soccer teams in north Texas over the last several years.

This year they lost their first game of the season to Oak Cliff Faith Family Academy (OCFFA) on Jan. 2. That game came down to penalty kicks to determine the winner and gave OCFFA a 1-0 win. Since then, the Lions have been unstoppable and unbeatable. They entered this contest with a 14-game winning streak and a lofty third place ranking in 4A in the state of Texas.

The opponent for their first contest in district was neighbor and arch rival Lake Worth. The Bullfrogs came in with just one win in nine games (1-7-1). This game certainly did not look like much of a game on paper, despite being a rivalry game. The contest was played at W.O. Barnes Stadium on Friday, Feb. 2. It played out pretty much as expected with the Lions showing why they are so highly ranked as they cruised to an easy and lopsided 8-0 victory goalie at the 22:42 mark to increase the lead to 6-0. over the Bullfrogs.

kick on goal in the opening 8 minutes of the game. The Lions, however, were just getting warmed up.

The Castleberry boys soccer team has been one of the most later (28:26) junior Jose Chairez (#12) wooed the crowd with his bicycle kick for another goal. Lions were now up 2-0.

> The Lions got one more goal before half. Senior Isaac Chavez (#7) put the Lions up 3-0. This score carried through until halftime. The Lions dominance was illustrated by their 13 shots on goal compared to four for the Bullfrogs.

> In the opening minutes of the second half the Lions pushed the lead to 4-0. Junior Eddie Zapata (#23) scored at the 36:59 mark. Castleberry continued to pour it on Lake Worth for the rest of the half.

> Junior Christopher Montoya (#19) scored at the 28:15 mark, making it 5-0. Several minutes later the Lions were awarded a penalty kick. They chose to allow their senior goalie, Sebastian Torres (#1), to take the penalty shot. His kick sailed past the Lake Worth

The final two CHS scores came courtesy of senior Johan Cas-The game began slowly with each team only getting only one taneda (#17). His goals came at the 13:41 mark and 9:38 mark. This made the final score 8-0.

The Lions won their 15th game in a row and their first district At the 31:37-mark junior Alan Arellano (#9) cracked the score-contest. The CHS Lions will face Bridgeport Bulls at W.O. Barnes board with his kick that found the back of the net. Just 3 minutes Stadium on Feb. 16. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Go Lions!

From the City of River Oaks

# Crud Mobile Scheduled to Visit River Oaks City Hall April 6

The Crud Mobile will be at the River Oaks City Hall Parking Lot located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd. on Saturday, April 6 from 9 to 11 a.m.

River Oaks residents will have the opportunity to get rid of household hazardous wastes. This is free event is limited to citizens of River Oaks and a copy of your water bill is required to participate.

Items that will be accepted include: automotive fluids, batteries, household chemicals, cooking oil, lawn and pool chemicals, light bulbs and paint and painting supplies.

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Attendees are requested to leave products in original, marked containers (no trash bags). For unlabeled items, it is requested that residents label containers.

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From the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office

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With our Assistant Criminal District Attorneys and Investigators as instructors, parprosecutorial process to gain an insider's perspective on how the system works. Classes are held on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Graduation will be hosted upon completion of the Academy program.

The topics of the past academy classes have included: Adult Sexual Assault; The Civil Division; Conviction Integrity; Digital Forensic and Technical Services; Diversion

Unit; Grand Jury; Intake; Intimate Partner Violence; Intoxication Manslaughter, DWI and No Refusal; Introduction to a Trial; Introduction to the Criminal Justice System/Criminal District Attorney's Office; The Juvenile System; Mental Health & Protective Orders; Misdemeanor Crimes; Special Victims Unit; Victim Advocates and White Collar/Public Integrity Crimes.

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# Spice Up Superbowl Sunday with Mouthwatering Recipes

It's Superbowl time and there's only one thing to make game peppers, is a must-have ingredient. day a bigger win: delicious game day food!

Looking to add some kick to kick-off? Whether you're tailgating or hosting from home, Frank's RedHot Original Cayenne Pepper Hot Sauce, made with a premium blend of aged cayenne

#### **Classic Buffalo Chicken Wings**

If you're someone who agrees that no tailgate or watch party is complete without wings, you're in good company. According to Chef Jordan Carfagno of Frank's RedHot, chicken wings are the brand's most searched recipe during football season. Anyone looking to kick their wings up a notch can try this mouthwatering recipe for a classic take on wings, and it can be made in the oven at home, or in an air fryer if you're tailgating.

#### Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- •1/2 cup Frank's RedHot Original Cayenne Pepper Hot Sauce
- 2 and 1/2 pounds chicken wing pieces

#### Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Mix butter and RedHot Sauce in medium bowl; set aside.
- 2. Arrange wings on large foil-lined pan. Bake on lowest oven rack for 30 minutes or until crispy, turning once.
- 3. Toss wings in sauce mixture until well coated. Serve with blue cheese and celery, if desired.

#### **Buffalo Chicken Dip**

Chef Carfagno says dip recipes are gaining popularity this year, and this spicy creamy Buffalo chicken dip is the MVP of them all. Make it in the oven at home or plug in an instant pot or slow cooker for on-the-go prep.

#### Ingredients:

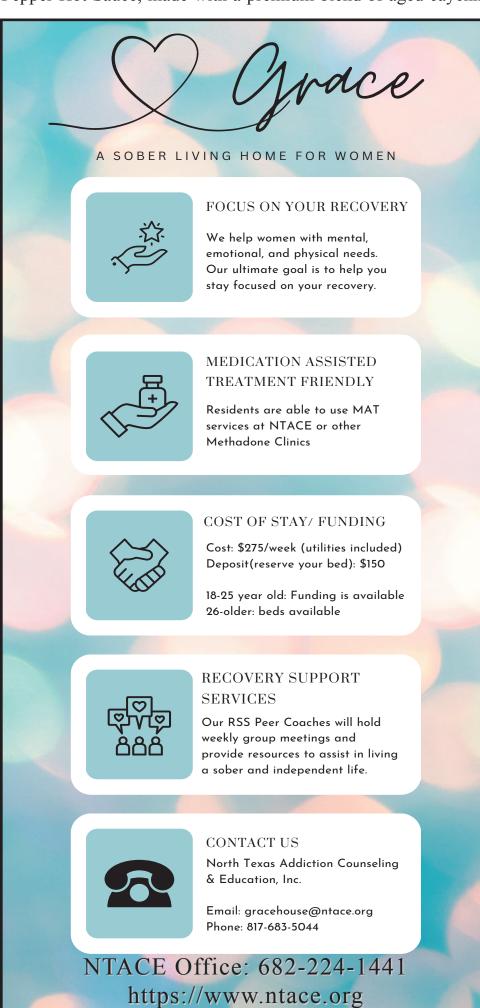
- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cups Frank's RedHot Original Cayenne Pepper Hot Sauce
- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 1/2 cup blue cheese crumbles

#### Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Spoon into a shallow 1-quart baking dish.
- 2. Bake 20 minutes or until mixture is heated through; stir. Sprinkle with green onions, if desired, and serve with chips, crackers and cut up veggies.

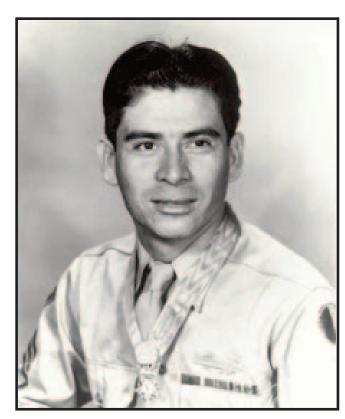
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This football season, bring your A-game to your tailgate spread by adding the perfect blend of flavor and heat to classic fan favorites.



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# Medal of Honor Recipient, Staff Sargeant Macario García



A young man escaping the poverty of a foreign land, dreaming of a better life, and becoming a hero for his adopted nation may seem too fantastic for a jaded age, but it is the true story of Medal of Honor recipient Macario Garcia, an immigrant and World War II veteran. Like many of his generation, he fought with courage on the battlefield and at home to defend the United States and its ideals to build a better nation.

He was born Jan. 2, 1920, in Villa de Castano, a tiny village in Mexico. Garcia was one of 10 children born to destitute farm workers. In 1923, to improve their fortunes, they came to the United States, like so many other immigrants from so many other lands. They settled in the Sugarland area, just outside Houston. As soon as he was old enough, Garcia joined his parents working in the fields. Like many other farm workers, he worked hard, but his education was sporadic.

In 1942, Garcia enlisted in the army. America had become his home, and his home had been attacked. He was determined to serve in its defense. An infantryman, he was wounded at the Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day in 1944. Awarded the Purple Heart, he soon returned to duty. He later earned the Bronze Star as well.

In November 1944, as American troops were beginning to push into Nazi Germany,

Garcia and his men found themselves in a Honor recipient. Former Gov. James Allred desperate battle. They were pinned down stepped up and served as his attorney. by machine gun fire, and Garcia was wounded. He carefully crawled to a position near the machine gun nest, hurled a grenade, and shot three enemy troops to take out the gun. A second machine gun opened ican citizenship in 1947 and worked with fire, and Garcia again crawled over to also take it out single-handedly. The men were saved, and the army's position was secured. For his actions, he was given the Medal of

him with the medal in a White House ceremony on Aug. 23, 1945. Shortly afterward, his native land of Mexico awarded him the Merito Militar, one of the highest awards in the Mexican Army, for his valor. Garcia was honorably discharged in 1946, leaving with the rank of staff sergeant.

For many veterans returning home, it is often difficult to fathom how much they have changed because of their experiences while so little has changed for those they left behind. Such was often the case for of Honor recipient was further honored. World War II veterans. Garcia himself would discover this much to the horrors of center was named in his honor. himself and the nation when he stepped into Houston, in September 1945 – not even one month after the war ended and his White after him. Honor led to a life well-lived. House appearance.

Garcia's face had been in newspapers all over the Houston area. His story was wellknown by this point. In spite of his service, in spite of his heroism, in spite of saving the lives of his fellow soldiers on multiple occasions – putting his own life at risk to save others -- the restaurant owners refused to serve him because his skin was not the right color. Insulted, Garcia began arguing with the owner. The owner then beat him with a baseball bat. To make matters worse, police arrested Garcia and charged him in the incident.

Garcia had shed blood defending his adopted country and the freedoms for which it stood. Now his blood was shed because of bigotry. Journalists across the nation condemned the treatment of the Medal of

Through his powerful defenders, Garcia was able to win delays for a trial. In 1947, prosecutors quietly dismissed the case.

Afterward, he was able to get his Amercivil rights groups to fight segregation and other unjust laws. He returned to school and earned his high school diploma in 1951.

He eventually landed a job as a counselor with the Veterans Administration. President Harry S. Truman presented Here, he spent the rest of his career helping his fellow veterans. He remained active in his support of civil rights. He spoke to various veterans groups, schools, and civil rights groups as the years passed. On Nov. 21, 1963, he met President John F. Kennedy at a reception in Houston the day before his tragic death in Dallas.

> In December 1972, Garcia was critically injured in a car wreck. He died on Christmas Eve at the age of 52.

In the years after his passing, the Medal

In 1983, Houston's new army reserve

In 1994, a middle school was named for a restaurant in Richmond, just outside him in Sugarland, and Houston later named an elementary school and renamed a street

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Several event attendees inspect the wares.

A Coin Show event was held at the Pecan Grove Convention Center recently. Twenty four dealers and collectors bought, traded and sold various coins. One vendor sold paper money as well as books and tokens to fill individuals' collections.

The show hall was arranged with several tables to display the many coins where participants reviewed an overwhelming array of pieces to observe.

Local residents and visitors to the community came out to enjoy the afternoon.

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# Weekend Forecast



# Friday, Feb. 9:

<u>AM</u> - Cloudy, with a high near 71. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. <u>PM</u> - A 20% chance of showers after midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 52. Southwest wind around 5 mph.



# Saturday, Feb. 10:

**AM** - A 50% chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east in the morning.

**PM** - A 40% chance of showers, mainly after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. East wind around 10 mph.



## Sunday, Feb. 11:

**AM** - Showers likely, mainly before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

PM - A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

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