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FOOTBALL SEASON for the NFL and some colleges have started. Sunday Houston plays Baltimore in the Home Opener. See our Preview Column by Mike Keeney on Page 6

COVID-19

Cases as of September 15, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

19 COUNTIES

184,405 POSITIVE
2,520 DEATHS
155,301 RECOVERED

TEXAS

686,895 POSITIVE
14,458 DEATHS
581,204 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

6,590,827 POSITIVE
195,414 DEATHS
2,477,942 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

29,398,712 POSITIVE
930,910 DEATHS
19,948,785 RECOVERED

IN THE STARS

BIRTHDAYS

Sep 18-Teresa Breland
Laura New
Jerry Fallin
Sep 20-Sue Norris
Amanda Sims
Gary Smith
Sep 21-Bull Dobson
Charlie Farrar
Karen Hildebrand
Sep 22-Bethany Little
Annie Michalsky
Sep 23-Erika Carer
David McMahan
Zachary Stuart
Michael Turner
Jessica Wettstein
Sep 24-Kristi Cathay
Lois Dunbar
Susan Hoffman
J.A. Wagner

ANNIVERSARIES

Sep 20-Gene & Angie
Zadraba
Phillip & Beuana Cumbie
Wayne & Betty O'Bannon
Sep 21-Troy & Debbie
King
Sep 22-Tim & Ellen
Holton

DEATHS

Dorothy Faye O'Neal
Cassman, 93
Jason Anthony Godoy, 33

Crosby Rodeo fetes, raffles and elects

CROSBY - The Crosby Fair & Rodeo hosted themselves at the covered pavilion last Saturday and held a raffle draw for a John Deer Gator XUV590M, a Savage Bersa Thunder .380 pistol and a 6.5 Creedmoor rifle.

On Monday the membership turned out to vote back in the same guys to be one third of the board.

The raffle was done on facebook without physical tickets being issued but each entry had their name placed on a poker chip, the poker ship placed in a drum and lo-



At the September 14 Crosby Fair & Rodeo Membership Meeting voting members repeated Gene Hicks, Jr., Justin George, Michael Niemtschik, Ronny Erlich, Roger Boblick, Jr., Jared Prescott and Bradley Orn as board members. There are 21 board membes elected on a three year cycle.

cal newspaper guy, Lewis Spearman, draw out and announce the lucky winners.

London Harvey won

the Gator, Romi Sandiel the .380 and John Swinney won the Creedmoor.

The event Saturday was mostly a community

gathering with emphasis on family and rural values. The meal was fried fish and it was done just right, light and crispy.

This was a tough year for all charities and the raffle helped keep the wolf from the door.

Lake Houston Trump rally displays fervor

HUFFMAN - The day national polls talked about a lack of enthusiasm by Latinos and a five point slip in the polls for the Democratic Presidential Candidate since the selection of a Vice Presidential running mate, Kamala Harris, locally, the zeal of the Republican ticket was abundant on Lake Houston.

The Lake Houston Marina and the Lake Houston Brewery east on both sides of the McKay Bridge were stages for Lake Houston Party Boaters, a group of about 458 members, to launch close to 800 water craft for the Big T 2020 Parade at 2:00 p.m. last Saturday.

That was a follow up from the Lake Houston Fun Run where participants donated \$10 to benefit Texas Adaptive Aquatics. Awards were



Out of Atascocita, eastbound the south end of the McKay Bridge is lined with cars, rescue vehicles, and cheering President Donald R. Trump supporters. Boats and ehicles were on both sides of the bridge and in the lake.

presented after the event at Lake Houston Brewery. The held a captains meeting at 1:00p.m. to advise of safety precautions and dis-

ting.

That group was joined in the parade by Lake Houston Voters for Trump sporting about 383 mem-

bers that describe themselves as "A group of people to support Trump, like to keep their own money and have fun. They simul-

taniously launched Trump 2020 - Lake Houston Boat Parade.

Both featured red white and blue streamers, flags, MAGA banners in keeping with like events nation wide based upon the success of the San Francisco Boat Parade. Unlike an event near Austin there were no boats reported sunken or distressed.

Hundreds of vehicles lined FM 1960 and packed the marina and brewery to support the boaters.

Shouts and actual waving flags was active throughout the area.

Huffman Fire and Ambulances were on hand but no emergency was presented.

The event grew based solely upn Facebook posts and the two groups joning together.

Highlands Rotary hosts District 5890 governor

HIGHLANDS - The Highlands Rotary Club held their regular weekly meeting last Tuesday, observing all COVID protocols. The featured speakers were District 5890 Asst. Governor Bryan Clements and Governor Scott Rainey. District 5890 is the Houston area Rotary group, with about 33 clubs and 3000 members.

Governor Rainey spoke on worldwide Rotary programs, including Polio Plus and clean water. He also complemented the Highlands club for their community accomplishments.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide with 35,000+ clubs who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. We work together



Governor Scott Rainey



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tion, and Grow local economies. Join us and get involved! We are family friendly. Call 281-426-3558 for more information.

Arkema trial Prosecutor drops assault charges

HOUSTON - The Arkema trail is on hold currently due to COVID-19 but resumes on September 21, already prosecutors have submitted for and State Judge Belinda Hill accepted on Monday to drop assault charges in the release of toxic fumes affecting to two deputies.

The prosecution admitted that charges against three company executive may have been based on a lie in relation to wreckless behavior charges.

"Prosecutors always have a duty to seek justice; in this case, a prosecutor felt that there was enough evidence for a criminal charge, but that he could not prove that charge beyond a reasonable doubt at this time, so he requested

it be dismissed," Dave Schiller, Harris County District Attorney's Office.

Richard Rowe and Leslie Comardelle (the former plant manager) are still charged with reckless emission of air contaminants. Possible consequences for those charges could be \$1 million dollar fine for Arkema and five years for the decision makers.

The defense argues that prosecutors are still withholding exculpatory evidence, illegally.

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board said in 2018 that although Arkema crews had done their utmost to prevent a loss of power

See **ARKEMA TRIAL**, page 8

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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See information on
Page 7,
and enter the Drawing.



COUNTY TALK

Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo



Harris County Approves Historic Investment to Improve Access to Voting

The upcoming election will be one of the most important in the history of the United States — and it is up to every eligible resident to take part in deciding our nation's future. In late August, Harris County Commissioners Court approved a historic \$17 million investment to expand access to the ballot box for our residents to ensure everyone has the chance to make their voice heard, despite the challenges presented by COVID-19. The court approved:

- tripling the number of Early Vote locations;
- extending early voting hours until 10pm for 3 days, and 24 hour voting for one;
- drive-thru voting;
- and mail-in ballot applications mailed to all registered voters.

No excuses — regardless of who you decide to support, the most important thing you can do is VOTE! For more information on voting in Harris County and to apply for a mail-in ballot, visit the [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.HarrisVotes.com).

Digital Access Program provides Computer Devices and Hotspots

Keeping our children home from school is a smart move to protect them from COVID-19, but many Harris County families don't have the means to get their kids connected virtually and learning online. In Texas, one in four students do not have devices at home for virtual learning, and 34% of these students lack adequate access to the internet. 66% of these students are African-American, Hispanic, or Native American.

To begin to address these substantial inequalities, Harris County Commissioners Court approved the creation of the Digital Access Program in early August. The program designates \$32 million in Federal Cares Act dollars to provide 82,000 WiFi hotspots and 211,000 devices to families in need. Harris County will partner with Texas Education Agency's "Operation Connectivity" and T-Mobile's "Project 10 Million" for distribution of the devices and hotspots, respectively.

COVID-19 Relief Fund Distributes Funds to Over 20k Households

The Harris County COVID-19 Relief Fund is in the process of distributing its final grants and is close to completion. The \$30 million fund opened its application in late June for the most vulnerable residents of Harris County suffering the financial effects of COVID-19. Over the span of two days, the fund hosted 1,898,555 sessions on its website (including visitors who visited the website multiple times), and assisted 24,136 people over the phone. All \$30 million has been released to intermediary organizations to distribute to families, and 20,618 households have been served by the fund to date. An estimated 400 to 450 additional families will receive re-granted funds that could not be distributed. A final count of all families served, as well as an evaluation and assessment of the program will be available in October.

Families looking for COVID-19 related assistance are encouraged to call the 211 Texas/United Way helpline to find an organization in their geographic region. Individuals can also visit [ReadyHarris.org](https://www.ReadyHarris.org) and www.harriscountyrelief.org/resources for more information and other options for available aid.

New Harris County test sites

There are New Locations Offering Free COVID-19 Testing September 14-19

Test Results Come Back in 1-3 Days

Houston – Starting Monday, September 14, there will be 6 new mobile testing locations and 2 stationary sites offering FREE COVID-19 testing. Getting test results back is much quicker now, 1-3 days.

Some children have returned to in-person classes and some people gathered for Labor Day without taking precautions. Since 40% of people infected with COVID-19 don't have any symptoms, you could have it without knowing it and be spreading it to family and friends. It can be deadly for older people, those with underlying health conditions or compromised immune systems. So don't guess...take the test..

Hours at the mobile sites are 7-2 and children can be tested at these sites. Register at www.hcphtx.org or call 832-927-7575. Keep your authorization code to be tested.

Mobile locations for September 14-19, are Monday-Saturday and closed one day

- Hosana Lutheran Church, 16526 Ella Blvd, Houston, TX 77090
Closed Tuesday, September 15
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1124 Beech St, Baytown, TX 77520
Closed Wednesday, September 16
- St. Peter's United Methodist, 20775 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77450
Closed Thursday, September 17
- Champion Forest Baptist Church, 15555 Stuebner Airline Rd, Houston, TX 77069
Closed Wednesday, September 16

UH-Clear Lake, Delta Bldg – Lot 3, 2700 Bay Area Blvd, Houston, TX 77058
Closed Monday, September 14

- San Juan Diego Church, 3301 Pasadena Blvd, Pasadena, TX 77503
Closed Saturday, September 19

There is a stationary site at the M.O. Campbell Education Center in Aldine. Children can be also be tested at this site. Hours this week are 7am-2pm. Register at www.hcphtx.org or call 832-927-7575.

The Pasadena stationary site is still offering Surge Testing at San Jacinto College Central Campus. People must be 13 or older to be tested at this site. Hours this week are 7am-2pm, with expanded hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4pm-8pm. Register for the Pasadena site at www.doineedacovid19test.com or call 832-927-7575.

The World Around Us Keeps Changing

It's Essential For
Us To Adapt Our
Businesses For
Success Today

2020 has thrown us all some curveballs. One thing we know for certain is that none of us can afford to wait for things to get back to the way they were before. The new business normal is now and there are many ways we are already equipped to handle the changes and grow our business in the new workplace of today.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.050000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County Emergency Services District 50.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.050000 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.045202 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.048836 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.052893 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Harris County Emergency Services District 50 from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Services District 50 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 50 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 50.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 50, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 50.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Services District 50 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on October 05, 2020 at 6:00 PM at 1210 Dell Dale Avenue, Channelview, Harris County, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate, but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Harris County Emergency Services District 50 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Harris County Emergency Services District 50 may petition the Harris County Emergency Services District 50 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Services District 50 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Services District 50.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount=(tax rate) X (taxable value of your property)/100

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

FOR:

J.E. Owens
B. Biggers
M. Burr

B. Ballew
J. Brannon

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District 50 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District 50 this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.050000	\$0.050000	decrease of \$0.000000 OR
Average homestead taxable value	\$112,626	\$123,715	increase of 9.84%
Tax on average homestead	\$56	\$62	increase of \$6 OR 9.85%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,805,366	\$3,257,527	increase of \$452,161 OR 16.12%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Services District 50 at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@hctx.net, or visit www.hctx.net for more information.

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ON THE HILL

Wetlands Center holds Virtual Learning

Good news! The Wetlands Center is ready and willing to help your kids with their virtual learning. We are hosting our own "learning pod", the Education Station, so your kids will have a secure, wifi-enabled location in which to spend their virtual learning days.

Give us a call if you have any questions. You can enroll through the QR code provided or by bringing the forms and payment to the Wetlands Center.

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Baytown EXPO is postponed

BAYTOWN EXPO POSTPONED, 38th Annual Community Collision Baytown Business Expo will be held on Jan. 14, 2021. Contact Rikki Wheeler for details (281) 422-8359.

Taste of Dayton

Thank you to all of the sponsors, vendors, and volunteers for helping us make our annual Taste of Dayton a successful event!

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Goose Creek forms study group instead of name change

BAYTOWN – After a marathon 8 hour school board meeting last Wednesday night, Sept. 9, the Goose Creek CISD board decided not to change the name of the Robert E. Lee High School until a study committee from the community made a recommendation.

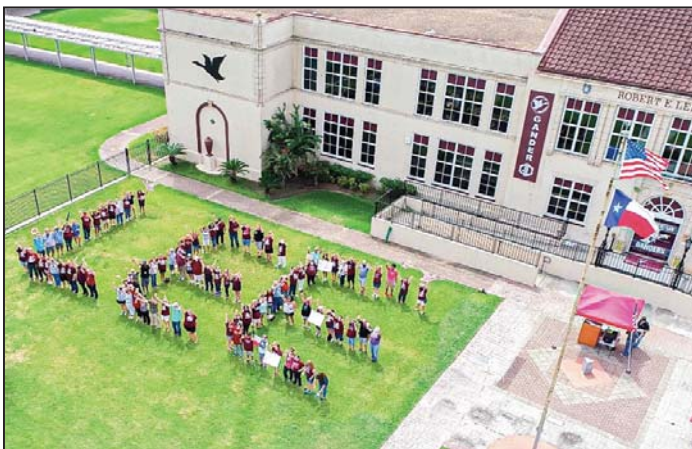
The vote not to rename the school was 4 to 3, and to set up a study committee 5 to 0 with two abstentions.

The vote came after the board listened to about 51 speakers giving their views. 27 of these favored no change, 21 wanted the name removed, and 3 others spoke otherwise.

Board chair Jessica Woods told this newspaper that the study committee would consist of about 30 community members. Their report will not come until late in the school year she thought.

A poll by the local newspaper in Baytown has indicated that 73% of the people do not want a name change, because of the heritage and reputation of the school, not because it honored a Civil War Southern general. 27% were in favor of a name change.

The high school currently has an ethnicity of 71% Hispanic, 14% Black, and 12% White.



A Rally by supporters of No Name Change for Robert E. Lee High School held a demonstration on Saturday, Sept. 6 and formed this dramatic reminder of the value of the name that has been there since 1928. (photo courtesy Russell Hamman)

Opponents of the name change have pointed out that the cost in signage and uniforms to change the name would be between \$150,000 to \$400,000 and thought the money should be allocated to other needs.

Voting no to change the name were trustees Jessica Woods, Richard Clem, Ben Pape and Tiffany Guy. Voting in favor of changing the name were trustees Howard Sampson, Agustin Loreda, and Shae Cottar.



A Protest demonstration before the Sept. 9th Goose Creek board meeting, at the admin building.

Two Baytown policemen indicted by Grand Jury in separate incidents

Baytown Police Officer indicted for Assault in videotaped arrest

A Harris County grand jury last week indicted a Baytown Police officer who was fired for striking a bystander who was with a person recording video of a traffic stop.

Nathaniel Brown was indicted for Assault, which is a Class A Misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a \$4,000 fine.

"The grand jury has made clear that our community won't tolerate unnecessary violence by

anyone including police officers," Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg said. "We need one standard for everyone and the law must be applied equally in order for people to continue to believe in our justice system."

Brown, a nine-year veteran of the Baytown PD, was fired after the incident on June 2. The confrontation began when Brown and other officers were arresting the driver of a Mercedes-Benz sedan who stopped outside Baytown Market, a convenience store at 2900 Market St. in Baytown.



NATHANIEL BROWN

Officers detained, then handcuffed 23-year-old man for an alleged traffic

See **OFFICER BROWN INDICTED**, page 6

Grand Jury Indicts Baytown Police Officer for Aggravated Assault in Pamela Turner's shooting

A Harris County grand jury indicted Baytown Police Officer Juan Delacruz Monday for the death of 44-year-old Pamela Turner.

The charge is aggravated assault by a public servant, a first-degree felony that carries a punishment of five years to life in prison.

"Pam Turner's killing was a tragedy; it is important to acknowledge that her family and the community are in pain," Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg said.

"Every aspect of the case was independently investigated by the Texas Rangers and our Civil Rights Division prosecutors. Ultimately, we presented all of the evidence to a grand jury that determined the Baytown Police officer should be charged with a crime for his actions when he shot Ms. Turner. We respect their decision and we will be moving forward with prosecution," Ogg said.

The incident began when the officer approached Turner in the apartment complex in the 1600 block of Garth Road where they both resided.

HMB Advanced procedure prevents amputation

BAYTOWN — (September 10, 2020) — Herbert Lewis knew the ankle wound causing great discomfort was not normal, but he had no idea of the danger it posed.

The pain and stubborn refusal of the wound to heal caused the 70-year old Louisiana native and Dayton resident to visit the emergency department on two occasions. However, by November 2019, the entire area over his Achilles tendon was necrotic due to lack of blood flow. The wound had gotten so bad that some doctors recommended amputation.

"The wound grew out of proportion because my diabetes was out of whack," Lewis recalls. "It burst on my foot like someone had poured acid on me. It just kept getting worse until amputation was suggested as the only remedy, but Dr. (Sara) Edeiken said she could do a procedure that

could save my foot."

A vascular surgeon at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, Edeiken recommended performing a vascular bypass procedure in an attempt to restore blood flow and save the foot of the retired ExxonMobil employee who's lived in Dayton with his wife, Vickie, for over 23 years.

"The procedure called for doing a bypass with his vein from the groin to the peroneal artery about halfway down the calf," Edeiken said. "Essentially, we create a new highway for the blood to travel past blocked arteries. While the procedure was a success, it was also clear that Mr. Lewis would require reconstructive surgery for the wound."

Bypass surgery was just the first step on Lewis' journey.

At that point, Houston Methodist Baytown plastic



HMB CARE TEAM: Wound Care Clinic technicians Portia Dollarhide and Amanda Veselka, with Herbert Lewis and Dr. Sara Edeiken

surgeon Bufford Moore, MD became a member of Lewis' care team. Moore performed a series of surgeries, to clear away the dead tissue and help the wound begin to heal, including using a tissue substitute called Integra designed to speed up the process. Lewis would also require treatment in the

Houston Methodist Wound Care Clinic-Baytown, one of just two wound care programs in the Houston area accredited by the Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS).

"Today, the only remaining open wound is a very small area on the back of his leg. He is very nearly healed," Edeiken said. "We

have started him on physical therapy and allowing him to walk around on that leg. It has been a long road, but he has come a long way and we are very excited for his future."

Edeiken assesses Lewis' wound in the wound clinic every two weeks. He has home healthcare nurses who see him between visits to help with wound dressing changes and to keep an eye on the wound. Lewis said he has had no reservations about visiting Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic thanks to the steps the hospital has taken to ensure patient safety.

"Everybody at the hospital has gone out of their way to see to it that everybody is checked before entering and keeping the hospital clean. I see people

See **ADVANCED**, page 6

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Faye O’Neal Cassman

Dorothy Faye O’Neal Cassman, 93, of Crosby, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. She was born in Dallas, Texas, on October 10, 1926, to parents Wilbert Scott Terry and Faye Richmond. Dorothy worked as a secretary to the superintendent in Dayton ISD and Houston ISD. Upon retirement, she remained active in several organizations such as the Order of Eastern Stars, Lake Houston Property Association, Lake Houston Garden Club, and Lake Houston Methodist Church.

Dorothy never missed a chance to support and enjoy her community and friendships. Dorothy was preceded in death by her first husband, J.B. O’Neal. She is survived by her husband, Roger Cassman; sons Eddie O’Neal and wife Lynda of Pearland and Robert O’Neal and wife Karen of Willow City. Dorothy is also survived by her five deeply loved grandchildren John Meador, Heather O’Neal, Kelly Raderchak, Haley Schoolfield and Evan O’Neal.

Grandmommy or Ginny as she was

known by her grandkids was a quintessential grandmother. She kept the refrigerator stocked with Blue Bell Ice Cream and A&W Cream Soda, took unlimited trips to the neighborhood swimming pool, and planned an array of trips to create treasured memories.

A private graveside service will be held at Magnolia Cemetery in Dayton, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dorothy’s honor are suggested to Lake Houston Methodist Church.

Jason Anthony Godoy

Jason Anthony Godoy, 33, entered into heaven on August 30, 2020 in Houston, Texas. Jason was born in Houston on September 23, 1986. He played little league baseball and was also on the swim team as a youth. After graduating high school from Adaptive Learning Systems, Jason was a dedicated employee at Fudruckers and Papisitos. He loved horses from a child and also got to ride in the Houston Rodeo. He enjoyed agricultural livestock, and took pride in raising chickens. Jason was also a 2nd Degree Brown Belt in Taekwondo and Aikido. Most importantly, Jason was an honest, kind hearted, and giving person. He truly enjoyed helping others, and showing his generosity in always taking friends out to eat. Jason will remain



in the hearts of those who knew him.

He is preceded in death, in a joyful reunion in heaven, with his maternal grandmother, Betty Street; and paternal grandparents, Leonard and Mary Godoy. Jason is lovingly survived by his mother, Elizabeth Langhoff; father and step-mother, Leonard and Theresa Godoy; grandfather, Leon Street; siblings, Jeremy Godoy, Robby Crook, Nicole Kitts and husband Jay, Leah

Steele; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, extended family members and friends.

Friends are welcome to join his family for visitation at 10:30 AM Tuesday, September 8, 2020, followed by funeral services, officiated by Rev. Bobby Miller, which will begin at 11:30 AM in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 1:00 PM where he will be laid to rest at San Jacinto Memorial Park under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.



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FOR the proposal: DENNIS HAMALA, JACK DAUZAT, ALAN WOLCK, NICKY SHANKLE
AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.918 /\$100 Adopted	0.86 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		(\$ 0.058) /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-6.31%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$103,944.00	\$114,549.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 10,394.00	\$ 11,455.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 93,550.00	\$103,094.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 858.79	\$ 886.61
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 27.82	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	3.23%	

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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SPORTS PAGE

Texans host Ravens in Home Opener; Cowboys host Falcons in their Home Opener

The Texans and their new multi-million dollar quarterback host the Baltimore Ravens in their first home game of the season at what will be a fan-less NRG Stadium. Up I-45, the Dallas Cowboys will play their home opener at AT&T Stadium in what owner Jerry Jones hopes will host close to 50,000 fans.

There isn't much to choose from on the college schedule for the second straight week, but things should pick up the weekend of Sept. 26 when the Big 12 and SEC kickoff their seasons. We will definitely take a look at a number of key college games next week and hopefully the weeks to come.

This week's column will once again take a look at NFL games only. The State of Texas has two interesting games on the docket on Sunday as the Ravens and reigning MVP Lamar Jackson visit Watson and the Texans, while the high-flying Atlanta Falcons will pay visit Arlington to take on Dak Prescott and the Cowboys.

Other interesting games on tap this weekend feature the Rams at Philadelphia, the 49ers also head east to take on the Jets, while Minnesota visits Indianapolis. The defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs hit the road for the first time to face the Los Angeles Chargers in their new home, Sofi Stadium in an AFC West matchup, while New England also heads west to face Seattle on Sunday Night Football.

Week 2 concludes with New Orleans facing the Las Vegas Raiders in their first game in Sin City and their new billion-dollar stadium. So, without further ado, let's take a closer look at Week 2 in the NFL.

Los Angeles Rams at Philadelphia: The Eagles host the Rams in their home opener looking to go to 2-0 on the season. The Eagles are hoping quarterback Carson Wentz (4,039 passing yards, 27 TDs) can stay healthy for an entire season. He's had a history of injury troubles in his first four years in the league. Philly fans are expecting a breakout season for second-year running back Miles Sanders (818 rushing yards, 3 TDs/50 receptions, 509 yards, 3 TDs), and if the second-year man from Penn State is as good as advertised, that will be a huge bonus for Wentz and the offense. Teams will have to deal with the running game first, which should open up the play action in the passing game. The Rams are hoping for a bounce back season from Jared Goff (4,638 yards, 22 TDs), but he will be without running back Todd Gurley who left LA for



KEENEY'S KORNER
By
MIKE KEENEY

Atlanta in the offseason. Look for the Eagles to move to 2-0 with a win over the Rams on Sunday. My pick, Philadelphia 26, Los Angeles Rams 16

San Francisco at New York Jets: The defending NFC champions make the long trip east to New Jersey to face a Jets team that should be improved from last year's 7-9 record. This could be a breakout year for third-year quarterback Sam Darnold (3,024 passing yards, 19 TDs in 13 games) and it would help if running back Le'Von Bell (789 yards, 3 TDs) returned to the form he had when he was putting up eye-opening rushing and receiving numbers for the Steelers. The 49ers will once again rely on the right arm of quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (3,978 yards, 27 TDs) and the pass catching ability of tight end George Kittle (85 receptions, 1,053 yards, 5 TDs). Something tells me the Jets show up and pull off the upset in their home opener on Sunday. My pick, New York Jets 24, San Francisco 20

Denver at Pittsburgh: The Steelers open host the Broncos in their home opener in what should be a competitive game. Both teams are coming off subpar years, but both could contend for a Wild Card spot this year as both teams improved in the offseason. The Broncos could be sneaky good on defense with the return of defensive end Bradley Chubb and the signing of former Tennessee Titan defensive tackle Jurrell Casey. The key to Denver's success or failure this year will be how well quarterback Drew Locke (1,020 yards, 7 TDs in five starts) plays in his second year in the league. He showed flashes as a rookie and has two solid running backs to help him out in speedy Phillip Lindsey and the productive Melvin Gordon. Steeler fans are hyped about the return to health of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who passed for more than 5,000 yards and 34 touchdowns in 2018. His 2019 season was cut short in the second game when he sustained an elbow injury. While the offense struggled without him, the defense played well and could be one of the best units in the league in 2020. Look for the Steelers to treat their fans, if any are allowed to attend the game, to a happy home opener on Sunday. My

pick, Pittsburgh 23, Denver 16

Minnesota at Indianapolis: This should be an interesting game as the Vikings visit the Colts in Indy's home opener. This will be a good test for new Colts QB Phillip Rivers (4,615 yards, 23 TDs), who left the Los Angeles Chargers for the Midwest and a chance to return to the playoffs after a two-year absence. Rivers has a lot of talent to spread the ball around to led by running back Marlon Mack and rookie Johnathan Taylor (who gained more than 6,000 yards in three years at Wisconsin) and a plethora of talented wide receivers led by the speedy T.Y. Hilton. The Vikings have a top 10 defense and will provide a stern test for Rivers and Co. on Sunday. Minnesota quarterback Kirk Cousins (3,603 yards, 26 TDs) and running back Dalvin Cook (1,135 yards, 13 TD/53 receptions, 569 yards) will give the Indy defense a real test on Sunday. Look for Rivers to make the plays down the stretch to get his first home win as a Colt. My pick, Indianapolis 26, Minnesota 20

Buffalo at Miami: Many so-called experts have picked the Bills to win the AFC East and end New England domination of the division. If they are to do so, they will need to win on the road. This will be a good test for Buffalo as they will face an improved Miami team in what could be a steamy day in South Florida on Sunday. Buffalo fans are hoping quarterback Josh Allen (3,089 yards, 20 TDs) continues to improve and he has a new toy to throw to in former Minnesota wide receiver Stefon Diggs (1,130 yards, 6 TDs). Diggs should open up the vertical passing game for Allen and if second-year running back Devin Singletary (775 yards, 2 TDs) has a breakout season that many are expecting, the Bills could very well be the team to beat in the AFC East this year. Look for the Dolphins to play hard, but the difference maker in this game will be Buffalo's defense, a top 10 unit in the entire league. My pick, Buffalo 27, Miami 14

Atlanta at Dallas: The Falcons bring their high-flying offense into AT&T Stadium to take on the Cowboys in their home opener. A year ago, Atlanta got off to a rough start, but



won six of its last eight games to head into the offseason with a ton of momentum. Atlanta is led by quarterback Matt Ryan (4,466 yards, 26 TDs) and wide receiver Julio Jones (99 receptions, 1,394 yards, 6 TDs). They also added running back Todd Gurley in the offseason, hoping he reverts to his 2017, 2018 self and not the subpar runner he was in 2019. The Cowboys are pretty good on offense as well led by quarterback Dak Prescott (4,902 yards, 30 TDs), running back Ezekiel Elliott (1,394 yards, 12 TDs) and three talented wide receivers in Amari Cooper, Michael Gallup and rookie CeeDee Lamb. This should be a fun, high-scoring game to watch with Prescott being difference maker in this one. My pick, Dallas 34, Atlanta 31

Baltimore at Houston: The Ravens and Texans meet at 3:25 in a nationally televised game on CBS, which will probably attract Jim Nantz and Tony Romo to call the game. The Houston defense will have its hands full trying to contain Ravens QB Lamar Jackson (3,127 passing yards, 36 TDs/1,206 rushing yards, 7 TDs), running back Mark Ingram (1,018 yards, 10 TDs) and tight end Mark Andrews (64 receptions, 852 yards, 10 TDs) and speedy wideout Marquis Brown. The Ravens defense will also have its hands full trying to corral Watson (3,852 yards, 26 TDs/413 rushing yards, 7 TDs) and his new weapons on offense in running back David Johnson and wide receiver Brandin Cooks. The Texans must be able to run the ball against the stout Baltimore front seven if they hope to pull off the upset. Look for head coach Bill O'Brien to use Johnson and fellow running back Duke Johnson as receivers out of the backfield to get one-on-one coverage with the Ravens linebackers. The Texans are usually good for one or two upset during the year and this would be as good a time as any for O'Brien's team to pull off a shocker on Sunday in front of an empty stadium. My pick, Houston 23, Baltimore 20

Kansas City at Los Angeles Chargers: Patrick Mahomes (4,031 yards, 26

TDs) and the Chiefs travel West to face the Chargers in their home opener in their fancy new Sofi Stadium. The Chiefs are definitely the better team, but this is a division game and the Chargers will want to make a good first impression in their new home. The LA defense is underrated led by defensive end Joey Bosa and linebacker Melvin Ingram. If Bosa can get to Mahomes early, that might slow down the Super Bowl MVP for a bit, but look for Mahomes to make plays to speed wide receiver Tyreek Hill (58 receptions, 860 yards, 5 TDs in 12 games) and big-play tight end Travis Kelce (97 receptions, 1,229 yards, 5 TDs). The Chargers have a new quarterback in Tyrod Taylor, but he still has a productive running back in Austin Ekeler (557 rushing yards, 3 TDs/92 receptions, 993 yards, 2 TDs) and the steady Keenan Allen (104 receptions, 1,199 yards, 6 TDs). I think this will be a competitive game, but look for Mahomes to be the difference maker in the fourth quarter. My pick, Kansas City 33, Los Angeles 30

New England at Seattle: This should be a good one for Al and Cris and the Sunday Night Football crew as Bill Belichick's

Patriots head West to face Russell Wilson (4,110 yards, 31 TDs) and the Seahawks. The New England defense will get a real test on Sunday night as it faces a Seattle offense that can get it done in the air with Wilson and wide receiver Tyler Lockett (82 receptions, 1,057 yards, 8 TDs) and on the ground with running back Chris Carson (1,230 yards, 7 TDs). Look for Belichick to feature his team's running game to chew up clock and keep Wilson off the field. That might work for a bit, but look for Wilson to make some big plays down the stretch to lead his team to the victory. My pick, Seattle 27, New England 20

New Orleans at Las Vegas: The Las Vegas Raiders make their home debut when they host the New Orleans Saints on Monday Night Football. It does not appear Raiders ownership will allow fans to attend the opener in their swanky new stadium, which is a shame for a team that moved from Oakland to Vegas during the offseason. The Saints will once again be led by quarterback Drew Brees (2,979 yards, 27 TDs), running back Alvin Kamara and wide receiver Michael Thomas (149 receptions, 1,725 yard, 9 TDs). The Raiders and head coach Jon Gruden are hoping quarterback Derek Carr (4,054 yards, 21 TDs) is ready for a breakout season, if not, the Raiders might be looking for a new QB in 2021. The Raiders have a rising star in second-year running back Josh Jacobs (1,150 yards, 7 TDs). If fans were allowed to attend this game, I would go with the Raiders, but I'm going with the more experienced team, which is the Saints. My pick, New Orleans 31, Las Vegas 26

Officer Brown Indicted,

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violation after he parked near the gas pumps at the store. As officers handcuffed that man, eyewitnesses under the awning in front of the store commented about the arrest. One of the witnesses began filming the entire episode on his cell phone.

After showing the driver being handcuffed, the video then shows Officer Brown walking across the parking lot and confronting the witnesses. Brown asks one witness, 24-year-old Skylar Gilmore, to put his hands behind his back then throws him to the ground. The officer then

used a knee to strike Gilmore in the shoulder and face. Gilmore and another witness, 23-year-old Isaiah Phillips, were arrested for disorderly conduct-language, for their public use of profanities while watching the arrest. The officers also filed a charge against Gilmore for interfering with public duties.

When the facts surrounding the incident, including the video, came to light, the District Attorney's Office dismissed the charges against the two witnesses. Brown was fired from Baytown PD days later.

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Arkema

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they had concluded that flooding was not “a credible risk.”

The plant however is within a flood plain and their insurance company had expressed in 2016 that flooding was such a risk.

As flood waters receded, Crosby residents were beginning to surface from Hurricane Harvey in late August of 2017, US 90 was shut down and over 200 residents were evacuated from their homes because it was learned that there could soon be an explosion at Arkema Chemical Plant. Trailers containing chemicals that had lost their re-

frigeration had reached critical temperatures and were separated from others to a nearby warehouse. When the explosion happened, fumes were emitted that hospitalized more than twenty people including first responders.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg took the unusual step to bring criminal charges against certain decision makers for Arkema. Alleging that Arkema acted recklessly through a 'gross deviation' from objective standards of conduct within the chemical manufacturing community."

Mostly that Arkema did not move potentially explosive chemicals prior to

Hurricane Harvey making
landfall before flooding

Criminally charged are then CEO Richard Rowe and Plant Manager Leslie Comardelle and former Logistic Vice President Michael Keough is charged with assaulting two law enforcement deputies in the release of fumes.

Arkema defendants hired Rusty Hardin and Associates and Drumheller, Hollingsworth and Monthly. Calling the freakish 60 inches of rain "an act of God," they began their defense on a note of unavoidable circumstance. And they countercharged saying the District Attorney was waging political prosecution.

Advanced Procedures,

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everywhere wiping down areas to keep it as clean as possible," Lewis said.

Edeiken, who specializes in a full range of vascular surgery treatments, including carotid artery disease and peripheral arterial and venous vascular disease, credits the multidisciplinary team required in any limb-salvage effort, including plastic and reconstructive surgeons, wound care and nephrology specialists, hospitalists, nurses and physical therapists, in addition to vascular surgery, with helping Lewis on his path to recovery.

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