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TUESDAY



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS BURN, HS FOOTBALL RETURNS

BY LEWIS SPEARMAN

NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY – The approach of fall like weather did herald the return of Friday night lights to local football fields, although many locals feared COVID 19 would forestall this season. Two Cosby coaches were found to have positive test results early in the season, many feared the season would disappear but Crosby ISD has begun their season with a scrimmage at Tomball last weekend. The Crosby Cougars play at the George Ranch in Richmond, Texas Thursday, Sept 24 at Traylor Stadium at 7:00p.m.

Thursday, Oct 2, Manvel travels to Crosby to play at 7:30p.m.

Friday, Oct 9 the Cougars travel to Montgomery playing at 7:30.

The Oct. 16 game depends on how the season is developing and remains Open.

The US 90 rivalry is on Oct 23. As again the Cougars travel to Dayton for the Cougars to match the Broncos at 7:30.

A scary match will be played Oct. 30 against the Barbers Hill Eagles in Crosby at 7:30.

Nov. 5 Kingwood Park hosts the Cougars in Kingwood at Turner Stadium at 7:00.

7:00.

Thursday, Nov. 13 Texas City will host the Cougars as they play Texas City at 7:30.

Nov. 20 Port Naches Grove takes on Crosby in the Jungle at 7:30 p.m. as a Cougar Homecoming.

Nov. 27 Santa Fe hosts the Cougars in Santa Fe at 7:30p.m.

Dec. 4 Nederland travels to Crosby at 7:30 giving a Senior Night to Crosby.

MEMORIAL
Goose Creek Memorial Patriots launch their season with an away non-conference game this Fri., 9/25 at 7:00 against Klein Forest at Klein Forest.

Fri, 10/2 7:00 p.m. the Patriots travel to South Houston away Non-Conference game.

Fri, 10/9 7:00 p.m. Ball of Galveston comes for a conference game.

Fri, 10/9 7:30 p.m. the Baytown Lee Ganders at home conference.

Fri, 10/16 7:00 p.m. Port Arthur Memorial Titans hosts the Patriots in Port Arthur, an away conference game.

Fri., 10/23 7:00 p.m. Lee Ganders of Baytown, come for a home conference game.

Friday 11/6 Sterling High School Rangers host the Patriots in a conference game.

11/13 Friendswood Mustangs hosts the Patriots at 7:00 p.m.

11/20 La Porte welcomes the Patriots for a conference game at 7:00.

12/4 Beaumont United Timberwolves come to play the Patriots for a final conference game at 7:00.

HARGRAVE FALCONS

Hargrave Boys Football Schedule began much earlier being a League: 4A-1 Region III District 10

Falcons have 3-0 overall record, 0-01st in League Sat, 8/29 6:00 p.m.

See HS FOOTBALL, page 8

COVID-19

Cases as of September 22, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

19 COUNTIES

193,353 POSITIVE
2,655 DEATHS
163,016 RECOVERED

TEXAS

735,290 POSITIVE
15,133 DEATHS
611,856 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

6,875,085 POSITIVE
200,284 DEATHS
2,615,974 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

31,424,898 POSITIVE
966,776 DEATHS
21,546,587 RECOVERED

IN THE STARS

BIRTHDAYS

Sep 25–Jake Brewer
Paris Carter
Sep 26–Karen Elkins
W.F. Hosea
Sep 27–Julia Becker
Lee Filer
Sep 29–Monica Barnett
Elizabeth Epperson
Sammy Yarbrough
Sep 30–Tammy Veach
Oct 1–Krista Essen
Brian Fikes
Lauren Slovak
Venita Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

Sep 27–Rev. Sam & Jewell Purkhiser
Sep 28–Deacon & Sarah Tittel
Mr. & Mrs. G.C. Slaughter
Leon & Barbara Bowen
Oct 4–Wilky & Ann Carlisle
Oct 5–J.C. & Olga Aylor

Census count ends Sept. 30th

Sylvia Garcia, County and City leaders hold Census Caravan

HARRIS COUNTY – U.S. Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia has organized an intense public effort to count as many residents of the area as possible, stating that federal dollars that are sent to the state, county, and city are dependent upon the number of people counted and living in the area.

To draw attention to the need to sign up in the Census, Garcia and other community leaders have organized "Census Caravans" that drive through neighborhoods and urge residents to complete their census forms. Garcia says it only takes 5 minutes to complete the questionnaire, and can be done in several different ways.

Last Saturday the Census Caravan drove through the streets of East



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia speaks about the need for everyone to register in the Census which is soon drawing to a conclusion. Garcia was talking at the BakerRipley center in East Aldine, along with others including East Aldine's Richard Cantu, Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Pct. 2 Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Pct. 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, State Representative Armando Valle, and BakerRipley president Claudia Aguirre.

Aldine. Authorities have noted that this is one of the areas where only a small percentage of the residents have registered.

Prior to the Caravan leaving on its neighborhood tour, community leaders spoke on the importance of a complete census count.

Mayor Turner noted in his remarks that only 40% of the eligible residents in the city have been counted so far. Only a few weeks remain until September 30, when the Census Bureau stops its field activities of counting. This includes door-knocking, online responses, over the phone, and by mail. After that the bureau will make adjustments and assumptions, and deliver a final count by December 31.

See CENSUS, page 8

THEA/SJRC Zoom meeting

Waste Pits schedule extended 160 days

HIGHLANDS – Concerns for the Coronavirus have put a temporary end to public meetings regarding the remediation of the toxic waste pits in the San Jacinto River.

But twice this month, Jackie Young Medcalf, the director of the San Jacinto River Coalition and THEA, held ZOOM meetings on July 1 and 15, to inform the public on the status of the remediation project for the pits.

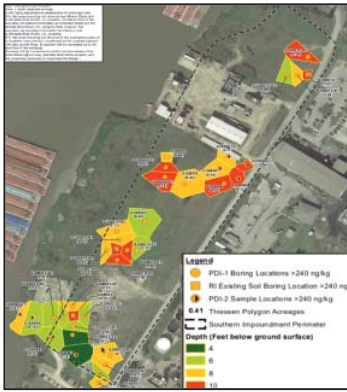
The concentration of meetings was due to the release by the EPA of the 30% RD, or Remedial Design documents. There were over 30,000 pages of data and narrative, covering the Northern and Southern impoundment areas, and the Sand Separation area.

Jackie said that in ex-

tration area. In addition to the report, EPA confirmed that the toxic material was deeper than first thought, and that remediation would take longer than announced.

The time line has stretched from a 2 year project, to now what is expected to take 7 years to complete, according to the engineering consultant, GHD Corp. On top of that, Jackie announced in the July 15 Zoom meeting that EPA had just granted a 160 day extension to the start of the project, moving it well into the year 2028. This will likely conflict with TxDOT's plans to replace the I-10 bridge with a higher, wider highway.

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Map of Southern Impoundment. Colors indicate the depth below the surface at which toxic material exceeding 240 ng/kg was found. Dark Green is the worst, at 4 feet. Red indicates the material is 10 feet below the surface. Market Street south of I-10 is the street shown.

amination the RD documents, she was concerned about omissions and inconsistencies. She said that there was not enough "due diligence" exhibited in the work process, nor transparency. In the health and safety section of the RD, she said it was too generic and did not address the specific problems of this site, such as barge traffic and weather extremes such as hurricanes and floods.

She also faulted the study for characterizing the toxic waste as too low a type of hazardous industrial waste, and calls for the sampling and classification to be done again. She notes that the PRP asked the consultant to omit certain test results, without explanation or reason.

In addition to the Northern Impoundment, Jackie spoke of the Sand Separation area. Although the RD calls for monitoring natural remediation, with no intervention or removal, she said that sampling had revealed "hot spots" and

See WASTE PITS, page 2

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WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY W.C.I.D. #36 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. It is anticipated said meeting will be held via telephone and/or video conference pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, as amended, and as modified by the Governor of Texas in the Governor's proclamation concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. Meeting access by Teleconference Dial-In Number: 1-346-248-7799, Meeting ID Number: 962 9898 8806, Passcode: 822042.

Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Ronald S. Holder, Gerardo Parra, Maria E. Koukoulakis, Felix C. Eddy, Jr., Eddie Cantu

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

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)	\$.32000/\$100	\$.29800/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.02200/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-6.87%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 70,458	\$ 76,697
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 14,092	\$ 15,339
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 56,366	\$ 61,358
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 180.37	\$ 182.84
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 2.47	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	1.36%	

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

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.

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY F.W.S.D. #51 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. It is anticipated said meeting will be held via telephone conference pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, as amended, and as modified by the Governor of Texas in the Governor's proclamation concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. Meeting access by Telephone: 1-888-363-4735, Access Code: 6275923.

Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Jerry Dominy, Cary Stephens, Mike Bilnoski and Les LeBleu

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

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)	\$.25000/\$100	\$.25000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.00000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 149,236	\$ 156,726
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 29,847	\$ 31,345
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 119,389	\$ 125,381
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 298.47	\$ 313.45
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 14.98	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	5.01%	

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23601, Water Code.

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WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY W.C.I.D. #84 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. It is anticipated said meeting will be held via telephone and/or video conference pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.125, as amended, and as modified by the Governor of Texas in the Governor's proclamation concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. Meeting access by Telephone 1-346-248-7799, Meeting ID: 968 7683 4834, Password: 982696.

Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Allen Hall, Hugo Arriaga, Tomas Fernandez, Edna Ponder, and Bud Mills

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

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)	\$.60000/\$100	\$.58000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.02000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-3.33%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 163,882	\$ 175,997
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 0	\$ 0
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 163,882	\$ 175,997
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 983.29	\$ 1,020.78
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 37.49	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	3.81%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.026000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County Emergency Services District 6.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.026000 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.012999 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.013468 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.026752 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 6 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 6 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 6 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 6.

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 6, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 6.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Services District 6 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on October 07, 2020 at 6:00 PM at 911 Hollywood, Houston, TX 77015.

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 6 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Harris County Emergency Services District 6 may petition the Harris County Emergency Services District 6 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 6 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Services District 6.

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:	
Danny Naramore	Dennis Murray
Margie Buentello	Roger Hamilton
Theresa Parker	

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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 6 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District 6 this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.013400	\$0.026000	increase of \$0.012600 OR
Average homestead taxable value	\$139,118	\$149,031	increase of 7.12%
Tax on average homestead	\$19	\$39	increase of \$20 OR 107.88%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$471,671	\$946,207	increase of \$474,536 OR 100.61%

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For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Services District 6 at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@tax.hctx.net, or visit www.hctx.net for more information.

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HS Football Returns

MONT BELVIEU – The approach of fall like weather heralded the return of Friday night lights to local football fields, although many locals feared COVID 19 would forestall this season.

BARBERS HILL EAGLES

Barbers Hill Eagles (now 0-0) have a Home Conference Fri, 9/25 7:30 Pm Kingwood Park.

Sat, 9/26 6:00 the Eagles play Paetow in Katy, Away in a Non-Conference

Fri, 10/2 7:30 PM Port Arthur Memorial comes to the Hill Non-Conference.

Fri, 10/16 7:30 Eagles fly to Santa Fe. Conference

Fri, 10/23 7:30 Kingwood Park will be hosted by the Eagles; conference

Fri, 10/23 7:30 Nederland comes to the Hill on a conference game.

Fri, 10/30 7:30p.m. the Eagles play a "scary" match against the Crosby Cougars for Halloween c conference

Fri, 11/6 7:30 Port Neches-Groves

DAYTON BRONCOS

9/24 Dayton Broncos play at Montgomery Lake Creek.

10/02 Montgomery comes to Dayton

10/09 Pasadena Memorial

10/23 The Battle of US 90 against Crosby in Dayton.

10/30 Port Neches Groves is an away game for the Broncos.

11/06 Santa Fe at home.

11/13 Broncos play at Nederland

11/20 Texas City comes to Dayton.

11/27Barbers Hill Eagles visit the Broncos

12/05 Broncos travel to Humble Kingwood Park.

ON THE HILL

Dayton State of the City Luncheon

State of the City Luncheon Tuesday, October 6th

We are excited to get to see all of our members in person at this luncheon. The speaker will be Dayton's City Manager, Theo Melancon.

Lunch will be catered by Italiano's Restaurant. – Sponsored by: Entergy

Be sure to arrive at 11:30 am for networking and lunch will be served at 12:00 pm. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members Ribbon Cuttings Join us for the grand opening of Mobiloil Credit Union!

September 25, 2020 at 11:00 am 999 HWY 146 in Dayton

BBQ Cook Off

The Dayton Chamber of Commerce is hosting a BBQ Cook Off with the City of Dayton Trade Days.

Come out October 10th and 11th for the Trade Days along with a motorcycle and car show!

Cook off will be October 10th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Contact the Dayton Chamber if you would like to enter in the competition or be a judge! BBQ Cook Off Registration form

Hyatt Regency named as new Bayland hotel



Conceptual Design Drawing of new Hyatt Regency Baytown-Houston Hotel.

BAYTOWN – City officials heard details this month about plans to secure a top name national brand hotel for the Bayland Island project, which is to include a convention center and hotel.

At a meeting of the Baytown Hospitality Public Facilities Corporation (PFC) the board heard that negotiations are underway with the Hyatt Regency hotel chain. The naming of the hotel was part of a procedural motion to advance the project.

The Bayland Island Convention Center/Hotel is budgeted at \$42 million, to be paid for by the City of Baytown's contribution of \$21 million, with the rest through revenue bonds. The city plans to fund the project with \$17 million in certificates of obligation, plus \$4 million from the Hotel Occupancy Tax.

Previous hotel chains that were part of the negotiations included Marriott

and Hilton. City Manager Rick Davis stated that it was extremely important to have a hotel with a pre-eminent name and successful hospitality reputation, to insure the success of the project and

enhance the reputation of Baytown. It is expected that the Convention Center/Hotel project will fill a need for a large, first class facility that has been missing on the East Side of Harris County.

The Bayland Island project is currently being delayed by the effects of the pandemic, with less travel by the public and higher borrowing costs for bonds. However, the city is continuing negotiations

with Hyatt, and plans to sign an initial agreement in the amount of \$250,000 from the hotel group.

The decision to proceed with the project will depend upon the financial strength of the economy at the beginning of next year, Davis indicated, and the Municipal Development District (MDD) would decide then to proceed. A groundbreaking has been tentatively scheduled for April 2021.

During the meeting some of the directors took issue with the proposed name of the Hotel including the term Houston. Director Bob Hoskins felt the name only needed to include Baytown, since Houston was not involved in the development, but Davis indicated that the whole project and Baytown would benefit from being marketed as part of the larger Houston metropolitan area.

Dayton sailor serving on aircraft carrier in the Philippine Sea



PHILIPPINE SEA– Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Kevin Hubbard, from Camarillo, California, left and Aviation Ordnanceman Airman Dillon Macklin, from Dayton, Texas, man a 50-caliber machine gun during a security drill on the flight deck of the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) in support of Exercise Valiant Shield 2020. Valiant Shield is a U.S. only, biennial field training exercise (FTX) with a focus on integration of joint training in a blue-water environment among U.S. forces. This training enables real-world proficiency in sustaining joint forces through detecting, locating, tracking and engaging units at sea, in the air, on land and in cyberspace in response to a range of mission areas. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Samantha Jetzer)

Protect Yourself Against Heart Attack

BAYTOWN — The heart works around the clock, pumping blood throughout the body. That's why it's important to keep this powerful muscle as healthy and strong as possible. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. according to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). Coronary artery disease (CAD), also known as coronary heart disease, is the most common type of heart disease. Atherosclerosis, the buildup of plaque (a substance made of cholesterol and fatty deposits), is the main source of CAD. It causes the coronary arteries to narrow or become blocked. You might not have any symptoms of CAD until you experience a heart attack, which is caused by an area of plaque breaking away and forming a blood clot, blocking a coronary artery and stopping blood flow to the heart. But there are things you can do to lessen your risk of

heart attack. "While some causes of heart disease are hereditary, many are due to poor health choices," said Dr. Zohair Raza, cardiologist with Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital. "It is important to make changes—even small ones—to help your heart stay as healthy as possible."

CAD causes you can't control: Age. Getting older increases your risk for CAD. Family history. You're at greater risk for coronary heart disease if you have a parent with a history of heart disease. Gender. Men are at greater risk for CAD, and so are women who have gone through menopause.

You can control the following CAD causes with healthy lifestyle changes. Diabetes. Keep blood glucose and A1C levels under control. Eventually, high glucose levels damage blood vessels and the



DR. ZOHAIK RAZA

nerves that regulate the heart. High blood pressure. Limit your sodium intake to no more than 2,300 milligrams or one teaspoon of salt a day. High blood cholesterol. Avoid fried foods, fast food, bacon, hot dogs, cakes and cookies, which contain unhealthy fats and added sugar. Overweight or obesity. Start by losing a small amount, just 3% to 5% of your current weight, to improve your heart health.

Physical inactivity. Aim for at least 150 minutes of physical activity every week to help you lose weight, reduce blood pressure and cholesterol levels and ease stress. Smoking. Try nicotine gums and patches, hypnosis or smoking-cessation classes to quit smoking. Stress. Reduce your stress levels to improve your health. Meditation, yoga, massage and deep breathing techniques may help. Unhealthy diet. Choose a healthy eating plan like the DASH diet that focuses on lots of fruits and veggies, whole grains, low-fat dairy and lean protein.

Warning signs of a heart attack include:

- Chest pain, pressure or discomfort that lasts more than a few minutes and spreads to the shoulders, neck or arms.
- Shortness of breath (with or without chest pain).
- Breaking out in a cold

Voluntary Evacuation Order for low lying and flood-prone areas of the County. "We are encouraging citizens to do what they can to prepare their homes and families," continued the Judge. Those residents whose homes have been affected in past high rain or high storm surge events should consider moving to higher ground. "This is a minimum recommendation," continued the Judge. "If you feel unsafe, if you feel like your home might be impacted by rains or storm surge inundation, please be proactive." Chambers County will continue to provide updates via email and on the Chambers County website and official social media accounts as more data becomes available.

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CROSBY'S HOME TOWN HOME CARE

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 12.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.050000 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.048719 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.052692 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.062748 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 12 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 12 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 12 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 12.

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 12, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 12.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Services District 12 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on October 06, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Cloverleaf Fire Station No. 1, 911 Hollywood Street, Houston, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Harris County Emergency Services District 12 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Directors of Harris County Emergency Services District 12 at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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: W. Anders, D. Proctor, L. Helgesen, F. Staley and B. Clements

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 12 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District 12 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	\$135,446	\$145,283	increase of 7.26%
Tax on average homestead	\$68	\$73	increase of \$5 OR 7.26%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,740,700	\$1,790,909	increase of \$50,209 OR 2.88%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Services District 12 at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@hctx.net, or visit www.hctx.net for more information.

Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 21

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 21 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., via teleconference. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

To participate: (713) 888-2500

Pass code: 400

FOR the proposal: Pete Brady, R.L. McRae, Wesley Hutchins, Jimmy Ramsey & Jimmy Smith

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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.

	2019 Last Year	2020 This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.366/\$100 Adopted	\$0.366/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00/\$100 0.00%
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	\$ 109,439	\$ 93,207
Average appraised residence homestead value		
General homestead exemptions available		
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 109,439	\$ 93,207
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 400.55	\$ 341.14
Tax on average residence homestead		
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		-\$59.41 -14.83%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23601, Water Code.

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SPORTS PAGE

Big 12 play begins as UT visits Tech: Texans face another tough road test at Pittsburgh

It's been a long time coming, but the Big 12 will begin conference play this weekend with Texas visiting Texas Tech and West Virginia heading to Stillwater, OK to take on Oklahoma State in what could be a very high-scoring game.

SEC teams will also begin their seasons after almost two months of practices, as Jimbo Fisher's Texas A&M Aggies will host Vanderbilt in College Station.

It will be interesting to see if the long layoff will affect league favorites such as Alabama, Georgia and Florida, while Aggie fans are hoping Fisher's third team in College Station is his best yet. Chances are good the Aggies could have a big year ahead of them what with 17 starters returning from last year's 8-5 squad.

In the NFL, the Texans face another tough road test when they travel to Pittsburgh to take on a healthy Steelers team and rejuvenated quarterback Ben Roethlisberger who looked like his old self two weeks ago on Monday Night Football as he led the Steelers to a 26-16 road win over the Giants. Big Ben threw for 229 yards and three touchdowns, as Pittsburgh looked solid on both sides of the ball. The only glitch was an injury to starting running back James Conner, who sprained an ankle, but it does not appear to be the dreaded high ankle sprain that New Orleans wide receiver Michael Thomas in the Saints' season opening wins over Tom Brady and Tampa Bay. With Conner out, the Steelers turned to backup running back Benny Snell, who produced 113 yards on the ground. It appears Mike Tomlin's team has the depth it lacked a year ago when injuries decimated the offense.

The Cowboys, who laid an egg in their opener two weeks ago by falling to the Rams 20-17, face another tough West Coast trip when they play the explosive Seattle Seahawks Sunday afternoon.

The Sunday Night game is a good one as Aaron Rodgers and the Packers visit the Saints and Drew Brees. But it's the Monday Night Football game that should cause a lot of buzz as Patrick Mahomes and the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs visit Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens. This could be a preview of the AFC title game.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, let's review Week 1's record. A 6-6 (50%) was nothing to get excited about,



but there's a lot of season left, well, let's hope so.

Now, onto this week's games.

NCAA

Texas at Tech Tech: Tom Herman's had an impressive start to the season two weeks ago with a 59-3 route of UTEP, the same can't be said for Matt Wells' Red Raiders who barley beat Houston Baptist, 35-33 in Lubbock. Could be a long year for my Red Raiders (when does basketball practice start Coach Beard?). UT QB Sam Ehlinger threw for 426 and five TDs in the route of the Minors and it appears he's found replacements for the departed Devin Duvernay and Collin Johnson as Joshua Moore grabbed 6 passes for 127 yards and a score, while Tarik Black added five catches for 80 yards and a TD. This one could get ugly early. My pick, Texas 42, Texas Tech 20

West Virginia at Oklahoma State: West Virginia opened its season two weeks ago with a 56-10 route of a bad Eastern Kentucky team as quarterback Jarrett Doege passes for 228 yards and three touchdowns. The Mountaineers definitely will face a much better opponent this week when they face an OSU team that many think can win the Big 12. The Cowboys opened the season last week against Tulsa and will give WVU a steady dose of running back Chubba Hubbard, who led the nation in rushing a year ago with 2,094 yards to go along with 21 TDs. OSU is loaded on offense and a win over WVU should let the rest of the Big 12 know they just might be the team to beat in 2020. My pick, Oklahoma State 36, West Virginia 30

Vanderbilt at Texas A&M: The Aggies open at home against one of the weakest teams in the SEC, so look for Fisher's team to come out swinging on Saturday at Kyle Field. A&M will be led by senior quarterback Kellen Mond and sophomore running back Isaiah Spiller. They need to find some help at wide receiver as the team's leading receiver Jhamon Ausbon has opted out of the 2020 season to prepare for the NFL draft. Gone are

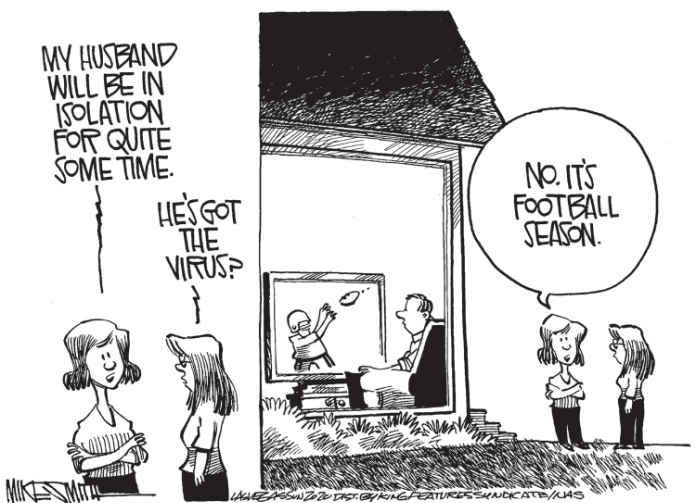
Ausbon's 66 receptions for 872 yards and five TDs. This should be a good game for the young receiving corps to find its footing against an outmanned Vandy team. My pick, Texas A&M 36, Vanderbilt 12

NFL

Los Angeles Rams at Buffalo: The Rams make the long trip to the East Coast to take on a very solid Buffalo team. This will mark the second straight trip east for Sean McVay's team as they played at Philadelphia in Week 2. The Rams opened their \$5 billion new SoFi Stadium in fine fashion two weeks ago with a 20-17 win over the Cowboys, while Buffalo took care of the business against the Jets, 27-17 as quarterback Josh Allen threw for 312 yards, passed for two touchdowns and ran for another. LA QB Jared Goff was efficient in the opener against Dallas throwing for 275 yards and turning the running game over to Malcolm Brown (77 yards, 2 TDs). I think the Bills defense is the difference maker in this one as Buffalo gets off to a good start in the early season. My pick, Buffalo 26, Los Angeles Rams 16

Houston at Pittsburgh: Things don't get any easier for Bill O'Brien's team on Sunday when they head to the Steel City to take on a Pittsburgh team that looked very good on both sides of the ball in their season-opening win against the Giants. The Texans struggled against the Chiefs in their opener, falling behind 31-7 before scoring two late TDs to make the score closer than it really was. Quarterback Deshaun Watson (253 yards, 1 TD) will have his hands full against the Steelers solid pass rush. He will need another productive day from running back David Johnson (77 yards, 1 TD) and someone from the receiving corps needs to step up. Look for the Steelers to roll behind Big Ben and wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster (6 receptions, 69 yards, 2 TDs). My pick, Pittsburgh 31, Houston 20

Las Vegas at New England: The Raiders head east for the second time in two weeks to take on a revamped Patriots team. In their season-opening win at Carolina, second-year



running back Josh Jacobs had a big day rushing for 93 yards and three touchdowns. He'll face a much better defense this week when he faces Bill Belichick's defense. That unit looked solid in its 21-11 win over the Dolphins and Cam Newton (75 yards rushing, 2 TDs) proved there is life after Tom Brady in Chowder Land. Look for another solid effort from the defense as the Patriots roll on Sunday. My pick, New England 26, Las Vegas 13

Tennessee at Minnesota: The Titans play their second road game in three weeks when they visit the Vikings on Sunday. Mike Vrabel's team opened the season on Monday Night Football with a win at Denver as running back Derrick Henry (116 rushing yards) led the way and QB Ryan Tannehill (249 yards, 2 TDs) was his efficient self. Tennessee will face a Minnesota team that was devastated by Green Bay, 43-34 in their home opener. Mike Zimmer, a defensive coach, needs to shore things up on that side of the ball. The offense looked OK as Kirk Cousins threw for 259 yards and two scores and running back Dalvin Cook scored twice. Look for an improved effort by the defense as the Vikings pick up a home win. My pick, Minnesota 23, Tennessee 16

Dallas at Seattle: Another tough road game for Mike McCarthy's Cowboys as they will face the high-scoring Seahawks in Seattle on Sunday. Dak Prescott (266 passing yards, 1 TD) sure didn't look like a \$40 million quarterback in the opener against LA and he will need to bring his "A" game to the Pacific Northwest on Sunday. Running back Ezekiel Elliott (96 yards rushing) ran for a score and caught a TD pass, but Prescott needs more from his receiving corps. Seattle QB Russell Wilson

(322 passing yards, 4 TDs) was sharp their win at Atlanta as running back Chris Carson rushed for 100 yards and scored twice and second-year wide receiver DK Metcalf grabbed four passes for 95 yards and a touchdown. I think it's going to be a long day for the Pokes on Sunday. My pick, Seattle 31, Dallas 23

Tampa Bay at Denver: Tom Brady's Tampa Bay debut was a bid disappointing as he tossed two interceptions (one that went for a pick six) and two touchdowns in the Buc's 34-23 loss at New Orleans. Look for Brady to get tight end Rob Gronkowski more involved in the offense, along with wide receiver Mike Evans, who caught one pass (that went for a TD) against the Saints. Denver played hard in its opener against Tennessee but lost on a last-second field goal. Look for quarterback Drew Locke (216 yards, 1 TD) to keep throwing to tight end Noah Fant (5 receptions, 81 yards, 1 TD) and use running back Melvin Gordon (78 yards, 1 TD) more in the running game on Sunday. My pick, Tampa Bay 26, Denver 21

Green Bay at New Orleans: A good one for the Sunday Night Football crew pits the Packers against the Saints. It's a shame no fans will be allowed to see this one in the Mercedes Benz Superdome, but that's the world we're currently living in. In their season opener at Minnesota, the Packers put up 43 points as Aaron Rodgers threw for 364 yards and four touchdowns, while wide receiver Davante Adams grabbed 14 passes for 156 yards and two scores. The Pack can also run the ball with Aaron Jones, but the Saints have a pretty fair runner as well in Alvin Kamara, who scored on a run and a pass reception against Tampa Bay. Drew

Brees had a pedestrian outing (160 yards) and two scores, so look for him to pick things up on Sunday night. The offense will be without wide receiver Michael Thomas, one of the best wideouts in the league, after he sustained a high ankle sprain against the Bucs. Look for Brees to use Kamara more in the passing game and spread the ball around as he and Rodgers duel in the Dome. My pick, New Orleans 34, Green Bay 31

Kansas City at Baltimore: The Game of the Week occurs on Monday Night Football as Patrick Mahomes (211 yards, 3 TDs) brings the high-scoring Chiefs into Baltimore to face Lamar Jackson (275 yards, 3 TDs in his debut) and the equally explosive Ravens. Mahomes and the Chiefs rolled over the Texans in their opener while the Ravens did the same against the hapless Browns by a 38-6 score. The Chiefs have to be delighted with the debut of rookie running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire, who rushed for 138 yards and scored a TD against the Texans. Mahomes did a good job of spreading the ball around to his talented receiving corps, but they will face a much better defense this week when they face the Ravens. The Chiefs aren't as good on defense and Jackson will test them all night long with passes to speedy wide receiver Marquise Brown (5 receptions, 101 yards) and tight end Mark Andrews (5 receptions, 58 yards, 2 TDs). Mahomes will keep his team in this one, but look for Jackson to make a play or plays late to lead the Ravens to a big early-season win. My pick, Baltimore 36, Kansas City 33

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