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COVID-19
Cases as of September 29, 2020

HOUSTON AREA
19 COUNTIES

212,688 POSITIVE
2,800 DEATHS
183,447 RECOVERED

TEXAS

763,242 POSITIVE
15,882 DEATHS
657,407 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

7,183,367 POSITIVE
205,883 DEATHS
2,794,608 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

33,489,205 POSITIVE
1,004,278 DEATHS
23,243,613 RECOVERED

COVID-19 RESOURCES

City of Houston Pre-Screening
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IN THE STARS

BIRTHDAYS

Oct 2-Recie Bobalik
Jana Creel
Debbie Zadraba-King
Taylin Woodall

Oct 3-Besta Bouillion
Mellisa Owens

Oct 4-Missy Kwapick
Shelia Townsend

Oct 5-Willie Drew

Oct 6-Ann Dunks
Marie Estrada
Kristina Curtis
Marley McKethan

Oct 7-Alicia Engle
Anna Lois Mattingly

Oct 8-Benjamin Abbott
Patricia Meiss
Jim Van Schuyver
Thomas R. Stanley

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 6-Fred & Helen Dunks
Randy & Tammy Veach

Oct 8-Robert H. & Patricia E. Sparks

Jamail Tourney brings golf scholarships

CROSBY-The Twenty second annual Jared Jamail Tournament is in the history books and the tradition continues to make scholarships for Crosby ISD students from golfer's generosity.

The original tournament began in 1999 and up until now over \$330,000 has been awarded to 132 Crosby High School seniors. Now the Jared Jamail Tournament awards that were 4 scholarships each year at \$1,500 each has reached to award 4 scholarships at \$5,000 each.

A raffle featured a framed, autographed Hall of Fame Earl Campbell Jersey and autographed, framed photo of Dan Pastorini was won by Max Cullum. Jake McGinnis won a 6 month membership at Stonebridge at Newport



Jaxson Daniele, Bryan Daniele, Jerrid Payton and Chelsea Kinard were the winning team with a score of 50 having eagled all par fives. More on Page 5.

which includes unlimited golf a cart and range balls.

This year the golf tournament, breakfast, coffee, lunch, and awards brought forth a full flight plus of golfers. Turner Chevrolet sponsored the Hole in One contest with a 2021 Chevy Equinox. Awards were presented to Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.

The Team of Jaxson Daniele, Bryan Daniele, Jerrid Payton and Chelsea Kinard won with a score of 50 having eagled all par fives. Jaxson Daniele and Chelsea Daniele were winners of the Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive Contest. In second place was the team of Mario Windfont, Jaime Hudson, Lance Carrier and Brandon Cartwright.

Pumpkin season has arrived

HUFFMAN - The Pumpkin Patch opens Saturday, October 11, 2020! This will be the 19th year that Lake Houston United Methodist Church has been home to a large Pumpkin Patch. The Patch includes over 1,000 pumpkins with a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Before the opening of the Patch, LHUMC members and friends both young and old unload the tractor trailer once it arrives. Everyone participates in setting up and it is a great time of fun and fellowship each year. This year is no exception, however, a



Over 1000 pumpkins fill the grounds of Lake Houston United Methodist Church in October. The Pumpkin Patch has a great assortment of varieties as well as sizes to offer its visitors.

pandemic and construction of a new sanctuary may add a little bit of a challenge. LHUMC is determined to bring this cherished annual event to their community and provide beautiful pumpkins and a fun, fall tradition for many guests.

Once the Patch opens, folks come from all over to pick out their perfect holiday pumpkins. The Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week until All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), October 31. Patrons are invited to

See MORE PUMPKINS, page 8

Local Superfund sites await funding resolve

HIGHLANDS- CROSBY - The San Jacinto Waste Pit is one of four local Superfund sites that are being reviewed by the Trump Administration in regard to funding.

The recent flooding threats have called for extensive review of the safe guards of contaminants at the French Limited site, the Sikes Disposal Pits, the Highlands Acid Pits and now Patrick Bayou.

The 185-acre Sikes Disposal Pits was a place for dumping petroleum-based and other chemicals, then 22.5-acres was bought to make French Limited, a commercial waste disposal site that burned waste and deposited about 300,000 cubic yards in a lagoon. When Barrett Station and Crosby residents complained of the stench the Texas Water Development Board required French Limited to apply for a waste-control permit. After three years of negotiations

a permit was granted with provisions that the company never achieved. The permit was cancelled in 1971 and the company was sued for noncompliance and the state took the site.

The Sikes Disposal Pits and French Limited are now considered no longer threats to human health. The EPA determined that under normal conditions the "Constituents of Concern" A.K.A. poisons are contained within the lower permeability soils of the C1 clay and only traces remain away from the former lagoon.

During a August 2014 Public Hearing at Harris County Public Library Crosby Branch the EPA announced their plans for the siter was to contain groundwater contaminant plumes in two shallow ground water zones. That ground water clean-up level for selected.

The Highlands Acid Pits are 3.3 acres on a peninsula

within the San Jacinto River within the 10 year flood plain that was stuffed with sulfuric and hydrochloric acid. A fish kill in 1961 was blamed on these pits. The top 8 feet were excavated, backfilled and graded and fenced. The poison is still there but hidden. The EPA indicates that clean up is still on going, with monitoring. Nobody's been around for years.

An inlet of the Houston Ship Channel, off of Highway 224 surrounded by facilities of Occidental Chemical Corp., Royal Ditch Shell and Lubrizol Corp., Patrick Bayou is about three miles long and made by the tides. Poison chemicals have been found there but no one has an idea about how much, who put it there or when. No action has been figured but we do know that in 2002 it

See Superfund Sites Continued on Page 8

Newport fire investigated



Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. investigates a mysterious fire at Newport Elementary School on Sunday, Sept. 21 flames were found inside a classroom.

NEWPORT - Crosby Volunteer Fire Department responded to the report of smoke visible in Newport Elementary and an Active Fire Alarm 7:45 p.m., September 21.

Multiple units from Station 2 in Newport responded having been alerted of a fire. On arrival, the Fire Department found heavy smoke in 2 classrooms. First arriving units found a small electrical fire in a classroom and quickly

extinguished it. Units on scene ventilated smoke with the High Volume Ventilation Fan. Through September 27 damaged material was removed. Harris County Fire Marshals were called in to begin an investigation. According to the administration, "Our campus is now clean and free of soot from the recent fire. NES will return to face-to-face instruction Monday, September 29."

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 213-B will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. by teleconference at 1-877-746-4263, Participant Pin: 2687404#. 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: Juanita Orsak, Mark Prause, Stacy Lord, Jimmy Flowers

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)	\$0.80000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.80000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$225,155.00	\$231,801.00
General homestead exemptions available <small>(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)</small>	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$225,155.00	\$231,801.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,801.24	\$1,854.41
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$53.17
and percentage of increase (+/-)		2.95%

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 8 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.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of 0.169358 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of San Jacinto College District.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.169358 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.169358 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.178118 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 San Jacinto College District 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 San Jacinto College District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that San Jacinto College District is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on October 05, 2020 at 7:00 PM via video conference - <https://www.sanjac.edu/about-san-jac/board-trustees> - click "Watch Regularly Scheduled Meetings".

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, San Jacinto College District is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting Board of Directors of San Jacinto College District 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:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

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

FOR:

Marie Flickinger
Dan Mims
Keith Sinor
Larry Wilson

Erica Davis Rouse
John Moon, Jr.
Dr. Ruede Wheeler

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 San Jacinto College District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto College District this year:

	2019	2020	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.178118	\$0.169358	decrease of -\$0.008811 OR -4.95%
Average homestead taxable value	\$119,492	\$129,366	increase of 8.26%
Tax on average homestead	\$213	\$219	increase of \$6 OR 2.90%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$106,486,390	\$110,551,109	increase of \$4,064,719 OR 3.82%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for San Jacinto College District at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@hct.net, or visit www.hctax.net for more information.

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 No. 60.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.050000 per \$100
NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.049541 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.051366 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.059629 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 No. 60 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 No. 60 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60.

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 No. 60, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on October 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM at 17432 Old Beaumont Highway, Houston, TX 77049.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 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 Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 at their

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

FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

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

FOR:

H. Lauersdorf
A. Adams
D. Langdon

D. McCaslin
J. Collins

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 No. 60 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 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	\$137,796	\$150,513	increase of 9.22%
Tax on average homestead	\$69	\$75	increase of \$6 OR 9.23%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,404,247	\$2,499,810	increase of \$95,563 OR 3.97%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@hctax.net, or visit www.hctax.net for more information.



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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.

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

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.

Mont Belvieu police chief Blasdel to retire

Long-serving Mont Belvieu Police Chief, Virgil Blasdel, has announced his intention to retire from his post later this year. Chief Blasdel has served the City of Mont Belvieu for the majority of his 36 years in law enforcement. "I have been blessed to serve my hometown for a very long time," said Blasdel. "Things have changed so much and I am proud of how our department has developed and changed to keep the residents of Mont Belvieu safe."

Blasdel grew up in Mont Belvieu and attended Barbers Hill High School. After graduating from Lee

College, Blasdel began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer for the City of Mont Belvieu in 1984 at the age of 20. He continued to serve his neighbors as a Chambers County Sheriff's Deputy before returning to the Mont Belvieu Police Department in 1999 serving as lieutenant and then as captain. In November of 2007, Blasdel took the reins of the department when he was appointed to the position of Chief of Police. Upon informing Mont Belvieu city leadership of his intention to retire, Blasdel stated, "Leading the men and women of the Mont



Mont Belvieu Police Chief Virgil Blasdel

Belvieu Police Department for the last 13 years has been an honor and a privilege. While I will miss being at the station every day, working with our officers, and spending time out in our community, I feel now is the right time to pass the baton. I look forward to seeing MBPD continue to grow along with the community and hearing about the great things they will do as the department begins a new chapter."

Mont Belvieu Mayor Nick Dixon had nothing but praise for Blasdel upon hearing about his retirement plans. "Virgil has

been an amazing leader for our police department for over a decade. I want to personally thank him for everything he has done to serve our city and community over his 36 years in law enforcement. He is one of the biggest reasons Mont Belvieu has the reputation as one of the safest communities in our area. While we'll miss Virgil here in Mont Belvieu, his retirement is very much deserved."

City Manager Nathan Watkins added, "The City

See Police Chief retires, page 8

ED Possible Symptom of More Serious Health Conditions

BAYTOWN — (September 24, 2020) — While erectile dysfunction (ED) impacts the lives of millions of men worldwide, it can be a symptom of even more serious medical conditions.

"Most men do not realize that ED is a warning sign of potential cardiovascular disease," said Dr. Chris Kannady, urologist at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital. "Many men are worried about their sexual potency, but they should also be concerned about getting any underlying conditions under control."

More than 12 million men have type 2 diabetes, a number that is growing at an alarming rate. ED can frequently be a symptom of this potentially deadly disease.

People with diabetes are at greater risk of developing atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. The condition is caused by a buildup of plaque on the blood vessels that supply oxygen and nutrition to the heart. This plaque can restrict blood flow and poor

blood flow is the number one cause of ED.

"The blood vessels that carry blood flow to cause an erection are very small," Kannady said, "so even the smallest amount of obstructing plaque will present itself as a loss of sexual potency."

Kannady said in the past, 90 percent of ED cases were thought to be psychological and 10 percent physical. He says the opposite is now true.

Nearly 80 percent of men around the world with diabetes develop ED, compared to nearly 25 percent of those who do not have the disease.

Erectile dysfunction is not typical of aging, though getting older can affect ability to achieve and sustain an erection. ED normally occurs in men over age 65, but it tends to occur on average 10 to 15 years earlier for men with diabetes. Erectile dysfunction affects more than 300 million men worldwide between the ages of 40 and 70. Kannady urges men to refrain from purchasing male enhancement prod-



DR. CHRIS KANNADY

ucts from TV infomercials and the like because most are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are very expensive. He says men should consult with a urologist who can do a proper examination that includes a medical history and blood work to check for disorders like diabetes and low testosterone levels.

He adds once the cause of the underlying problem is determined, steps can be taken to get the condition under control and proper treatment to fix the ED problem with pills or injections can begin.

"If you don't take care of the causes of the problem, your ability to maintain an erection is going to be the least of your concerns," Kannady said, "but that doesn't mean that I can't treat the ED itself even as the underlying conditions are being addressed."

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is taking every necessary precaution during the coronavirus pandemic to keep you and our staff members safe. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are:

- Screening all patients, ensuring only those without COVID-19 symptoms are seen in the office
 - Wearing masks and personal protective equipment (PPE) while providing patient care
 - Reorganizing waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing
 - Implementing additional sanitation processes to disinfect all equipment and surfaces
- Kannady and urologist Dr. Bayo Tojuola provide a full range urologic services for male and female patients at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital. For more information and to schedule an appointment, visit houstonmethodist.org/baytown, or call 832-556-6046.

About Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital

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Barbers Hill Eagles 2020 Football Schedules					
Varsity					
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time	
Thursday	September 17	Magnolia (Scrimmage)	HOME	7:00PM	
Saturday	September 26	Katy Paetow	AWAY (LEGACY)	6:00PM	
Friday	October 2	Port Arthur Memorial	HOME	7:30PM	
Friday	October 9	OPEN			
Friday	October 16	OPEN			
Friday	October 23	Kingwood Park*	HOME	7:30PM	
Friday	October 30	Crosby*	AWAY	7:30PM	
Friday	November 6	Port Neches Groves*	HOME	7:30PM	
Friday	November 13	Santa Fe*	AWAY	7:30PM	
Friday	November 20	Nederland*	HOME	7:30PM	
Friday	November 27	Dayton*	AWAY	7:30PM	
Friday	December 4	Texas City*	HOME	7:30PM	
Junior Varsity					
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time	
Thursday	September 17	Magnolia (Scrimmage)	HOME	6:00PM	
Thursday	September 24	Katy Paetow	HOME	5:00PM	
Thursday	October 1	Port Arthur Memorial	AWAY	5:00PM	
Thursday	October 8	OPEN			
Thursday	October 15	OPEN			
Thursday	October 22	Kingwood Park	AWAY	5:00PM	
Thursday	October 29	Crosby	HOME	5:00PM	
Thursday	November 5	Port Neches Groves	AWAY	5:00PM	
Thursday	November 12	Santa Fe	HOME	5:00PM	
Thursday	November 19	Nederland	AWAY	5:00PM	
Wednesday	November 25	Dayton	HOME	5:00PM	
Thursday	December 3	Texas City	AWAY	5:00PM	
Freshmen					
Day	Date	Opponent	White (B)	Blue (A)	
Thursday	September 17	Magnolia (Scrimmage)	HOME 5:00	HOME 5:00	
Thursday	September 24	Katy Paetow	AWAY 5:00	AWAY 6:30	
Thursday	October 1	Port Arthur Memorial	HOME 5:00	HOME 6:30	
Thursday	October 8	OPEN			
Thursday	October 15	OPEN			
Thursday	October 22	Kingwood Park	HOME 5:00	HOME 6:30	
Thursday	October 29	Crosby	AWAY 5:00	AWAY 6:30	
Thursday	November 5	Port Neches Groves	HOME 5:00	HOME 6:30	
Thursday	November 12	Santa Fe	AWAY 5:00	AWAY 6:30	
Thursday	November 19	Nederland	HOME 5:00	HOME 6:30	
Wednesday	November 25	Dayton	AWAY 5:00	AWAY 6:30	
Thursday	December 3	Texas City	HOME 5:00	HOME 6:30	

*Denotes District 12-5A Games

DAYTON BRONCOS					
2020 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE VARSITY					
Date	Opponent	Location	Time		
Fri Sep 18	Galveston Ball (Scr)	Methodist Field @ Bronco Stadium	6:00		
Thu Sep 24	at Lake Creek	MISD Stadium	7:00		
Fri Oct 2	vs. Montgomery*	Methodist Field @ Bronco Stadium	7:30		
Fri Oct 9	vs. Pasadena Memorial	Methodist Field @ Bronco Stadium	7:30		
Fri Oct 16	Bye Week				
Fri Oct 23	vs. Crosby	Methodist Field @ Bronco Stadium	7:30		
Fri Oct 30	at Port Neches Groves	Indian Stadium	7:30		
Fri Nov 6	vs. Santa Fe**	Methodist Field @ Bronco Stadium	7:30		
Fri Nov 13	at Nederland	Bulldog Stadium	7:30		
Fri Nov 20	vs. Texas City ^	Methodist Field @ Bronco Stadium	7:30		
Fri Nov 27	vs. Barbers Hill***	Methodist Field @ Bronco Stadium	7:30		
Fri Dec 4	at Kingwood Park	Turner Stadium	7:00		
* DYFL Night **Homecoming ***Senior Night Bold - District Games					
Junior Varsity			Freshmen		
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri Sep 18	vs. Galveston Ball (Scr)	5:00	Fri Sep 18	vs. Galveston Ball (Scr)	5:00
Wed Sep 23	vs. Lake Creek	5:00	Wed Sep 23	at Lake Creek	4:30/6:00
Thu Oct 1	at Montgomery	5:00	Thu Oct 1	vs. Montgomery	4:30/6:00
Thu Oct 8	at Pasadena Memorial	4:30	Thu Oct 8	vs. Pasadena Memorial	4:30/6:00
Thu Oct 15	BYE	N/A	Thu Oct 15	BYE	N/A
Thu Oct 22	at Crosby	5:00	Thu Oct 22	vs. Crosby	4:30/6:00
Thu Oct 29	vs. Port Neches Groves	5:00	Thu Oct 29	at Port Neches Groves	4:30/6:00
Thu Nov 5	at Santa Fe	5:00	Thu Nov 5	vs. Santa Fe	4:30/6:00
Thu Nov 12	vs. Nederland	5:00	Thu Nov 12	at Nederland	4:30/6:00
Thu Nov 19	at Texas City	5:00	Thu Nov 19	vs. Texas City	4:30/6:00
Wed Nov 25	at Barbers Hill	5:00	Wed Nov 25	vs. Barbers Hill	4:30/6:00
Thu Dec 3	vs. Kingwood Park	5:00	Thu Dec 3	at Kingwood Park	4:30/6:00
If there is only 1 JV game, the game will start at 5:00. If there is 1 9th game, the will start at 5:00. 9th white team may have a different opponent.					
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★ OPINION PAGE ★

Texas Renaissance Festival Announces New Performers, Vendors and Rides

TRF ready to open October 3 for 46th Season.

Todd Mission, TX (September 24, 2020) – The grounds of the Texas Renaissance Festival have come alive with cast rehearsals and vendors preparing their shops for the opening of the 46th season on October 3, located just an hour north of Houston.

Visitors to this year's festival will notice parking with six-feet between vehicles, line monitors ensuring social distancing, plexiglass partitions at some food booths, socially distanced seating at performance venues and eating areas, spot cleaning at high traffic areas, newly installed hand sanitizers throughout the festival grounds, and face mask break areas. Full 2020 TRF Safety Guidelines can be found at www.texrenfest.com/safety-guidelines.

New Performers

The Texas Renaissance Festival will welcome **The Washing Well Wenches** and their good clean fun to the new Forest Gazebo located in the new Enchanted Forest Expansion area. Singer, Songwriter, and Accordionist **Amanda Kitchens** will delight you at the Cloister in the Green with her toe-tapping tunes that may inspire to get out of your seat to dance! **Dangerous Curves** will make their debut at The Barbarian Inn this season. This adult "public roast" show will require your "boos". **Thomas Wood the Pyro juggler** will make you laugh, scream and squirm three times daily at the Cloister in the Green.

Fun for Everyone

Located by The Executioner and Head Toss game, the new **DaVinci's Flying Machine** (695GR) is for young and the young at heart. Take a spin in this colorful ride propelled by humans! Climb the steps and slide down the **Dragon Tower Slide** (1EF), test your puzzle skills at **Airy Botter's Escape Room** (17EF) and see the sights at the **Pirate Museum** (2EF) all at the new Enchanted Knoll.

Drunken Chicken, Absinthe and Tequila Oh My!

As you make your way through the German area to the Polish area, stop by the **Kackle King** (625F) for drunken chicken and pork! Whet your whistle at the new **Wyrwood Public House** (Booth #225) where you can enjoy a craft cocktail, indulge in one of the absinthe or tequila tasting parties, or share a drink with the internationally acclaimed performers of **The Green Hour**. For more information about The Wyrwood Public House Green Hour, Absinthe/Tequila Tastings and Parade Soiree visit www.texrenfest.com/wyrwood-public-house. If you are a connoisseur of bourbon or rum, tastings will be offered at the new Royal Tastings tent in the Enchanted Forest Expansion area. For those who enjoy teas, **Tea and Strumpets** offers unique and ethically sourced teas.

Shopper's Delight

This season TRF welcomes new and guest vendors for the 2020 season. Please note that some shops will be following capacity limitations and may require a face mask for entry.

New Vendors

- Bug in the Box (12EF)
- Gem Stone Mine (692F)
- Elisabetha's Royal Closet (#131)
- Sabersmith Swords (#241)
- Kiyari's Cove (#264)
- Petrified Dragon (#422)
- Primal Dreams (#423)
- Journeyman Leather (#511)
- Pandora's Box (F11)
- Artemis Designs (9EF & 10EF)
- Scribal Workshop (6EF)
- Crimson Chain Leatherworks (18EF)
- H&H Glass Castle (19EF)
- Blackbeard's Booty (4EF)
- John's Wood (15EF & 16EF)
- Widgets and Gizmos (14EF)

Guest Vendors

- Beaute and the Bath (#79)
- Two Tarts' Toppers (#203)
- Blooms and Shrooms (#311)
- Green Faerie Apothecary (#502)
- Legacy Forge (#523A)
- Topsy's Woodworking (#675WW)
- Henna Body Art (Arena Location)
- Hullabaloo Henna (5EF)
- Face painting by Shandi (#640S)
- Stone Wick (7EF & 8EF)
- Mischief Masks (670WW)

Date specific tickets are available online at www.texrenfest.com, Groupon and at H-E-B Business Centers.

About the Texas Renaissance Festival

The Texas Renaissance Festival is the nation's largest Renaissance event. Each year over 450,000 patrons enter through the gates of the festival into a 16th Century European Village where performers immerse you in the enchantment of the village that feature 21 stages of music and stage acts, 400 shoppes, artisans, and a world tour for the taste buds that of course include turkey legs! The Texas Renaissance Festival is located one hour north of Houston. 2020 TRF season dates are Saturdays and Sundays, October 3 – November 29. More information can be found at www.texrenfest.com.



★ THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

"Zooming"

Yesterday, I had a nice long Zoom chat with an old friend.

I know this is nothing remarkable these days, but it was the first time my friend, Andrew, had used Zoom and I was frankly a little surprised.

Andrew isn't on Facebook. "It's none of anyone's business what I'm up to!" he tells me.

I don't think Andrew is "up to" all that much, but he takes a particularly fierce view on privacy. He won't buy groceries with his credit card if they are going to track what he buys.

"Why would you care if someone knows how much broccoli you're buying?" I ask. "Maybe they'll give you a coupon."

"It's none of their darned business how much broccoli I'm buying!" Andrew tells me.

He still has the same email account he's had since the 90s. He still has the same telephone answering machine. He recently got a cell phone, but he doesn't text. Andrew answers emails, but they take about as long as standard first-class mail to arrive and get a response. Still, it's all worth it because he is a good friend and he always has a lot of interesting things to say—once I get hold of him.

Like nearly everyone else, Andrew has been a little lonely. He lives alone and his work doesn't involve much human interaction. I usually see Andrew a couple of times a year when we go to visit my family. But that hasn't happened this year and it doesn't look like it's going to happen for a while.

I was contacted by a mutual friend of ours on Facebook about having a Zoom chat with a bunch of high school buddies. I told him that would be fun and he should invite Andrew—by email, of course. Andrew thought that sounded great and we decided to try out this Zoom thing in advance. That turned out to be a good idea.

Andrew didn't use his real name (of course) so, for a time, I was looking at a blank screen that said, "GREAT." But then he got the video working and he appeared in front of his bright kitchen window. "Unmute," I messaged him. He did. I still heard nothing. I called him on the phone. "I can't hear you," I told him. Then added, "Your hair is really short."

"I cut it myself." "Well, your mic isn't working."

"I know I've used this microphone before!" "Let's see it," Andrew waved the headset and microphone in front of the camera.

"Andrew, that is a really old headset."

"It is not old!" "Yup," I told him, "that's a collectible. I think maybe you should call up the folks at Antiques Roadshow. I bet they'd be interested."

"Ha, ha!" Andrew said. "After several more tries he reluctantly admitted that the ancient microphone might not connect to his current computer."

"I guess I'll need a new microphone," he grumbled. "But we can still talk on the phone."

And we did. We put our phones on speaker and we looked at one another in our monitors and we talked for a long time. I realized, once again and with force, how essential this connection is. It was so good to see my old friend's face—even if his camera was a little fuzzy, even if the light was shining rather brightly behind his closely shorn head.

"Oh my gosh! I've got to go," I said, when I realized how long we'd been talking.

"We should do this again," Andrew said. "Yes!" I agreed.

We definitely need to do this again.

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

★ STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler

Houston-Dallas Bullet Train says its on fast track

Texas' first- and third-largest cities could be in daily commuting distance from each other via the high-speed Texas Central Railroad.

Proponents of the proposed bullet train hailed two historic milestones last week: The Federal Railroad Administration released its rules of the road for the project and approved the environmental review and route for the track between Houston and Dallas.

Commuters would be able to travel the 240-mile route in less than 90 minutes on the Japanese-built train, with departures every 30 minutes daily during peak periods and every hour during off-peak periods. The train, holding about 400 passengers, is projected to travel at speeds of more than 200 mph. Construction could start as early as next year.

"This is the moment we have been working toward," said Carlos Aguilar, chief executive officer of Texas Central Railroad. The Federal Railroad Administration approval "represents years of work by countless individuals, affirming a very thorough and careful regulatory process that will make the Texas Central Railroad the first high-speed rail system to be implemented in the United States."

Opponents said the project still has a long way to go before final approval. Texans Against High-Speed Rail officials contend Texas Central is in financial trouble and has significant regulatory hurdles to clear.

"Texas Central will likely trump this decision as major progress for its project, but they are simply arranging deck chairs on the Titanic," said Kyle Workman, chairman and president of Texans Against High-Speed Rail.

CLOSED FOR THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS

The U.S. treasury has



sent \$139 billion to the country's state and local governments in COVID-19 relief funds, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Government.

To track this spending in the Lone Star State, a group called Texas Housers has filed public information requests with major city and county governments, seeking documentation of new expenditures and policies.

"However, recent guidance from Attorney General Ken Paxton has eviscerated Texas' Public Information Act and given governments impunity to operate without public scrutiny," Texas Housers, an advocacy group supporting affordable housing, said in a statement. "The guidance allows governments to ignore public information requests if they are operating 'skeleton crews' and working remotely during the pandemic."

San Antonio, Dallas and Fort Worth responded to Housers' requests with automated emails stating that they are "closed for business" when it comes to the Texas Public Information Act.

"The exploitability of this system is obvious," Housers' statement said. "A city can be open for business with regards to new expenditures and policies but closed for business with regards to divulging any information about these plans."

The Freedom of

Information Foundation of Texas has joined in opposing this suspension of the Public Information Act and has asked the Attorney General's Office for a clarifying opinion.

THIS OLD HOUSE

The Association of Texas Realtors is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020.

For a little perspective, the Humble Independent School District reports the price of a new home was \$6,296 in 1920. One hundred years later, the average home price in Humble is \$149,794. What will the price be in 2120? And what will a real estate agent's job look like 100 years from now?

"We are at a crucial juncture within the history of the brokerage industry that will test the survival of every real estate agent ...," Jason S. Weissman, CEO of Best Realty Advisers, wrote in a recent Fast Company opinion article. "The real estate agents and brokerages who survive and thrive in the coming crunch will be those who embrace technology, not fight it."

PECAN PIE GOES WITH EVERYTHING

Texans don't really need a special month to remind them to celebrate pecans or wine, but October offers some emphasis.

October is specially designated for recognizing Texans pecans and Texas wine. The Texas Pecan Board and Texas Fine Wine invite people to celebrate by pairing the two tastes together during a virtual tasting event.

To participate in this tasting, purchase a tasting kit through Texas Fine Wine by Friday, Oct. 9, at texasfinewine.com/upcoming-events. Each kit is \$125 plus tax and includes five bottles of wine, a 1-pound bag of raw pecans and a tasting sheet, recipes and other information produced by the Texas Pecan Board to be used during the event.

"In addition to participating in the tasting, I encourage every Texan to visit their closest pecan orchard and winery to discover what makes Texas pecans and Texas wines so special," said Bob Whitney, executive director of the Texas Pecan Board.

If \$125 is a little too pricey for your taste, individual Texas orchards and retailers may be running specials throughout the month, the Texas Pecan Board suggests. Share your favorite recipes and wine pairings on social media by using #TexasPecanMonth.

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Crosby Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 20, 2020 at 05:30 PM at 103 West Wahl Street Crosby, Texas. 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.

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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
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.490000	0.460000
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-0.030000
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-6.12%
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$126,658	\$141,953
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled persons exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$126,658	\$141,953
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 620.62	\$ 652.98
Annual increase/decrease if proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-) and percentage of increase(+/-)		\$ 32.36 5.21%

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.

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Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.860000	0.860000
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		0.000000
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00%
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$0.00	\$0.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled persons exemptions)	\$0	\$0
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* There were no residence homesteads on January 1, 2019 or January 1, 2020, therefore the tax that would have been imposed on a residential homestead is \$0.00

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Jamail Golf Tournament,

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Jaxson Daniele, Bryan Daniele, Jerrid Payton and Chelsea Kinard were the winning team with a score of 50 having eagled all par fives..



In second place was the team of Mario Windfont, Jaime Hudson, Lance Carrier and Brandon Cartwright, here with the Jamail family. The team had 57 strokes in 18 holes.



Third Place went to Cody Fulghum, Kyle Corey, Drew Tucker and Barry Bergeron's team also with 57 strokes. Fourth place would have gone to the Turner Chevrolet Team with 58 strokes.



Chelsea Kinard won both Women's Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.



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SPORTS PAGE

Aggies visit Alabama in early-season SEC showdown: Texans look to right ship against struggling Vikings

Texas A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher will get a pretty good idea if his team is a contender or a pretender in the SEC West race when the Aggies travel to Tuscaloosa on Saturday to face off against Nick Saban's No. 2-ranked Crimson Tide. The game will be nationally broadcast on CBS.

Aggie fans entered the 2020 season with a lot of optimism anticipating this being Fisher's best squad in his first three years in College Station. A&M returns 16 starters and one of those returning starters plays the most important position in the game, quarterback Kellen Mond (2,897 passing yards in 2019, 20 TDs). Mond is back for his senior season hoping to lead the Aggies to the SEC West title. That might be a tall order considering 'Bama and LSU also reside in the West, but this should be the best team Fisher has assembled in his first three years in College Station.

Saban lost a ton of talent to the NFL draft and did not reach the SEC title game, but they don't rebuild in Tuscaloosa, they just reload and Tide fans are confident their team is primed for a bounce back season.

Another big one on Saturday in the SEC was Auburn, another West contender, visiting SEC East favorite Georgia, while in the Big 12, Oklahoma will hit the road to take on an Iowa State team that was upset at home in their season opener dropping a 31-14 decision to Louisiana.

While the Big 12, SEC and ACC will continue their seasons, college football fans received some more good news a couple of weeks ago when the presidents of the Big 10 member institutions voted to play a conference-only season beginning Oct. 23. About time.

In the NFL, the Texans might finally get a break when they host the woeful Minnesota Vikings on Sunday at NRG Stadium. There should be about 15,000 fans allowed in and let's hope Bill O'Brien's team gives them something worth watching because in their first two games the Texans have looked pretty bad in losses to Kansas City and Baltimore. Granted, they did lose to the defending Super Bowl champions and a team that won 14 games a year ago, but the Texans weren't competitive in either game and could very well be looking be 0-3 (they played at Pittsburgh last week) when



the Vikings arrive on Sunday.

In other NFL news, Week 2 was brutal from an injury standpoint. The Giants lost starting running back Saquon Barkley for the season with an ACL injury, while another top running back Christian McCaffery, is out four to six weeks with a high ankle sprain. The 49ers suffered a host of injuries to key personnel as quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo sustained a high ankle sprain, but should return. The news wasn't as good for stud defensive end, Nick Bosa, who was also lost for the season with a torn ACL.

There are some interesting games on the docket this weekend as Pittsburgh visits Tennessee, Buffalo visits Las Vegas and New England heads to Kansas City.

Before we take a look at those games and a host of others, let's review last week's record. A 7-3 week brought the season record to 13-9 (59%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

NCAA

Oklahoma at Iowa State: Just like Saban, OU head coach Lincoln Riley just keeps reloading. After losing two Heisman Trophy quarterbacks in Baker Mayfield and Kyler Murray and the talented Jalen Hurts over the last three years, Riley entrusted his offense to sophomore Spencer Rattler to lead the way in 2020. All Rattler did in his OU debut on Sept. 12 against Missouri State (a 48-0 victory) was throw for 290 yards and four touchdown passes. Rattler will get a better test in Ames when he faces an Iowa State that wants to make amends for its season-opening embarrassing home loss to Louisiana. ISU QB Brock Purdy needs a bounce back game after throwing for 145 yards and one interception in the season-opening loss. I think OU will have too much firepower on offense for the Cyclones to handle as the Sooners get a big road win on Saturday. My pick, Oklahoma 33, Iowa State 23

Texas A&M at Alabama:

This is only Week 2 in the SEC schedule, but this is a big one for both teams as they vye for the Western Division title. Mond has a young receiving corps after the team's leading receiver Jhamon Ausbon (66 receptions, 872 yards, 5 TDs) opted out of the 2020 season to prepare for the NFL draft. Fisher has recruited well at that position, but they are green and playing their second collegiate game at Alabama might be a bit of a shock for them. That's why A&M will need a big day from running back Isaiah Spiller (946 rushing yards, 10 TDs). Spiller can catch out of the backfield, so expect Mond to use him liberally in the passing game. Alabama is breaking in a new starter at quarterback as Mac Jones (1,503 yards, 14 TDs in relief of Tua Tagalovia). Jones led 'Bama to a Citrus Bowl victory over Michigan and has the speedy Devonta Smith (68 receptions, 1,256 yards, 14 TDs) back at wide receiver. You know the Crimson Tide are going to be solid on defense and I expect that unit to be the difference maker on Saturday. My pick, Alabama 31, Texas A&M 18

Auburn at Georgia:

Another big one in the SEC has the Tigers playing between the hedges when they visit the Bulldogs. Auburn returns sophomore Bo Nix (2,542 yards, 16 TDs/313 rushing yards, 7 TDs) at quarterback and a talented running back in Ja'Tarvious Whitlow (869 yards, 10 TDs). While Auburn is experienced at QB and RB, the same can't be said for the Bulldogs who will rely on USC transfer J.T. Daniels (2,672 yards, 14 TDs in 2018 as a freshman at USC) to be the man under center. Daniels is dealing with a knee injury, but head coach Kirby Smart is hoping he will be ready for the Auburn game. My pick, Auburn 23, Georgia 20

NFL

Minnesota at Houston: Two teams that desperately need a victory meet on Sunday in NRG Stadium.

The Vikings have been awful on defense, allowing 35.5 points per game in losses to Green Bay and Indianapolis, while the Texans have also struggled on that side of the ball allowing 34 points to KC and 33 to Baltimore. Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins (372 yards, 2 TDs, 4 interceptions) has also struggled, as has Houston QB Deshaun Watson (528 yards, 2 TDs, 2 picks). You think he might miss a certain wide receiver who now is starting in Arizona? Watson needs to come out and attack the Minnesota defense, take some deep shots and get David Johnson involved in the running and passing game. This might be the game J.J. Watt and his defensive teammates turn things around and continue the misery for Viking fans. My pick, Houston 30, Minnesota 17

Pittsburgh at Tennessee: This should be a good one as the revived Steelers visit the Titans in Nashville. Both teams won their first two games. Ben Roethlisberger (540 yards, 5 TDs) looks like his old self after missing all but two games last year after suffering an elbow injury. Big Ben has three solid weapons to throw to in Diontae Johnson (14 receptions, 149 yards, 1 TD), Juju Smith-Schuster (13 receptions, 117 yards, 2 TDs) and rookie Chase Claypool. The Titans have been getting it done with quarterback Ryan Tannehill (487 yards, 6 TDs) and running back Derrick Henry (200 rushing yards). Both teams are solid on defense, so expect a hard-hitting, low scoring games. The team that does the best job of protecting the football wins this one and that will be Tennessee as they turn to Henry to wear down the Steeler front seven and control the clock. My pick, Tennessee 23, Pittsburgh 20

Cleveland at Dallas: This could be another wild one at AT&T Stadium when the Browns visit the Cowboys on Sunday afternoon. Two weeks ago, Dallas trailed Atlanta by 15 points, but made an amazing comeback to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat en route to a 40-39 victory. Dallas trailed 39-33 with less than two minutes to go and kicker Greg Zuerlein came through with a perfectly executed on sides kick to give the Cowboys one last shot at the victory. Quarterback Dak Prescott, who passed for 450 yards, threw one TD pass and ran for three more

scores, found rookie wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (11 receptions, 111 yards) for a big gainer to set up Zuerlein's game-winning kick. It appears Prescott (716 passing yards, 2 TDs), running back Ezekiel Elliott (185 yards, 3 total TDs), Lamb and fellow wideout Amari Cooper (16 receptions, 181 yards) to carry the load because the defense has been decimated by key injuries and has a suspect secondary. Expect plenty of points in this one as Browns QB Baker Mayfield (408 yards, 3 TDs) and running back Nick Chubb (184 yards, 2 TDs) and Kareem Hunt (158 yards, 1 TD) will look to exploit the Dallas defense. Prescott will face a decent Browns defense, but I think he has a big passing day at the Cowboys look to get on a roll. My pick, Dallas 38, Cleveland 34

Buffalo at Las Vegas:

The Bills and Raiders didn't win their first two games of the season, but the Raiders might have the more impressive win by beating New Orleans last Monday night in their new multi-billion dollar stadium, 34-24. Quarterback Derrick Carr (521 yards, 4 TDs), running back Josh Jacobs (181 yards, 3 TDs) and tight end Darren Waller (18 receptions, 148 yards, 1 TD) are off to solid starts, as is Buffalo QB Josh Allen (729 yards, 6 TDs) and his new toy, wide receiver Stefon Diggs (16 receptions, 239 yards, 1 TD). Vegan will face a quality defense for the second straight week (they played at New England last Sunday), but I think the win over New Orleans gave this team a huge boost of confidence that should carry them to a win over the Bills. My pick, Las Vegas 27, Buffalo 23

New England at Kansas City:

Another good one in the AFC has Cam Newton (552 passing yards, 1 TD/122 rushing yards, 4 TDs) paying a visit to Patrick Mahomes (513 yards, 5 TDs, zero interceptions) on Sunday afternoon. The Chiefs should be coming off a physical game with the Ravens, while the Patriots hosted the Raiders last Sunday. The key to this game will be how well the KC defense does in containing Newton and keeping him in the pocket. Newton is a beast once he gets rolling on the ground, so the Chiefs will need to contain him and let him beat them wit his arm. Mahomes will face another top NFL defense when he faces Bill Belichick's defense on Sunday. Mahomes will once again rely on speedy WR Tyreek Hill (15 receptions, 140 yards, 2 TDs), tight end Travis Kelce (15 receptions, 140 yards, 2 TDs) and rookie running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire (176 yards, 1 TD). I think the Chiefs' firepower on offense will be too much for Belichick's defense as the Chiefs pick up a big home win. My pick, Kansas City 30, New England 24

Philadelphia at San Francisco: Something is not right with the Eagles as they lost their first two games, first blowing a 17-0 lead at Washington and giving up 27 straight points, then getting blown out by the Rams in their home opener, 37-19. Not only is the defense struggling, but so is quarterback Carson Wentz (512 yards, 2 TDs/4 interceptions). The NFL schedule maker didn't do the Eagles any favors sending them out to the West Coast to face a 49ers team that has been beset with injuries. Forty-Niner fans are hoping Garoppolo (390 yards, 4 TDs) is back after sustaining a high ankle sprain two weeks ago against the Jets. If he's unable to go, look for head coach Kyle Shanahan to give the Eagles a steady dose of the running game, led by Raheem Mostert (148 yards, 1 TD). This could turn into a long Sunday night for Philly fans. My pick, San Francisco 31, Philadelphia 20

Atlanta at Green Bay:

So, who will be the first NFL head coach fired by midseason. Atlanta's Dan Quinn or Detroit's Matt Patricia? Two weeks ago, Quinn's team blew a 15-point fourth-quarter lead to the Cowboys, while the Packers overcame an early 11-point deficit to the Lions before waking up and routing Detroit 42-21. In the win, GB running back Aaron Jones (234 yards, 4 total TDs) rushed for 168 yards, including a 75-yard scoring romp, and he also caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Aaron Rodgers (604 yards, 6 TDs). The only negative from that game came when star wide receiver Davante Adams (17 receptions, 192 yards, 2 TDs) suffered a hamstring injury. Even if Adams can't go on Monday Night Football, Rodgers has enough weapons in place to take care of Matt Ryan (723 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Calvin Ridley (16 receptions, 233 yards, 4 TDs). My pick, Green Bay 36, Atlanta 20

CROSBY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DISTRICT 12-5A DII				
Oct 23rd	Dayton	Dayton	7:30	
Oct 30th	Barbers Hill	Crosby	7:30	
Nov 5th	Kingwood Park	Kingwood [Turner Stadium]	7:00	Thur
Nov 13th	Texas City	Texas City	7:30	
Nov 20th	PNG	Crosby	7:30	Homecoming
Nov 27th	Santa Fe	Santa Fe	7:30	
Dec 4th	Nederland	Crosby	7:30	
Sub-Varsity Schedule -9B, 9A, JV White, JV Red				
SCRIMMAGES				
Sept 17th	Tomball	9th 4:30	JV 5:30	Thur
PRE-DISTRICT				
Sept 23rd	George Ranch	9th Away 5:00/6:30	JV Home 5:00/6:30	Wed
Oct 1st	Manvel	9th Home 5:00	JV White Home 6:30/Red Away 5:00	
Oct 8th	Montgomery	9th A only Away 5:00	JV Red only Home 5:00	
Oct 15th	Open			
DISTRICT 12-5A DII				
Oct 22nd	Dayton	9th Away 4:30/6:00	JV Home 4:30/6:00	
Oct 29th	Barbers Hill	9th Home 4:30/6:00	JV Away 4:30/6:00	
Nov 4th	Kingwood Park	9th Away 4:30/6:00	JV Home 4:30/6:00	Wed
Nov 12th	Texas City	9th Away 4:30/6:00	JV Home 4:30/6:00	
Nov 19th	PNG	9th Home 4:30/6:00	JV Away 4:30/6:00	
Nov 25th	Santa Fe	9th Away 4:30/6:00	JV Home 4:30/6:00	Wed
Dec 3rd	Nederland	9th Home 4:30/6:00	JV Away 4:30/6:00	

GOOSE CREEK FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Robert E. Lee 2020 Football Schedule					
Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Stadium	Time
09-18-20	Friday	Scrimmage	Home	Stallworth	4:30
09-25-20	Friday	Galena Park	Home	Stallworth	7:00
10-02-20	Friday	Santa Fe	Away	Santa Fe	7:00
10-09-20	Friday	Friendswood	Away	Friendswood	7:00
10-16-20	Friday	LaPorte	Home	Stallworth	7:00
10-23-20	Friday	Goose Creek Mem	Away	Stallworth	7:00
10-30-20	Friday	BYE			7:00
11-06-20	Thursday	Galveston Ball	Home	Stallworth	7:00
11-13-20	Friday	Port Arthur Mem	Away	Port Arthur	7:00
11-20-20	Friday	Beaumont United	Away	Beaumont	7:00
11-27-20	Friday	BYE			7:00
12-04-20	Friday	Ross S. Sterling	Home	Stallworth	7:00
Goose Creek Memorial 2020 Football Schedule					
Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Stadium	Time
09-17-20	Friday	Scrimmage	Home	GCM	5:00
09-25-20	Friday	Klein Forest	Away	Klein Memorial Stadium	7:00
10-02-20	Friday	South Houston	Away	Pasadena Memorial Stadium	7:00
10-09-20	Friday	Galveston Ball	Home	Stallworth	7:00
10-16-20	Friday	PA Memorial	Away	PA Memorial	7:00
10-23-20	Friday	Robert E. Lee	Home	Stallworth	7:00
10-30-20	Friday	BYE			7:00
11-06-20	Friday	Ross S. Sterling	Away	Stallworth	7:00
11-13-20	Friday	Friendswood	Home	Stallworth	7:00
11-20-20	Friday	LaPorte	Away	LaPorte	7:00
11-27-20	Friday	BYE			7:00
12-03-20	Thursday	Beaumont United	Home	Stallworth	7:00
Baytown Sterling Rangers 2020 Football Schedule					
Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Stadium	Time
09-17-20	Friday	Scrimmage	Away	RSS	
09-25-20	Friday	Pasadena Mem	Away	Veterans Memorial	7:00
10-02-20	Friday	Brazoswood	Home	Stallworth	7:00
10-09-20	Friday	Beaumont United	Away	Beaumont	7:00
10-17-20	Saturday	Friendswood	Home	Stallworth	2:00
10-23-20	Friday	LaPorte	Away	LaPorte	7:00
10-30-20	Friday	BYE			7:00
11-06-20	Friday	Goose Creek Mem	Home	Stallworth	7:00
11-13-20	Friday	Galveston Ball	Away	Courville	7:00
11-20-20	Friday	Port Arthur Mem	Home	Stallworth	7:00
11-27-20	Friday	BYE			7:00
12-04-20	Friday	Robert E. Lee	Away	Stallworth	7:00

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More Pumpkins,

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bring kids, family and cameras for festive fall photo opportunities. Proceeds benefit LHUMC Missions. The Patch is located at 23606 FM 2100 in Huffman and is open Monday through Friday, 1-7 pm; Saturday 9 am until 7 pm; and Sunday noon to 7 pm. For more information contact the church office at 281-324-1541 or visit online at www.lakehoustonumc.com or the LHUMC Facebook page.




The pumpkins arrive in a tractor trailer and are unloaded by LHUMC members, such as Derek and Ella Thibodeaux, using ATVs and trailers to move about the patch.

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Superfund Sites,

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joined the ranks of the Waste Pits as a Superfund site.

The question is are these Superfund sites a danger under extreme conditions like floods.

The Trump administration isn't believing in climate change, having bailed on plans from all 10 EPA regional offices that factored climate change risks into Superfund planning and remediation, according to officials from previous administrations. President Donald Trump rescinded the order in March 2017 that Barack

Obama issued in 2012 to make climate change preparedness a national priority. The GAO found that the EPA's current five-year strategic plan makes no reference to climate-related risks in relation to Superfund site management, planning or cleanups.

Rather than cleaning up toxic waste at Superfund sites, the EPA began in the 1990s to cap the sites with soil, clay or even concrete, a less expensive method that leaves contaminants. Experts and former EPA officials argue that practice leaves sites vulnerable

to flooding.

At the San Jacinto Waste Pits, a concrete cap that was installed in 2011 after a previous hurricane didn't stop the site from flooding and leaking chemicals during Hurricane Harvey.

Recently, a number of new potential resolutions are proposed for the Waste Pits (rather than sucking the poison out and hauling it off) based on new EPA studies but these have been found to endanger releasing the most toxic aspects into Galveston Bay.

Police Chief retires,

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of Mont Belvieu has been incredibly fortunate to have Chief Blasdel leading our police department. During his tenure the City has grown tremendously and Chief Blasdel has always focused on ensuring Mont Belvieu was a safe community for families to live in and enjoy. I want to

congratulate Chief Blasdel on his retirement and thank him for all his years of law enforcement service."

After leaving his position later this year, Blasdel says he and his wife, Danita, will move to the Texas hill country where he hopes to fill his days vol-

unteering at Garner State Park. "My plan is to just take in the hill country views and enjoy the Frio River. It's something Danita and I are both really looking forward to."

The City of Mont Belvieu is starting the search for a new Chief of Police immediately.



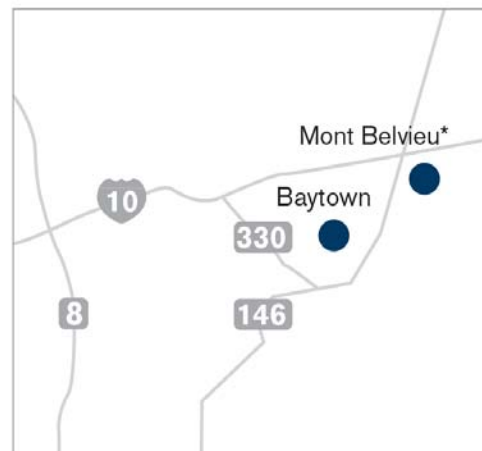
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