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### COVID-19

Cases as of October 13, 2020

### **HOUSTON AREA**

**226,970 POSITIVE 3,150 DEATHS 193,679 RECOVERED** 

#### **TEXAS**

826.093 POSITIVE 17.052 DEATHS **705.189 RECOVERED** 

#### **UNITED STATES**

7,850,829 POSITIVE 215,775 DEATHS 3.106.769 RECOVERED

#### **WORLDWIDE**

38,006,121 POSITIVE 1,083,875 DEATHS 26,354,211 RECOVERED

# Early Voting Oct. 13 thru 30

# Election Day is November 3rd

Early voting started Tuesday, Oct. 13 in Harris County, and will continue through Friday, Oct. 30. Election Day is November 3rd. Voters can go to any polling location, which can be located at <u>www.harris</u> <u>votes.com</u>. This year you will not be able to vote a straight ticket, so it will take longer to choose each candidate by

Important races include President Trump versus his challenger Joe Biden. Also Texas Senator John Cornyn is running against MJ Hegar, a war-wounded veteran

U. S. Representatives that face challengers include Dan Crenshaw, Sheila Jackson Lee, Sylvia Garcia, and Brian Babin. All of



PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP vs V.PRES. JOE BIDEN

local districts.

In state races, incumbents Dan Huberty and Briscoe Cain face challengers. Armando Walle, Senfronia Thompson, and Ana Hernandez are running un-opposed in their districts.

Several Harris County races are of interest, including District Attorney Kim Ogg with a challenger, County Attorney Vince Ryan is not running so two new candidates are vying for his position, and Sheriff

reelection. Also up for election are the County Tax Collector-Assessor, and the County Clerk.

Two area Constable Districts have candidates run-ning, in Precinct 2 Dan Vela vs. Jerry Garcia, one of whom will replace incumbent Chris Diaz, and in Pre-cinct 3 incumbent Sherman Eagleton is running against Andre Hines.
Several local MUD dis-

tricts, ESD districts, and school board trustees are also up for election, as discussed in the accompanying article on this page.

After much legal wran-

gling, the courts decided that mail-in ballots will have only one drop location

#### **EARLY VOTING HOURS**

**EARLY VOTING** 

Oct. 13-Oct. 17, 7am-pm Oct. 18, 12noon-7pm Oct. 19-Oct. 24, 7am-7pm

Oct. 25, 12noon-7pm

Oct. 26, 7am-7pm Oct. 27-Oct. 29, 7am-10pm

\* Oct. 29. open 24 hours. Oct. 30, 7am-7pm

#### **ELECTION DAY VOTING HOURS**

Nov. 3, 7am-7pm

#### IN THE **STARS**

# Crosby's elections controversial

#### **EVENTS** OCT. 15, THURS.

**Crosby Chamber** Election

11:30 am Crosby/Huffman Chamber Election Luncheon at Crosby Church, Absentee voting begins Oct. 12, at office.

#### **OCTOBER Blood Drive**

Every Tuesday in October, the Donor CRAWFISH SHACK in Crosby to receive blood donations. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Appointments preferred, www.commitforlife.org. Free COVID-10 Antibody Test for all donors

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Oct 16-Maggie McArdle K.D. Strickland Jacob Stuart

Oct 17- Clanton Vaughn Oct 18–Shannon Coward Robbie Ressler Raymond James

Oct 20-Ellen Holton Oct 21–Cleta Hart Oct 22-Elizabeth Graves Sarah McSeveny

Jeremy Thompson

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 18–Karen & Derek Elkins Oct 19–Alton Bubba & Sandra Williams

Oct 20-Vernon & Lois Searcy Oct 20—David and Leon

avis Lindy Davenport, 92, Crosby

on Tuesday, all voting terminates November 3, which means that in addito 7:00 p.m. tion to the national and

full line of local elections to know about before voting .. To avoid long lines dur-ing COVID-19, early voting requires a mask and an approved photo identifica-

state elections there is a

Early voting began October 13 through 17 from 7 to 7. Locations will also be open Sunday, October 18: 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., October 19-24: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, October 25: 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., October 26:

p.m., October 30: 7:00 a.m. Early voting can be

done, no matter where you live, at all early voting lo-cations. Locations have undergone some changes. Locations include San Jacinto Community Center -Meeting Room, 604 Highland Woods Drive, Highlands, TX 77562-4546 and Coady Baptist Church -Fellowship Hall, 5606 Wade Road, Baytown, TX 77521-9744. Crosby is not voting inside the Edith Faye Cook Cole Harris County Crosby Branch Library as usual but instead, behind the Crosby Post Office, Crosby Community Center - Large Assembly Room, 409 Hare Road, Crosby, TX 77532 an alternative for folks in Huffman is Lake Houston Church of Christ - Fellowship Hall, 8003 Farmingham Road, Humble, TX 77346-2249.

Anyone around Chan-nelview might use Martin Flukinger Community Center - Large Assembly Room, 16003 Lorenzo Street, Channelview, TX 77530. A bit farther North and West is North Channel Branch Library - Meeting Room, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, TX 77049

and more North is C E King Middle School, 8530 C E King Parkway, Houston, TX 77044. On Thursday, October

29, seven polling locations will be open for over 24 hours in Harris County, and from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. October 30. You can vote over the 36-hour period at East Harris County Activity Center, Tracy Gee Community Center, Juergen's Hall Community Center, Victory Gardens, NRG Arena, Kashmere Gardens Multi-Service Center, McGovern Texas Medical Center Commons

The last day to apply for a mail-in ballot is October

23. This is the deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot, and fear of catching COV-ID-19 isn't good enough to qualify thanks to the Governor enforcing his interpretation of Texas Law. Some physical condition that incapacitates other-

wise is required. There are many races that might have been dif-ferent if Straight Party voting had remained. Many that remember the Precinct 3 Constable run off race might have hoped it was concluded. Andre Hines, a former

> See Crosby Elections Continued on Page 6

# What has Sherman Eagleton accomplished?

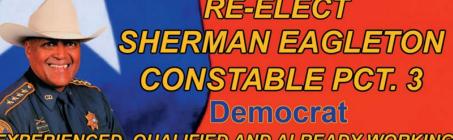
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the department for the betterment of Precinct 3. In doing this, he has increased the number of patrol deputies on the streets by more than 45%.

the Are You Ok" and CASA Senior Programs that currently protects nearly 400 seniors and its numbers continue to grow each month. Caring for the seniors in our community has been and will continue to be a priority.

the Crime Interdiction Unit to combat the distribution of illegal drugs, target wanted felons and investigate criminal activity in our community. To date, CIU, Patrol, and Warrants have cleared over 100 parole violators, stopped multiple theft rings, and confiscated over 350 pounds of drugs.

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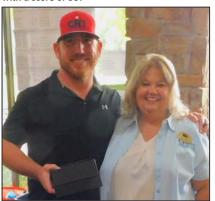
# **Chamber Golf Tourney success**



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Justin League of Spark's Insurance Tourney Director congratulates the team of Mike Wycough, Lynn Baker, Brian Barron and Cole Bedford on winning the Tees N Tails Tournament with a score of 55.



Mark Darlow, Doug Calame, Ray Burt and Jarrod Burt managed second place with a 55, here with Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce Director Kim Harris . Third Place went to the team of Rich Harcrow, Jeff Baugham, Angelo Arotto and Mike Farabee, they also had a score of 55. Turner Chevrolet was Tournament Sponsor.



Eric Jennings of Doc Resources won a raffle of lottery tickets, Doc Resources was Golf Ball Sponsor

COVID - 19 postponed the Annual Tees N Tails Golf Tournament from early Spring until last weekend at Stonebridge in Newport.

The atmosphere was just as

pleasant in the Fall. However, crawfish the tails part of Tees N Tails is completely out of season so Dan Meaux food sponsor for the tournament dished up some fine sausage gumbo.

Four teams turned in a score of 55 and not already credited here, Judge Mike Parrott, John Parrott, Mike Watson and Steve Johnston were fourth place. In fact, John Parrott was winner of Closest to the Pin. Cole Bedford was winner of Longest

The Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce Board election is Thursday, 11:30 a.m. at Crosby Church on US 90.





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> **CROSBY'S HOME TOWN HOME CARE**



Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 47 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at 210 Brookview Street, Channelview, 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.

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

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

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

#### NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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.



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## ON THE HILL

### Chambers County reopens Bars

CHAMBERS COUN-TY, TEXAS - On Monday, October 13, 2020, Judge Jimmy Sylvia announced that Chambers County will opt in with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) to allow bars or similar establishments to operate with in-person service beginning Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

"Chambers County is committed to assisting local business owners in their economic recovery," said Judge Sylvia. "But we must continue to make smart decisions regarding health and safety protocols to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our county."

To open, bars and similar establishments must follow strict protocols set forth by Texas Governor Greg Abbott in GA-32 and by the Texas Department of State Health Services in their Reopen Texas guidance:

Bars and similar establishments may only operate at up to 50 percent capacity indoors

There is, however, no occupancy limit on outdoor service.

Patrons may only eat or drink while seated, except that winery customers may sample beverages while standing so long as they are in a group of six people or fewer and there is at least six feet of social distancing or barriers between groups.

Groups must distance from other groups at all times.

Dance floors must remain closed and activities that enabl close human contact are discouraged.

A hand sanitizing station should be available upon entry to the establishment.

No tables of more than 6 people are permitted.

At this time, the use by bars or similar establishments of drive through, pickup or delivery options for food and drinks remains allowed to the extent authorized by TABC.

"We feel confident that these stringent rules will ensure the safety of our residents as they support local businesses." continued the Judge

Violations of the Governor's Order or these regulations should be reported to the TABC via the Houston Regional Office at 713-426-7900 or via email to complaints@tabc.texas.gov

## County recognizes Jenkins Early Voting underway for long service with TRA

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS - On Tuesday, October 13, 2020, Chambers County Commissioners Court recognized resident

John W. Jenkins for his reappointment by Texas Governor Greg Abbott as a member of the Trinity River Author-(TRA) Board of Directors. Mr. Jen-

the TRA in 1997 by Governor George W. Bush before being reappointed twice by Governor Rick Perry and then again by Governor Greg Abbott in 2017. Governor Abbott has asked Mr. Jenkins to continue serving the TRA and has reappointed him for his seventh term, which will begin in 2021. Mr. Jenkins is the long-

est serving member of the TRA Board of Directors and has served as President, Vice President, Chairman of Executives Committee and has chaired all four standing

committees of the TRA during his tenure.

"John's done a good job for us," said Chambers County Judge Jimmy



kins was first appointed to John Jenkins with Judge Sylvia

Sylvia. "He's represented us well and he's represent-ed the state well."

For his service, Mr. Jenkins was recognized with a formal Resolution by the Chambers County Commissioners Court. The Trinity River Au-

thority was established in 1955 as an Act of the 54th Legislature with the mission of promoting conservation, reclamation, protection and development of the natural resources of the river basin for the benefits of the pub-

# in Chambers County

CHAMBERS COUN-TY-Voters have started to choose their favorite candidates, whether by mail or in person at an Early Voting site.

Early voting will be conducted from Tuesday, October 13 through Friday, October 30. See the accompanying chart for times and locations. General Election day is Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Unlike previous years, there will not be any straight party voting in this election. All candidates must be voted for individually.

National races are gathering the most attention this year, with incumbent Republican Donald Trump running for re-election as president, against the challenger Democrat Joe Biden, a former Senator and Vice President.

The ballot will include incumbent Senator John

Cornyn running against MJ Hegar and two others. Representative Brian Babin is running against

Democrat Rashad Lewis and two others. State Senator Brandon Creighton is runing against Democrat challenger Jay Stittleburg. State Representative Mayes Middleton is challenged by Democrat Jeff

Antonelli in District 23. Some incumbents are on the ballot, but running unopposed. These include District Attorney Cheryl Swope Lieck, County Attorney Scott Peal, and Sheriff Brian Hawthorne.

Also unopposed, County Tax Assessor-Collector Denise Hutter, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1 Jimmy Gore, Constable Precinct No. 5 Bradlev Moon.

Depending upon your precinct, your ballot will also have a selection for judges, hospital district board, and school boards.

#### **EARLY VOTING** TIMES & **LOCATIONS CHAMBERS** COUNTY.

Early voting started OCTOBER 13. Below are the times and locations. You can early vote at any of the Chambers County Locations.

October 13 - 16, 2020 8am - 5pm all locations October 19 - 23, 2020 8am - 5pm all locations October 26 - 30, 2020 7am - 7pm all locations

LOCATIONS:

Main Branch - American Legion Hall, 1704 South Main St. Anahuac Texas 77514

Winnie Branch - Winnie Stowell Community Building, 335 Park Street Winnie, Texas 77665 Mont Belvieu Branch - Goss Library, 1John Hall Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas, 77580 Cedar Bayou Branch Justice of the Pease, Pct. 6 Courtroom Cedar Bayou Community Building 7711 Hwy. 146 Baytown, Texas 77520

## UPDATE: TGS Property, Fisher Rd. and FM2354

Mayor, Beach City

There have been a number of people that have expressed concerns of activity going on at the TGS property at Fisher Rd. and FM2354. The following is an email response from TGS to Commissioner Billy Combs regarding this ac-

Reproduced by permission from Commissioner

"Subject: Re: Fisher Road and 2354

We are clearing 500' on all of 2354 to be able to disc and plant for the cattle.

We have received a lot of push back from the appraisal district on grazing capacity and cattle head count for ag. We will clear it then disc and plant it with grass.

No development on the horizon on anything close to 2354.

We are trying to also install new 8' high fence on 600 acres on 2354 south of Cedar Gully and will start clearing it to do the same 500' later this year.

 $\underline{\text{We are finishing up } 500}$ acres of high fence on 1405/ south Rd/East McKinney. That's what it will look like.

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The length of a typical

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Placement of the needles

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room or in the waiting area

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Mann said.

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Thank you,

Trans-Global Solutions,

Jackey Lasater contin-

ues: I would like to add some information concerning TGS's interest in Fisher Rd. The county is not going to sell, trade or relinquish control of Fisher Rd. to TGS. It is true that TGS initially expressed an interest in acquiring control of Fisher Rd. The County will not consider that because it is the only way to restrict large trucks from utilizing FM2354/FM3180 to access future TGS development on the Property North of Fisher Rd. due to to load rating of the current roadway. The County

has agreed to allow TGS to

upgrade 1400 ft. of Fisher Rd. to a 5 lane Concrete road with 10' shoulders and access to their property at their expense and the county retains ownership. In return, TGS will install a water line to the BCVFD building, develop green space along Fisher Rd. and FM2354 with sight and sound barriers such as earthen berms and vegetation. Hiking and biking trails have been offered as ideas for the green space by TGS. Make no mistake, TGS will eventually develop the property north of Fisher Rd. as they have a large investment in the property. They prefer to access from Fisher Rd./ Hwy99 but if the county

refuses to negotiate then they will be forced to utilize FM2354 as an access to their property and the county would very little say, as that is a state highway. We absolutely do not want to add truck traffic to FM2354. I wish there was a way to keep things the way they are but growth is coming our way weather we want it or not so thankfully, TGS wants to be a good neighbor and we can make the best of the situation to preserve our little town feel, safety and prop-

> Jackev Lasater. Mayor, Beach City\*\*

# Acupuncture effective against pain

BAYTOWN - (October therapies such as taking 9, 2020) - The opioid drug non-steroidal medicines crisis impacting millions of physicians to look for innovative, non-narcotic alternatives for treating pain. Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital Orthopedic Specialist David Mann DO uses the ancient practice of acupuncture as an effective alternative for patients seeking relief from pain.

"I use acupuncture as an adjunct to pain management," Mann said. "There's a huge opioid crisis in America and in Texas, so any alternative therapy we can utilize for pain management is a good thing."

Mann, who completed training in acupuncture during his 20-year career in the Navy, says he typically applies traditional Western medicine pain management modalities before turning to acupuncture. Treating back and neck pain are the most common conditions in which he uses the practice.

"In conjunction with

"Ear acupuncture uses special needles that can stay in place for seven days." Mann said. "The patient can leave them in as long as they want or let them fall out on their own.' Acupuncture needles

DR. DAVID MANN, D.O.

needles used to treat pain in areas like the back that contain large muscle groups. He says running a small electrical charge through the needles to produce a massage-like sensation can also be effective.

A typical acupuncture school course takes about three years to complete. Mann completed his training at the Helms Medical Institute in Berkley, Calif. about seven years ago.

"It is proven that acupuncture works for pain and psychological illness. In fact, in some places, like Japan and China, acupuncture is frequently

used in place of anesthesia for surgery," Mann said. Houston Methodist Bay-

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waiting rooms and checkin lines to ensure social distancing Implementing ad-

ditional sanitation processes to disinfect all equipment and surfaces

In addition to acupuncture treatments, Mann specializes in a full range of non-surgical orthopedics, including sports medicine, ultrasound-guided procedures and diagnostics, joint and soft tissue injections and osteopathic manipulation. He is part of the comprehensive care team at Houston Methodist Orthopedics and Sports Medicine-Baytown. For more information and to houstonmethodist.org/or thopedics, or call 281-247-

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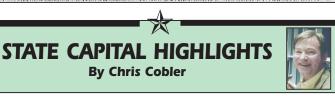
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## Accusations rock Attorney General's office

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is battling back against seven top aides who accuse him of bribery and abuse of office.

The aides delivered the accusations in a letter to the agency's human resources director. The Austin American-Statesman and KVUE-TV obtained and first published the let-

The Houston Chronicle and other media outlets reported that the allega-tions are tied to Paxton's relationship with Nate Paul, an Austin real estate investor and campaign do-

Congressman Chip Roy of Austin called on his fellow Republican to resign.

"Any grace for him to



resolve differences and demonstrate if the allegations are false was eliminated by his choice instead to attack the very people entrusted, by him, to lead the office – some of whom I know well and whose character are beyond re-

proach," Roy said. Paxton's spokeswoman said the former aides were trying to impede an ongoing criminal investigation into criminal wrongdoing by public officials, including employees of the AG's

"Despite the effort by rogue employees and their false allegations, I will continue to seek justice in Texas and will not be resigning," Paxton said in a statement.

#### MANY BARS GET SHOT AT REOPENING

Bars in most of Texas may reopen this week at 50 percent capacity under a new executive order issued by Gov. Greg Abbott.

In addition, other businesses may expand to 75 percent capacity. The expanded openings are permitted in regions where COVID-19 hospitalizations account for less than 15 percent of available hos-pital beds and with ap-

proval by the county judge.
Abbott praised Texans for following health protocols that include social distancing, wearing face masks and vigorous hand washing. He urged people to continue these practic-

more, provided that safe protocols continue to be fol-lowed," Abbott said. "If everyone continues the safe practices, Texas will be able to contain COVID, and we will be able to reopen 100%."

In the state's two biggest metropolitan areas, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, both Democrats, said the science didn't support re-

opening bars yet.

"The data guiding county decision-making tells us we are doing much better than we were a few months ago, but we are still at the highest level: red. Indoor, maskless gatherings should not be taking place right now, and this applies to bars, as well," Hidalgo

#### LAKE JACKSON GETS OK AFTER RARE, DEADLY **AMOEBA**

Lake Jackson residents can drink their water again after a deadly braineating amoeba killed a 6-year-old boy.

Gov. Abbott issued a disaster declaration for Brazoria County after the death of Josiah McIntyre. Officials suspect he became infected while playing at a Lake Jackson splash pad or with a water hose at his home. The cause of death is a single-cell organism, Naegleria fowleri, which travels up the nose to the brain via the olfactory nerve.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, infections from the amoe-ba are rare, but most cases of the disease are fatal. During the past decade, 34 infections were reported in the United States.

State officials lifted the boil water notice last week after flushing the city's water supply, testing en-vironmental samples and providing free cases of water to residents.

Chris Cobler is a board of the Freedom of Informaes to keep Texas moving tion Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at "It is time to open up ccobler@texaspress.com.

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#### "Animal Office Mates"

Today I will get Blue

Blue is the anxious Italian mastiff that I dog-sit on Wednesdays while his owner. Bill. works in the office. The new procedure is that I walk down to Bill's house, fetch Blue, and bring him back to my home. This seems to work better than having Bill drop him off. When Bill does that. Blue hangs onto Bills legs and tries to avoid coming in my house like a petulant four-year-old trying to avoid daycarewhich is exactly what he is.

When I go to Blue's house, Bill has already left, but he's not been gone so long that Blue is tempted to eat any of the furniture.

The first time I went there. I was a little concerned. Blue is a very large dog with massive jaws and a loud bark. I didn't want to open Bill's door if Blue thought I was an intruder.

So, as soon as I got into Blue's backyard, I started singing, "Blue! Oh, Blue!" in my most endearing singsong voice. By the time I got to the door, Blue was waiting, tail wagging. When I reached for his leash, Blue was over the moon. "She's come to rescue me!"

I went from evil babysitter to emancipator just like

Once Blue gets to my house, it's a nonevent. Blue lies on his bed and sleeps most of the day. His eyes flicker open when I walk around the room and every so often, he sighs loudly. I imagine he's letting me know that I'm a little dull, but my company is better

than nothing.
I like having an animal with me when I work. For several years I had a cat named Lucy. Lucy was with me during my divorce, when I lived alone and cried a lot, and we became very close. Lucy was deaf, which made a lot of folks pass her by at the animal shelter. I didn't mind that Lucy couldn't hear. I talked to her anyway and when I wanted her attention from another room, I just flashed the lights and she came running.

Lucy was my constant companion but, like office mates everywhere, she could be troublesome.

I distinctly remember the morning I left my computer on overnight. I came downstairs and saw Lucy, at my computer. She had managed to open Excel and had a document populated with strange symbols and numbers. She had opened Word and somehow made it so that if I opened any document in a file every other document in that file also opened. Finally, she had a Google search going and was looking up the meaning of the word, "Itgy." I am not making any of this up.

Of course, the last action is the easiest to explain. It is said that every cat has three names: a familiar name, a fancy name, and a secret name that only the cat knows. I could only conclude that by sneaking up on her as I had, I had uncovered Lucy's secret name—and it was Itgy.

Blue doesn't seem likely to mess with my computer and, even if he's sleeping most of the day, I can tell he likes having me talk to him. The truth is, I'd be talking whether he was there or not. But it's good to have some company while I work.

Every so often, I write something that surprises me or that I like. I read it aloud and say, "Blue! What do you think?"

Blue heaves an enormous sigh. And he's right. It still needs work.

Till next time, Carrie

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** To DELILAH RIVAS of Crosby, who won Free Tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival. You can win too. Just send us a photo reading this newspaper. See information on Page 7, and enter the Drawing.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S **State Financial Accountability Rating** 

Galena Park I.S.D. will hold a public hearing at 5:50 pm on November 9, 2020, in the Board Room of the Administration Building 14705 Woodforest Blvd. Houston, TX 77015

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss Galena Park I.S.D.'s rating on the state's financial accountability system.

This hearing will be held prior to the regular school board meeting scheduled for that date.

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 9442, which would authorize continued operation of the Barge Stripping and Cleaning Facility located at 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.



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### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

#### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 9442

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This application was submitted to the TCEQ on September 21, 2020. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Houston regional office, 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, 3rd Floor, and available at http://www.swslp.com/wpcontent/uploads/2020/09/Permit\_9442\_Public\_Notice.pdf beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. An amendment application that is not subject to public notice or an opportunity for a contested case hearing is also being reviewed. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[Ilwe] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Southwest Shipyard, L.P., 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530-3858 or by calling Ms. Elizabeth Stanko, Project Manager, TRC Environmental Corporation at (713) 244-1039.

Notice Issuance Date: September 25, 2020

# OBITUARIES

### **Travis Lindy Davenport**

Travis Lindy Davenport, 92, of Crosby, died peacefully with his family around him on the quiet Sunday morning of October 4, 2020.

He was born in the Red River Plains of Oklahoma to Jim Davenport and Dora Ashford Davenport on August 27 1928

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When Travis was 19, a beautiful redhead captured his attention at a dance, and he spent the next 69 years by her side. Together Travis and Geraldine raised their children Ronnie, Pam and Mike and grew into a tight-knit clan that eventually included six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Travis mourned Gerald's loss greatly these past three-plus years, and his family is comforted in knowing he no longer suffers their separation.

fers their separation.

Travis worked hard most of his life to provide for those he loved, beginning at age 13 picking cotton. And—like many from his generation-he took any honest work he could find: pin setter at a bowling alley, grocery store butcher, garbage collector, refinery worker. He hand-ed out thousands of pieces of Super Bubble over the 27 years he operated service stations in the Crosby and Huffman areas, most notably Davenport Exxon on Main Street Crosby. Even in retirement, Travis found a way to make his hobby into a job when he leased Indian Shores Golf Course with his brothers Bob and Wes.

Though his occupations were many and varied, Travis' love of baseball was a constant in his life. He learned to pitch from his father, Jim, and Travis stood proudly on the pitcher's mound everywhere from his high school in Soper, Oklahoma to the Yankees minor leagues. He knelt in his front yard in the evenings after work



and taught his own sons to throw fastballs and curveballs. He stood by the dugout and sat in the stands to root for his grandchildren. And with the Astros game on in the background, he sat in his recliner and tossed a ball gently to his great-grandchildren.

Travis cherished his faith in God, time with his family, being a member of the Choctaw Nation, Ger-aldine's German chocolate cake, any kind of sports competition, watching a good Western (and lots of mediocre ones too), and sweet tea. He said "Y'ello" when he answered the phone and "Gee-ads!" when he was surprised. In the late 50s and early 60s Travis helped develop the Crosby Little League Association, known today as the Crosby Sports Association. He also held season tickets for Crosby High School football games from 1948 until the end of his life, continuing to purchase them long after his health allowed him to attend games. He was proud to call Crosby home.

call Crosby home.

Travis was preceded in death by his wife Geraldine Atchley Davenport; his son Mike Davenport and son-in-law, Ralph Blaha; his parents, Jim Davenport and Dora Ashford Davenport; his brothers James Davenport, Kirk Davenport, Gray Olson Davenport, John "Wes"

Davenport, Jack Davenport, Bobby Jake "Bob" Davenport and Gary Buford, and his sisters, Fleda Dorthia Blankenship and Juanita Conca.

He is survived by his son, Ronald Travis Davenport and wife, Donna of Crosby; daughter, Pam Blaha of Crosby; daughter-in-law, Melinda Arwine and husband Les Arwine of Crosby; like-a-son, Wendel Johnson of Franklin; grandchildren, Amy and Chad Blaha and their children - Audrey and Travis, Shelley and Scott Stevens and their son - Owen, Ginny and Brad Blaha and their children - Tripp, Brodey, Abby and Gabe, Jennifer Davenport and husband John Dabkowski, Rhonda and Jared Barrett and their daughters, Riley and Tori, and Rebecca and Joe Martens; brother Billy Davenport and sister Kitty Ann Roark; and a multitude of nieces and

nephews.
Travis' family would like to extend a special thanks to Donna Morris, Amy Francois, Omnix Health, Home Care Family and Lilac Assisted Living for the compassionate care they gave him in his final years.

We regret that the current pandemic prevented us from having a public celebration of Travis' life. His service was held at First Baptist Church of Crosby on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. In lieu of the usual remembrances the family asks for contributions to The Travis Davenport Memorial Fund at GoFundMe.com which will be used exclusively to support youth sports programs in Crosby.

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### Rupp named National Merit Scholar semifinalist

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) officials announced that Brandon Rupp, a senior at Goose Creek Memorial High School, is one of approximately 16,000 Semi-finalists in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opschool seniors have an op-portunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million to be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semi-finalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. Over 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Fi-nalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win a National Merit

Scholarship.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National



Principal Gary Guy with Brandon Rupp

Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 400 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excel-

Over 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

### SPORTS PAGE

## Crosby elections intrigue,

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METRO Police Officer, is the Republican hoping to replace native incumbent Sherman Eagleton running on the Democratic ticket.

Crosby ISD is hosting a Board of Trustees election. The board is comsingle-member district trustees and 1 at-large trustee. A total of 7 trustees represent the school district and each trustee serves 4-year terms. Elections are conducted Biennially on the November uniform election date, this time only Position 5 (Barrett Station behind the Main Street houses running East to Garth Road) has opposition. Firefighter and owner of Island Tanz, David Givens is opposed by Heather Barrett of Drew Elementary and Sharon Mayes. New to the board for Position 4 will be Christina Castillo who was not opposed. Position 4 is West and South of Newport including Jackson Bayou all the way to Lake Houston, Newport having been designated Position 2. Jennifer Roach, Principal of Crosby Kin-

dergarten Center returns to take Position 7 that begins on the South side of Indian Shores Road and encompasses Lake Shadows runs South to North Diamondhead Boulevard and Hare-Cook Roads.

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 80 for the first time in decades is having a race for commissioners that oversee taxes for Crosby Volunteer Fire Department. In general. this election is leaving the option to vote for none, one, two, or three of the listed candidates. Candidates are Raymond St. Julian, Sr. NP, Christopher Lewis NP. Chuck Murray NP Kevin W. Pipes NP and Derek E. Elkins NP.

Unopposed as Justice of the Peace Precinct 3, Place 1, is Joe Stephens.

Newport residents have a Proposition A Bond to vote on, spelled out on the ballot: "THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FIFTY-TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED SIXTY T H O U S A N D (\$52,960,000) DOLLARS, FOR WATER,

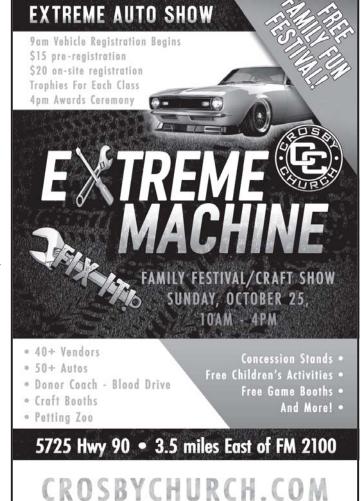
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AGAINST.

According to Newport Municipal Utility District Director, Margarette Chasteen, "The Vote on bond authorization on the Nov. 3 ballot will be FOR or AGAINST. Proposition A will be the LAST vote on the LAST page of your ballot. FOR meaning you approve the \$52,960,000. in the form of bonds paid out over a 20 to 30 year span. AGAINST means the \$52,960,000. will be paid through water bills in a 5 year period."

Other residents having examined this say that this bond isn't as high as it would have been by far before negotiations and although it seems high there are a lot of projects that have to be done to the water system, it is much less expensive than the alternative.



# Bill O'Brien era over, can season be salvaged? Rodgers, Brady matchup should be a special one

The Bill O'Brien era ended in Houston on Monday, Oct. 5 when the Texans brass gave him his walking papers after the team got off to a 0-4 start. It was probably the right thing to do.

Thus far in the 2020

season, the Texans have struggled on both sides of the ball and after losing at home to what was a winless Minnesota team the day before, Texans chairman and chief executive officer Cal McNair had seen enough.

Romeo Crennel will serve as the interim head coach for the remainder of the season as the search for a new head coach begins. The Texans brain trust

The Texans brain trust should give serious consideration to hiring a head coach who can take quarterback Deshaun Watson to the next level. Watson has the talent to be a top five QB in the NFL, but it seems his game has been stymied under O'Brien's tutelage. Many Texans fans will

want Watson's former college coach, Clemson head coach Dabo Swiney to get the job, but I think Swiney has his eyes set on replacing Nick Saban when he decides to step down as Alabama's head coach. Swiney is an Alabama graduate and was a member of the 1992 national champion ship team. I don't know if he would be interested in an NFL job, but the Texans should at least see if he would be interested

While fans wait for a new head coach, there is still a season to be played and this week the Texans are supposed to travel to Nashville to face the Titans. Tennessee has been hit hard by the coronara virus and there is no guarantee the game will be played on Sunday. It will probably be a waitand-see situation.

The most intriguing game of Week 6 in the NFL will take place in Tampa where Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers will face Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. It's a meeting of two future Hall of Famers and could very well be a shootout.

shootout.

The Cleveland Browns will find out if they are



for real when they take on the Pittsburgh Steelers in the Steel City in a key AFC North contest, while Arizona visits a Dallas Cowboys team that is struggling on defense on Monday Night Football.

In college action, there are a couple of good ones slated for the SEC as LSU will visit Florida and Georgia will face Alabama in prime time on Saturday evening.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, we must review last week's record. It wasn't a good week as a 3-6 record (the Pittsburgh-Tennessee game was postponed due to the corona virus outbreak among the Titans) brought the season record to 24-18 (57%).

Now, onto this week's game.

#### NCAA

Oklahoma State at Baylor: Mike Gundy's Oklahoma State Cowboys appear to be the team to beat in the Big 12 in the early going. They won their first three games. have an explosive offense and a pretty solid defense. They face a Baylor team that lost in double overtime at West Virginia two weeks ago. The Bears must try to slow down OSU running back Chubba Hubbard (339 yards, four TDs) if they hope to pull off the upset in Waco on Saturday. OSU has been led by true freshman quarterback Shane Illingsworth (483 vards, 3 TDs) who has filled in admirably for injured starter Spencer Sanders. If Sanders is back for this one, he gives Gundy just one more weapon on offense for the Bears to handle. My pick, Oklahoma State 33, Baylor 30

Texas A&M at Mississippi State:

Jimbo Fisher's team heads to Starkville on Saturday to face Mike Leach's Mississippi State Bulldogs and could very well be riding a two-game losing streak (they hosted No. 4-ranked Florida last Saturday), so a win is a must for the Ags on Saturday. Two weeks ago, Fisher's team was routed by Alabama, 52-24. After tying the game at 14-all, the Aggies watched as Saban's team outscored them 38-10 the rest of the way. A&M needs quarter-back Kellen Mond (567 yards, 4 TDs) to step up. Look for running back Ainias Smith (8 receptions, 108 yards, 2 TDs) to be a bigger factor in the offense. The A&M defense will look to slow Leach's offense, which is led by quarterback K.J. Costello 936 yards, 6 TDs, 5 interceptions). After opening the season with an upset win at LSU, the Bulldogs were upset at home the following week by Arkansas. My pick. Texas A&M 34, Mississip-

pi State 26 LSU at Florida: The defending national champions hit the road to Gainesville to take on the fourth-ranked Florida Gators and quarterback Kyle Trask (684 yards, 10 TDs). After losing their season opener, LSU rebounded in Week 2 with a 41-7 pasting of Vander-bilt. The Tigers are led by quarterback Myles Brennan (682 yards, 7 TDs). Trask and tight end Kyle Pitts (12 receptions, 227 yards, 6 TDs in two games) and the rest of the speedy Gator skill players should be too much for a rebuilt LSU defense. Florida has some issues on defense, but the offense is potent and will score enough to wrap up a comfortable win on Saturday in The Swamp

Georgia at Alabama: The Game of the Week in the SEC and in college

My pick, Florida 41, LSU

football pits No. 3-ranked Georgia against No. 2ranked Alabama in prime time on Saturday night. As was mentioned earlier, the Crimson Tide rolled over A&M two weeks ago 52-24 as quarterback Mac Jones (684 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Jaylen Waddle (13 receptions, 276 yards, 3 TDs) and John Metchie III (7 receptions, 223 vards. 2 TDs) struck for big play after big play against the Aggies. Saban's team will face a much better defense this week, one that limited Auburn to a measly six points in the 'Dawgs 27-6 win two weeks ago in Athens. The key to Georgia pulling off the upset will be how well young quarterback Stetson Bennett (451 yards, 3 TDs) handles the pressure the Tide defense will surely bring. 'Bama has speed all over it defense and will look to rattle Bennett early and often. I think Georgia hangs around in this one but Alabama's big-play ability on offense will take over in the second half as the Tide rolls to another victory. My pick Alabama 31, Georgia 18

#### NFL

Kansas City at Buffalo: Another good one for Thursday Night Football has Patrick Mahomes (1,134 yards, 11 TDs) and the Chiefs visiting the Bills. Both teams won their first four games and both appear to be headed to the playoffs. Two weeks ago, Buffalo picked up a nice road win at Las Vegas, while the Chiefs took care of New England 26-10. Mahomes is once again spreading the ball around to a host of talented runners and wide receivers. The best of the bunch are tight end Travis Kelce (24 receptions, 297 yards, 2 TDs) and speedy wide receiver Tyreek Hill (19 receptions, 286 yards, 4 TDs). Buffalo QB Josh Allen (1,326 yards, 12 TDs) has some weapons as well, especially wide receiver Stefon Diggs (26 receptions, 403 yards, 2 TDs) Buffalo is also strong on defense and if that unit can slow Mahomes a bit. I think the Bills can pull

off the upset. My pick,

Buffalo 26, Kansas City 23

Cleveland at Pittsburgh: Don't look now, but the Browns might be for real. Two weeks ago, Cleveland put up 49 points against Dallas on the way to an 11-point victory as wide receiver Odell Beckham (16 receptions, 236 yards, 3 TDs) had a monster game with two touchdown receptions and a 50-yard TD run. Quarterback Baker Mayfield (729 yards, 7 TDs) is doing a better job of protecting the ball this year, but he will face his sternest test of the season when he faces a Pittsburgh defense that is one of the best on the NFL. The offense is pretty decent as well led by quarterback Ben Rothlisberger (777 yards, 7 TDs), running back James Conner (224 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster (17 receptions, 160 yards, 3 TDs). The Browns will be without star running back Nick Chubb, who suffered a knee injury against Dallas. That could be a key loss for this game. I think Cleveland sticks around in this one, but look for Big Ben to outduel Mayfield as the the team to beat in the AFC North. My pick, Pittsburgh 30, Cleveland

Houston at Tennessee: The Texans head to Tennessee with hopes of getting back into the AFC South race and it won't be easy when they face a Titans team that won its first three games before the league shut them down due to an outbreak of the corona virus that struck players and staff. If Houston is going to win this game, the defense must do a better job of stopping the run and that will be a lot to ask when it faces Derrick Henry (319 yards, 2 TDs). Henry is a brute and his ability to move the chains sets up the play-action passing game for quarter-back Ryan Tannehill (809 yards, 6 TDs). Watson (1,092 yards, 6 TDs) will have his hands full against a very good Titans defense. I think it's going to be a long afternoon in the Music City for the hometown

team. My pick, Tennessee 33, Houston 18

Green Bay at Tampa Bay: What a game this has the potential to be and luckily, it's slated for the 3:25 window on FOX Sunday afternoon. The Packers, who are coming off their bye, should be well rested for this one as quarterback Aaron Rodgers (1,214 yards, 13 TDs) should have his top wide receiver Davante Adams back after Adams missed three weeks with a hamstring injury. The Bucs will not only have to contend with Rodgers and Adams, but a well-rested Aaron Jones (374 yards, 6 total TDs). Brady (1.122 yards, 11 TDs) has guided TB to three wins against one loss and two weeks ago he showed the Tampa fans how special he is when he tossed five TD passes to five different receivers in the Buc's 38-31 win over the Chargers Look for wide receiver Mike Evans (17 recep tions, 230 yards, 5 TDs) to have a big day against a suspect GB secondary as Brady leads the Bucs to their biggest win of the young season. My pick, Tampa Bay 31, Green

Arizona at Dallas: This could be another shootout on Monday Night Football as Kyler Murray (919 passing yards, 7 TDs/265 rushing yards, 4 TDs) take on Dak Prescott (1,690 yards, 9 TDs) and the Cowboys. Dallas will need a big night from Prescott, running back Ezekiel Elliott (273 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Amari Cooper (37 receptions, 401 yards, 1 TD) and CeeDee Lamb (21 receptions, 309 yards, 2 TDs) because their defense is pitiful. That unit surrendered 49 points and gobs of yards to the Browns two weeks ago and the Cardinals could do the same to them on Monday night. Dallas needs to get on a roll because it appears the Eagles may have righted the ship with their upset win at San Francisco two weeks ago. My pick, Dallas 36, Arizona 33

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This is the twelth year of this special event that features the Extreme Auto Show, Craft Show and Free Children's Activities, Trunk or Treating, Extreme Entertainment, concessions and much more.

The Auto Show is deemed Spooktacular due to the wide area of attraction and multiple catagories of entries. If it has an engine, it probably will be represented at the Extreme Machine Auto Show. Trophies are awarded for each class. There are generally over 50 classic and fine vehicles at this event.

Vehicles are still able to get into the multiple trophy event. Pre-Registration is \$15 and On-Site Registration is \$20 visit the Crosby Church website to register. Preregistration begins at 9:00 a.m. and awards at

There are going to be game booths, bounce houses, a petting zoo and lots more to do.

The Craft show always brings a variety of interesting items for purchase and some vendor space is still left at this sprawling church campus at 5725 US 90, just 3.5 miles East of the US 90 and FM 2100

bridge. A Trunk of Treat event will be just one of several children's entertainment and costumes are invited on Oct. 31.

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