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**COVID-19**  
Cases as of  
October 27, 2020

**HOUSTON AREA**  
19 COUNTIES

238,777 POSITIVE  
3,356 DEATHS  
201,698 RECOVERED

**TEXAS**

904,556 POSITIVE  
18,060 DEATHS  
763,108 RECOVERED

**UNITED STATES**

8,773,630 POSITIVE  
226,606 DEATHS  
3,487,666 RECOVERED

**WORLDWIDE**

43,894,430 POSITIVE  
1,165,432 DEATHS  
29,725,788 RECOVERED

## Extreme Machine brings out Crosby

**CROSBY** - A church event last weekend brought the COVID19 fatigued community out to celebrate cars, trucks, and entertain the kids. In its twelfth year, this special event features the Extreme Auto Show, and Craft Show with concessions, a local fire truck or two and a petting zoo at Crosby Church. The Auto Show drew 85 classic and show quality vehicles from a local area of attraction and multiple categories of entries. Extreme Machine Auto Show awarded Trophies for 10 classes for first, second and third. The Craft show always brings a variety of interesting items for purchase. Trunk or Treat will be repeated Oct. 31. Capability for helping others was at the Donor Coach for a Fall Festival Blood Drive.



David Milam accepts the First Place Muscle Car Award from Pastor Keenan Smith of Crosby Church as entertainer/singer Eddie Foster announces. See car photo on page 3. This is his first time winning this award at this venue. Muscle Cars are especially prized at Extreme Machine in that they are both classic and fast running. In total, thirty trophies were awarded.



Joseph St. Julian of Dayton won First Place in Hot Rod, car photo on page 3. Here with Pastor Keenan Smith accepting the award. Each of the trophies in the background were awarded from third to first place. This is his first time winning this award at this venue. Hot Rods are high valued at Extreme Machine in that they are engineering and power based vehicles.

**IN THE STARS**

**EVENTS**

**OCTOBER**  
Highlands  
JAMBOREE  
rescheduled

The Highlands/ Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce has announced that the Annual JAMBOREE Parade and Festival will not be held in October due to the COVID19 pandemic. Tentative plans are for a Jamboree Parade to take place during the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Railroad Park in December.

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Oct 30-Joyce Hall  
Shawn Hebert  
Lee Roy Moore  
Oct 31-Judy Dunn  
Kylah Ellsworth  
Natalie Smith  
Nov 2-Bob Fikes  
Joseph Delome  
Nov 3-Brittany Gleason  
Natalie Welch  
Nov 4-Peggy Clark  
Nov 5-Mary Dobson  
Wesley "W.G." Zarsky

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Oct 30-Michael & Kim Sullivan  
Nov 10-Patrick & Becky Williams

**DEATHS**

Georgia Kovalcik Snider, 89, Crosby

## Crosby wins US90 rivalry

**DAYTON** - The 2020 High School US 90 Cougars against Broncos rivalry goes to Crosby for a 24 to 0 victory last Friday. It all began with a 17 yard pass a long dash and a four yard touchdown in the first quarter to put Crosby ahead. In the second quarter, Crosby scored fourteen points with plenty of running capped with short passes. The impact of Coach Jerry Prieto was clearly visible on the sidelines as Crosby clinched their first district game. Overall, Crosby goes to 2-2 and prepares to take on rival Barbers Hill this Friday inside the Jungle or Cougar Stadium. Both teams got 6 penal-



Crosby used the backfield effectively to harry the Dayton defense and the Cougar defense was relentless against pass and rush.

See **CROSBY FOOTBALL**, page 5

## Charges filed in mid-Crosby bust

**CROSBY** The Texas Department of Public Safety teamed with the local Precinct 3 Constable's Office to make an arrest on Miller-Wilson Road last Tuesday. According to Precinct 3 Sergeant Torres, the state police had what is called a "pocket warrant" for the man occupying the house for sale of narcotics. As black SUV's surrounded and dispatched deputies to enter the house, local traffic came to a sudden halt near Hare-Cook Road. William Hare was found to be in possession of a small amount of crystal methamphetamine, two



**William Hare**

See **CROSBY BUST**, p.6

## FLOODING RELIEF

### Precinct 2 cleans 1 million feet of ditches

Harris County PCT. 2— Since being elected into office, Commissioner Adrian Garcia has made drainage maintenance a major priority. This week, he celebrated the completion of 1 million linear feet of ditching in Precinct 2. Roadside ditching and drainage maintenance improves water conveyance to drainage outfalls, which helps in the reduction of potential flooding for residents and businesses. Without proper maintenance, standing water can penetrate and seep under road surfaces causing deterioration, which in turn, requires more frequent, costly road repairs, and neighborhood flooding. Many neighborhoods that have not been serviced in

years now have clean, excavated ditches. Commissioner Garcia stated "I am so proud of the Precinct 2 family for this outstanding achievement. When I tasked our team to clear 1 million linear feet of ditches, I frankly thought it might be out of reach. Not only have we gotten to a million feet, we did it 2 months ahead of schedule! What we've accomplished in one year is collectively more than had been done in the previous two years combined. The hard work of my office will make a huge difference to reduce the risk of Precinct 2 neighborhoods flooding." As a comparison, in 2017 Precinct 2 completed just over 200,000 linear feet of drainage maintenance. See **Pct. 2 ditches**, p. 5



Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia explains that cleaning ditches prevents future flooding, and is his priority. He credits the public works crews in the background for their hard work, even through the Pandemic.



A Precinct 2 Gradall machine is the tool that is used to remove debris blocking the ditches and keeping them from draining. Blocked ditches are a major factor in causing flooding in Precinct 2 neighborhoods.

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## HCA HOUSTON HEALTHCARE

# Love: The Heart of a Family's Good Fortune

One day, Dora Vega was mowing her yard at home in Pasadena, TX. Early the next morning, she faced her worst nightmare.

"I woke up at about four in the morning, and I couldn't breathe. I was so nauseous," Vega recalled. "I woke my husband, and told him to call 9-1-1."

The EMS found Vega nearly unresponsive, unable to stand. They could not detect her blood pressure, and acted quickly to stabilize her, and transport her to the emergency room at HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast. In the ambulance, Vega's heart stopped. CPR was successfully performed, but on arrival at the hospital, Vega's heart stopped a second time. The emergency medicine team brought her back again.

Dr. Ahmad Jeroudi was the cardiologist on call that morning at HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast, and rushed to Vega's side. "Her condition was extremely critical, and I honestly did not think she would survive," Jeroudi said. "Of her heart's three main arteries, the left one was completely shut down. This is almost always a death sentence."

Within minutes, Dr. Jeroudi and his team were at work in the heart catheterization



Dora Vega (center), with husband Rafael, children and grandchildren, and Drs. Ahmad (second row), Omar and Mohamed Jeroudi (third row).

lab to repair Vega's blocked main artery. During the procedure to place a stent, her heart stopped a third time. And again, for a third time, her care team successfully restarted her heart.

By now, Vega's daughters and son had arrived at the hospital, and anxiously awaited word from Dr. Jeroudi. Marisol Reyes, the Vegas' youngest, remembers that morning like it was yesterday. "We were all praying and hanging on to all hope," she said. "When Dr. Jeroudi came out, he explained the situation — showing us an image of Mom's heart blockage before, and another image with the new

stent, showing blood was now flowing to her heart. He was very honest with us about the seriousness of her condition, and we had to wait and see whether she would survive."

Her condition was touch and go for weeks, but she turned a corner, and, after several months, Dora Vega walked out of HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast hospital.

"It is a miracle she made it through that ordeal," Dr. Jeroudi shared. "In addition to her medical care, I credit her beautiful family, and the love and care they continued to give Mrs. Vega. Her husband never left

her side, and her children and grandkids were always visiting. To see this, and all the smiles and their appreciation, is so emotional and indescribable. I'm so happy I could play a role in giving her that second chance at life."

Reyes and her entire family sing Dr. Jeroudi's praises. "She was dead when she arrived, and we didn't have much hope," she said. "He saved her life, and came by to see her almost every day, even when he didn't need to. Sometimes, even in the middle of the night, he would check on her. He took such great care of our mother."

Dr. Jeroudi says

Dr. Ahmad Jeroudi has fond memories from his childhood, accompanying his father on hospital rounds. He said it had a huge impact on him, inspiring him to choose the same profession.

"I'm very proud of my sons, and glad they are following my career and my work," said Dr. Mohamed Jeroudi. But I have to credit my wife for their decisions. I think she had an even greater influence on our boys." Their mother, Dr. Faten Shabarek, is a retired neonatologist.

"So much has changed since those days, said Dr. Ahmad Jeroudi. "There has been incredible growth in the cardiology program at HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast. Leadership has committed to bringing in complex technology and the tools we need to provide exceptional care. And we have the best staff, who are dedicated to every patient and take tremendous pride in their work."

But no matter how much care is available, Dr. Jeroudi reminds his patients they have control over their health. The best advice he gives his patients is, "Love yourself, more than anything else. We're all smart individuals, and we know exactly what's good and what is bad for us. Love yourself, and your body will know what to do."

Dora Vega agrees, and believes it was her family's love and all the prayers she received — even from her doctor — that ultimately saved her life.



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## Houston Health Department COVID-19 Test Sites

Houston Health Department, partners announce free COVID-19 testing schedule for week of October 26

**HOUSTON** - The Houston Health Department and its agency partners are announcing the schedule for sites offering free COVID-19 tests the week of October 26, 2020. The week will offer 16 free testing sites across Houston, including three mega sites. **Houston Health Department** The Houston Health Department, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the State of Texas, will offer testing (self nasal swab) at its Southwest Multi-Service Center, 6400 High Star Drive. The site has a 1,250 daily test capacity and will open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Appointments are available at [hoincedacovid19test.com](http://hoincedacovid19test.com). On-site registration is also available. The department also offers free drive-thru testing (self nasal swab) at the Aramco Services Company, 9009 W. Loop South. The mega testing site will open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It remains open until reaching daily capacity of 1,000 tests. People wanting to get tested at the Aramco site can call the department's COVID-19 Call Center at 832-893-4220 between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. to receive an access code. The department will also offer drive thru testing (self nasal swab) at four other sites. The sites don't require appointments and open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until reaching its daily capacity of 250 tests. The sites and their days of operations are:

- Fifth Ward Multi-Service Center, 4014 Market St., Oct. 27-29,
- Magnolia Multi-Service Center, 7037 Capitol, Oct. 27-31,
- Higher Dimension Church, 9800 Club Creek Dr., Oct. 28-30, and
- Melrose Community Center, 1001 Canino Rd., Oct.

27-31, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The department will provide (self nasal swab) testing at the METRO Addicks Park & Ride, 14230 Katy Freeway, and the Multicultural Center, 951 Tristar Drive, city of Webster. Appointments are available by calling the department's call center at 832-393-4220. The department's **Area Agency on Aging** offers free in-home COVID-19 testing to people who live in Harris County. Call 800-213-8471 for information. Supplies are limited and the service is available only in October. **Texas Division of Emergency Management** - Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Houston Astros offer free COVID-19 tests (self oral swab) daily at Minute Maid Park (Lot C), 2208 Preston. The testing site's capacity is 1,200 tests per day. The site features evening hours twice a week, eight drive-thru testing lanes and four walk-up testing lanes. It opens 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday and from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Spanish-speaking staff is available on-site. Visit [texas.curativeinc.com](http://texas.curativeinc.com) to set an appointment or obtain more information. On-site registration is also available. TDEM and the department will also operate drive-thru testing sites (self oral swab) Monday through Saturday at:

- HCC - Northeast Campus, 555 Community College Drive, and
- HCC - South Campus, 1990 Airport Blvd.

Appointments are required, available at [texas.curativeinc.com](http://texas.curativeinc.com). TDEM and the department offer weekday testing (nasal swab by healthcare professional) at LeRoy Crump Stadium, 12321 Alief Clodine Rd. Appointments are required, available by visiting [covidtest.idem.texas.gov](http://covidtest.idem.texas.gov). **United Memorial Medical Center** United Memorial Medical Center (UMMC) will offer weekday testing (nasal swab by healthcare professional) at drive-thru test sites at:

- Plaza Americas Mall, 7500 Bellaire Blvd.,
- Houston Community College - Southeast, 6815 Rustic,
- UMMC Tidwell, 510 W. Tidwell Rd., and
- Houston Community College - North Forest, 6010 Little York.

The sites don't require appointments and offer testing from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until reaching daily capacity of 300 tests. People needing information about UMMC test sites can call 1-866-333-COVID or visit [ummcscreeing.com](http://ummcscreeing.com). **Federally Qualified Health Centers** The health department is providing test kits, lab access and equipment to local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) so they can expand their COVID-19 testing capacity. The centers and phone numbers people can call to set up testing appointments are:

- HOPE Clinic, 713-773-0803
- Spring Branch Community Health Center, 713-462-6565
- El Centro de Corazon, 713-660-1880
- Avenue 360 Health and Wellness, 713-426-0027
- Lone Star Circle of Care at the University of Houston, 346-348-1200, and
- Scarsdale Family Health Center, 281-824-1480.

FQHC patients pay what they can afford, based on income and family size, and are not denied services due to inability to pay or lack of insurance. The department and its agency partners may shift locations and schedules of test sites to better meet community needs. Houstonians can visit [HoustonEmergency.org/covid19](http://HoustonEmergency.org/covid19) for current Houston testing sites and information about stopping the spread of the virus. Information obtained through testing, treatment or services will not be used against immigrants in their public charge evaluation.

# XTREME Car Show



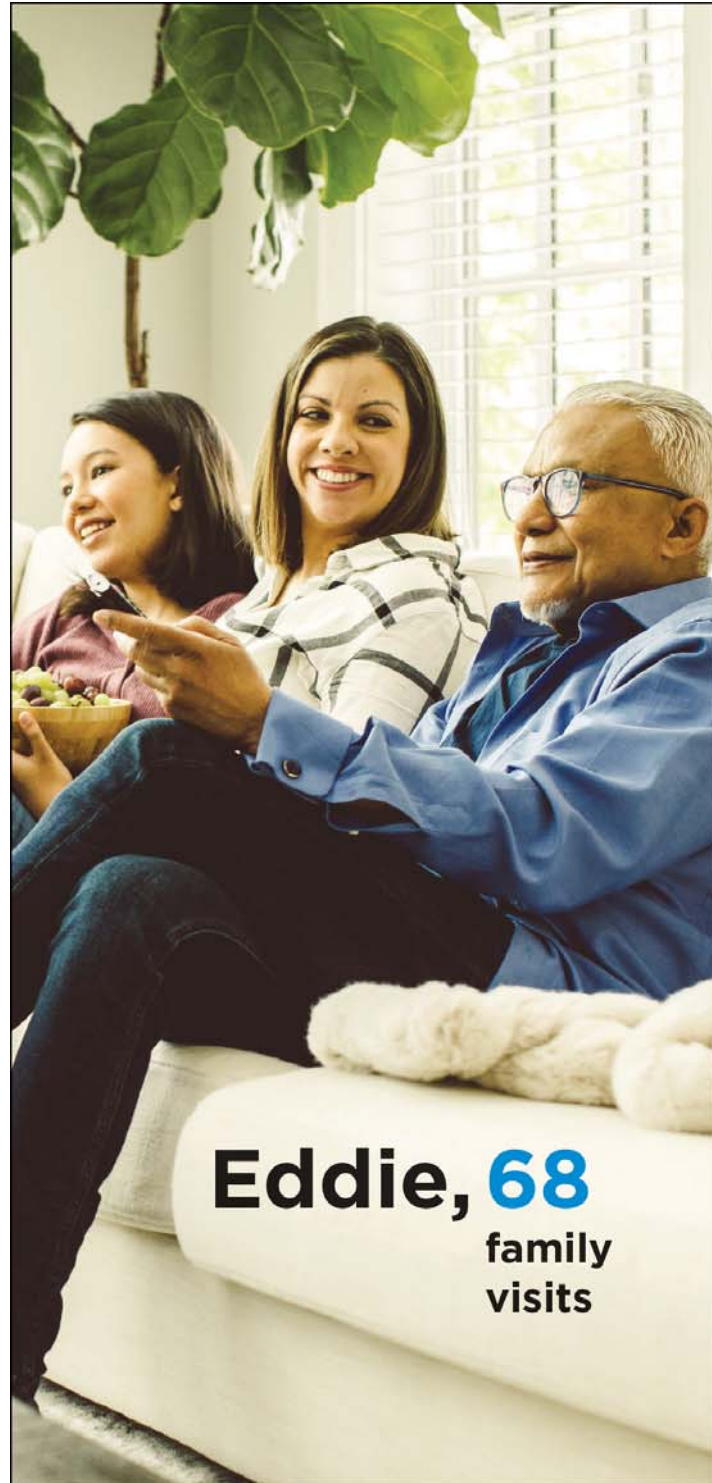
This "Plum Crazy" Hot Rod was just in time to be a Purple People Eater at Crosby Church before Halloween. Shown by Dayton's Joseph and Annie St. Julian.



David Milam was even more proud of Layla (his granddaughter) than his fine Corvette Stingray doubled up with power and aftermarket to take first in Muscle Machine last Sunday.



Viewers huddled around interesting vehicles last Sunday.



**Eddie, 68**  
family visits

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★ OPINION PAGE ★



## Dog Show

"I took Duckworth to the dog show up in the city last weekend," Dud said. The other members of the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank and philosophy counter just looked at him.

Doc put it gently. "Dud, was this so he could get some inspiration on looking good?"

Duckworth was a medium-sized dog that found Dud while Dud was walking and thinking about the novel he's writing. No one answered the ad he put in the Valley Weekly Miracle, so he was henceforth known as Duckworth, for some reason Dud seemed to want to keep to himself. To be honest, Duckworth looked like he fell out of the ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down.

"No, I was going to enter him in the dog show," Dud said. "Took him right up to the registration table and tried to get him in a class. The lady there looked at ol' Duck and asked to see his papers."

Dud grinned. "I told her they were back home on the floor of the laundry room. She didn't think it was funny."

Now Duckworth had been introduced to the other dogs in the group at the sale barn, as is the custom, and Dud's pals had been hesitant to ask much about him. Duckworth looked like something put together by a committee with a sense of humor. Oh, he was a dog ... no doubt about that. But what kind of dog was he? It made for interesting coffee speculation, that's for sure.

"You know," Dud said, "Anita was against me getting any kind of dog until Duckworth came along. When I explained to her that Duckworth was a bird dog ... a duck dog, actually, and that he'd help me bring more birds home, she finally gave in."

"He's a bird dog?" Steve said. "What kind?"

"Now that's what that dog show lady asked me, you know? I had to explain to her about canard terriers, because she wasn't familiar with them."

"Canar..."

"Canardly terriers, you betcha," Dud said, grinning, "why, I'll bet you canardly tell what kind of terrier he is!"

Looking for a Christmas gift? "Dogsled: A True Tale of the North" by Slim Randles. Now on Amazon.com.

## LETTERS To The Editor

To the Editor:

The last three or four editions of the paper have had some very interesting, clearly explained articles. Are you doing that Gil, or is there some new person on the staff?

I just wanted to let you know, good job.

Theresa Cashion

Thank you, Theresa. Articles are written by several staff members and myself, and several free-lance journalists. We try very hard to be clear, objective, and contextual in a manner which distinguishes our work at a time when the internet carries too many stories that are incomplete, opinionated, and not researched or fact-checked. We appreciate your comments.

-- Gil Hoffman, editor

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## THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

### "Scary Stories"

It's the season for all things scary and I found myself wondering how many people are actually looking for more things to frighten them this year.

There is a new horror movie about Zoom that is supposed to be terrific... and I won't be watching it. I've never been a fan of horror movies. On the very few occasions I've tried to watch a scary movie, I end up both covering my eyes and plugging my ears (the ominous music is the worst part of it) and I end up with a pretty limited experience of the film.

A few weeks ago, I wrote a column about my husband, Peter's war with the rodents, and a friend sent the lyrics to "Ben," a song recorded in the early 1970s by a young Michael Jackson. It was the theme song for the movie, "Ben," which was a sequel to "Willard," which Peter then decided he had to see. The movie is only recently available on DVD and so, when it arrived in the mail, we sat down together to watch it.

"This isn't a horror movie, is it?" I asked Peter for the second or third time.

"No! It's about rats!"

That didn't really answer the question, but I agreed to watch until it got too scary and so I sat with him through the opening credits. The movie starred Ernest Borgnine as the mean boss and Elsa Lanchester (who played the bride of Frankenstein a few decades earlier) as Willard's mom, and a 19-year-old Bruce Davison as Willard. But the real stars of the movie were a lot of rats playing themselves.

And Peter was right, there was nothing remotely scary about the movie until the last fifteen minutes when Willard turns homicidal and enlists the rats to help him. Then the rat named Ben reads the word "pesticide" on the box that Willard is pouring into the rat's dinner bowl (or possibly recognizes the skull and crossbones?) That's when Willard is killed by his little rat friends.

Afterward, I watched a few interviews about the making of the movie. This was before the days of computer-generated imagery and to get the last scene, Bruce Davison was covered with peanut butter and had 600 rats poured on top of him. They said they shot this scene last because they weren't quite sure how it all would all work out.

I didn't learn how much the young Mr. Davison was paid for his role, but I'm guessing it was not enough.

The movie was a huge and unexpected success when it was released, and a slew of killer animal movies followed. There were movies about snakes and killer ants and, of course, "Jaws," a bit later on. The movie also apparently prompted an uptick in pet rat adoptions.

The idea of horror fascinates me. There are movies and books about dolls and babies and clowns and all sorts of things that wouldn't, under normal circumstances, be scary. I can read horror novels only because I can put the book down and reassure myself that I am still in my home, no monsters in sight.

And maybe that's why we need scary stories right now more than ever.

It's good to leave a scary world and realize that everything is not as terrible as the book or movie. Real life might be less certain than usual, but I can take comfort in the fact that I'm not covered in peanut butter with 600 rats swarming all over me.

Sometimes, you have to take what comfort you can get.

Till next time,

Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](http://CarrieClasson.com).

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler



### Amazon goes big in Texas

Amazon delivered good economic news, announcing plans for a 700,000-square-foot distribution center and warehouse in Waco. Gov. Greg Abbott and other state officials heralded the plan to bring up to 1,000 workers to Central Texas at a starting wage of \$15 an hour. The online retailing giant previously announced other expansions in Texas, including Forney, Pflugerville and Richmond. Two other companies also announced plans last week to move to the Lone Star State:

- The nation's largest provider of dredging services is moving its headquarters from Chicago to Houston. Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company announced it was making the move to be closer to major regional projects. The company, which had annual revenues of \$711 million in 2019, has more than 1,000 employees globally. The company has been based in Chicago for more than 100 years. "The relocation stems in part from changing industry dynamics as the dredging market has shifted from Northern Illinois and the Great Lakes to work along the Gulf Coast and in the northeast and southeast coastal regions," according to the company.

- A manufacturing firm is moving from Southern California to Round Rock, bringing 150 jobs. The company, Saleen Performance Parts, is a U.S.-based manufacturer and distributor of aftermarket automotive performance and restyling parts.

#### 'JERRY JEFF TRAIN SONGS'

Jerry Jeff Walker, the Texas music legend who "jumped so high," has died at age 78 from cancer and related illnesses. Walker is best known for writing the iconic song "Mr. Bojangles," which the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band hit big with in 1971. Born in New York, Walker spent most of his life in Austin and is credited with being a godfather of the city's live music scene. "Other than Willie, Jerry Jeff is the most important musician to happen to Austin, Texas, I would have to say," Asleep at the Wheel leader Ray Benson told the Austin American Statesman. "He really brought that folk singer/songwriter form to its height in Texas. And for that, he'll be eternal, because there's all these kids today that write songs in that mode."

Going hog wild Texas likes to be No. 1 on many lists, but not this one: The state ranks at the top for the largest population of wild pigs. More than 2.5 million feral swine roam the state, plaguing farmers and ranchers, according to recent research reported by the Texas Farm Bureau. The invasive species has been found in all of Texas' 254 counties, except for El Paso. The pig population has exploded to more than 6 million throughout the country,

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primarily in southern states, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "More control tools are needed, and research is underway to determine which methods are effective and environmentally safe," the Texas Farm Bureau reported. "Texas farmers and ranchers are hopeful new strategies will get to the root of the wild pig problem, and soon."

#### TECH PROF HONORED FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS WORK

A Texas Tech University law professor is the top winner of state awards honoring those who have helped Texans with disabilities. The Governor's Trophy went to Professor Brian Shannon for significant contributions to disability rights, most notably "for his work at the intersection of mental health and the legal system." Shannon's focus has been on destigmatizing and empowering those whose mental health diagnoses have put them in the criminal justice system. Other winners of the 2020 Lex Frieden Employment Awards for creating a more inclusive workplace for Texans with disabilities:

- The Martha Arbuckle Award to the EPIC fitness center in Grand Prairie for a partnership with Grand Prairie Independent School District.

- The Entrepreneurship Award to Chris Landry and Ken Brown, business partners and founders of Scan Mailboxes in Austin.
- Large Employer Award to Fidelity Investments in Westlake for being as accessible and inclusive as possible, particularly with changes to its hiring process.
- Medium Employer Award to Weikel's Bakery and Store in La Grange for providing work opportunities for those with disabilities, particularly through a Recipeasy app developed by Philip Weikel.
- Small Employer Award to Mr. Gatti's Pizza in Tyler for owner Lamar Wedell's efforts to provide training for students with disabilities.
- Non-Profit Employer Award to Goodwill Industries in Fort Worth for multiple initiatives to hire and train people with disabilities.

#### SMALL BUSINESS MAKES IT BIG

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Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at [ccobler@texaspress.com](mailto:ccobler@texaspress.com).

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## Goose Creek Trustees sign beam of new Junior School



Members of the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees, along with J. Warren Singleton (second from left), who was instrumental in presenting the name Edward Franklin "E. F." Green for consideration as the name of Junior School #6, sign a beam during a recent board meeting that will be part of the new school. Pictured are (from left) Agustin Lored, III; Singleton; Howard Sampson, secretary; Jessica Woods, president; Ben Pape, vice president; Richard Clem, assistant secretary, Shae Cottar and Tiffany Guy. (Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman)

## Precinct 2 Diches cleaned,

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nance. In 2019, Commissioner Garcia's first year in office, the Public Works team completed over 500,000 LF of ditching. And this year, despite the pandemic and having one of the busiest hurricane seasons, the team accomplished the goal of 1,000,000 linear feet two months ahead of schedule. This is an extraordinary accomplishment thanks to

a committed team. The geographic areas of focus for the ditching program included: Baytown, Channelview, Crosby, Pasadena, Huffman/Atascocita, Aldine, Barrett as well as several others.

For video of the event surrounding the millionth linear feet dug, please visit the Harris County Precinct 2 Facebook Page.

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## Crosby Football,

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ties in the game but Dayton's were for 25 yards against 43 for Crosby. Crosby had 17 first downs in the game against 13 for Dayton.

Dayton began to play

like a different defense after the half-time however, they never gave up another touchdown and it was only late in the fourth quarter that Crosby was to score a field goal to give

them 24 points.

Reggie Branch was the offensive hero for Crosby and Trevon King was the defensive hero. Michael Rey was the special teams

## OBITUARIES

### Georgia Kovalcik Snider

Georgia Kovalcik Snider, 89, of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on October 20, 2020. Georgia was born on February 3, 1931 in Eastgate, Texas to Emil and Mary (Dlouhy) Kovalcik.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Leonard Snider (married 52 years); her son, Jerry Allen Miller; her brother, Albert (Big Al) and wife Alice Jean Kovalcik, and their sons, Willie Earl, Albert Lee, and Billy Ray Kovalcik. her sister Mary Michalsky and husband Frank, and their daughter, Beverly Yelverton and her husband Clyde, and their son Frankie Michalsky; her sister Willie Mae Kovalcik McMahon, her granddaughter Tyler McMahon and her grandson

Michael Turner; her sister Tonie McMahon and husband Scottye and their son Scottye Jr.; her brother-in-law Albert Smith and his grandson Logan and son-in-law Hank Kovalcik.

Georgia is survived by her grandson Jerry Wayne Miller and girlfriend Miranda Kimbrough of Palestine, Texas; her grandson Lance Miller and wife Katerina of Elkhart, Texas; her sister Rosie Smith of Melbourne, Arkansas; daughter-in-law Ann Miller (mother of Jerry Wayne Miller); daughter-in-law Jamie (mother of Lance Miller); step-daughter Raynell Bobo and husband Doyce; her special caregivers Cathy & Craig Stasney and Randy & Debbie Foster. She is also survived by numerous nieces,

nephews, and other family and friends. Pallbearers are: Jerry Wayne Miller, David McMahon, Donald McMahon, Brandon Davis, Derek Guinn, Craig Stasney Jr., Chris Stasney, and Shane Davis. Honorary pallbearers are Kevin Michalsky, Emil McMahon Sr., Emil McMahon Jr., Richard Mayo, Tim Smith, Randy Foster, Craig Stasney Sr., and Jimmie Michalsky. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Monday, October 26, 2020 at Sterling White Funeral Home. The service will immediately follow at 2:00 PM with Larry Koslovsky officiating. Interment will follow at Sterling White Cemetery. Due to COVID-19, the family will not be holding a bereavement meal.

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## UT hopes to turn things around against Okla. State; Steelers, Ravens face off for control of AFC North; Texans Bye week

Thankfully for the Texans, they don't play this week so their fans don't have to sit through another long Sunday of watching their deplorable defense get gashed on the ground. Their fans will have to wait until the first Sunday in November when the Texans play at Jacksonville, the only team they have defeated thus far in the 2020 campaign.

At the moment, this is not a playoff team and it might behoove the front office to seriously consider trading players, maybe J.J. Watt, to receive draft choices in return. Remember, the Texans do not have a first- or second-round pick in the 2021 NFL Draft. Watt would bring at least a second-round pick and should be sent to a contender so he can have a shot at making the playoffs as his career winds down.

Just a thought. While the Texans take the week off, the Game of the Week will occur in the AFC North when the Steelers, who entered last week's game at Tennessee at 5-0, visit the Ravens in Baltimore. The winner takes control of the division. The two teams will meet in Pittsburgh on Nov. 26. The Steelers and Ravens are two of the top teams in the AFC, along with Tennessee and Kansas City. These two teams detest one another and these are always physical games.

Other interesting games on this weekend's schedule has a suddenly struggling New England team visiting a Buffalo squad that appears to be the team to beat in the AFC East. The Saints travel to Chicago to take on a Bears team that is playing very well on defense, while San Francisco looks to get back in the NFC West race when it visits the first-place Seahawks. On Sunday Night Football, the Cowboys

look to continue the Eagles' miserable season when they play at Philadelphia in prime time.

In college action, Ohio State visits State College, PA to take on Penn State, while Texas looks to get things headed in the right direction when Tom Herman's Longhorns visit No. 6-ranked Oklahoma State.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, let's review last week's record. A 7-3 week upped the season record to 41-23 (64%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

### NCAA

**Ohio State at Penn State:** The second week of the Big 10 season features a good one as the No. 6-ranked Buckeyes play at No. 8-ranked Penn State. Ohio State finished 13-1 in Ryan Day's first year as head coach, losing to Clemson in the College Football Playoffs (CFP) semifinals, while James Franklin's Nitany Lions finished 11-2 and rolled over Memphis 53-39 in the Cotton Bowl. Both teams return their starting quarterbacks as Justin Fields (3,273 passing yards, 41 TD/484 rushing yards, 10 TDs) returns for the Buckeyes and Sean Clifford (2,654 yards, 23 TDs) returns for Penn State. Both teams are loaded with talent, but I think the edge in this one goes to OSU due to the dual threat Fields brings against opposing defenses. If this game was played later in the year, I'd probably go with PSU, but look for Fields to make a few more plays than Clifford does as the Buckeyes pick up an big early-season road win. My pick, Ohio State 31, Penn State 27

**Texas at Oklahoma State:** I'm not sure if



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Herman's seat is getting hot in Austin, but it could very well be getting warm. UT was expected to not only contend for the Big 12 title, but also figure in the CFP picture in Herman's fourth season. OSU played Iowa State last week, its first game since Oct. 3. OSU had its game with Baylor moved to Dec. 12 due to an outbreak of the corona virus on the Baylor campus. Texas took on Baylor last week after its open week. Quarterback Sam Ehlinger (924 passing yards, 14 TDs) and wide receiver Joshua Moore (11 receptions, 200 yards, 4 TDs) will need to have big days against a solid Cowboys defense. The UT defense has been plagued by poor tackling technique so far this season and if that continues this week, OSU running back Chubba Hubbard (339 yards, 4 TDs) could have a big day. Look for Texas to pull off the upset as the 'Horns know it's put up or shut up time. My pick, Texas 34, Oklahoma State 31

NFL

**New England at**

Drew Brees (1,006 yards, 8 TDs) and running back Alvin Kamara (236 rushing yards, 4 TDs/30 receptions, 321 yards, 3 TDs) would certainly welcome him back. If Thomas returns, the Saints get even more explosive on offense. This will be the Bears' defense first real test and something tells me the Saints will have too much on offense for them to handle on Sunday. My pick, New Orleans 30, Chicago 23

**Pittsburgh at Baltimore:** The Game of the Week pits these two bitter rivals as each looks to be the team to beat in the AFC North. Two weeks ago, the Steelers moved to 5-0 with a 38-7 thumping of the Browns, while the Ravens escaped Philly with a 30-28 win. Steeler QB Ben Roethlisberger (939 yards, 9 TDs) looks like his old self, as does running back James Conner (385 yards, 3 TDs). Big Ben has a stable of talented wide receivers to throw to, but he will face a very good Ravens defense on Sunday. Baltimore is led by dual threat quarterback Lamar Jackson (955 passing yards, 7 TDs/343 rushing yards, 2 TDs) and he too will face his toughest test when he faces one of the best defenses in the league on Sunday. The Ravens are tough to beat at home and it says here they win the first meeting, which should set up a very interesting rematch on Thanksgiving Day. My pick, Baltimore 26, Pittsburgh 23

**San Francisco at Seattle:** The 49ers look to get back in the NFC West race when they visit Seattle on Sunday afternoon. Two weeks ago, the 49ers got back in the division race with a 24-16 home victory over the Rams. Seattle was off that week, which gave quarterback Russell Wilson (1,285 yards, 16 TDs),

running back Chris Carson (237 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver DK Metcalf (16 receptions, 403 yards, 3 TDs) some well-deserved rest. In the win over the Rams, SF QB Jimmy Garoppolo (658 yards, 7 TDs) threw three touchdown passes, one that went to super tight end George Kittle (23 receptions, 325 yards, 2 TDs). The 49ers looked better on offense, but their defense, especially their secondary, has been decimated by injuries. Look for Wilson to attack the SF secondary as the Seahawks distance themselves from last year's division winners. My pick, Seattle 31, San Francisco 23

**Dallas at Philadelphia:** This is a meeting of two dud teams on Sunday Night Football. There's no doubt that the NFC (L)East is the worst division in the NFL. Two weeks ago, Dallas was blown out at home by Arizona, 38-10, on Monday Night Football, while the Eagles dropped another home game when they fell to Baltimore, 30-28. Yes, Dallas has been decimated by injuries, especially on offense where they've lost quarterback Dak Prescott and both starting offensive tackles. But they still have Ezekiel Elliott (322 yards, 3 TDs) and three talented wide receivers in Amari Cooper, CeeDee Lamb and Michael Gallup. It's the Dallas defense that's been the most glaring problem thus far. The Eagles defense hasn't exactly been lighting it on fire either, nor has turnover-prone quarterback Carson Wentz (1,127 yards, 6 TDs/8 interceptions). Andy Dalton (377 yards, 1 TD) needs to step up his game and get the Dallas offense going. He might get that chance against a suspect Philly defense on Sunday night. My pick, Dallas 32, Philadelphia 28



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## Boo on the Boardwalk in Kemah

**KEMAH** -The Kemah Boardwalk's annual Boo on the Boardwalk celebration returns with legendary family-friendly frights throughout the month of October!

The Boardwalk will come alive with Freaky Fridays, Scary Saturdays and Spooky Sundays, each night featuring free activities, live music and ghostly entertainment. Guests of all ages can enjoy a variety of festive and spooky thrills, including the Little Boo Haunted Fun House, Halloween-themed crafts, balloon artists, vampire stilt walkers, creepy creatures and live concerts.

Each weekend from 2 - 8 p.m., little ghouls and goblins can trick-or-treat on the Retail Level and experience themed craft



Ghouls, Goblins and Ghosts as you enter the Kemah Boardwalk.

## Panel to study name for Lee High School

**BAYTOWN** - A committee to look into the name of Goose Creek Consolidated ISD facilities will be formed according to specifications laid out by certain administrators at the school trustee meeting last week.

Robert E. Lee High School is obviously named for the general that swore he wished he had never participated in the American Civil War in retire-

ment with his property confiscated, under house arrest for treason and having witnessed the deaths of most of his best friends and students. But that little bit of history is often forgotten in the current sensitivity to the Confederacy and horror of the great American sin of slavery.

The committee was given directives by members of the administration in deciding if names will remain as they are or be changed or in Academic "This committee is tasked with reviewing data and providing input to the school board concerning potential facility name changes," stated Matt Bolinger.

Bolinger and others asked the committee to investigate how much a change will cost, which facility will be renamed, how did the school get its name, why and if a renaming would be needed, when would renaming be optimal, and how such renaming impacts students.

Jessica Woods, Board President, asked who picks the committee. The answer was the trustees.

Concern was expressed for the impact on students that are dealing with massive changes now. Another concern was that these decisions seemed to have a short time table laid out by the administrators.

activities at the Kid's Corner located in Bradford Plaza, including mini pumpkin decorating, mask art, and more. Additionally, the Little Boo Haunted Fun House is filled with spooky décor and fun galore to give little ones a friendly fright every Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Boardwalk will also host a Día de los Muertos celebration on Sunday, November 1 with mariachi and salsa bands, folk dancers, live music, themed crafts and more! The fun kicks off at 1 p.m. on the Main Stage.

For additional information and a complete list of events, visit [www.kemahboardwalk.com](http://www.kemahboardwalk.com).

## Emergency Department Visit Speeds Baytown Man's Recovery

**BAYTOWN** - It was a routine late September night for Baytonians Jepp and Lynnette Busch until Jepp had to be rushed by ambulance to Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital's Emergency Department.

"I was standing in the kitchen eating when I passed out," Busch, 86, said. "My wife found me laying on the floor, so she called 911 so I could get checked out to see what happened."

After arriving at the emergency department (ED), Busch was thoroughly examined by Jose Michel, MD, an emergency medicine physician at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, and nurse Leslie Cherubin, RN. Busch said Michel traced the cause of his fainting episode to dehydration and the three different types of medication he had taken that morning for likely causing his blood pressure to drop dramatically. Busch returned home after an overnight stay in the hospital's observation unit and says he's now feeling fine.

"From the moment I got there and checked into my private exam room, everyone was wearing masks

and shields and doing everything they could to make sure I was safe," Busch said. "With COVID going on, everyone was doing everything they could do to make sure I was as safe as possible."

Dr. Neil Gandhi, medical director of Houston Methodist Baytown's emergency department, says Busch suffered from syncope (an unexplained collapse).

"We initially treat syncope patients by performing a detailed history and physical exam, followed by running appropriate tests based on the patient's age and co-morbidities," Gandhi said.

Gandhi said seeking treatment immediately was a key factor in Busch's speedy recovery. He says people often ignore symptoms like fainting that could be markers for more serious conditions.

"Unfortunately, during the COVID-19 pandemic we have seen many patients delay their medical care, even for serious conditions like a stroke or heart attack, which has led to concerning outcomes for them," Gandhi said. "Had these patients come to the emergency department earlier, they would have



JEPP BUSCH



DR. NEIL GANDHI

received treatment sooner and had much better outcomes. Remember, we have strict COVID-19 safety protocols in place that make our hospital one of the safest and cleanest places to be."

As longtime volunteers at Houston Methodist Baytown, Jepp and Lynnette had marveled at the hospital's expanded ED after its opening earlier this year, but becoming a patient in the new facility gave Jepp a fresh perspective.

"I was very impressed with the new emergency department," Busch said. "I had to visit the old emergency room at least twice over the years, but the new one is so much larger and more comfortable."

Opened in February 2020, the new ED triples

the capacity of the old facility and includes 42 private treatment rooms and a spacious waiting area.

"The new ED has been a fantastic addition to the Baytown community," Gandhi said. "It allows our patients to be seen and evaluated in a quiet, private space. Our staff consists of board-certified emergency physicians, who have all completed residency training in emergency medicine. The fact that Houston Methodist Baytown is an American Heart Association Gold Plus stroke center and a renowned cardiac center with cardiologists and a cardiac surgeon on staff is a huge asset for the community."

Married for over 60 years, Jepp and Lynnette, both retired educators,

raised two daughters in Baytown and now enjoy spending time with their four grandkids. They never hesitate to inform their large network of friends and family about the high level of emergency care available at their hometown hospital.

"We tell everyone that there's no reason to go anywhere else," Busch said.

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

For more information on emergency medicine services available at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, visit [houstonmethodist.org/baytown](http://houstonmethodist.org/baytown), or call 281-420-8600.