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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Early Voting Oct. 13 thru 30

Election Day is November 3rd

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS IN THIS AREA: 3rd. Voters can go to any polling location, which can NOTE: YOU MAY VOTE AT

ANY OF THE COUNTY WIDE LOCATIONS.

Lusk Activity Center, 1022 Mercury Drive, Jacinto

Baggett Community Center, 1302 Keene Street, Galena Park Harris County Cultural Arts Center, 13334

Wallisville Road North Channel Branch Library, 15741

Fllukinger Community Lorenzo, Channelview San Jacinto Community Center, 604 Highland Woods, Highla

Crosby Community Center, 409 Hare Road, Crosby HCC North Forest Campus 6010 Little York Road Northeast Multi Service Center

9720 Spaulding C.E. King Middle School, 8530 C.E. King Parkway DRIVE-THRU **Humble Civic Center**

8233 Will Clayton Houston Food Bank, 535 Toyota Center, 1510 Polk

NRG Arena, 1 NRG

Early voting started Tuesday, Oct. 13 in Harris County, and will continue through Friday, Oct. 30. Election Day is November be located at www.harris votes.com. 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

In state races, incumbents Dan Huberty and Briscoe Cain face challengers. Armando Walle, Senfro nia 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 Rvan 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 running, in Precinct 2 Dan Vela vs. Jerry Garcia, one of whom will replace incumbent Chris Diaz, and in Precinct 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.

After much legal wrangling, the courts decided that mail-in ballots will have only one drop location in Harris County at the NRG Arena, or can be

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

Mayor's Race highlights local election

Three campaign to be Galena Park mayor

GALENA PARK - One incumbent and two challengers are running to be the next mayor of Galena Park. The candidates are Maria (Rodriguez) Cortez-Ochoa, Barry Ponder, and incumbent mayor Esmeralda Moya. (See page 6 for



MARIA CORTEZ-OCHOA



ESMERALDA MOYA



BARRY PONDER

Qualifications for each of these candidates).

Also on the ballot are three Galena Park Commissioners. For Position 1. Mark Groba and Paul Winfield are running against the imcumbent Zenaida Granados. For Position 3, Incumbent Veronica Garcia is running against Martha Perez. And for Position 4, Robert Moya is running

See Galena Park, page 8

COVID-19

Cases as of October 13, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

226,970 POSITIVE **3.150 DEATHS** 193,679 RECOVERED

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WORLDWIDE

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NORTH SHORE MUSTANGS **CRUSH WILLIS WILDCATS 48-21**

By Allan Jamail

Thursday, October 8, $2020~{\rm the}~6{\rm A}~{\rm Region}~{\rm III}$ Div. 21 District 2018 and 2019 State Champion North Shore Mustangs crushed the Wilis Wildcats 48 – 21. Coach Jon Kav's Mustangs had what appeared to be like a pre-season scrimmage game.

After halftime North Shore's Coach Kay could easily see his team's 254 rushing yards for 7

put-away the Wildcats. Smart coaches will take out starting players in a one-sided game to prevent injuries. This allows backup players to gain valuable experience in case called upon should a starter get in-

The Mustang's first and second team offense racked up 523 yards, 269 passing yards and

backup players could touchdowns (TD's). Senior Shadrack Banks a Special Team player scored a TD on a 92 yard punt return, he made 2 more in the game. Brannon Davis rushed for a TD. Junior wide receiver Jhalyn Bailey

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#21 Daveon Ford, North Shore Mustang senior running back scores a 5 yard rushing touchdowns. PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL



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%.

IMPLEMENTED

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.

RECOGNIZAED

for compliance with the 166 Texas Law Enforcement Practices by the Texas Police Chiefs Association.



Chamber Golf Tourney success



October 8, after chasing small balls Stonebridge Golf



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



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.



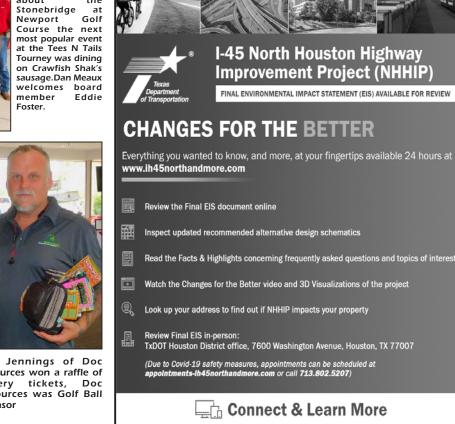
Eric Jennings of Doc Resources won a raffle of lottery tickets, Doc Resources was Golf Ball

COVID - 19 postponed the Annual Tees N Tails Golf Tournament from early Spring un-til 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**

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

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.

ASK THE EXPERT

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What are some of the most famous Diamonds?"

Famous Diamonds Examined by GIA (Gemological Institute of America)

The Hope Diamond, the Dresden Green, and the Idol's Eye - these famous diamonds are spectacularly beautiful jewels that have been admired for centuries. An aura of mystery has always surrounded these rare natural wonders.

The Hope Diamond (VS1 • 45.52ct)

The Hope Diamond may be the most famous colored diamond in the world. A team of GIA gemologists graded it in 1988. Because they were able to weigh the diamond unmounted, they quickly made a notable discovery: the diamond was 45.52 ct, and not 44.50 ct, which had been its previously recorded weight. GIA graders also reported that the Hope Diamond is a cushion antique brilliant. The diamond was color graded as a natural color Fancy dark grayish blue diamond. Since the 1800s, the Hope Diamond had been described as being flawless. Technical specifications aside, the Hope Diamond captivates the imagination like no other gemstone.

The Dresden Green (41.0ct)

In late 1988, GIA gemologists secured permission to examine the famed Dresden Green diamond in the Green Vaults, which was then in East Germany. They were particularly excited, as it promised to provide insight into distinguishing natural from laboratory-irradiated green diamonds (radiation is usually the cause of color in both instances). Because the diamond's history had been recorded since 1741, researchers could be confident that it had not been treated in a laboratory. As the diamond remained mounted upon examination, GIA gemologists were not able to issue a grading report.



Idol's Eye (VVS1 • 70.20 ct)

Another famous diamond shrouded in myth, the Idol's Eye was probably mined in India's Golconda District – an area famed for producing fine diamonds. There are many tall tales about the diamond, including one that says the Idol's Eye is also the Nassak. This has been disproven. The first confirmed documentation of the Idol's Eye was in one of the lots being sold at auction by Christie's London in July 1865.

Diamond Jim is a diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. See more at: www.pineforestjewelry.com.

If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.



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In talking with an



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older friend recently, they mentioned that each year the responsibilities of planning the family Christmas Gathering are rotated from one "limb" of the family tree to another. It seems the grandfather was one of seven siblings, so every seven years, the responsibili-ty falls upon the grandfather and his children to plan the event. My friend mentioned that he is thankful that his grandfather's descendants are known as the ones who valued education. The grand parents had eight children, all of whom graduated from a university and went into a profession using their education. One of his grandfather's brothers became a minister and all three of his sons followed in his footsteps and his two daughters married ministers. Sadly, one of his grandfather's sisters had four sons. The sister's husband along with all four made poor choices and ended up serving various amounts of time in prison.

This conversation started me to think about how I want to be remembered and will my children follow my steps

It just happened that the next day, I ran into some people who were soliciting votes for local candidates. One of the candidates had volunand they were loaded with facts of about the candidate they were soliciting votes for. Another candidate had paid workers showed up in wrinkled mismatched clothes and know little about the candidate they were working for. Yet another candidate had educated their workers and volunteers about themselves. And as

various potential voters approached the polling location, I wondered what their impressions of the candidates were if they could only form that opinion based on the impression of those pushing the literature.

Since there are several ISDs holding elections for their school boards, I would like to encourage voters to research the candidates. Please do $not \ just \ look \ at \ the$ candidate's literature but also look at what they have done in the community, excluding that they do as a school board member. Are they involved in other activities? I know many pastors and have heard several say they are worn out because of all they do. I have asked several to tell me what they do outside of their job as a pastor. Are there any activities that if they were not a pastor, they would still be involved with? If there is a principal in your community, outside of his responsibilities, what activities are they involved in?

And at the same time, we need to ask ourselves what activities we do outside of our jobs. How are we representing our employer? Do others see us as dedicated to doing good things or do they see us as some sloppy person who is always partying? It is important that we teach our children as well as other young people that while appearance matters, their attitude is also important.

As we move about, preparing for the upcoming holidays, let us start by holding ourselves to a higher standard. This year has been tough, but we need to rise forth as overcomers.



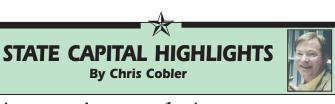
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Accusations rock Attorney General's office

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-

ter.
The Houston Chronicle and other media outlets reported that the allegations 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 ew 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 hospitaliza-tions account for less than 15 percent of available hospital beds and with approval 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 practices to keep Texas moving

"It is time to open up ccobler@texaspress.com.

more, provided that safe protocols continue to be followed," 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 reopening bars yet.
"The data guiding coun-

ty decision-making tells us ve are doing much better than we were a few months ago, but we are still at the 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 6year-old boy. Gov. Abbott issued a di-

saster 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 singlecell 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 amoeba 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 member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at



"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 daycare—which 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 con-cerned. 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 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 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:

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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

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

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 "[I/we] 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 itted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for 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.tceg.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 Octo-ber 4, 2020.

He was born in the Red River Plains of Oklahoma to Jim Davenport and Dora Ashford Davenport on Au-

gust 27, 1928. 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 chil-dren 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 suf-

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 earned to pitch from his father, Jim, and Travis stood proudly on the pitch-er'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.

Travis was preceded in death by his wife Geraldine Atchley Davenport; his son Mike Davenport and son-in-law, Ralph Blaha; his parents, Jim Daven-port 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: daughterin-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, Gin-ny 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 mul-titude 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 pro-

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grams 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 Semifinalists in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more scholarships worth more than \$30 million to be of-fered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists 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 Scholar-ship Program by taking

the 2019 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholar-ship 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.

Mayor's Race candidates state positions

known by Maria D. Rodriguez). I came to Galena Park from Mexico over 40 years ago in search of a better life and opportunities for my family. In that time, I have raised my two sons in Galena Park where they attended GPISD before going on to obtain professional careers, have worked for GPISD for 20 years, and have become a leader in my communi-

For many years I have enjoyed volunteering in my community and serving as a leader through Rotary Club as a member and, for a time, as President, as well as LULAC. I hope, that if nothing else, that through these programs, I have inspired many of our youth to give back through volunteering wherever they may find themselves in life and in the future.

I am now running for Mayor of Galena Park to continue to help where I can and to inspire change, growth and success. I want to bring our community to a level where all of our citizens have a voice and all are treated with the same level of



MARIA CORTEZ-OCHOA

respect.

Our citizens deserve better infrastructure, particularly in the area of water and sewage. Our city employees deserve and should be provided with better training so that they can better maintain this infrastructure along with the city's public spaces. Our businesses have helped carry this city for years, they too deserve our attention and assistance.

It's time for us to all come together. Galena Park, Galena Manor, Woodland Acres, all of us. As a united community we can take move our city beyond the issues we face in our reality today. United we can move address the issues and move forward towards an exciting, prosperous, future.



ESMERALDA MOYA

Esmeralda Moya is a Graduate of Galena Park Senior High School. She earned her Associate's Degree from San Jacinto College, a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from The University of Houston, and a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology Degree from The University of Houston Clear-Lake.

Mayor Esmeralda
Moya serves as the Chief
Executive Officer of the
city. As the City's Chief
Administrator and
Official Representative.
Mayor Esmeralda Moya
is responsible for the
general management of
the city and for seeing
that all laws and ordinances are enforced.

The City of Galena Park made history on June 21, 2014, by electing Mayor Esmeralda Moya as the first female Hispanic to hold this position.



BARRY PONDER

My name is Barry Ponder, and I'm running for Mayor for the City of Galena Park. I've been a resident of Galena Park for over 66 years. I learned my values from two loving parents. My father, a 35 year veteran with the 101st Airborne, taught me the importance of honesty, integrity, respect and public service. My wonderful wife of 37 years, Cheryl and I have two sons My younger son has served in the 82nd Airborne for 25 years, while my elder son works at the Shell Corporation in operations. They have blessed us with four beautiful grandchil-

I am running for Mayor because the city needs a leader that has the skills, background, and energy to get the job done. As Mayor, I realize that good leaders recognize employees; great leaders appreciate them. I believe that change is possible, that opposing political together and ignite fresh solutions to the stubborn problems in our city. I will be a Mayor for everyone regardless of whom you voted for or your race. We have serious full time problems that require a Full Time Mayor.

My strong work ethic and business background serve as the foundation that will enable me to achieve my goals for Galena Park. I will work tirelessly to reach those goals for the citizens; not only Monday thru Friday from 8am - 5pm, but I will also open City Hall one Saturday per month to address citizens' concerns. Below are just a few of my priority goals for the city.

-- Vigorously pursue bringing in new businesses such as a new grocery store, meat market, restaurants, and stores that generate revenue and help create much needed jobs.

-- Initiate flood control measures along Center St. and add retention ponds to alleviate flooding throughout the city.

-- Implement a True infrastructure program by replacing antiquated water and sewer lines.

Galena Park's election and all the local elections are included on the Harris County ballot. The ballot is 21 pages long; look for Galena Park City Council on page 4. Please be sure to get out and VOTE.



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

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 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 championship team. I don't know if ould 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 wait-and-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.

The Cleveland Browns ill 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

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 quarter-back Shane Illingsworth (483 yards, 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, Oklaho-ma 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 recep tions, 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, Mississippi 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 My pick, Florida 41, LSU

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

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 yards, 2 TDs) struck for big play after big play against the Aggies. Saban's team will face a much better 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 otball has Patrick Mahomes (1.134 vards, 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,

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

Buffalo 26, Kansas City

victory as wide receiver Odell Beckham (16 eceptions, 236 yards, 3 TDs) had a monster game with two touchdown receptions and a 50-yard TD run. Quarterback Baker Mayfield (729 vards, 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 vards, 7 TDs), running vards, 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 outduel Mayfield as the Steelers continue to be 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

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 receptions, 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 Bay 29

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 Cowbovs. Dallas will need a big night from Prescott, running back Ezekiel Elliott (273 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Amari Cooper (37 receptions, 401 vards, 1 TD) and CeeDee Lamb (21 recentions 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.

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The football in air, being caught by Nessiah Dunham Mustangs # 87 junior receiver on a 15 yard touchdown pass from Aubrey Broussard a junior quarterback. PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL



Galena Park Elections,

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against Maricela Serna. Running unopposed for Position 2 is Mary Robles.

In the Galena Park school trustee election, voters will be asked to choose for Position 5 between Ken Wimbley, Herbert Alexander Sanchez, or Trent Johnson. For Position 6, they must choose between Noe Esparza or Kristina Zatopek. Running unop-posed for Position 7 is Norma Hernandez.

For State Representative, District 143, Ana Hernandez is running unopposed. In District 144 Mary Ann Perez is challenged by Tony Salas. For State Senator, Dis-

trict 6, incumbent Carol Alvarado is running against Timothy Duffield.

Two Constable races have received a great deal of attention. In Constable Precinct 2, to replace Chris Diaz two candidates are running, either Daniel Vela or Jerry Garcia. In Precinct 3, incumbent Sherman Eagleton is op-

posed by Andre Hines. Sheriff Ed Gonzalez is opposed by Joe Danna, and a new County attorney will be selected to replace retir-ing Vince Ryan, either John Nation or Christian Dashaun Menefee.
For County Clerk to re-

place Chris Holllins, voters will choose between Stan Stanart or Teneshia Hudspeth.

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For Position 1, Keith Liggett is running against Shumona Collins. For Position 2, Hector Martinez opposes Steve Dennis. For Position 3, Alex Ybarra is

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Other unopposed races include Constable Precinct 1, Alan Rosen, and Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Position 1 is Joe Stephens. Also Harris County Commissioner, Precinct 1, Rod-ney Ellis is running

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