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> communities held their annual Jubilee and Festival last Saturday, October

> 20, on a gray day with a slight rainfall.

In spite of the weather, a large crowd lined Jensen

Street to see the parade,

which included marching

bands and dance units, fire and police, horseback

units, and almost every political candidate that is running for office in Harris County.

The Grand Marshals for

the Parade were Jim Mc-Ingvale of Gallery Furni-ture, and City Councilman

Also participating were State Representatives Armando Walle and Ana Her-

nandez. State Senator Sylvia Garcia, and Candi-

date for County Commis-

The Jensen Jubilee and

Jerry Davis.



# **NEWS**

# Jensen holds Jubilee Parade & Festival



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Jensen Jubilee & Festival organizer Pastor David Smith stands with Parade Marshal Jim "Mattress Mack" McInqvale on a wet stage, as the participants and award winners are announced.

Festival was sponsored by UT Physicians Clinic, who also donated scholarships to students from Sam Houston STEM High School.

Other participants in-cluded New Bethlehem Baptist Missionary Church, Greater Jerusalem Baptist Church, Hous-ton Northeast CDC, and the Jensen Jubilee Com-mittee. The Jubilee was a fundraiser for the latter group, to fund community services and other local events.

About 30 vendors had booths, with information and free give-aways. There also was a bounce house, music, and a kid's zone with face painting and a photo booth to keep every-one entertained, as well as several food trucks and

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## **Lone Star College announces** scholarships for students from underserved communities



Lone Star College students and officials celebrate the announcement of the LSC Promise Firsts Scholarship program. Pictured (left to right): LSC graduate Jesús Contreras; Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor; Alton Smith, Ed.D., LSC Board of Trustees chair; LSC graduate Rachel Perez; Massey Villarreal, LSC Foundation Board director; Mario K. Castillo, LSC chief operating officer & general counsel.

HOUSTON (Oct. 26, 2018) - Students living in communities that traditionally lack resources to succeed now have an opportunity for a brighter future thanks to the Lone Star College Promise Firsts Scholarship pro"I am very proud that Lone Star College can now provide additional scholarships specifically designed to help lift students from communities these through higher education," said Stephen C. Head,

Ph.D., LSC chancellor.

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Eight donors pledged a

total of \$250,000 for the fund and another \$250,000 in matching dollars will be provided through Lone Star College Foundation from the Chancellor's discretionary fund.

> See Scholarships, Page 2

## MALL-O-WEEN at GREENSPOINT MALL



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#### Zumba

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#### **Aerobics**

Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am -10 am, Aerobics/Toning/ Stretching Class at Buckner Family Hope Center (formerly, Aldine Youth) on 4700 Aldine-Mail Rte.

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## Hinojosa EC/Pre-K/K School opens KaBoom playground



Hinojosa EC/Pre-K/K students, staff and volunteers from Target and the community looked on as Hinojosa Principal Denise Meister cut the ribbon to officially open the school's new KaBoom playground. The playground was built in one day by volunteers from Target, Hinojosa staff, AISD staff and community members. More than 155 volunteers from Target assisted on the construction of the playground. Also on hand were KaBoom staff members who organized build day. Looking on at the ribbon cutting ceremony were (I-r): Aldine ISD Assistant Superintendent of Community and Governmental Relations Abel Garza and State Rep. Armando Walle. Aldine ISD Board President Steve Mead and School Assistant Superintendent Janet Ray also attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

## HCDE secures Federal Grant to support school violence prevention, student mental health

Oct. 22, 2018 - A \$480,233 federal grant will propel a three-year, layered approach to school violence prevention and mental health training in Harris County schools through Harris County Department of Education's Center for Safe and Secure Schools. The two strands of training empower both students and school staff to help them prevent or prepare for school violence like the shooting in Santa Fe, Texas.

The U.S. Department of

The U.S. Department of Justice grant award, called Student, Teacher and Officers Prevention (STOP) School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training program enables adult trainings in active shooter scenarios, threat assessment, the Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (ALICE) programs and Youth Mental Health First Aid. The program provides training for two staff members from each of the 25 Harris County school dis-

tricts, twice a year.

A second strand of the grant trains 9,500 students during its first year of implementation in Harris County school districts. In 2018-2019, 13 intermediate and middle school campuses are included: 10 from Pasadena and three from La Porte independent school districts. During school years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, an additional 17 schools are added.

"Students gain training in crisis intervention, restorative discipline, bullying prevention and Rachel's Challenge, a program focused on anti-bullying," said Ecomet Burley, director for the Center for Safe and Secure Schools. "We also incorporated information gleaned from Gov. Greg Abbott's School and Firearm Safety Plan."

Burley said this past summer, center officials invited teachers and school personnel and officials from the 25 districts to learn about the grant opportunity. Pasadena and La Porte signed up for year one of the grant.

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HCDE's Center for Grants Development secured the three-year grant. Within the application, research showed that of 1.8 million youth in Houston/Harris County, 32 percent of local middle and high school students feel unsafe going to and leaving from school. According to Texas Education Agency databases, 1,168 assaults were reported on campuses across Houston/Harris County during the 2016-2017 school year, along with 136 weapons found.

The Center for Safe and Secure Schools plans a menu of school safety workshops for the public throughout the year, including the Human Trafficking Summit on Nov. 13 with Children at Risk. For more information, go to www.hcde-texas.org/regis-

## Scholarships,

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The Lone Star College Promise Firsts Scholarship program has been created to assist students living in underserved communities. Pictured (left to right): LSC graduate Rachel Perez; Saul Valentin, LSC Foundation Board chair; and LSC graduate Jesús Contreras.

The LSC Promise Firsts Scholarship program will be made available to qualifying first-generation students to go to college, first-time-in-college, and first responders. A first-generation college student is defined as a student whose parents have not attended college. A student who has never attended a postsecondary college or university is considered a first-time-in-college stu-

dent.
"To the donors who have helped out, I would like to say thank you," said Racheal Cummings, LSC graduate. "My experience at Lone Star College was amazing. I have met so many people who have helped me on my journey and have heaven as words."

and have learned so much."

The eight donors include Magdalena and Tony Grijalva; H.E.-B.; Alex and Cathy Lopez Negrete, Lopez Negrete Communications; George and Kathryn Martinez; Paula Mendoza, Possible Missions; Monty & Ramirez, LLP; Saul and Lisa Valentin; and Massey Villarreal. The LSC Promise Firsts program is scheduled to begin fall 2019.

"I am grateful to these individuals who have joined me in supporting our community," said Saul Valentin, LSC Foundation Board of Directors chair. "This investment in the future of these students will pay dividends for many years to come."

many years to come."
As of fall 2018, 27.3 percent of LSC students received some form of financial aid. That number increases to 43.4 percent for first-time-in-college students.

"This unique and innovative program will provide more opportunities for

students to pursue and complete their higher education, breaking down the barriers to earning a college degree," said Nicole Robinson Gauthier, CFRE, LSC Foundation executive

Founded in 1991, the Lone Star College Foundation has expanded its initial investment of \$20,000 into an extensive portfolio of over \$27 million. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$14 million in scholarships to nearly 14,500 students, as well as more than \$6 million in program support. In 2017-18 alone, LSC Foundation raised \$3.3 million and provided nearly \$1.5 million in scholarships to 1,600 students, and \$2.2 million in program and emergency support to Lone Star College. The mission of the LSC Foundation is to change lives through student scholarships and quality educational pro-grams achieved by excellence in relationship building, fundraising and Visit LoneStar.edu/Giving

for more information.

Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 99,000 students each semester. LSC is training to-morrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with an annual economic impact of nearly \$3 billion. LSC consists of six colleges, eight centers, two university centers, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.









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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

## Celebrating Halloween safely with dogs

of pet parents plan to dress up their dogs for Halloween, according to a Wag! survey.

Is your pup getting in on the Halloween fun? The experts at Wag!, on on-demand dog walking companv. say that it's important

> of pet parents take their dogs trick-or-treating with the family

> > of pet parents look

for funny costumes

ties safe and comfortable for dogs. A Halloween dog costume should never cover eyes, ears or noses or be a choking hazard.

While all those sweet treats are exiting for kids - and even some adults it's important to stash such

DRESS UP YOUR DOG SAFELY

trick-or-treating loot safely away from pets, as common candy ingredients can be toxic to dogs.

You can help ensure a spooktacular Halloween for the entire family, including pets, by taking precautions to keep the celebration hazard-free.

#### Don't cover your dog's eyes, ears, or nose Avoid choking hazards Check fit to ensure costume doesn't restrict movement of pet parents plan Consider a reflective collar to dress their dogs or light to increase visibility for Halloween NO SWEET TREATS! Dogs can get sick from comme ingredients in candy: Chocolate, raisins, and macadamia nuts The sugar-free sweetener Xylitol is highly toxic to dogs

#### SAFETY TRICKS



 Avoid doorbell stress by keeping your dog in a quiet area of your home

 When trick-or-treating, make sure your dog can't escape the leash, collar or harness

## Wag!

## Saying 'Boo' to cavities this Halloween: Preventive tips and tricks for parents and kids

can be a scary holiday for families. Not because of the haunted houses, ghosts and goblins, but because of tooth decay.

On average, between parties and trick-or-treating, kids consume three cups of sugar on October 31 alone, but even before that, the battle has already begun. Parents trick themselves into thinking that this sweet holiday is just one day, but the treats begin early in the month and continue long after the costumes are put away, and the sugar-laden Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays loom ahead

That's one reason October is National Dental Hygiene Month. Another is that while people generally have a brushing "routine," most don't really know how to take optimal care of their teeth. Now, that is frightening.

It's time to correct some

Myth #1—Brush After

Every Meal meals, or after consuming when it's lost, it's gone forsugar-sweetened drinks. can do more harm than good. Surprised? After you eat or drink sugars and starches, acids may be present on your teeth, attacking the enamel and causing them to soften. If products and protocols, you brush them before the enamel has time to rehard- New Enamel.com, a new, en, the polishing com- prescription-based dental pounds in your toothpaste care system that helps

actually damage your teeth. Tiny amounts of precious enamel are being sanded away forever if you brush too soon.

To make things worse, the primary function of toothpaste is to deliver minerals to repair your enamel, and this remineralization is inhibited if your mouth is still acidic right after a meal or sweet beverage

The American Dental Association (ADA) recommends waiting an hour before brushing to lower the risk of harming your enamel. Experts also recommend brushing with fluoride toothpaste 30 minutes before eating. This ensures that your enamel is strong and ready for the acid challenge of typical foods and sweetened

Myth #2—Fillings Are the Only Way to Treat Tooth Decay

proach is to "drill it and fill it." You're born with a lim-Brushing right after ited amount of enamel and ever. Thankfully, new science-based research says preventive dental care can avoid painful fillings, crowns and root canals. Weakened enamel can repair itself with the right such as those found at

verse early decay and lower the risk of future decay, when used correctly.

Myth #3—Sensitive Teeth Cannot Be Cured

Tooth sensitivity can be sign of early tooth decay. Millions of Americans suffer from sensitive, painful teeth, purchasing various over-the-counter toothpastes seeking relief. These products often lack sufficient levels of necessary active ingredients and only mask the sensitivity. Prescription-strength dental care products, containing the optimal amounts of key minerals (calcium, phosphate and fluoride), can more effectively remineralize teeth, greatly reducing sensitivity.

"It's important to follow validated best practices to prevent tooth decay, and keep your enamel strong and healthy," advises Dr. Anthony T. Fernandez, DDS. NewEnamel is defactors that promote decay, and increase the protective factors that enhance repair to the surface of the tooth. The newly repaired enamel surface is often stronger than it was before treat-

ment With some simple precautions and changes to your dental routine, you can help your teeth last a lifetime—and save yourself a lot of money and unnecessary visits to the

## **Bonding Against Adversity** re-focuses on its mission

Bonding Against Adversity had been working in the Aldine community since 2010 offering Healthy Living, Safe Liv-ing, One On One for Students With Potential programs; hosting so many events in the area like Health Fairs, Operation Backpack, Clinics offering free medical access to the community and more. One of our big events has been the Community Holiday Dinner every December helping hundreds of families in the area.

God has a different plan for us. Our main goal has always been to offer non-duplicated program and close the gap of available services to serve the community in the area. To meet the critical needs of the community through successful program, we have elected to re-focus Bonding's mission. Our mission will remain one of 'Helping Others Help Themselves'. Until the students that started with the One on One Mentoring

for Students with Potential program have graduated, we will continue to follow those students' progress until graduation and provide or arrange for assistance as they may require assistance; however, our focus related to this program has shifted to provid-ing Parents' Workshops to help these parents assist their students. We will continue the parenting assistance workshops for these parents and any other of the parents, from the AISD schools, that would be interested in participat-To reach the goals of

cusing on Immigration, Integration and Education through citizenship work shops, citizenship prepara-tion classes, immigration-issues workshops and forums, and civic engagement awareness workshops for U.S. citizens. In addition to guiding Lawful Permanent Residents through the citizenship process, we will provide presentations

our mission we will be fo-

about DAC, TPS and Fam-

ily Preparedness . Unfortunately, with the re-focusing of our programs, we will not be able to host the Community Holiday dinner. We are going to miss the opportunity to provide this program: however, our partners are encouraging us to focus on programs rather than events.

We will be providing programs for the betterment of the community with our focus on immigration, integration and education as the method of 'Helping Others Help Themselves'. We appreciate the trust and support you have provided us over the years and invite you to continue helping Bonding meet its goal of creating a stronger community by 'Helping Others Help

Mariana Sanchez Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Bonding Against Adver-

## on Airline Drive

Houston police are investigating the stabbing of a man that occurred at 11717 Airline Drive about 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct.

The victim, 29, was transported to the North-west Houston Medical

Center in stable condition. According to Officials, HPD patrol officers responded to a stabbing at a billiards hall. Upon arrival they found the victim suffering from stab wounds to his arms and

Further investigation determined the victim was stabbed after he was confronted by a male suspect in the bathroom.

The suspect, who fled the scene on foot, is described only as a Hispanic male, approximately 30 vears old, about 5 feet 10 inches tall with a tattoo on his neck and upper right arm. Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

## Man stabbed Suspect arrested, charged in fatal crash on I-45

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in a fatal crash that oc-curred at 4700 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) around 2:20 a.m. on October 22.
The suspect, Luis Alex-

ander Gaspar, 22, is charged with intoxication manslaughter

According to HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Griffiths and Officer G. Anderson, the drivers of a white Chrysler 300 and a white Chevrolet 3500 van were traveling southbound on Airline when a second white Chevrolet 3500 van (victim's vehicle) traveling northbound on Airline made a left turn onto the North Freeway service road.

The Chrysler 300 ran the red light at the intersection and was struck by the northbound Chevrolet van. The other Chevrolet van also ran the red light and struck the turning vehicle. The front passenger of the northbound Chevro let van was pronounced dead at the scene. A rear passenger of the van was



transported to Ben Taub General Hospital with internal injuries and the driver and an additional passenger suffered minor injuries and were transorted to an area hospital. The driver and a pas-

senger in the Chrysler 300 suffered minor injuries. The driver of the second Chevrolet van (Gaspar) was determined to be impaired and was detained at

The identity of the male victim is pending verifica-tion by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sci-

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#### OPINION PAGE







## Social Security Matter

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – Should I Marry My Girlfriend?

**Dear Rusty**: My girlfriend of nine years

will be 66 on June 4th next year. It was her plan to begin taking half of her ex-husband's SS at that time allowing hers to grow until she reached 70 at which time her benefit would slightly exceed half of her ex's. Three months ago, I was diagnosed with an illness that may very well shorten my time here significantly. So, I'm thinking if we get mar ried she would qualify for 100% of my SS after one year, which would be only four months later than when she could begin taking half her ex's. So, I guess, in that instance she would just begin taking half of my benefit The big question is, what happens if I pass on before we've been married for a year? Is she stuck then at her own reduced rate or can she go back to claim her ex's and allow her own to grow until age 70? I was delaying collecting my own benefits until age 66 in January but began collecting in August after my diagnosis. Thanks for any insight you can offer. Signed: Providing for my Girlfriend

Dear Providing: I'm very sorry to hear of your health situation, but I applaud you for tending to your partner's future during this difficult time. To start, I'd like to clarify that spousal benefits and survivor benefits are two distinctly different things in Social Security. Spousal benefits refer to benefits given while both spouses are living, while survivor benefits refer to those given when one spouse predeceases the other. While you and your new wife would need to be married for at least one year for her to collect spousal benefits from you, you would only need to be married 9 months for her to be eligible for survivor benefits. The distinction, of course, is that as your spouse while you are living she'd be eligible to collect up to 50% of the benefit you're entitled to at your full retirement age, but as your survivor (after 9 months of marriage) she'd be eligible to collect 100% of the Social Security benefit you were receiving at your death.

If you and your girlfriend get married now, she loses her ability to collect only spousal benefits from her ex-

spouse while you are living, because she cannot collect ex-spouse benefits while she is married. But once she is no longer married that ability is restored. So, if you were to pass before you are married for 9 months she would still have the option (because she was born before 1954) of claiming only Social Security spousal benefits on her ex-spouse's record while allowing her own SS retirement benefit to grow by 8% per year until she reaches age 70. At that time, she would switch to the higher benefit on her own record. So, I believe there is little  $\,$ or no risk to your girlfriend's future Social Security benefits for you to get married. If your prognosis is good and you live at least the required 9 months, she can collect survivor's benefits from your record equal to 100% of the amount you are receiving at your death. If you survive beyond one year she will be entitled to file for spousal benefits on your record and collect 50% of your FRA benefit while you are living and then switch to survivor benefits when you pass.

But if your prognosis is not good and you do not survive for the required 9 months of marriage, your new wife will still have the ability (provided she has not yet filed for her own benefits) to file a restricted application for spousal benefits only" on her living ex-husband's Social Security record and allow her own benefit to grow. Once again, I'm failing health, but glad to be able to provide you with some Social Security guidance and, hopefully, ease your anxiety at least on this matter. My best wishes go out to you at this difficult time.

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# Disaster declaration affects counties hit by heavy rains, flooding

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott issued a state disaster declaration for 18 Texas counties recently impacted by deadly weather that claimed at least four lives and caused extensive flood-

On Oct. 16 Abbott authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions to aid in response efforts.

"Texas is taking immediate action to respond to the threat of recent severe weather and flooding across the state. We have made available all necessary resources to respond as quickly and effectively as possible to this disaster and to assist those in harm's way," the governor said. "I thank all our first responders and local officials on the ground in these communities for their efforts to assist fellow Texans during this dangerous event."

Counties included in the disaster declaration are Bastrop, Burnet, Colorado, Fayette, Hood, Jim Wells, Kerr, Kimble, La Salle, Live Oak, Llano, Mason, McMullen, Nueces, Real, San Patricio, Travis and Williamson.

In related news, the Texas Secretary of State's office on Oct. 18 announced that its employees contacted election officials in all 18 counties named in the disaster declaration in order to provide immediate guidance and assess election office closures, equipment damage, issues with polling locations, website availability and any other ongoing issues as a result of severe weather.

Secretary of State Rolando Pablos, Texas' chief elections officer, said his office is working "with both party and elected officials to gather additional information and ensure that any Texas voters affected by severe weather will be accommodated when preparing to cast their ballots."

# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



Early voting began Oct. 22 and runs through Nov. 2. Election Day is Nov. 6.

## Survivors' bill to be filed

Legislation to create a telemedicine program to deliver medical forensic care to sexual assault survivors throughout Texas will be filed soon.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, on Oct. 17 announced she would introduce legislation that addresses the fact that 84 percent of Texas counties currently are not served by a nurse with sexual assault certifications.

sault certifications.

Nelson said her bill would establish telemedicine hubs through which local medical providers may consult with a certified nurse during a sexual assault exam and "dramatically expand the number of locations where survivors can obtain care and ensure evidence is collected in a manner that will stand up in court."

"Every survivor of sexual assault deserves compassionate care and justice, regardless of where they live," Nelson said.

Nelson serves as chair of the state budget-writing Senate Finance Committee.

#### Jobless rate falls further

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 3.8 percent in September, down from 3.9 percent in August, and setting a new record for the lowest unemployment rate recorded in four decades.

The Texas Workforce Commission posted the numbers on Oct. 19, also saying the state's economy added 15,600 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs in September. The annual employment growth was 3.3 percent in September, marking 27 consecutive months of annual growth.

Texas Workforce Commission Chair Ruth Ruggero Hughs said, "Texas' continued addition of jobs over a 27-month period demonstrates the competitive advantage and market opportunities available to our Texas employers and world-class workforce."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.2 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA and the Odessa MSA, which had the second lowest with a rate of 2.7 percent. The Austin-Round Rock and College Station- Bryan MSAs recorded the third lowest rate of 2.9 percent for September.

## Alamo plan is finalized

After the San Antonio City Council voted for final approval of an Alamo plaza lease agreement and closing the streets in front of the Alamo, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush on Oct. 18 released this statement:

"Texas has a rich and unique history defined by the valor of our defenders who gave their lives for a single idea: liberty. The effort to preserve and restore the Alamo battlefield began three years ago and has undergone intense debate and discussion. Today's vote is a historic milestone, showcasing the State of Texas and City of San Antonio's commitment to restoring the Alamo for generations of Texans to come. The story of the Alamo is world-renowned and represents the core of Texas' identity today. I look forward to seeing restoration begin, ensuring the Alamo is around for another 300

## Approval of University of Houston College of Medicine

Houston – Today, October 25, 2018, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the University of Houston's request to create a College of Medicine. Representative Garnet Coleman (D-Houston) and Representative Armando Walle (D-Houston) released the following statement:

"We are pleased that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved the creation of the University of Houston's College of Medicine. We worked together the past few sessions to include a rider in the state budget to help make the College of Medicine a reality.

One of our primary reasons we supported this endeavor is because the University of Houston College of Medicine will focus on educating primary care physicians. Texas is projected to need another 6,260 primary care physicians by 2030.

Even though Houston is home to the Texas Medical Center, significant health disparities persist in parts of the Greater Houston area. The University of Houston is the right institution to reduce those persistent disparities because the College of Medicine will be able to integrate with the University's existing health and healthrelated professions, colleges, and programs to mitigate the primary care shortfall in medically underserved

Additionally, the College of Medicine will lift the research capabilities of many of the existing research centers and activities already occurring at the University of Houston."

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#### SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT &

# Huge games in Big 12, SEC as Texas hosts WVU, 'Bama heads to LSU

The first Saturday of November features two huge college football games, one in the Big 12 and the other in the

In the Big 12, West Virginia and Texas meet in Austin, while in the SEC No. 4-ranked LSU hosts No. 1-ranked Alabama in Baton Rogue in what will probably be played in prime time

The winner of the WVU-Texas game will move one game closer to playing in the Big 12 title game on 1, while the winner of the Alabama-LSU game moves one game closer to the SEC title game, also to played on Dec. 1

These two games will be markedly different, as the offenses should rule the day in Austin, while the defenses rule the day in Baton Rogue.

Both games should be must viewing for college football fans, as should the Notre Dame Northwestern game and the Penn State-Michigan game. The Irish have a tricky road test against a game Northwestern team. The Wildcats aren't worldbeaters, but they play hard and would like nothing more than to throw a wrench into Notre Dame's undefeated season. A Michigan win over Penn State in Ann Arbor would make Jim Harbaugh's team the favorite to win the Big 10 East after Ohio State was exposed two weeks ago in their 49-20 loss at Purdue The Wolverines have one of the the offense is starting to come around. Perhaps this is the year Harbaugh breaks through and rewards the Michigan faithful with a College Football Playoff (CFP) berth. Only time will tell.

In the NFL, the suddenly hot Texans travel to Denver to take on a Broncos team that may have saved its season, and its head coach's job, two weeks ago with a 45-10 thumping of Arizona. Granted, the Cardinals are perhaps the worst team in the NFL, but the Broncos badly needed that win. While the Broncos were routing the Cardinals, the Texans won their fourth straight game of the season with a 20-7 win at Jacksonville and in the process took over first place in the AFC South. Maybe, just maybe, the

Sunday Night Football pits Aaron Rodgers against Tom Brady as the Packers visit Foxborough in what should be an offensive shootout. On Monday Night Football, the Cowboys and recently acquired wide receiver Amari Cooper will host Tennessee. Dallas traded a No. 1 pick for the speedy Cooper to give quarterback Dak Prescott a deep threat. Cooper has talent, but he also has a case of the dropsees, but perhaps a change of scenery is what he needs Jerry Jones and Jason Garrett sure hope so! Before we take a look at this

week's games, let's review last week's record. A 9-3 week upped the season record to 58 38 (60%). Now, onto this week's

#### HIGH SCHOOL

Eisenhower vs. Spring -Fric Jackson's Eagles host Spring on Thursday night in Thorne Stadium, Two weeks ago, the Eagles defeated Nimitz 28-20 as quarterback Christian Sims threw for 158 yards and two touchdowns. Sevan Guidry added 179 yards on the ground sniffing a playoff berth and should move one step closer to the playoffs with a win over Spring on Thursday. My pick, Fisenhower 33, Spring 20

Aldine vs. DeKaney - Hank Semler's Mustangs dropped a 34-7 decision to Spring two weeks ago and face a struggling



DeKaney team this week. In the loss to Spring, Jacory Howard had another solid game rushing for 111 yards. DeKaney lost to David 31-0. Look for another big night from Howard as the Mustangs pick up a hard-fought win this week. My pick, Aldine 23, DeKaney 21

Nimitz at Westfield -Richard Slater's Cougars will have their hands full with a Westfield team that has been the class of District 16-6A this season. Two weeks ago, the Cougars dropped a tough 28-20 decision to Eisenhower. Jayvon Davis picked up 107 yards and one touchdown in the lke game, while wide receiver Karl Reynolds caught two passes for 91 yards, and both of his receptions produced touchdo (72 and 19 yards). My pick, Westfield 34 Nimitz 29

MacArthur vs. Davis - Two weeks ago, James Showers Falcons blanked DeKaney 31-0 as running back DeMarcus Barlowe had a big night with 126 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Fellow running mate Culverson Taylor added 78 yards on the ground and one score. Wayne Crawford's Generals dropped a 31-13 decision to Westfield as quarterback Eric Delgado tossed a 43-yard scoring pass to Armando Ordenana. Look for the Davis rushing attack to take command as the Falcons keep their playoff hopes alive. My pick, Davis 34, MacArthur 26

Notre Dame at Northwestern - No. 3-ranked Notre Dame travels to Evanston, III. to take on Northwestern on Saturday night in a game ND head coach Brian Kelly has to be concerned about The Irish are obviously the more talented team, but the Wildcats have enough grit in them to make this a competitive game. The Wildcats are led by quarterback Clayton Thorson (1,905 yards, 9 TDs), running back Jeremy Larkin (346 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Flynn Nagel (56 receptions, 693 yards 2 TDs). The Notre Dame defense must contain Thorson and Nagel and keep them from making plays downfield. The Irish offense should have a big edge on the Wildcat defense. ND has been much more efficient on offense ever since Ian Book (1,151 yards, 11 TDs) took over at quarterback and Dexter Williams (370 yards, 4 TDs) became the starting running back after missing the team's first four games as he served a suspension. Book's favorite receiver is Miles Boykin (32 receptions, 512 yards, 4 TD) Kelly knows if his team is to land one of the CFP slots, they probably need to go undefeated, so don't expect a let down come Saturday night. My pick, Notre

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Penn State at Michigan Michigan can take command of the Big 10 East with a win over Penn State on Saturday. The Wolverines look like a team that could also land a CFP spot if they win out, meaning they earn a Big 10 title. The Michigan defense is stout and played very well two weeks ago during its 21-7 win at Michigan State. The offense is coming around as quarterback Shea Patterson (1,523 yards, 12 TDs) and running back Karan Higdon (831 yards, 6 TDs) are jelling at just the right time. The Michigan defense will need to contain PSU quarterback Trace McSorley (1,461 passing yards, 11 TDs: 554 rushing yards, 8 TDs) and running back Miles Sanders (772 yards, 8 TDs). Look for the Michigan defense to turn in another solid effort as Harbaugh's team takes a big step towards the Big 10 title game.

My pick, Michigan 26, Penn

West Virginia at Texas -Texas fans have been waiting for their team to return to prominence and a win at home against a very good West Virginia team would send a resounding nessage to the rest of the Big 12 that UT is indeed back. Texas entered last week's game at Oklahoma State ranked No. 6 in the nation and a win over the Cowbovs would be the seventh straight for Tom Herman's team. West Virginia's hopes for an undefeated season went up in smoke on Oct. 13 when they were upset by Iowa State, 31-14. The Mountaineers played at Baylor last Thursday, which gave Dana Holgorson's team a few extra days to prep for the 'Horns. The Texas defense will have its hands full with quarterback Will Grier (1,917 yards, 22 TDs) and his host of talented wide receivers in Gary Jennings, Jr (30 receptions, 402 yards, 6 TDs), and David Sills V (32 receptions, 390 yards, 7 TDs). This will be UT's defense toughest test of the season, but that unit has been playing better week-by-week and should be up to the test. The Texas offense should have the edge on a so-so WVII defense Quarterback Sam Ehlinger (1,534 yards, 11 TDs) should return after leaving the Baylor game with a sprained shoulder on Oct. 13. He has solid targets to throw to in Lil'Jordan Humphrey (42 receptions, 576 yards, 4 TDs)

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receptions, 563 yards, 5 TDs). This is the sort of game UT fans have been waiting for, and I have a feeling they won't leave Royal Memorial Stadium disappointed on Saturday. My pick, Texas 34,

West Virginia 29 Alabama at LSU - No. 1ranked Alabama brings its highscoring offense into Death Valley to face a LSU team that has played especially well at home this season, especially on defense. Two weeks ago, the Crimson Tide rolled to a 58-21 win at Tennessee, while the LSU defense stymied Mississippi State, 19-3. The LSU defense will try to do what no other defense has been able to do this season, slow down 'Bama QB Tua Tagovailoa (2,066 yards, 25 TDS) and the potent Crimson Tide offense. Alabama averages 54 points a game and is loaded with weapons. The wide receiving corps is fast and talented led by Jerry Judy (31 receptions, 777 yards, 10 TDs), Henry Ruggs III (24 receptions, 444 yards, 7 TDs) and Devonta Smith (21 receptions, 409 yards, 3 TDs). 'Bama can also run it behind Damien Harris (489 yards, 4 TDs), Naje Harris (489 yards, 4 TDs) and Josh Jacobs (267 yards, 8 TDs). If LSU hopes to pull off the upset, its offense must control the clock and keep the Alabama offense off the field That's easier said than done. LSU quarterback Joe Burrow (1,544 yards, 6 TDs) will rely on his running game led by Nick Brossette (697 yards, 10 TDs) and Clyde Edward-Helarie (521 vards, 5 TDs) to chew up clock and keep Tua on the bench. I think LSU gives Alabama a game, but Nick Saban's team is just too good on offense to be slowed down for an entire game Plus, the Tide know how to deal with the pressure of playing in big games and that will surface come Saturday night in Baton Rogue. My pick, Alabama 31,

Pittsburgh at Baltimore -

One of the nastiest rivalries in

the NFL returns on Sunday when the Steelers visit the Ravens in a key AFC North game for both teams. After a slow start to the season, the Steelers have been coming on lately and found themselves in first place in the division during their bye week as the Ravens lost at home to New Orleans when one of the game's best kicker, Justin Tucker missed the first extra point of his outstanding career. This should be a defensive battle, so both teams' offenses will need to take advantage of scoring opportunities when they present themselves. Look for Ben Rothlisberger (2,033 yards, 12 TDs) to look to make plays downfield to speed wide receivers JuJu Smith-Schuster (42 receptions, 561 yards, 2 TDs) and Antonio Brown (40 receptions, 478 yards, 6 TDs). James Conner (453 yards, 7 TDs) will probably once again handle the running duties while the Steelers continue to wait on Le'Von Bell's return. Baltimore QB Joe Flacco (2,067 yards, 11 TDs) should be able to make plays against a suspect Steelers secondary. Prior to their open week, the Steelers won a big road game at Cincinnati and something tells me they do the same this week to take control of the AFC North. My pick,

Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 20 Houston at Denver - Bill O'Brien's team has turned its season around after losing its first three game and they need to keep the momentum going heading into the second half of the season. Denver has struggled this year, but is tough at home, so don't expect the Texans to look past the Broncos this week. Two weeks ago in their 20-7 win at Jacksonville, DeShaun Watson (1,937 yards 10 TDs) and DeAndre Hopkins (47 receptions, 707 yards, 4 TDs) did just enough to get the win, but it was the defense that won the day. Look for J.J. Watt, Jadaveon Clowney and Co. to once again bring the heat as they force a key turnover or two from Case Keenum (1,848 yards 8 TDs) as the Texans get a nice road win to keep the momentum going. My pick, Houston 26,

**King** Crossword

Green Bay at New England What a treat for Sunday Night Football as Rodgers and Brady meet in prime time in what should be a fun game to watch. The Packers will be playing their second straight road game and after traveling to the West Coast last week to face the Rams, the hit the East Coast this week to take on the surging Patriots. That's a lot of traveling in a short period of time. Rodgers (1,997 yards, 12 TDs) should put up big numbers against a struggling NE defense. Look for him and wide receiver DaVante Adams (47 receptions, 557 yards, 6 TDs) to make some big plays on Sunday night, and Brady (1,876 yards, 16 TDs) will do the same with tight end Rob Gronkowski (26 receptions, 408 yards, 1 TD) and running back James White (189 rushing yards, 1 TD; 45 receptions, 380 yards, 6 TDs). Gronk should be back after missing the Chicago game two weeks ago with a knee and ankle injury, which is good news for Patriot fans. This one should go down to the final possession and my money is on Brady to make one more play than Rodgers. My

pick, New England 38, Green

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Tennessee at Dallas - The Cowboys debut their new offensive weapon in wide receiver Amari Cooper when they host Tennessee on Monday Night Football. Dallas fans are hoping Cooper is the deep threat quarterback Dak Prescott (1,417 vards. 8 TDs) has been lacking the first seven weeks of the season that saw the Cowboys struggle to a 3-4 record. Their bye week came at just the right time and it gave Cooper and Prescott an extra week to get to know one another and develop some chemistry. If Cooper opens up the passing game, that should running back Ezekiel Elliott (619 yards, 3 TDs), which would be a big boost to the Dallas offense. The Cowboys defense should be able to get to Titans QB Marcus Mariota (1,030 yards, 3 TDs) and force him into a turnover or two The Titans struggle on offense and those woes will continue on Monday night as the Cowboys and get back in the NFC East race. My pick, Dallas 31,

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Conservation Con-nections. Wednesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 8:30 a.m

Join Horticultural Coordinator Matt Abernathy Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. to assist with conservation projects around Jones Park. Projects may include the following: pollinator garden maintenance, vegetation management, habitat restoration, native plant propagation, biological surveys, and more throughout the year. Ages 10 and up. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Participants need to wear closed-toed shoes and bring their own gloves. Long pants, water, and a hat are recommend-

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By Wilson Casey-

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3. Who called the city of Nineveh the mistress of witchcraft? Ahab, Nahum, Lucifer, Peter

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5. From 1 Samuel 16, what king of Israel was tor-mented by an evil spirit? Solomon David Elah Saul 6. What mark of the beast number comes from

Revelation 13? 7, 333, 490, ANSWERS: 1) Neither;

2) 7; 3) Nahum; 4) Exodus; 5) Saul; 6) 666



wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

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