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# NORTHEAST NEWS



Fall Festival Nov. 2nd in East Aldine

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## NEWS NOTES

# Early Voting starts October 21

Constitutional Amendments, METRO, Aldine ISD Trustees on Ballot

### Exercising with Sory

At Buckner Family Hope Center, 4700 Aldine Mail Rt., 77039. Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**HARRIS COUNTY** – Monday Oct. 21 is the first day of Early Voting in the General Election. Aldine area residents will vote on 10 constitutional amendments, METRO's MetroNext bond issue, and Aldine ISD school board positions.

Early voting continues through November 1, and you may vote this year at any election location. The General Election is scheduled for November 5.  
**ALDINE SCHOOL BOARD**  
There are four open positions on the Aldine

School Board this year.  
For Trustee Position 1, Steven Moore, Jimmy Edward Morales, Jamail Johnson, and William "Randy" Bates are running.  
For Trustee Position 2, incumbent Paul Shanklin

is running unopposed.  
For Trustee Position 6, Kimberly Booker, Danny Spears, and Rickey Tezino are running. Booker is the incumbent.  
For Trustee Position 7, Viola Garcia, Terkara Cormier, and Nico

Mathews are running. Garcia is the incumbent.  
**METRO BOND ISSUE**  
Proposition A on the ballot would authorize a \$3.5 billion bond issue, to be  
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### U.S. Census Hiring event

At High Meadows Branch Library. For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2010 or stop by High Meadows Branch Library on October 24, 2019 from 10 am - 1 pm and speak with the Census people that will be there. Hiring for different positions.

### Citizenship Workshop

Saturday, October 26, 8:00am at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 19222 Tomball Pkwy, Houston, 77070. Questions? please call 281-799-9076 or text 832-906-4214.

### EAMD Fall Festival

Dia de los Muertos, November 2, 2019, 10 am - 2 pm at East Aldine Town Center, 2800 Aldine Mail Rt. Live entertainment, food trucks, games, raffles, face painting, kids dance & sugar skull face painting contests. Sponsorship packages available (deadline-Oct. 28). To volunteers or for questions: NPerez@AldineDistrict.org

### Kujawa Seniors Gala

Nadine Kujawa Senior Citizen Gala. Live entertainment, lunch will be provided. December 9, 2019 at M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd, Houston, Tx 77032. All seniors ages 65 and over welcome, 10 am - 1 pm.

## Jensen Jubilee Parade & Festival

**NORTHEAST HOUSTON** – Warm sunny weather brought out hundred of people from the Northeast Houston community, to view the parade and take part in the festivities. The weather was a marked contrast to last year, when heavy rain dampened everyone's spirit. The parade consisted of floats, marching units, and several equestrian groups. Units were from local schools, churches, the police, sheriff, and Houston fire department, and local politicians. The terminus of the parade was Shady Lane Park on Parker Road, where free food, and information booths from local service agencies were set up under the roofed pavilion. After a round of welcoming speeches highlighted by Mayor Turner, who voiced his commitment to the Jensen neighborhood, and Pastor David Smith, head of the



The Jensen Jubilee supporters included these speakers: L to R, Mike Knox, Armando Walle, Carol Alvarado, Karla Cisneros, Mayor Sylvester Turner, Sylvia Garcia, Yuroba Harris, and Pastor David Smith, NECDC president.

NECDC who organized the parade, the main sponsor U.T. Physicians took the stage. Andrew Casas, COO of U.T. Physicians, presented \$2000 scholarships to two high achieving students from Sam Houston high

school. Receiving the awards were DeAnn Mendoza, and David Gone. U.T. Physicians has been providing a needed health clinic in the Jensen area for  
*See Jensen Jubilee, page 8*

## Harris County Emergency Corps paramedic hit by foul ball

**HOUSTON, October 15, 2019** – Brian Cariota, Paramedic with Harris County Emergency Corps (HCEC) was injured during Game 2 of the AL Championship Series by a foul ball. Cariota was discharged from the hospital to continue his recovery at home. He and his family are thankful for the outpouring of support, especially from the Houston Astros. He plans to cheer for the Astros as he continues to recover from his injuries. "Brian is a top-notch paramedic and supervisor," said Jeremy Hyde, CEO at HCEC. "Our HCEC family continues to keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers as he recovers."  
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Brian Cariota

## 45th Texas Renaissance Festival now open thru December 1st



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TexRenFest.com.  
The 45th season will feature nine themed weekends, including Oktoberfest, 1001 Dreams, Barbarian Invasion, Pirate Adventure, All Hallows Eve, Heroes and Villains, Highland Fling and Celtic Christmas. A special themed weekend on Nov. 2-3, Return to the Renaissance, celebrates the festival's 45th anniversary and takes a nostalgic look back at the festival's beginnings. "We are thrilled to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Texas Renaissance Festival this season," said Joe Bailey, CEO and General Manager, Texas Renaissance Festival. "We look forward to continuing the magical enchantment that can only be found within the gates of the festival."

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

# Generals cruise to 11th straight cross country title

The MacArthur High cross country team dominated the field at the District 16-6A Cross Country Meet, earning a perfect score of 15 to advance to the Region II Meet, slated for Monday, Oct. 28 in Dallas at the Jessie Owens Memorial Complex.

The Generals, under the direction of head coach Xang Chareunsub and assistant coach Kelly Silha, swept the top five individual places en route to the dominating victory. The Aldine High Mustangs finished in second place to also earn a trip to the regional meet.

In the girls' division, MacArthur finished second overall and Aldine placed third and both squads also advanced to the Region II Meet in Dallas.

The Generals consisted of Emiliano Flores, Xavier Cerda, Justin Rose, Allan Martinez, Jay Hernandez, Giovanni Silva and Sabas Torres.

The Aldine High boys' team consisted of Brian Williams, Edward Mota, Christopher Lovao, Daniel Plascencia and Jairo Hernandez.

The MacArthur girls' team consisted of Samantha Hernandez, Olga Robles, Vivian Lugo, Izabel Banda, Julieta Vega, Ash-



The MacArthur High School cross country team won its 11th straight district title on Thursday, Oct. 17. The Generals dominated the field sweeping the top five individual places to earn a perfect score of 15 points. Pictured are, bottom row (l-r): Emiliano Flores, Xavier Cerda and Justin Rose. Standing (l-r): Allan Martinez, Jay Hernandez, Giovanni Silva and Sabas Torres. The team is under the direction of head coach Xang Chareunsub and assistant coach Kelly Silha. The District 16-6A Meet was held at Lone Star College-North Harris. The Generals advanced to the Region II Meet, scheduled for Oct. 28 in Dallas at the Jessie Owens Memorial Complex.

ley Sosa and Flora Gutierrez.

The Aldine girls' team consisted of Keiara Toney Joyner, Kiarrah Thompson, Hope Nwogu, Yessenia Ramirez, Jacelyn Gutierrez and Hannah Chavez.

Alex Doyle, Byron Doyle and Erika Sanchez of Nimitz High advanced to regionals by finishing in the top 10 individually.

# October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The action is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

District leaders believe that bullying, hazing, harassment, and intimidation significantly reduce a student's ability to achieve. They believe that all students have the right to a safe, caring, and respectful learning environment. That is why the district is committed to providing resources and education about the dangers of bullying.

Bullying behavior is experienced through a variety of methods such as verbal, social, physical, and cyberbullying (e.g., text messaging, social media). One way students can help prevent bullying is by reporting it.

According to Twiana Collier, a lot of students don't report bullying because they may think someone has already noticed, or they fear they will be stigmatized for reporting the problem. Collier advises students to reach out to campus principals,

assistant superintendents, teachers, coaches, and campus counselors. Collier is the director of guidance, counseling, and student support services.

"We want students to know that we are providing them a safe place where they can talk about things that are happening at school and outside of the school," Collier said. "Students need to know that they're being heard and that there's going to be a response to this."

### Reporting Bullying

The district investigates all reports of bullying. Students, parents/legal guardians, or witnesses should immediately report such incidents to the school principal or assistant principal. Individuals can also submit reports of bullying to the assistant superintendent who oversees the campus. When an incident occurs, the following steps are taken to address the matter:

- A report is generated that outlines the incident and the parties involved.
- The designated site administrator conducts a thorough investigation.
- Parents of both the

victim and perpetrator are notified of the incident.

• Disciplinary action, if necessary, is taken and enforced by the site administrator.

• The victim and the perpetrator will be provided counseling if needed.

Students can also contact Crime Stoppers, (713) 222-TIPS or (713) 222-8477, to anonymously report bullying, abuse, bomb threats, cyber crimes, discrimination, drugs, health concerns, suspicious behavior, vandalism, fighting, and weapons. Additionally, individuals can contact the Aldine ISD Police Department (281) 442-4923.

### District's Bullying Prevention Effort

Learn about the district's efforts to prevent bullying by teaching every student how to be an 'ally.' View Board policies such as Freedom From Bullying by visiting AldineISD.org.

With families, students, community, and staff members working together, Aldine ISD will maintain school environments that are safe and conducive for learning.

Speak Up!

# Houston Airport System becomes first in nation to formally join federal campaign against human trafficking

HOUSTON - Sylvester Turner and Houston Airport System (HAS) Director Mario Diaz signed a memorandum of understanding Oct. 8, 2019, with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), forging a public outreach campaign to combat human trafficking through a program called Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI).

BLI is an element of the DHS Blue Campaign led by DOT and DHS Component Agency, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). BLI trains personnel to combat human trafficking within the commercial aviation industry.

HAS is the first airport system in the country to become a formal BLI partner.

"Under Secretary (Elaine) Chao's leadership, the DOT is empowering transportation organizations, employees and the traveling public with the knowledge to recognize and report suspected instances of human trafficking. This BLI partnership is an impressive step forward, one that highlights the dedication of this community in taking a stand to end human trafficking. It will make a difference in many lives," said David Short, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.

"DHS is proud to announce a BLI partnership with the Houston Airport System. Airport employees will play a vital role in combating human trafficking in Houston through identifying possible victims and reporting these suspicions to law enforcement. We look forward to continuing this important relationship and further efforts to combat human trafficking in our country" said Kaitlin Seale, Program Manager DHS Blue Campaign. "The City of Houston and the Houston Airport System fully support the anti-human trafficking goals of the BLI. This agreement affirms and recognizes our goal to completely eradicate all forms of human trafficking," Mayor Turner said. "We will do everything in our power to work with the federal government in ending these heinous crimes."

"The Houston Airport System remains committed to helping our federal partners in their efforts to combat human trafficking. The practice of human trafficking is a scourge to humanity, and it must end," Diaz said.

Prior to Super Bowl LI in Houston in February 2017, HAS promoted awareness and education

among volunteers and staff on how to identify possible human trafficking victims. "Since then," Diaz said, "we have taken a highly visible and proactive stance to show that human trafficking is not acceptable at Houston's airports."

In addition to the BLI campaign, HAS's related efforts include training in coordination with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and an art initiative to increase awareness of human trafficking. HAS also added an anti-trafficking statement to its fly2houston.com website.

All modes of transportation can be unwitting conduits for human trafficking; thus, with proper awareness and training, employees in the transportation industry can be key assets in identifying and reporting suspicious behavior. The new partnership with HAS, one of the largest airport systems in the world, will further discourage human trafficking activity and all HAS employees will be trained to detect the signs of labor and sex trafficking. When such suspicions are triggered, employees have been instructed to follow the BLI reporting protocol and expeditiously report tips to the DHS Tip Line number at 1-866-347-2423.

Mayor Turner's special adviser on human trafficking, Minal Patel Davis, oversees internationally recognized training of city workers, such as Health Department restaurant inspectors, to identify human trafficking and alert law enforcement.

\*The United States Department of Homeland Security and the United States Department of Transportation are Federal agencies of the United States Government and are separate and distinct entities from this Airport system.

# Early Voting,

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used for METRO street improvements, mobility projects, and other facilities. Funds for this work would come from the existing Sales Tax, and there would not be any additional taxes required. Projects included in this proposal are a new MetroRapid Bus System, more HOV lanes, and extension of the MetroRail system.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Texas will vote on 10 new Constitutional Amendments on November 5th. The issues addressed include a state income tax, creating a flood infrastructure fund, and funding for the Cancer Research and Prevention Institute of Texas. The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWVTX) conducts research on each amendment to provide fair and unbiased information to Texas voters.

"The Texas Constitution is among the longest in the country. Since it was adopted in 1876, 498 amendments have been approved by Texas voters. You decide which of the 10 proposed amendments will become part of the Texas Constitution," says LWVTX president Grace Chimene.

The League's Voters Guide is available online on the LWVTX website and Texas voters can review their ballot, make choices, and print out their choices from VOTE411.org. The printed Voters Guide can be found at many Texas public libraries. Texas voters may take the printed Voters Guide, their VOTE411.org printed list, or their own notes into the polling booth. They may not use their phone in the polling place.

### Amendments to consider in this election:

-- Proposition 1 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow a municipal judge to be elected in more than one jurisdiction.

-- Proposition 2 (SJR 79) would allow the Water Development Board to issue general obligation bonds for the Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP). The outstanding bonds could not exceed \$200 million. The bonds would be used to develop water supply and sewer projects in economically depressed areas of the state. The EDAP assists water infrastructure projects when the median income of a region is less than 75% of the state's median income.

-- Proposition 3 would

allow the Texas Legislature to give a temporary property tax exemption in a disaster area.

-- Proposition 4 would prohibit the Texas Legislature from establishing a personal state income tax.

-- Proposition 5 would require the Legislature to allocate sales tax revenue from sporting goods sales to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission.

-- Proposition 6 would authorize the Legislature to double the maximum bond amount for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to \$6 billion.

-- Proposition 7 would double the amount of money that the General Land Office could distribute to the Available School Fund to \$600 million.

-- Proposition 8 would create a Flood Infrastructure Fund to assist in financing drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control products.

-- Proposition 9 would authorize the legislature to exempt precious metals held in a Texan precious metal depository to be exempted from property taxes.

-- Proposition 10 would allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 5TH ELECTION

Last Day to Register to Vote for 11/5 Election: October 7

Early Voting: October 21 to November 1

Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballot: October 25

Vote by Mail Deadline: Must be received by November 5 at 7pm

Election Day: Nov. 5

### VOTER ID INFORMATION

In Texas, you are required to bring a valid form of ID with you to the polls. There are 7 forms of ID you can use: a Driver's License, a US passport, a US military photo ID, a Texas Personal Identification card, a photo US citizenship certificate, or a Texas Election Identification Certificate. If you do not have a photo ID or cannot reasonably obtain one, you may still vote upon signing a form and presenting an original copy of your Voter Registration Card, certified birth certificate, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck with your name and address on it.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

### Commissioner Adrian Garcia increases the Utilization of Certified Small Businesses

HARRIS COUNTY, TX - Commissioner Adrian Garcia is committed to encouraging and supporting small, minority, and women-owned businesses across Precinct 2, creating jobs and strengthening the economy as part of his overall efforts to promote economic opportunity. "I didn't want our MWBE efforts to be 'business-as-usual,' so I tasked my team to track payments to contractors, not just commitments," said Commissioner Garcia. "All too often, I've seen MWBE commitments left unfulfilled, and I believe the true measure of success for a MWBE program is in payments being released to certified firms."

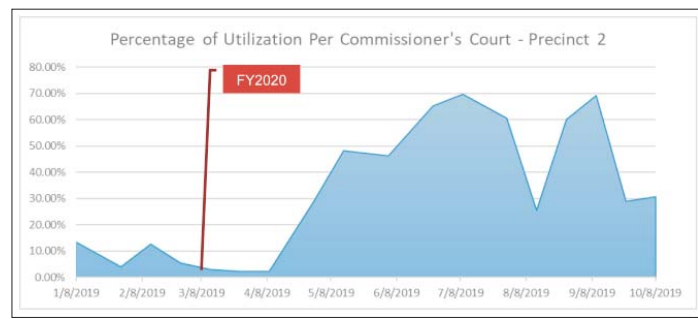
Since becoming Commissioner, Precinct 2 has released \$16,949,297.20 to MWBE firms out of \$46,885,277.84 in contract payments to Certified Prime Contractors. Commissioner Garcia also tasked his Precinct 2 Purchasing Department to develop aggressive internal vendor outreach efforts on all contracts, including small purchases under \$50,000. The new efforts included training sessions for vendors, social media outreach campaigns, as well as cold-calling vendors within the different certified databases and to

Precinct 2 Total Vendor Invoice Payments approved by Commissioner's Court Date with MWBE Invoice Payments

Totals	\$ 46,885,277.84	\$ 16,949,297.20	36.15%
Court Date	Payments Released	Certified Firms	Percentage
1/8/2019	\$ 844,934.74	\$ 113,276.87	13.41%
1/29/2019	\$ 6,513,156.54	\$ 262,826.45	4.04%
2/12/2019	\$ 1,479,747.38	\$ 189,471.46	12.80%
2/26/2019	\$ 908,449.66	\$ 49,197.26	5.42%
3/12/2019	\$ 424,410.45	\$ 12,660.14	2.98%
3/26/2019	\$ 3,583,068.63	\$ 84,705.54	2.36%
4/9/2019	\$ 1,014,080.18	\$ 23,412.79	2.31%
4/30/2019	\$ 1,639,785.46	\$ 474,498.91	28.94%
5/14/2019	\$ 3,898,706.23	\$ 1,874,514.88	48.08%
6/4/2019	\$ 4,374,504.45	\$ 2,024,852.25	46.29%
6/25/2019	\$ 4,539,007.90	\$ 2,955,151.30	65.11%
7/9/2019	\$ 2,901,079.14	\$ 2,021,291.53	69.67%
7/30/2019	\$ 3,719,715.90	\$ 2,249,500.98	60.48%
8/13/2019	\$ 1,002,339.81	\$ 256,135.13	25.55%
8/27/2019	\$ 1,683,330.32	\$ 1,008,752.18	59.93%
9/10/2019	\$ 2,130,129.54	\$ 1,472,902.93	69.15%
9/24/2019	\$ 2,224,921.58	\$ 646,459.57	29.06%
10/8/2019	\$ 4,003,909.93	\$ 1,229,687.03	30.71%

businesses that are located within Precinct 2. "When I came into office, I wanted to strengthen the local economy of Precinct 2, and one of the best ways is to make sure all businesses get an opportunity to do work with the county and provide competition." The new vendor outreach efforts were implemented March 1, 2019 at the start of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 by the committed personnel of

Precinct 2 and have exceeded all expectations. The percentage of payments to certified firms continues to increase each Commissioner's Court. "Being a Small, MWBE business is a strength, not a weakness. When we empower local businesses to compete for County contracts, we create a better Precinct 2 for everyone," said Commissioner Garcia.



### Grafikpress Newspapers featured on ABC13+ community program



TV Channel 13 features a number of local communities and businesses on their ABC13+ segment, which airs on broadcast TV and also Facebook and Twitter.

One of the segments featured Grafikpress Newspapers, including the Northeast News, Star-Courier and North Channel Star. Publisher Gilbert Hoffman, seen above with cameraman Willie and reporter Pooja Lodhia was interviewed.

Others featured in the program included the Crosby Heliport, Crosby Stars Cheerleaders and athletes and band, United in Christ charity, La Casita Taqueria restaurant, Straight Off the Road BBQ restaurant, and Scott Stephens of the Cody Foundation.

Viewers can see the videos on the ABC13.com/plus website, or on Facebook and Twitter. The link to see the program is <https://abc13.com/society/meet-the-man-behind-the-crosby-star-courier/5589062/>.



Press foreman Luis Hernandez, left, and Publisher Gilbert Hoffman reviewed printed copies just off the press at the newspaper office and printing plant of the Grafikpress Corp., publisher of the Northeast News.

### Texas House Redistricting Committee to hold Public Input Hearings in Houston October 22 and 23

The Texas House Redistricting Committee is charged with conducting public input hearings as a first step to the redistricting process that will finish in 2021. Hearings will be held in Houston on October 22 and 23, and citizens are invited to participate.

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 3:00 PM  
 Location: Lone Star College-North Harris, Student Services Building Conference Center in Room 208 located at 2700 W.W. Thorne Drive, Houston, Texas 77073.  
 See: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C0802019102215001.HTM>

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 11:30 AM  
 Location: Texas Southern University, Roderick R. Paige School of Education, Education Auditorium, located at 3100 Cleburne St, Houston, TX 77004.  
 See: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C0802019102311301.HTM>

The hearings serve an opportunity for citizens to influence the future state legislative and federal election maps. Speaking up about your community is critical to ensuring district lines are drawn to keep your community whole and grouped with similar communities that have shared interests. This ensures that your voice, and the voice of your community, is heard by your elected leaders in such decisions as the quality of the air you breathe, the quality of your child's school, and how much you pay in taxes. The hearings are also an opportunity for the public to encourage the committee to conduct a fair process open to public view and comment. Despite representations made, the public input hearings have not been well publicized - so it's critical to get the word out. Two more hearings are tentatively scheduled for Montgomery County/Conroe on Wednesday, May 6th and Fort Bend County/Sugar Land on Thursday, May 7th. These public input hearings may be one of

the only opportunities ordinary citizens have to provide in-person, direct comments to the Committee about how Houston districts should be drawn.

Grace Chimene, President of the League of Women Voters of Texas:

"During the redistricting process, new district lines are drawn that impact the power of your vote and how you are represented in the Texas Legislature and in the US Congress. We need people to watch when these new maps are drawn to guard against gerrymandering. Our very democracy depends on a fair and open redistricting process, which can only be achieved with full and active participation by the general public."

The League of Women Voters is committed to empowering voters and defending democracy. You can find more information about redistricting and how to prepare for the public input hearings on its website: <https://my.lwv.org/texas/public-input-hearings>

### Investigation into shooting on Greens Road

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man at 704 Greens Road about 7:55 a.m. on October 14.

According to HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division Officers, Mr. Reco Mitchell, 42, met two unknown males in a parking lot on Greens Road. Mitchell exchanged words

with one of the men and they all moved to the corner of a building. The suspect then pulled out a pistol and shot Mitchell several times. The suspect then ran across the street and jumped a fence into an apartment complex at 17435 Imperial Valley Drive. Paramedics transported Mitchell to the hos-

pital in an unknown condition.

The suspects are described only as two black males.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

### Get the flu shot in October

HOUSTON - The Houston Health Department encourages everyone ages six months and older to protect themselves, their family and community from the flu by getting a flu shot before the end of October.

Flu outbreaks can occur as early as October and last as late as May.

"It may seem early but let me assure everyone that now is the ideal time to get a flu shot," said Dr. David Perse, local health authority for the Houston Health Department. "Although we can't predict exactly when the inevitable spike in Houston cases will occur, we know it will indeed occur. That's why everyone should take the important step of getting a flu shot now."

People can visit their doctor, neighborhood pharmacy or local health department to get a flu shot. Many grocery stores also offer the vaccine.

The Houston Health Department offers flu shots at its health centers to uninsured and underinsured people on a sliding scale that ranges from free to \$15. To find the nearest health center, people can call 832-393-5427 or the City of Houston 311 Help and Info line. Health center locations and hours of operation are also available at [HoustonHealth.org](http://HoustonHealth.org).

In addition to vaccination, people can help stop the spread of the flu and other illness by:

- Washing hands frequently
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Staying home if sick and at least 24 hours after their fever is gone, except to get medical care

People at high risk for flu are young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions such as asthma, dia-

betes, heart disease, lung disease, and those age 65 and older. They also are at greater risk of severe complications if they get the flu.

The flu - caused by different related viruses - is a contagious disease that results in symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, cough, nasal congestion, sore throat and body aches. People with a combination of these symptoms need to see a medical provider promptly.

Most people recover in one to two weeks, but some develop complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis and sinus and ear infections. Flu also can make chronic medical conditions worse.

Doctors can prescribe antiviral medications that help make the illness shorter and milder. Antiviral medications work best if started within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms.

### Hit and run driver who injured victim

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Vehicular Crimes Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspect responsible for a Hit and Run- Failure to Stop and Render Aid.

On Sunday, September 1, 2019, at approximately 2:53 a.m., the victim was walking in the 9800 block

of Jensen Drive in Houston, Texas. The suspect vehicle, a white flatbed truck (unknown make and model) struck the victim and then fled the scene without rendering aid to the victim. The victim was transported to a local hospital and treated for serious bodily injuries as a result from the incident.

Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at [www.crimestoppers.org](http://www.crimestoppers.org) or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous.

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★ OPINION PAGE ★

## Medicare recipients eligible for free benefits

Open enrollment for 2020 begins October 15

HOUSTON - Medicare beneficiaries reviewing their 2020 health and prescription drug plan options can get free help from benefits counselors with the Harris County Area Agency on Aging (AAA), a division of the Houston Health Department.

Medicare open enrollment begins October 15 and runs through December 7. It is a period for beneficiaries to compare all their Medicare options and make changes to their health or prescription drug coverage for the following year.

"Mulling over the wide range of Medicare health care options can seem quite daunting to some seniors and people with disabilities," said Rose Ortega, a benefits counselor with AAA. "Guiding them as they evaluate their options can help them find the Medicare plans that better suit their health needs."

Open enrollment for most beneficiaries may be the only time they can make changes to their Medicare coverage. They can:

- change their Medicare health or prescription drug coverage for 2020;
- decide which plan will meet their needs for 2020;
- check for changes in their plan such as costs;
- check drug coverage; and
- check if they will be able to see their preferred doctor or pharmacy.

Medicare beneficiaries or their legal representatives can obtain benefits counseling or more information by calling AAA's call center at 832-393-4301.

Benefits counselors do not recommend or endorse any specific insurance product, insurance company or plan. They provide information and advice so beneficiaries can make their own decisions.

People can enroll in Medicare if they are 65 or older, under 65 and have a disability or have either end-stage renal disease or ALS, also called Lou Gehrig's disease.

New coverage begins January 1.



## THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

### "The Kind of Dog I Am"

When my husband, Peter, and I met, we each had a dog.

Peter had a collie named "The Pretty Boy." (Yes, "The" was part of his name) and I had a pound puppy, part golden retriever, part border collie mix named "Milo." The Pretty Boy died shortly before we were married, about five years ago, and Milo died just over a year ago.

We talk about getting a new dog, of course, but all the good reasons not to have a dog prevail. Extended travel—actually travel of any kind—is enormously complicated with a dog. So, for a year now, Peter and I have stuck to our guns and only for a moment here and there been seriously tempted. But this doesn't mean we have stopped loving dogs.

I see dogs every day and I no longer even hesitate to interrupt some poor person's walk to talk to their dog. I talk to the dog and the dog lets me know if it is shy or finds me a little tedious or would prefer to keep walking or, in some cases, is really excited to meet me.

Being less focused on my own dog and more aware of other dogs has given me a new appreciation for all the breeds of dogs I never noticed before. In the great universe of dogs, I no longer play favorites. And I think this is a good thing because, the more dogs I meet, the less difference I see between dogs and people.

This got me wondering what kind of dog I am.

Naturally, in the past, I assumed I was a lot like the dog I owned. I imagined I was sort of a golden retriever mix. I was a cool dog, a chill dog. I was mellow and relaxed and, if something out of the ordinary occurred, I would tilt my head slightly in bemusement.

I am actually nothing at all like this.

If I were a dog, I would jump on the furniture when a new person entered the house. "Look at me! Look at me! Don't you like me?!" I would yap. If they failed to react, I would run circles around them until I got their attention. I would get overexcited and probably piddle on the kitchen floor. (For the record, I do not do this in real life.)

Whoever had to live with me would heave an exasperated sigh. "Does someone need to go for a walk?" they would ask me.

"A WALK?!" I would bark, as if I had never had a walk before in my life. "I want to go for a WALK!!" I would lunge for the leash and race towards the door. You know this kind of dog. This is what I am.

It would be nice to be the golden retriever I imagine myself to be. The problem is that I will never be that dog. And so, instead of thinking of myself as a golden retriever who always falls short of the mark, I've begun to think of myself as the dog I am—not much hair, rather small and hyperactive, impatient and desperate for affection—that's the dog I am. Maybe, I thought, maybe I could love the dog I am, just as I am.

This is a useful way of thinking about others as well because it's a lot easier to love a dog for what it is—whether that dog is me or someone else.

"Oh! You're a good dog!" I say. "You are just perfect for the kind of dog you are."

Till next time,  
Carrie

## Comptroller releases 2020-2021 estimate of state revenue

AUSTIN — State budget writers likely will have more funds to meet the needs of Texas in the near term, based on information released Oct. 10 by the comptroller's office.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said revenue available for general spending in 2020-21 is expected to total about \$121.76 billion, up 9.6 percent from the 2018-19 biennium. This revenue would support the \$118.86 billion in general-purpose spending called for by the 86th Texas Legislature and would result in a final balance available for certification of \$2.89 billion.

Before each regular legislative session, the comptroller issues a biennial revenue estimate that forecasts how much money will be available for spending in the state's next two-year budget cycle. After the session, the comptroller releases the certification revenue estimate providing the detailed basis by which the comptroller certified the budget. The certification estimate revises the biennial revenue estimate to reflect legislative activity and current economic information and takes into account final revenue numbers for the recently ended fiscal year.

"In fiscal 2019, the Texas economy continued to grow at rates among the highest in the nation," Hegar said. "We are projecting continued expansion of the Texas economy in this biennium. The most likely scenario is one of steady expansion at a pace below that of the 2018-19 biennium. Risks to the estimate, however, include ongoing uncertainty about trade and national economic policy, slowing global economic growth and volatility in energy prices resulting from instability and potential conflict in the Middle East."

Hegar, who closely monitors the economy and state revenue, said he would keep the public informed of significant events as they arise.

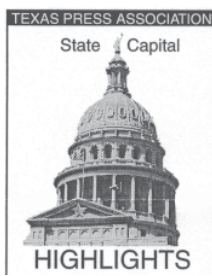
### Hegar distributes revenue

Comptroller Hegar on Oct. 9 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$773.1 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of October.

The amount to be distributed is 5.1 percent more than the amount reported in October 2018. Allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



fections passed from mother to child.

Congenital syphilis cases reported to the Texas Department of State Health Services more than doubled last year amid an ongoing increase in syphilis among women of childbearing age and an enhanced public health effort to detect and track cases. There were 367 cases of congenital syphilis in Texas in 2018, up from 164 in 2017.

"Congenital syphilis can have devastating effects on a child, but it is preventable when treatment begins in time," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. "Testing in accordance with the new law will provide the best opportunity to treat the infection so the infant doesn't suffer permanent consequences."

### Update: Vaping, lung issues

The Department of State Health Services on Oct. 8 reported Texas has identified 95 cases of severe lung disease in people who report "vaping" before developing symptoms. One of the patients died.

The agency said state health officials continue to gather information about 28 other possible cases to determine whether they are consistent with the symptoms and substance use seen in cases in Texas and 48 other states.

Information about vaping and e-cigarettes is available online at [dshs.texas.gov/vaping/](https://dshs.texas.gov/vaping/).

### Early voting schedule is set

According to the Texas Secretary of State, the 10-day period for early voting will begin on Monday, Oct. 21, and end on Friday, Nov. 1.

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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Texans host Raiders looking to remain hot: Wisconsin visits Ohio State in clash of Big 10 titans

Well, maybe, just maybe, the 2019 Texans are the real deal.

Year-after-year, Houston's second NFL franchise has toyed with its fans emotions, playing just well enough at home to win games it should have, but struggling on the road against quality opponents.

Two weeks ago, the Texans picked up perhaps the biggest victory, on the road or at home, in O'Brien's tenure upsetting the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium, 31-24.

For the second straight game, quarterback Deshaun Watson turned in a solid game throwing for one touchdown and rushing for two more, while an injury-riddled defense allowed just 41 second-half passing yards to reigning league MVP Patrick Mahomes.

This Sunday, the Texans host an improve Oakland Raiders team in a game that was moved from noon to 3:25 p.m. Perhaps the folks at NFL Headquarters are also starting to take notice of the new-look Texans and want to showcase them on the national stage.

While the Texans have thus far delighted their fans, the same can't be said for the Dallas Cowboys. After winning their first three games against three of the worst teams in the league (Giants, Redskins and Dolphins), Jason Garrett's team lost three straight. Losing to the Saints and Packers, two of the best teams in the NFC, is no disgrace, but losing to the winless Jets is. Two weeks ago, Dallas fell behind the lowly Jets 21-6 before rallying in the second half to pull to within two points, but they failed to convert on a potential game-tying two-point conversion with only seconds left in the game. That loss should make Garrett's seat very uncomfortable and if this team continues to flounder, look for owner Jerry Jones to make a change at the head coaching position (Garrett is in the last year of his contract) in the offseason.

Dallas is off this week and should use the extra time off to regroup and make a second-half run to get into the playoff hunt.

While the Cowboys rest, their only contender in the NFC East has a tough road game at Buffalo against a Bills team that is one of the best defenses in the league. In other interesting games this weekend, Carolina visits the red-hot 49ers and the Sunday night game pits Aaron Rodgers and the Packers against Mahomes and the Chiefs. That could turn into a high-scoring affair.

In college action, all eyes will be on the Big 10 when No. 6-ranked Wisconsin visits No. 4-ranked Ohio State. This should be the first of two meetings between these two outstanding teams as both look to be the class of their respective divisions in the Big 10 and should meet in the conference's title game in December.

The Texas Longhorns, who dropped a 34-27 decision to OU two weeks ago, has a tough road test at TCU, while Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor to take on the Wolverines as these two storied programs rekindle their long-standing rivalry.

Before we take a look at this week's games, let's review last week's record. A 7-5 mark brought the season record to 48-34 (59%).

Now, onto this week's game.

HIGH SCHOOL

MACARTHUR VS. NIMITZ - Wayne Crawford's Generals face Richard Slater's Cougars on Thursday night in Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Generals won their second straight District 16-6A contest with a 47-7 win over Aldine. In that game, Taylor Eaton caught a touchdown pass and rushed for another score, while quarterback Rashaun Jackson connected on three scoring passes. Nimitz dropped a 42-13 decision to Dekaney. The Cougars will look to running back Jayvon Davis (557 rushing yards, 6 TDs) to lead the way on offense. My pick, MacArthur 24, Nimitz 22.

DAVIS VS. EISENHOWER - Scott Joseph's Falcons take on Eric Jackson's Eagles in what could amount to an elimination game for the team that comes out on the short end of this one. Two weeks ago, Davis dropped a 48-24 decision to Spring, while Eisenhower fell to Westfield, 27-0. Davis will rely on running back DeMarcus Barlow (747 rushing yards, 10 TDs), who rushed for 138 yards and two scores in the Spring game. Eisenhower will

count on the arm of quarterback Christian Sims (709 passing yards, 9 TDs). My pick, Davis 26, Eisenhower 18.

ALDINE VS. WESTFIELD - Hank Semler's Mustangs host Westfield on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Two weeks ago, the Mustangs dropped a 47-7 decision to MacArthur and things won't get any easier this week when they take on the top team in District 16-6A. Aldine will rely on the running of Elijah Teamer (240 rushing yards, 3 TDs), while Westfield will rely on quarterback Cardell Williams (744 passing yards, 9 TDs). My pick, Westfield 30, Aldine 17.

NCAA

WISCONSIN AT OHIO STATE - This should be a good one to watch as the Badgers bring their stout defense and strong running attack into Columbus to take on an explosive Buckeye offense. Heading into last Saturday's game against Illinois, the Wisconsin defense had given up 29 total points in their first six games of the season. That's an amazing number, as is the four shutouts the Badger defense has produced. But the Wisconsin defense will face its toughest test of the season when they face an Ohio State team that can run it with JK Dobbins (826 rushing yards, 6 TDs) and pass it with quarterback Justin Fields (1,298 passing yards, 18 TDs) and wide receiver Binjimen Victory (18 receptions, 348 yards, 3 TDs) and K.J. Hill (27 receptions, 275 yards, 4 TDs). Look for the Badgers to give Heisman Trophy candidate Jonathan Taylor (825 rushing yards, 14 TDs) plenty of work in this game to keep the OSU offense off of the field. If Taylor has success early, he might get 35-40 carries on the day, but in the end, the balanced Ohio State offense will be the difference makers as the Buckeyes win a big one that should impress the College Football Playoff (CFP) committee. My pick, Ohio State 30, Wisconsin 26.

TEXAS AT TCU - Texas coach Tom Herman knows his team cannot afford another loss in the Big 12 if it hopes to have a rematch with Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game in December.



By MIKE KEENEY

Two weeks ago, UT dropped a hard-fought 34-27 decision to the Sooners in the Cotton Bowl and an already beat up defense suffered another handful of injuries, which means quarterback Sam Ehlinger (1,658 passing yards, 17 TDs, 5 rush TDs) and the offense will need to pick up the slack. Look for the 'Horns to unleash Ehlinger and the passing game as Texas looks to knock TCU out of the Big 12 race. The Horned Frogs have been mediocre at best this year, but can be tough at home. Texas has the more talented team and needs to take the fight out of TCU early. Look for Texas to go for the jugular early as Herman's team looks to run the table to set up another meeting with their archrivals from across the Red River. My pick, Texas 34, TCU 17.

NOTRE DAME AT MICHIGAN - One of the best inter-sectional rivalries in the history of college football is renewed in the Big House on Saturday night in prime on ABC. Both teams have one loss on the season and the Irish know they probably have to win to have a shot at one of the four CFP playoff berths. Georgia overtime loss at home to South Carolina two weeks ago could help ND if they win out, but they face a very good Michigan defense that knows it too must win out to set up a showdown with Ohio State for the Big 10 East Division title on the last Saturday in November. ND QB Ian Book (1,419 passing yards, 14 TDs) and running back Tony Jones, Jr. (557 rushing yards, 6 TDs) will have their work cut out against a very good Michigan defense. But it's the Michigan offense that needs to get untracked. Quarterback Shea Patterson (1,246 passing yards, 9 TDs) did lead the offense to 42 points two weeks ago at Illinois, but this week they face a much

better team on both sides of the ball when they face Notre Dame. Look for the Irish to pick up a huge road win on Saturday night. My pick, Notre Dame 24, Michigan 20.

AUBURN AT LSU - A meeting of the Tigers in Baton Rouge on Saturday at the No. 2-ranked LSU Tigers entertain the Auburn Tigers. Two weeks ago, LSU looked sharp in its 42-28 win over a very good Florida team and quarterback Joe Burrow (2,157 passing yards, 25 TDs) put himself in contention for the Heisman Trophy with another solid performance. Burrow has two quality receivers to throw to in Justin Jefferson (40 receptions, 670 yards, 8 TDs) and Ja'Marr Chase (30 receptions, 578 yards, 8 TDs). The LSU offense will face a very good Auburn defense, but look for the LSU defense to bring the heat against true freshman quarterback Bo Nix (1,125 yards, 8 TDs) as the Tigers make it a long night for the true freshman in Death Valley. My pick, LSU 30, Auburn 17.

NFL

PHILADELPHIA AT BUFFALO - The Eagles face a tough test at Buffalo on Sunday. Two weeks ago, Philly dropped a 38-20 decision at Minnesota and struggled on both sides of the ball. Carson Wentz (1,458 yards, 12 TDs) will once again face one of the league's best defenses (the Bills allowed 70 points in their first five games, an average of 14 per game) this Sunday. While Buffalo is a force on defense, that's not the case for its offense, which is led by second-year quarterback Josh Allen (1,122 yards, 7 TDs). The Bills will need to contain a Philly offense that can light it up when it's on, so look for Wentz and Co. to come out flinging on Sunday.

Something tells me the Buffalo defense will be up to the task as the Bills pick up a big win to keep them in the AFC playoff hunt. My pick, Buffalo 20, Philadelphia 17.

CLEVELAND AT NEW ENGLAND - Cleveland quarterback Baker Mayfield (1,496 yards, 5 TDs/11 interceptions) could learn a thing or two from the consummate pro in Tom Brady (1,743 yards, 10 TDs) when the Browns visit the Patriots on Sunday. Mayfield spends as much time talking trash as he does throwing picks, while Brady remains his steady, team-first self. Look for the NE defense to give Mayfield fits on Sunday, just as it did two weeks ago against the Giants when that unit produced two defensive touchdowns and the special teams blocked a punt that was returned for a touchdown. Cleveland should rely on running back Nick Chubb (607 yards, 6 TDs) to chew up clock and keep Brady off the field, but don't count on it. No. 12 will spread the ball around and use running back Sony Michel (348 yards, 3 TDs) to attack the Cleveland front seven. My pick, New England 31, Cleveland 20.

CAROLINA AT SAN FRANCISCO - The Panthers will have two weeks to prepare for this year's surprise team in the 49ers and that still might not be enough time to slow down a very good football team. Two weeks ago, the Panthers defense recorded seven sacks and came up with five turnovers in a 37-26 win over Tampa Bay in London, while the 49ers' defense stifled the suddenly struggling Rams to lead Kyle Shanahan's team to a convincing 20-7 win in LA. Carolina will rely on the legs of running back Christian McCaffrey (618 yards, 7 TDs), while the 49ers will rely on the passing of quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (1,163 yards, 7 TDs). Look for the SF defense to come up with the key plays late to propel the 49ers to another victory. My pick, San Francisco 30, Carolina 18.

OAKLAND AT HOUSTON - This is a game the Texans had better not take for granted because Jon Gruden's Raiders have improved a lot in just a year's time. Three weeks ago,

they upset the Bears in London behind quarterback Derrick Carr (1,117 yards, 6 TDs) and rookie running back Josh Jacobs (430 yards, 4 TDs). I think Watson (1,644 yards, 12 TDs) should have success throwing against a suspect Oakland secondary and look for running back Carlos Hyde (426 yards, 3 TDs) to have another big day on the ground. This might be a good game for DeAndre Hopkins (40 receptions, 421 yards, 2 TDs) to go off after a so-so first five games of the season. Let's hope the bright lights of playing in the late afternoon slot doesn't go to the Texans' heads. My pick, Houston 33, Oakland 24.

GREEN BAY AT KANSAS CITY - A good one for Sunday Night Football pits Aaron Rodgers (1,590 yards, 8 TDs) against Patrick Mahomes (2,104 yards, 14 TDs) in what should be a good old fashioned offensive shootout for AI and Cris to call. Two weeks ago, the Packers picked up a controversial 23-22 win at home on Monday night against Detroit in a game that featured a number of questionable officiating calls that benefited the Packers. While the Packers pulled one out at home, the Chiefs lost at home to the Texans. The Chiefs offense has suffered a number of injuries, but they did get wide receiver Tyreek Hill back and he made a nice return with two touchdown catches and five receptions for 80 yards. Mahomes needs to get more out of tight end Travis Kelce (32 receptions, 497 yards), who has just one touchdown pass thus far this season. Look for the big tight end to be a factor in the red zone on Sunday night. Rodgers and his offense have also had their injury woes as his go-to-guy Davante Adams has missed the last two games with a toe injury. Look for running back Aaron Jones (349 yards, 8 TDs) to get plenty of work on the ground and in the passing game as Rodgers attacks a KC defense that struggles against the run. This will be a fun game to watch and I expect Mahomes and his team to bounce back and protect their home field on Sunday night. My pick, Kansas City 36, Green Bay 34.

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King Crossword

King Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. LITERATURE: What was the name of the broomstick that Harry Potter received as a gift in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"?
2. MEDICAL: Which disease was once known as the Great White Plague because of the pale appearance of the patients?
3. BIBLE: Which biblical city was ruled by Nebuchadnezzar?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was assassinated less than four months after taking office?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of India?
6. COMICS: In what century did the adventures of Buck Rogers take place?
7. GAMES: What is the name of the curved wicker basket used to throw and catch balls in jai alai?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What were the Galapagos Islands named after?
9. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: Which company once used the ad slogan, "You deserve a break today"?
10. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the pollex in human anatomy?

Amber Waves

Comic strip panels for Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps.

R.F.D.

Comic strip panels for R.F.D. by Mike Marland.

The Spats

Comic strip panels for The Spats by Jeff Pickering.

Weekly SUDOKU puzzle by Linda Thistle with difficulty level indicators.

HOCUS-FOCUS puzzle by Henry Boltinoff with two panels and instructions.

Trivia Test Answers: 1. Nimbus 2000; 2. Tuberculosis; 3. Babylon; 4. James Garfield; 5. New Delhi; 6. Cesta; 7. Baby; 8. The tortoise found there; 9. McDonald's; 10. Thumb

LIFESTYLE



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

\* On Nov. 6, 1528, the Spanish conquistador Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca is shipwrecked on a low sandy island off the coast of Texas. Starving, dehydrated and desperate, he is the first European to set foot on the soil of the future Lone Star state.

\* On Nov. 10, 1775, a resolution, drafted by future U.S. president John Adams, creates the Continental Marines and is now observed as the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. The motto of the service is Semper Fidelis, meaning "Always Faithful" in Latin.

\* On Nov. 7, 1914, while World War I rages in Europe, a new weekly magazine, The New Republic, is first published in the United States. Though its first issue sold only 875 copies, after a year the circulation reached 15,000. The New Republic still operates today as a weekly journal of opinion.

\* On Nov. 8, 1951, Yankees catcher Yogi Berra is voted the American League's most valuable player. He went on to be the league MVP twice more, in 1954 and 1955.

\* On Nov. 5, 1968, in one of the closest elections in U.S. history, Republican challenger Richard Nixon defeats Vice President Hubert Humphrey. Because of third-party candidate George Wallace, neither Nixon nor Humphrey re-

ceived 50% of the vote.

\* On Nov. 4, 1979, student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini send shock waves across America when they storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists took 90 hostages.

\* On Nov. 9, 1989, East German officials open the Berlin Wall, allowing free travel from East to West Berlin for the first time since 1961. The next day, celebrating Germans began to tear down one of the ugliest and most infamous symbols of the Cold War. The wall was built to keep a flood of refugees from fleeing Communist East Germany to the West.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

VA Helping Victims of Domestic Abuse

If you're a veteran and are a victim of domestic violence, the Department of Veterans Affairs can help you with housing and support services if you need to flee. If you have children, this includes them. If you are a senior veteran, elder abuse is included in the definition of domestic violence.

The housing and services are provided by two programs, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and Grant and Per Diem. In

2017, public law 114-315 expanded eligibility for both programs to include situations such as fleeing dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and any situation that makes it unsafe for you to stay. The big eligibility hurdle is that you don't have anywhere else to live.

If you have to get out immediately, you're eligible for SSVF rapid housing intervention, which is a program to help the homeless get quickly into permanent housing. SSVF has a new component called shallow subsidies, which is essentially a hand up. Rents are below market

level, but are not based on a percentage of your income.

Grant and Per Diem gives grants to companies to provide services to homeless veterans, including transitional housing. The GPD program will help with services to get your life back on track, such as stable housing and gaining skills to increase your income.

Go online to [www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp) and [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/) to gather information and make contacts. The second link, to SSVF, has information for the states that provide the rent subsidies. If your living situation is volatile, gather your information now and keep it in a safe place that you can grab when you need it. Your purse or wallet is not a good place.

In a violent situation, make 911 your first call. When you can, when the situation is safe, collect your saved information and go.

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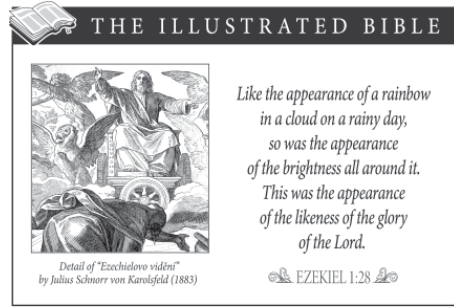
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1. Is the book of Abaddon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 12, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring? 2, 3, 7, 16
3. In which book's 22:18 does it state, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live"? Exodus, Numbers, Isaiah, Hebrews

4. The mark of the beast number (666) is found in what chapter of Revelation? 1, 7, 11, 13
  5. From 1 Samuel 16, what king of Israel was tormented by an evil spirit? Solomon, David, Elah, Saul
  6. Who called the city of Nineveh "the mistress of witchcraft"? Ahab, Nahum, Lucifer, Peter
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 7; 3) Exodus; 4) 13:18; 5) Saul; 6) Nahum



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# Jensen Jubilee,

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over a year. COO Casas told the *Northeast News* that his group has made an analysis of underserved areas in the county, overlaid with data on insurance claims, and found that Jensen needed the clinic.

Casas also told the *News* that he was very familiar with the Jensen area because his father, a Houston police officer, had been assigned to Jensen for many years.

The Houston Northeast CDC and Jensen Jubilee

Committee hosted the 6th Annual Jensen Jubilee Parade & Festival on Saturday, October 19, 2019. The Parade began at 10:00am at 9001 Jensen Drive to 10220 Shady (Shady Lane Park), where the Community Festival took place immediately following the parade. The parade and festival featured local community groups and organizations, as well as musical entertainment. This was a community event, supported by the City of Houston, free to the pub-

lic with the theme "Taking Jensen Back - Rebuild, Renew, and Restore". Families enjoyed fun, food, entertainment, children's activities, college scholarship awards, exhibitors, giveaways, speakers & much more.

The purpose of the Jensen Jubilee project is to promote sustainable revitalization through residential, commercial and economic development, historic preservation and the empowerment of our neighbor-

hoods. There has been a lot of great activity lately surrounding the community Revitalization Project in the northeast Jensen Eastex area.

"We're thrilled about the momentum, redevelopment and revitalization activities that are happening in our area and to be hosting the 2019 Jensen Jubilee Parade & Festival. At last year's event, we were able to award \$6,000 in college scholarships. We are so ex-

cited to be able to work alongside all of our partners towards our common goal of a brighter and stronger future for our neighborhoods" says Pastor David Smith, president of the Houston Northeast CDC.

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David Smith and Andrew Casas, left, present scholarships to DeAnn Mendoza and David Gone.



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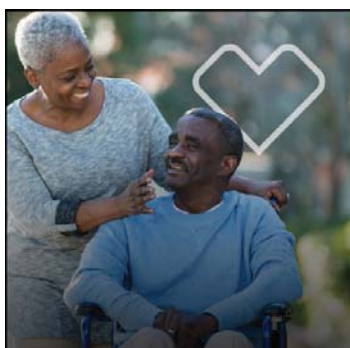
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