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Trick or Treat...



This little Princess was at Castlewood's Halloween Party. See MORE page 8.

NEWS NOTES

East Aldine New Office Groundbreaking

District Office & Safety Center Groundbreaking, Tuesday, November 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., 2800 Aldine Mail Route

Immigration Forum

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 from 8 am - 21 pm at Aldine High School, 11101 Airline Drive, Houston, TX 77037. For more information, please contact Bonding Against Adversity at 713-471-5832

Man killed in road rage

The fatal shooting of a male at 16924 Eastex Freeway (North U.S. Highway 59) about 2:15 p.m. on Sunday will be referred to a Harris County grand jury.

According to Houston Police Officials, a male, driving a dark colored Kia Forte on the North Sam Houston Parkway East approaching 59 North, drove around a motor vehicle along the right shoulder of the roadway. The Kia driver then pulled in front of the same vehicle and came dangerously close to the rider of a motorcycle in front of that vehicle.

The Kia driver was then observed accelerating at a high rate of speed in the direction of the motorcyclist. When the driver of the Kia confronted the motorcyclist on the freeway, the motorcyclist produced a gun and discharged several shots at the Kia, striking the driver. Paramedics pronounced the driver deceased at the scene.

The identity of the deceased male, 36, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. The male shooter, 61, was not injured. The facts of the incident were presented to the Harris County District Attorney's Office, which advised the case will be presented to a grand jury for a decision on whether any charges would be filed.

Sam Houston MSTC dedicates new building

HOUSTON, TX – Sam Houston Math, Science, and Technology Center (Houston ISD) hosted a grand opening ceremony to celebrate its new school, which officially opened to students in January.

Built as part of the 2012 Bond Program, the \$101.4 million project was designed to have a collegiate feel with plenty of classroom space, informal meeting areas to facilitate project-based learning, a large outdoor courtyard, and a fine arts wing with an 800-seat auditorium and black box theater. The 360,000-square-foot facility also features an updated JROTC area, as well as a grand learning stairway, which will function as both a gathering spot for stu-



Students, teachers, staff and local officials including Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, and HISD Superintendent Grenita Lathan, and Principal Alan Summers at ribbon cutting of Sam Houston MSTC High School.

dents, as well as a flexible space for class lectures and presentations.

HISD Board of Education Trustees, HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan, Sam Houston MSTC Principal Alan Summers, and the Sam Houston MSTC JROTC, band, cheerleaders, and dance team, as well as various dignitaries, school stakeholders, community members, students, parents, and staff were present last Friday, November 1, 2019 for the grand opening at Sam Houston MSTC, 9400 Irvington Blvd., 77022.

See more Sam Houston MSTC photos, page 8

Three incumbents returned to AISD Board; Randy Bates elected to Position 1 seat

Voters in Aldine ISD went to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 5 and returned incumbents Dr. Kimberley Booker, Dr. Viola M. Garcia and Paul Shanklin to their respective seats on the Aldine ISD Board of Education and elected Randy Bates to the Position 1 seat.

Bates, an attorney, de-



Kimberly Booker Viola Garcia Paul Shanklin Randy Bates

feated Jamail Johnson by 28 votes (3,168 votes to 3,140 votes) to claim the Position 1 seat that was previously held by Patricia Ann Bourgeois. Bourgeois did not seek re-election. Candidate Steve Moore garnered 2,213 votes and Jimmy Morales received

See Aldine ISD elections, p. 3

Pedestrians hit by car on Aldine Bender

HOUSTON, TX – A man and a woman were hit by an SUV on Aldine Bender Saturday, Nov. 2, killing the woman.

According to Houston Police Officials, the two victims, pedestrians, were crossing the street around 11:00 p.m. when they were struck by a white Chevrolet Tahoe. The driver, Carlos Aguilar-Rodriguez, 27, then fled the scene on foot, leaving some of his family members in the vehicle. Paramedics



Pedestrians were hit by this white Chevrolet Tahoe.

transported the victims to an area hospital where the woman was

See Pedestrians hit, page 3

Greater Northside Management District hosts annual Bike Ride Tour

Greater Northside Management District and Precinct2gether held the 7th Annual Tour de Northside bike ride last Saturday, November 9, 2019. The event started at 9:30 a.m. at Saint Arnold Brewing Company, 2000 Lyons Avenue, Houston. Harris County Court Record Research, Inc, president, Chris Wathen, was grand marshal for the ride.

The Mercado de Northside Art Market curated by Shop Local Market was held from 10:30 a.m. to 4

p.m. at Saint Arnold Brewing Company, 2000 Lyons Avenue, Houston. This event included food, raffles and art vendors.

"We are pleased to bring this annual tradition and are only able to do this with the support of all our sponsors and businesses," says GNMD executive director Rebecca Reyna. "This is truly community effort to promote and cele-

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* DOCTOR SLEEP (R) - 1:00pm, 5:00pm, 9:00pm
* DOCTOR SLEEP (R) - 12:00pm, 4:00pm, 8:00pm
Spanish Subtitled
* LAST CHRISTMAS (PG-13) - 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm
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* Playing with Fire (PG) - 12:00pm, 2:20pm, 4:45pm, 7:05pm, 9:30pm
* ARCTIC DOGS (PG) - 12:15pm
* HARRIET (PG-13) - 12:15pm, 3:00pm, 5:45pm, 8:30pm
* TERMINATOR: Dark Fate (R) - 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm
* TERMINATOR: Dark Fate (R) - 12:00pm, 2:50pm, 5:40pm, 8:30pm
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BLACK AND BLUE (R) - 9:30pm
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MALEFICENT: Mistress of Evil (PG) - 12:00pm, 5:20pm
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* MALEFICENT: Mistress of Evil 3D (PG) - 2:40pm, 8:00pm
Dubbed
* MALEFICENT: Mistress of Evil 3D (PG) - 3:10pm, 8:45pm
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* THE ADDAMS FAMILY in RealD 3D (PG) - 2:10pm, 6:30pm
THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG) - 12:00pm, 4:20pm, 9:00pm
THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG) - 12:00pm, 2:10pm, 4:20pm, 6:30pm, 8:40pm
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CRIME WATCH

Man shot, killed while driving in Northside Houston

HOUSTON - A 21-year-old man crashed his SUV into a building on Gulf Bank after being shot late Sunday night in Northside Houston, according to officials.

Around 11:09 p.m., police responded to 5833 West Gulf Bank Road to reports of a shooting. When investigating officers arrived, they found the SUV had crashed into a dry cleaning business and a male unresponsive in the driver's seat with multiple bullet holes in the driver's side of the vehicle. Paramedics pronounced the male deceased at the scene.

Police believe the shooting happened in the middle of the street as the driver was headed south, and he likely tried to speed away after being shot when he crashed into the business.



Victim's SUV crashed into a dry cleaners business on Gulf Bank.

The victim's family identified him as Isom Homer and said this was the third time he had been shot. He was a father of five children.

At this time, there are no known witnesses or suspects in the shooting.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.



Isom Homer

Pedestrians,

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later pronounced deceased.

Family members convinced Aguilar-Rodriguez to return the scene. He returned several hours later and was taken into custody.

He has been charged with two counts of failure to stop and render aid, one count of DWI with a child under 15



Carlos Aguilar-Rodriguez

and one count of endangering a child.

The identity of the deceased female victim, 40, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. The male victim, 41, was transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

Aldine ISD elections,

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1,875 votes in the Position 1 race. Aldine's school board election follows plurality rules and candidates with the most votes wins the election. There were 10,396 votes cast in the Position 1 race.

Shanklin ran unopposed and was returned to the Position 2 seat. He re-

ceived 8,156 votes.

Dr. Booker received 6,881 votes and defeated Danny Spears (1,925 votes) and Rickey Tezino (1,235 votes) in the Position 6 race. There were 10,041 votes cast in the Position 6 race.

Dr. Garcia received 4,668 votes and defeated Terkara Cormier (2,983

votes) and Nico Matthews (2,510 votes) in the Position 7 race. There were 10,161 votes cast in the Position 7 race.

All four will be sworn in at the Nov. 19 board meeting. The results will be official once the votes are canvassed on Nov. 18.

Let Work Incentives Work For You

(NAPSI)—If you receive Social Security disability benefits and want to work, Social Security Work Incentives can allow you to keep your healthcare (Medicare and Medicaid) and, in some cases, cash benefits as you begin working. These Work Incentives are designed to encourage and support beneficiaries who want to return to the workforce or work for the first time.

There are more than 20 Work Incentives. Eligibility varies based on the type of disability benefit an individual receives—Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Here are just a few examples:

- Trial Work Period (TWP) (SSDI recipients only). Individuals can test their ability to work for at least 9 months in a rolling 5-year timeframe. During their TWP, they receive full SSDI benefits no matter how much they earn as long as their work activity is reported and they have

a disabling impairment.

- Medicaid While Working—Section 1619(b) (SSI recipients only). If they meet certain qualifications, beneficiaries can continue to receive Medicaid after they start working, even if their earnings (alone or in combination with other income) become too high for an SSI cash payment.

- Continuation of Medicare Coverage (SSDI recipients). Medicare coverage for SSDI beneficiaries continues while they are working and receiving SSDI benefits. When SSDI cash benefits stop because of work, beneficiaries can keep their Medicare coverage for at least 93 consecutive months (7 years and 9 months) after the end of their TWP.

For more information about Work Incentives, see Social Security's free pamphlets, Working While Disabled—How We Can Help (No. 05-10095) or the Red Book (No. 64-030), the guides to employment support programs. Find them

online at www.ssa.gov/pubs and www.ssa.gov/redbook.

You can also learn more about Work Incentives while receiving free services and supports through Social Security's Ticket to Work (Ticket) program. The Ticket program supports career development for people ages 18 through 64 who receive Social Security disability benefits and want to work. In addition to benefits counseling, through the Ticket program, beneficiaries can find help writing their resumes, finding job opportunities and transitioning to the workplace.

Ready to get started? Call the Ticket to Work Help Line at 1-866-968-7842 or 1-866-833-2967 (TTY) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. A representative can answer some of your questions and send you a list of service providers. Or search for providers online at choosework.ssa.gov/findhelp.

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.8 Billion in October

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.82 billion in October, 7 percent more than in October 2018.

"Growth in state sales tax revenue was apparent across all major economic sectors," Hegar said. "The most notable growth was in receipts from the construction, wholesale trade and information services sectors."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in October 2019 was up 4.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

In October 2019, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- motor fuel taxes — \$484.5 million, up 10.5 percent from October 2018;
- motor fuel taxes — \$311.8 million, up 4.6 percent from October 2018;
- natural gas production taxes — \$84.4 million, down 22.8 percent from October 2018; and
- oil production taxes — \$346.3 million, up 4.8 percent from October 2018.

Veterans Affairs boosts adaptive sports programs



by Freddy Groves

Some of us have been waiting for this: The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded another \$14.8 million in grants that will go to veterans adaptive sports programs. These grants will go to 120 organizations that create and manage sports programs for disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces. That's nearly double the funding from just a few years ago. The groups that receive these grants (at the local, regional and national levels) are in all 50 states, plus D.C. and Puerto Rico, and will serve 11,000 participants. To see what's going on,

go online to www.va.gov/adaptivesports. Look for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games for those with stroke, amputations, spinal injuries and more. For veterans age 55 and older, look for the Golden Age Games. If you like the snow and cold, check out the Winter Sports Clinic. Like golf? Take a look at the National Disabled Veterans T.E.E. (Train, Exposure, Experience) program.

If you hope to train for the Paralympics, go to www.teamusa.org. Your options are many: wheelchair tennis, archery, rowing, wheelchair rugby, track and field, equestrian, snowboarding, biathlon, cross-country skiing and many, many more.

To find sports in your area, put Sports Club Finder in the search box at the va.gov site.

To see all of the organizations that received grants, go to www.blogs.va.gov/nvspse/grant-program/ and click on the recipients list.

Don't miss the @Sports4Vets page on Twitter. You'll find lots of personal stories and videos by and about veterans. Surfing, cycling, rowing ... they're doing it all.

And for veterans who need new ways to deal with stress and anxiety, \$1.5 million is going to equine therapy, that is, working with horses and learning how it can open new doors to coping. (Did you know that biochemical changes occur in the brain while working with horses?) Watch the video at www.blogs.va.gov/Vantage/63128.

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Northside Bike Tour,

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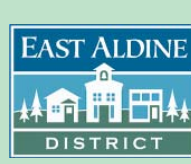
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Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty – Should I Claim Benefits at Age 67 if I'm working?

Dear Rusty: My wife and I were talking to some other senior citizens who say it would be more beneficial to start drawing social security when I turn 67 next year, rather than wait till 70, even if I work full time. Can I do that? Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior: Yes, you can do that, but it may not be your best strategy. Let's explore your options:

If your wife is already collecting Social Security on her work record, you might consider filing a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" and collect a spousal benefit from your wife, while continuing to delay your claim for your own benefit, thus allowing your benefit to continue to grow. You can do this because you were born before 1/2/1954, which is the cutoff date for filing in this manner. In this way you could collect 50% of the benefit your wife is entitled to at her full retirement age (FRA) until such time as you file for your own benefit. If you wait until age 70 to file for your own, your payment will be 24% more than it will be when you are 67. But you cannot use this option unless, or until, your wife is collecting her Social Security benefit from her own work record.

There is no simple answer to when you should claim. It depends upon your current financial needs, your current health and your anticipated longevity (considering your family history). If you anticipate a long healthy life and don't urgently need the money, then waiting until age 70 to claim your benefit will not only give you the highest possible monthly payment but also the most in lifetime benefits (assuming you live to at least the "average" age (84 for a man today). Waiting until 70 will also ensure that your wife gets the highest possible survivor benefit, should you predecease her (at her FRA, your surviving spouse gets 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death).

As for you working, since you've reached your full retirement age you no longer need to worry about Social Security's "earnings test" which takes back benefits from anyone whose earnings exceed a certain limit. But it would be wise to consider that Social Security benefits are subject to Federal Income Tax (and, depending upon where you live, possibly a State income tax), so adding your Social Security income to your earnings from work could be an important tax consideration for you.

Claiming your benefit at age 67 will give you a payment which is 8% more than you would have gotten at age 66. But if the factors discussed above suggest you should wait longer, then you'll earn an additional 8% for each additional year you wait to claim your benefit, up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. What is the downside to waiting? Well, only that your wife, if she will be eligible for a spousal benefit from you, cannot collect that spousal benefit until you start collecting your own benefit. Your wife's spousal benefit would be half of your age 66 benefit if she claims at her full retirement age.

So, as you can see, there is no easy answer to whether you should claim Social Security at age 67, but with the above information you should be able to make an informed decision. And here's one final suggestion: don't take Social Security advice from "armchair experts" and don't be swayed by those who might say "collect now because Social Security is going bankrupt." It's not. It's true that Congress needs to fix some portions of the program soon, and it's also true they've been dragging their collective feet to do so. But, historically, Congress has always stepped up to the task when they had to, and I'm confident they will eventually do so again.

This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance.



Voters to decide on proposed amendments to state constitution

AUSTIN — The state's 10-day early voting period ran from Oct. 21 to Nov. 1 with Election Day on Nov. 5.

On the ballot are 10 proposed constitutional amendments, special elections and local political subdivision elections, including those for mayor, city council, school board, municipal utility districts and other local entities.

Secretary of State Ruth Hughs, the state's chief election officer, encouraged all eligible voters to fulfill their civic duty by voting. During the early voting period, Hughs said, "It is critical that all eligible Texans have the opportunity to help shape the direction of the Lone Star State."

For more information on voting in Texas and a list of the proposed constitutional amendments, visit www.votetexas.gov.

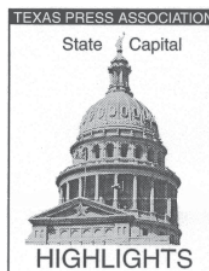
Feds set hemp rules
Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller on Oct. 29 announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture's release of interim final rules for the U.S. Domestic Hemp Program.

The rules, part of the 2018 Farm Bill, serve as a framework for states like Texas that are planning to build an industrial hemp growing program. With federal guidelines in place, the Texas Department of Agriculture can now submit a state hemp plan to USDA for approval, Miller said. The rules can be found online at usda.gov. "This is the big leap forward we've all been waiting for," said Miller. "I want to make it clear — it is still not yet legal to grow industrial hemp in Texas. But we are one step closer to allowing farmers to get this exciting new crop in the ground."

Miller said he expects to submit the Texas plan

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



for an industrial hemp program in 30 days or less.

Harvey disaster continues

Gov. Greg Abbott on Oct. 28 extended the disaster proclamation he originally issued on Aug. 23, 2017, for counties affected by Hurricane Harvey that brought loss of life and damages estimated at more than \$125 billion.

In the proclamation, the governor authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster.

Original counties named in the proclamation were: Aransas, Austin, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Waller, Wharton and Wilson.

Abbott later expanded the list to include the counties of: Angelina, Atascosa, Bastrop, Bexar, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Cameron, Comal, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Jasper, Kerr, Lee, Leon, Madison, Mi-

lam, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Washington and Willacy.

Update: 'Vaping' cases

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Oct. 29 reported that 165 Texas cases of severe lung disease have been identified so far in people who report "vaping" before developing symptoms.

One case was reported to have resulted in death. State health officials are gathering more information on about 13 other possible cases to determine whether they are consistent with the symptoms and substance use seen in cases in Texas and 48 other states.

Patients range in age from 13 to 75 years old, with a median age of 22 years. About one-quarter of the people affected in Texas are minors. Three-quarters are male, and nine in 10 report vaping THC or marijuana, possibly in conjunction with other substances. Almost all were hospitalized, with many requiring intensive care.

TEA reports test results

The Texas Education Agency on Oct. 30 reported that Texas fourth graders taking the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress in mathematics improved from two years ago, outpacing the national average.

However, for eighth-grade students, mathematics scores declined slightly, dropping below the national average for the first time since 2003. Furthermore, eighth-grade reading scores showed the largest decline, mirroring a large decline across the nation.

NAEP is a random sample test of reading and mathematics in fourth and eighth grades, overseen by the U.S. Department of Education and conducted every two years in every state.

THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

"Good Pear"

My husband, Peter, and I have settled into the little house we are calling home for a month in southern Spain. The house is old and quirky—but I've come to believe that all homes are quirky in their own way.

Whenever I spend time in another person's home, I realize there are a lot of different ways of doing things that would never have occurred to me.

When I was young, my family would drive to visit my great-grandmother. She had a neighbor named Mrs. Johnson (I never learned her first name). Mrs. Johnson had a pug and when I uncurled the pug's tail, he caught sight of it and chased it until he was exhausted. This was endlessly entertaining as an eight-year-old. But my other vivid memory of visiting Mrs. Johnson was the way she ate pears. Mrs. Johnson took the pear and banged it on the table—side to side and top to bottom—until the whole pear was soft.

"Why are you doing that?" I asked.

"Now you can eat the whole thing—just pull off the stem and spit out the seeds!" she told me. It turned out I'd been wasting a lot of good pear, but that stopped under Mrs. Johnson's tutelage.

"You shouldn't bother that old woman!" my great-grandmother scolded me after an afternoon of eating pears and watching the pug. It didn't occur to me until later that my great-grandmother was at least a decade older than Mrs. Johnson. (It didn't occur to me until much later yet that this might be my great-grandmother's way of saying she had missed me.)

While visiting my grandpa, I watched as he cut up his apple, removing the core and eating the apple in slices. I started cutting up my apples and never went back.

"He only did that because he had dentures!" my mother told me, years later. I have good teeth, but I still believe it's a better way to eat an apple.

I recently watched my cousin, Melissa, make a salad. She chopped up her lettuce like coleslaw.

"Why are you doing that?" I asked.

"It's easier to eat and mixes with the other stuff better," Melissa explained.

"Why haven't we always chopped up our lettuce?" Peter asked me, after it became our new way of doing things.

This is what I like most about travel. It is nice to see the sights, but it is the small things, the "why didn't I ever think of that?" things that interest me the most. Why don't we slice up tomatoes and cheese and have them for dinner? Why don't we buy olives in bulk? Why don't we have one long pillow instead of two short ones? Spending time in another home makes me examine things I would never look at twice. I see the familiar with fresh eyes. I take less for granted. Travel forces me to realize how little of my life I actually think about and how much is done on autopilot.

Returning home, I might do a few things differently but, more than anything, I am filled with a new appreciation for all I have—all the things in my life I have neglected to notice, all the sweetness I've taken for granted.

Yesterday I bought some fresh pears at the market. Cutting up a pear in my quirky little temporary home in Spain, I suddenly remembered Mrs. Johnson. I picked up the core and ate it. It was sweet and delicious.

"Mrs. Johnson was right," I thought, "I've been wasting a lot of good pear."

Till next time,
Carrie
Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Texans return from bye with trip to Baltimore: Baylor hosts OU in Big 12 showdown in Waco

The Texans return to action after a week off and head to Baltimore to take on a Ravens team that ended New England's undefeated season two weeks ago with a convincing 37-20 win on Sunday Night Football.

Bill O'Brien's team earned their week off after a dominant 26-3 win against Jacksonville in London as quarterback Deshaun Watson continued to dazzle the competition, running back Carlos Hyde chipped in with 160 rushing yards and a J.J. Watt-less defense racked up four sacks, two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

The week off came at the perfect time as the Texans used the off week to rest up and prepare for the stretch run.

They face a real stout test when their return to work when they face a Baltimore team that has a pretty fair QB of their own in Lamar Jackson. Jackson, dual threat just like Watson, ran for two touchdowns and passed for another in the 17-point win over the Patriots.

If the Texans can pull out a win in a very difficult surrounding, this team could indeed be a team with which to contend once the playoffs begin.

Speaking of the Patriots, they face another stiff challenge when they travel to Philadelphia to face the Eagles, while the Cowboys head to Detroit to face a Lions team that is struggling at the moment. The Cowboys can't afford to look past any team at this point in the season. Two weeks ago they looked lethargic on Monday night against the Giants before waking up in the second half en route to a 37-18 victory in the Meadowlands.

Week 11 concludes on Monday night when the Chiefs and Chargers play in Mexico City.

In college action, all eyes will be on Waco where the Baylor Bears, who entered last week's game against TCU as the only undefeated team in the Big 12, host Oklahoma. The Sooners know they must win out to have a shot at a berth in the College Football Playoff (CFP). The game will be played in prime time on ABC.

In high school action, hats off to the MacArthur Generals who wrapped up their first playoff spot since 2007 two weeks ago with a 25-22 win over the Davis Falcons. Coach Wayne Crawford's team improved to 5-4 on the season with that victory. The Generals downed the Falcons behind two touchdown passes from quarterback Rashaun Jackson, one to Taylor Eaton and another to his brother Joshua. Running back Maurice Woods' three-yard touchdown run with 11:55 left in the game turned out to be the game winner. MacArthur will face the top seed out of District 15-6A in bi-district action.

Before we take a look at this week's games, let's review last week's record. A 7-5 week brought the season record to 62-44 (58.5%).

Now, onto this weekend's game.

NCAA

Texas at Iowa State - Tom Herman's Longhorns travel to Ames, IA to face a solid Iowa State team that is led by quarterback Brock Purdy (2,567 passing yards, 15 TDs). If the UT defense continues to struggle as it has most of this season, it could be another long day for the 'Horns. Texas has the offensive firepower to get into a shootout with the Cyclones led by quarterback Sam Ehlinger (2,378 passing yards, 23 TDs) and wide receiver Devin Duvernay (69 receptions, 800 yards, 7 TDs). UT fans have to hope Herman and his staff made the necessary adjustments on defense during their open week two weeks ago because if that unit continues to struggle, Texas could very well take a step backwards in Herman's fourth year at the 30 Acres. Something tells me the defense continues to struggle and Iowa State rolls on Saturday. My pick, Iowa State 34, Texas 24

Minnesota at Iowa - The Minnesota Gophers have been one of the surprise teams of the 2019 season. They won their first eight games of the season allowing just 10.1 points per game. Quarterback Tanner Morgan (1,761 passing yards, 18 TDs) and wide receiver Rashod Bateman (31 receptions, 644 yards, 6 TDs) led the way on offense. Minnesota faces an Iowa team that is tough to beat at home and is led by quarterback Nate Stanley (1,950 passing yards, 10 TDs). Look for the magical season to continue for the Gophers as they pick up a hard-earned road win on

Saturday. My pick, Minnesota 23, Iowa 20

Georgia at Auburn - Another good one in the SEC has Georgia visiting Auburn on Saturday. Two weeks ago, the Bulldogs kept their SEC East title hopes alive with a 24-17 victory over Florida. Quarterback Jake Fromm (1,685 passing yards, 11 TDs) and running back D'Andre Swift (838 rushing yards, 7 TDs) led the way while the defense made big plays all afternoon to subdue the Gators. Auburn struggled against a bad Mississippi team at home but you can bet they will be ready for the Bulldogs come Saturday. The Florida win just might have sparked the 'Dogs for a late-season run. My pick, Georgia 26, Auburn 23

Navy at Notre Dame - After winning just three games in 2018, Navy has rebounded in 2019 winning seven of its first eight games. The Midshipmen have one of the best rushing offenses in the country led by dual-threat quarterback Malcom Perry (1,042 rushing yards, 16 TDs/722 passing yards, 5 TDs). When Navy is good, as they are this season, they always give ND fits and that could very well be the case on Saturday in South Bend. Two weeks ago, the Irish struggled at home against a mediocre Virginia Tech team and pulled out the victory when quarterback Ian Book (1,828 passing yards, 17 TDs) scored the winning touchdown with seconds left in the game. Notre Dame can't afford to let Navy get ahead by double digits because if they do, the Midshipmen's running game will milk the clock and make it difficult for a ND comeback. Look for ND running back Tony Jones, Jr. (571 yards, 4 TDs) to wear down the smaller Navy defensive line as the Irish pick up a hard-earned victory. My pick, Notre Dame 27, Navy 23

Oklahoma at Baylor - A big one in the Big 12 for both teams. A Baylor win would go a long way to securing a slot in the Big 12 title game in December. Baylor host Texas next week then closes the regular season at Kansas. Oklahoma already has one conference loss and needs to win out to reach the Big 12 title game once again. This will be Baylor's



biggest test of the season and playing at home under the lights should motivate Matt Ruhl's team all the more. Baylor is led by quarterback Charlie Brewer (2,143 passing yards, 14 TDs), wide receiver Denzel Mims (38 receptions, 618 yards, 6 TDs) and running back John Lovett (495 rushing yards, 4 TDs). The Sooners are led by quarterback Jalen Hurts (2,469 passing yards, 21 TDs/801 rushing yards, 13 TDs) and wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (36 receptions, 816 yards, 11 TDs). Lamb is averaging 22 yards per catch, which is mighty impressive. Look for OU's speed on offense to be the difference maker in this one as the Sooners pick up an important road win to keep their Big 12 title hopes alive. My pick, Oklahoma 34, Baylor 30

NFL

Pittsburgh at Cleveland - Week 11 begins on Thursday night with these two long-time and bitter rivals meeting in Cleveland. Both teams have had disappointing seasons as injuries have decimated the Steelers, while the Browns have not lived up to all the pre-season hype that as lavished upon them. Two weeks ago, the Steelers picked up a nice win at home over the favored Colts, while the Browns once again played down to the level of their competition and lost to at the time a two-win Denver team. Cleveland QB Baker Mayfield (1,963 passing yards, 7 TDs/12 interceptions) has struggled all year and beating the Steelers just might be the right tonic for him and his teammates. The Browns are not devoid of talent. They have one of the best running backs in the league in Nick Chubb (803 yards, 6 TDs)

and Odell Beckham, Jr. (39 receptions, 575 yards, 1 TD). Look for Cleveland to finally put it all together as they send their fans home happy on Thursday night. My pick, Cleveland 30, Pittsburgh 19

Houston at Baltimore - The Texans face a tough road test at Baltimore on Sunday but they should be rested and ready after enjoying their bye week after their win over Jacksonville in London three weeks ago. Watson (2,432 passing yards, 18 TDs) is having an MVP-like season and Hyde (704 rushing yards, 4 TDs) gives the offense another weapon defenses have to deal with. Wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (68 receptions, 665 yards, 4 TDs) is starting to put up big numbers and should have another big day against a so-so Ravens secondary. Defensively, the Texans will have their hands full with Jackson (1,813 passing yards, 12 TDs/637 rushing yards, 5 TDs), who is also playing like an MVP. I think the Texans hang around in this one, but look for Jackson's running to be the difference in this game late. My pick, Baltimore 24, Houston 20

Dallas at Detroit - This could be a trap game for the Cowboys who will be coming off a tough Sunday night game at home against the Vikings last week. Two weeks ago on Monday night, the Cowboys looked disinterested early and trailed the hapless Giants 9-3 before waking up in late in the first half to grab a 13-12 lead and then coasted in the second half en route to a 37-18 pasting of the Giants. Quarterback Dak Prescott threw three touchdown passes in that game and running back Ezekiel Elliott added 133 yards on the ground. The defense

recorded five sacks and returned a fumble for a touchdown. The Lions aren't a very good team, but quarterback Matthew Stafford (2,499 passing yards, 19 TDs) is having a solid season and has two quality receivers who can make plays downfield in Kenny Golladay (35 receptions, 640 yards, 7 TDs) and Marvin Jones, Jr. (42 receptions, 535 yards, 6 TDs). Dallas needs to start fast, attack with the run, which should be enough to take the fight out of the Lions. My pick, Dallas 31, Detroit 20

New Orleans at Tampa Bay - Three weeks ago, Drew Brees (781 yards, 5 TDs) returned after missing five games with a thumb injury and looked good throwing three touchdown passes in a 31-9 win over the Cardinals. NO hopes running back Alvin Kamara returns after nursing an ankle injury for the last three weeks, but if he's unable to go, the Saints' running game is in good hands with Latavius Murray (359 yards, 4 TDs) toting the rock. Look for Brees to have a big day throwing to wide receiver Michael Thomas (73 receptions, 875 yards, 4 TDs) against a suspect TB secondary. The Bucs lost a tough one two weeks ago in Seattle, falling 40-34 in overtime. Quarterback Jameis Winston (2,407 yards, 16 TDs) and wide receiver Mike Evans (50 receptions, 842 yards, 7 TDs) have a special connection, but they will be facing a very good Saints defense. My pick, New Orleans 33, Tampa Bay 24

New England at Philadelphia - After cruising to their first seven wins of the season against a bunch of schlubs, the Patriots lost at Baltimore two weeks ago 37-20 and face another tough road test on Sunday against the Eagles in Philadelphia. Tom Brady (2,536 yards, 14 TDs) appears to be struggling a bit this year and just might be missing his security blanket, Rob Gronkowski. Brady is still Brady and I'm not going to bet against him, but he will face a very good Philly defensive front this week. Two weeks ago, the Eagles jumped out to a big lead against the Bears, then held on for a 22-14 win. Quarterback Carson Wentz (2,060 yards, 15 TDs) and tight

end Zach Ertz (46 receptions, 527 yards, 2 TDs) are starting to make plays down field and look for those two to attack the NE secondary on Sunday. This is a rematch of Super Bowl 52, which the Eagles won. Something tells me Bill Belichick will remind his team of that fact all week. My pick, New England 24, Philadelphia 20

Chicago at Los Angeles Rams - To say the Bears have issues on offense would be an understatement. Two weeks ago in their loss at Philadelphia, the Bears offense managed just nine, nine(!) yards in the entire first half. They did rally for two touchdowns in the second half, but it was too little, too late. Quarterback Mitch Trubisky continues to struggle and I don't see things getting any better this week against a Rams team that will be out to avenge last season's 15-6 win in frigid Chicago. This year they play in sunny LA, and quarterback Jared Goff (2,367 yards, 11 TDs) and running back Todd Gurley (355 yards, 7 total TDs) will be out for blood. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 30, Chicago 13

Kansas City vs. Los Angeles Chargers - Week 11 concludes on Monday night in Mexico City with an AFC West showdown between the Chiefs and the Chargers. Two weeks ago, the Chiefs picked up a big win over Minnesota; while the Chargers may have saved their season with a 26-11 win over the Packers. Chiefs fans are hoping quarterback Patrick Mahomes (2,180 yards, 15 TDs) returns from his knee injury. Backup Matt Moore has filled in well and it helps when you have Travis Kelce (49 receptions, 666 yards, 2 TDs) and speedy wide receiver Tyreek Hill (22 receptions, 386 yards, 4 TDs) to throw to. This could turn into a shootout as the Chargers have a few offensive weapons on their own in quarterback Phillip Rivers (2,609 yards, 12 TDs), running back Austin Ekler (321 rushing yards, 3 TDs/55 receptions, 530 yards, 5 TDs). This should be a fun game to watch and if Mahomes is back, the Chiefs get the win. My pick, Kansas City 34, Los Angeles Chargers 30

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King Crossword

ACROSS 1 Poehler's pal 4 Alias letters 7 Envelope part 11 Frosty 13 Wire measure 14 "The Amazing ..." 15 Killer whale 16 Everything 17 Basin accessory 18 Intended 20 Burg 22 Sedona auto-maker 24 Electronic dance music 28 George who played 007 once 32 Sandbank 33 Lotion additive 34 Massachusetts cape 36 Knitting stitch 37 Pays attention 39 Balearic island 41 Went to a restaurant 43 Cow's comment 44 Responsibility 46 Formal decree 50 On the rocks 53 Jazz style 55 "Damn Yankees" vamp 56 Pickle herb 57 "See ya" (Abbr.) 58 And others 59 Benefit 60 Shrilk bark 61 Wonderment 62 pet, maybe 63 Legislation 64 High card 65 Helios' realm 66 Pony rider of song 67 Can metal 68 Horror director Craven 69 Kimmel's net-work 70 60 minutes 71 Drug dealer's foe 72 Earthenware pot 73 Dalai - 74 Came down 75 Region 76 Kippur 77 Water barrier 78 Helios' realm 79 Coffee, slangily 80 Pudgy 81 Nutritious bean 82 Greek vowel 83 Talon 84 Story 85 Egos' counterparts 86 Spy novel org. 87 Wapiti 88 Energy

Amber Waves

Comic strip by Dave T. Phipps. Panel 1: "ARE YOU SERIOUSLY STILL WORKING ON THAT LETTER TO SANTA?" Panel 2: "I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST WAY TO BEGIN THIS LETTER." Panel 3: "WELL, I THINK YOUR EXCELLENCE IS LAYING IT ON A BIT THICK."

R.F.D.

Comic strip by Mike Marland. Panel 1: "PROBLEM, MISTER? YEAH, I'M LOST! THIS DANG GPS AIN'T WORTH A DARN!" Panel 2: "YOU HAVE REACHED YOUR DESTINATION!" Panel 3: "SOUNDS OKAY TO ME." Panel 4: "PROVIDED YOUR DESTINATION IS THE MIDDLE OF MY COW PASTURE."

The Spats

Comic strip by Jeff Pickering. Panel 1: "GULP" Panel 2: "IT'S TOO BAD THAT MARRIAGE LICENSES DON'T EXPIRE."

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. A 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in. Difficulty: Moderate. HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Two panels of a man and a woman. Panel 1: "Find at least six differences in details between panels." Panel 2: "Differences: 1. Girl's bow is missing. 2. Color is different. 3. Boy's pencil is gone. 4. Picture on book has changed. 5. Meat loaf; 6. About 9 inches; 7. Operation Torch; 8. Girl Scouts; 9. Fear of failure; 10. 407th."

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. 1. GEOGRAPHY: In which two U.S. states is the Gila River located? 2. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin suffix -arium mean? 3. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel begins with the line, "For many days we had been tempest-tossed." 4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: In what year did President Richard Nixon resign from office? 5. MUSIC: Who had the 1970s hit "Paradise by the Dashboard Light"? 6. MEASUREMENTS: How long is a span, as mentioned in the Bible? 7. HISTORY: What was the code name of the Allies' invasion of North Africa in World War II? 8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which organization did Juliette Low found in 1912? 9. PSYCHOLOGY: What abnormal fear is represented in the condition called atychiphobia? 10. TELEVISION: What was the number of the mobile hospital unit in the TV drama "M*A*S*H"?

King Crossword Answers. A grid with the crossword answers filled in. Solution time: 21 mins.

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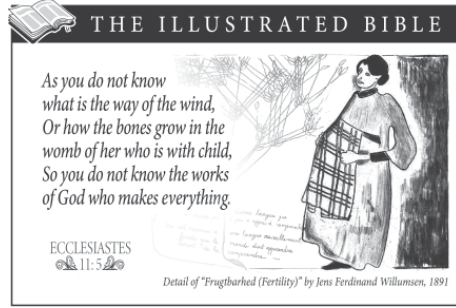
BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 17, when Jesus healed 10 lepers, how many came back to thank Him? 0, 1, 5, All 10
3. In Genesis 32, whose thigh went out of joint wrestling with an angel? Adam, Moses, Jacob, Lot

4. Who had seven sons who always celebrated their birthdays with a feast? Eli, Job, John, David
5. The pool of Bethesda is near which "gate" to the city of Jerusalem? Sheep, Camel, Horse, People
6. Who was Caiaphas' father-in-law? Annanias, Annas, Pilate, Nicodemus

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 1; 3) Jacob; 4) Job; 5) Sheep; 6) Annas



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Jones Middle School art teacher Sarah Kersh has been honored by TAEA.



Kujawa Elementary Principal Kimberly Jenkins has been honored by TAEA.

Kujawa Elementary Principal Kimberly Jenkins and Jones Middle School art teacher have been honored by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA). Jenkins was named TAEA's Principal of the Year, while Kersh was named the group's Middle School Teacher of the Year.

The role it plays in student success," Jenkins said. "My staff has always been supportive of the arts by integrating it through the curriculum. I have always been an advocate for the visual arts in schools and I have personally observed how the arts fosters creative and critical thinking skills."

Former Houston Texan Wade Smith visits Conley Elementary to read to students



On Tuesday, October 29, former Houston Texans football player Wade Smith visited Conley Elementary in Aldine ISD. Smith visited the kindergarten and first-grade classes to read his book: Smitty Tackles Bullying.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Beasley's Tire Service: Rolling Out Quality Work Since 1971

By Christina Autry

E.B. Beasley traveled the country within the trucking industry until deciding to settle down in Houston with his wife, Bobbie Beasley. "He wanted to go into business for himself," says Bob Beasley, son of E.B. and Bobbie. After launching their first service station shop inside an Exxon, the couple opened their own independent business, Beasley's Tire Service in 1971, in what has become the East Aldine District.

Forty-eight years later, the teenager who helped his parents by washing cars, pumping gas, and going along for the ride in his dad's tire service truck continues to run his parents' business. Having attended MacArthur High School, and subsequently Liberty University, Bob came full-circle to continue building the Beasley's Tire Service reputation as one of the leading consumer and corporate tire companies in Houston.

Beasley's provides automotive services such as front-end alignment and repair, brake service, and of course, tire repair and replacement.



Bob Beasley



Outside building of Beasley Tire on Eastex Freeway.

"We sell every kind of tires except motorcycle tires and airplane tires," says Bob. Beasley's corporate clients have included big-name trucking companies such as HEB, Borden, WCA Waste, Centerpoint, and hundreds of other commercial operators.

Inside the Beasley Tire warehouse are towering stacks of tires in all sizes and shapes, destined for 18-wheelers, construction equipment, oilfield trucks, and anything that needs newly treaded tires. The shop specializes in tire retreading, largely for 18-wheeler trucks. Using Michelin tires as their primary brand, in addition to BFGoodrich and Uniroyal, Beasley's is the leading seller around the city for all three brands.

Touring Beasley's retread warehouse is a lesson in streamlined efficiency, with specialization in every step, maintained by a professional, clean work environment. Using proprietary equipment from Michelin, the retread process is broken down into stations within the warehouse which utilize specialized equipment to do the most accurate, highest quality job. Using this process, the shop can retread 196 tires per day.

Damaged tires are first inspected thoroughly on rotating equipment, to evaluate if the tire can be approved for retreading. The tire then moves on to the buffing machine, where the existing tread and sidewalls are smoothed down in preparation for receiving the new tread. Next, holes and damages to the tire are patched

over, before sticky cushion gum is applied to the tire. As a strip of new Michelin tread is rolled out and applied to the tire, the cushion gum seals it in place. Lastly, tires are heated in a 123" chamber for almost two hours to embed the correct tread pattern onto the tire, and to fuse all parts of the new tire into one solid entity.

While the facility uses specially designed machinery, every step in the process is guided and completed by trained tire servicemen. Beasley's employs 170 people across the seven cities that they have expanded to around Texas.

"Retreading and replacing tires means most of our work is done to prevent 18-wheelers on the roads from having problems," explains Bob. However, Beasley's is also outfitted to respond to emergency tire replacements for trucks stranded on the roads. Although many calls come straight from the trucking companies themselves, Beasley's is tied into the Michelin "ONCall" emergency network, an 800 number that truckers call if they are in need of roadside service. Michelin connects truckers to local tire service shops that respond to the call.

Beasley's dispatcher takes calls, and organizes work tickets for newly received calls, works in progress, and completed jobs. A TV monitor in the dispatcher station displays dots around town, showing the movement of the Beasley service trucks providing assistance on the roads.

"We developed our reputation for fast truck tire service. Among the tire companies working with the emergency road service, we lead the nation in fastest response time," says Bob. Beasley's Tire Service has won numerous awards for outstanding business practices, such as the Houston Intercontinental Chamber of Commerce "Small Business of the Year" award in both 2012 and 2015.

Having lived and worked in the East Aldine area all his life, Bob Beasley has contributed in a volunteer capacity to improve the district, while running a first-rate business. "I've been involved in the East Aldine District since its inception, and I was asked to join the board roughly ten years ago," says Bob. He now serves as the Vice Chairman of the district, and is able to "help the East Aldine area and the services available grow and develop," he describes. Bob also serves on the board of the Aldine Education Foundation, which helps support Aldine ISD.

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Sam Houston High School building.



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Castlewood Civic Club celebrates Halloween



Castlewood Civic Club residents at Trick-or-Treat.



Eddie and Rhea Segura

"In the spirit of Halloween, the Castlewood Civic Club held their annual Trick-or-Treat event at the home of Eddie and Rhea Segura.

Despite the unusually cold weather, Castlewood attracted nearly 100 children, including adults, dressed in their Halloween costumes ready to enjoy the fun, music and treats. Best of all, was the photo opportunity where all who attended could capture the moment of the evening.

Many thanks to the Castlewood Civic Club Board, Esmeralda Rodriguez and the Schnur and Torres families for their generous donations of candy and time in organizing and setting up for the event. Special thanks to the East Aldine Management District for their continued support and donations of goodies and tent set-up.

Looking forward with anticipation to seeing more trick-or-treaters at next year's Halloween festivities."

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