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

## Channelview group cleans up roadways

Saturday morning Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 11:00 am Channelview Health & Improvement Coalition (C.H.I.C.) members and other community members conducted C.H.I.C.'s second Channelview Community Cleanup concentrating their efforts in the Sheldon Rd. area from I-10 to the railroad tracks just past Avenue C. Participants broke into groups, some picking up and removing the trash and debris from the roadside and medians throughout the targeted area while others trimmed the trees,



Participants gather ready to start the cleanup. Channelview ISD, Interact, C.H.I.C. members, churches and other volunteers helped clean, trim, and pick-up.

shrubs and overgrowth from the medians to eliminate the obstructed view and to provide a more manicured appearance to the medians; a nicety that has long been missing in Channelview.

This second cleanup effort was conducted in partnership with Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office and the organization Keep Houston Beautiful. Precinct 2 provided personnel, equipment and trucks and trailers while Keep Houston Beautiful provided lawn tools, safety vests and

gloves for those participants who did not bring their own. Harris County Sheriff's Office Precinct 2 Liaison Deputy Tommy Berry kept a watchful eye over everyone ensuring a safe work environment despite the high traffic area the cleanup was being conducted in.

Saturday's cleanup was a true example of what can be accomplished when local community groups and residents work together with receptive governing

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## North Shore Mustangs remain undefeated 52-14 over Beaumont Bruins

By Allan Jamail

Friday, October 23, 2020 at this GPISD stadium the North Shore Mustangs in their district opener game finished off the Beaumont Bruins in short order 55 to 14.

Mustangs Head Coach Jon Kay's team has yet to see any strong competition outside of their early season game when they defeated the Shadow Creek Sharks with a 38 to 21 score. Had Shadow Creek not had the 100 yards in penalties, the game could



#6 Mustang Jhalyn Bailey hauls in 28 yard Demetrius Davis touchdown pass. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Defensive end # 57 Aaron Brown runs back a pass interception for a Mustang TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

have been an upset for the Mustangs.

Quarterback Demetrius Davis led the offense to a 541 yard game, using his dual-threat pass run option he passed for 4 touchdowns (TD's) and ran for another. He connected on 15 of his 19 passes for a 79 percent completion average. Later in the game backup quarterback Jaylon Williams passed to Antonio Harris for a 11 yard TD.

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## GP Yellowjackets "Steel Curtain" shuts out Marlins 56-0

By Allan Jamail

Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Houston's HISD Dyer Field the visiting GPISD Yellowjackets varsity football team under the direction of Spiro Amantos, Head Football Coach/Athletic Coordinator destroyed Houston's James Madison Marlins, 56-0.

The Yellowjackets forced to concentrate this season on an all-out defensive effort due to losing their senior quarterback Gabriel Pagan early in the season put-up a steel curtain.

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#3 Arturo Garcia, Yellowjacket's senior running back outruns Madison Marlins defense for his second touchdown of the game. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



#54 Anthony Garcia, Yellowjacket's junior linebacker makes a solo tackle on Marlins quarterback Damon Jones Jr. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

## FLOODING RELIEF

# Precinct 2 cleans 1 million feet of ditches

Harris County PCT. 2 — Since being elected into office, Commissioner Adrian Garcia has made drainage maintenance a major priority. This week, he celebrated the completion of 1 million linear feet of ditching in Precinct 2.

Roadside ditching and drainage maintenance improves water conveyance to drainage outfalls, which helps in the reduction of potential flooding for residents and businesses. Without proper maintenance, standing water can penetrate and seep under road surfaces causing deterioration, which in turn, requires more frequent, costly road repairs, and neighborhood flooding. Many neighborhoods that have not been serviced in years now have clean, excavated ditches.

Commissioner Garcia stated "I am so proud of the Precinct 2 family for this outstanding achievement. When I tasked our team to clear 1 million linear feet of ditches, I frankly thought it might be out of reach. Not only have we

gotten to a million feet, we did it 2 months ahead of schedule! What we've accomplished in one year is collectively more than had been done in the previous two years combined. The hard work of my office will make a huge difference to

reduce the risk of Precinct 2 neighborhoods flooding."

As a comparison, in 2017 Precinct 2 completed just over 200,000 linear feet of drainage maintenance. In 2019, Commissioner Garcia's first year in office, the Public Works

team completed over 500,000 LF of ditching. And this year, despite the pandemic and having one of the busiest hurricane seasons, the team accomplished the goal of 1,000,000 linear feet two months ahead of schedule.

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

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

( <https://www.facebook.com/harriscountyprecinct2/videos/1032826077159144> ).

Commissioner Garcia encourages the community to visit his website and submit service request if they need support with their drainage or for any other issues. Please visit [hep2.com](http://hep2.com) and click on red "SERVICE REQUEST" button.



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



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







# XTREME Car Show



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



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



Viewers huddled around interesting vehicles last Sunday.



Eddie, 68 family visits

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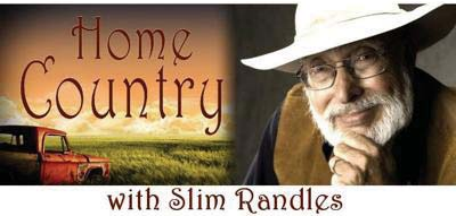


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## Dog Show

"I took Duckworth to the dog show up in the city last weekend," Dud said.

The other members of the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank and philosophy counter just looked at him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Canar..."

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

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



To the Editor:

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

I just wanted to let you know, good job.

Theresa Cashion

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

-- Gil Hoffman, editor



## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler



## Amazon goes big in Texas

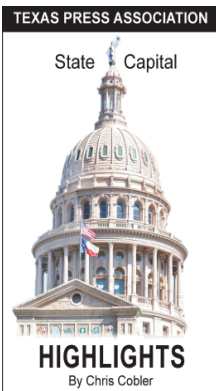
Amazon delivered good economic news, announcing plans for a 700,000-square-foot distribution center and warehouse in Waco. Gov. Greg Abbott and other state officials heralded the plan to bring up to 1,000 workers to Central Texas at a starting wage of \$15 an hour. The online retailing giant previously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

- The nation's largest provider of dredging services is moving its headquarters from Chicago to Houston. Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company announced it was making the move to be closer to major regional projects. The company, which had annual revenues of \$711 million in 2019, has more than 1,000 employees globally. The company has been based in Chicago for more than 100 years. "The relocation stems in part from changing industry dynamics as the dredging market has shifted from Northern Illinois and the Great Lakes to work along the Gulf Coast and in the northeast and southeast coastal regions," according to the company.
- A manufacturing firm is moving from Southern California to Round Rock, bringing 150 jobs. The company, Saleen Performance Parts, is a U.S.-based manufacturer and distributor of aftermarket automotive performance and restyling parts.

**'JERRY JEFF TRAIN SONGS'**

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

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



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

**TECH PROF HONORED FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS WORK**

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

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

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

**SMALL BUSINESS MAKES IT BIG**

A San Antonio resident is the winner of the National Small Business Person of the Year award from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Army veteran Timothy Porter, founder and CEO of Appdiction Studios, was recognized for the growth of his company, which started in 2011. The technology developed by Porter's company includes an award-winning anti-bully mobile application for use in K-12 schools. "Timothy's determination, grit and ingenuity characterize so many small business owners," SBA administrator Jovita Carranza said. "His efforts, as well as those of tens of millions of entrepreneurs around the country, are driving economic recovery."

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## "Scary Stories"

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

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

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

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

"No! It's about rats!"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# ASK THE EXPERT

## ASK DIAMOND JIM

### Diamond Jim: “Is Amber really a Gem?”

Amber is an organic gem. Organic gems are the products of living or once-living organisms and biological processes. Amber formed tens of millions of years ago, when sap from ancient trees hardened and fossilized. Amber is nature's time capsule. This fossilized tree resin contains remnants of life on earth, all those years ago.

Amber is probably best known for its insect and other types of inclusions. Millions of years ago, when amber oozed from countless plants, the substance acted as a sticky trap for ants, bees, termites, and other insects. Flower parts, leaves, and pine needles are also typical amber inclusions, along with gas bubbles. Amber containing larger animals like scorpions, snails, frogs, and lizards can be very valuable—especially if the animal “inclusions” are preserved intact.

Insects embedded in amber formed the basis of the movie “Jurassic Park.” The story centered around the cloning of dinosaurs from DNA found in dinosaur blood sucked up by prehistoric mosquitoes that were subsequently preserved in amber.

The movie generated great interest in the gem. Even today, scientists and collectors alike treasure amber that contains suspended animal or plant fragments.

Amber comes in a variety of colors. The most familiar ones are yellow to orange, while a reddish color is rare. Some types of amber are found in the ground. Other types have been freed and carried by tides, ending up on beaches or near-shore areas. The Baltic coast bordering Germany, Poland, and Russia is still an important source of amber. Amber is sometimes called “gold of the North.” Its warm luster is featured in beads, carvings, pendants, and cabochons, as well as decorative items like cups, bowls, snuff boxes, and umbrella handles.

A related material, called copal, is also fossilized tree resin, but it's far younger than amber, at less than a million years old.

Thank you for reading the “Ask Diamond Jim” column and for supporting the North Channel Star Newspaper!

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## Channelview Cleanup,

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Superintendent Greg Ollis, DeZavala Elementary Principal Ruben Rodriguez and INTERACT student Sebastian And Ricardo



Pct. 2 Road & Bridge crews worked alongside the community members

agencies and other adjoining and supportive communities and groups. Pct. 2 Community Liaison, C.H.I.C. member and Channelview resident, Cindy Miller was critical in relaying the goals of the community and project to Pct. 2 and in coordinating county, C.H.I.C. and cleanup meetings and requirements and with community and business outreach ahead of the cleanup and in her participation efforts removing overgrowth from the cracks, crevices and edges of the roadside and median concrete. Nelson Espitia Pct. 2 Community Relations Director worked shoulder to shoulder with the participants removing the trash and debris during the cleanup and was also instrumental in ensuring Pct. 2's support in the availability of Road and Bridge and Parks Dept. equipment and personnel during the cleanup and for future planning. Road and Bridge personnel worked alongside community participants utilizing pole saws to speed limb and brush removal and immediate removal of brush from the areas while “Ponce” Aldaco Ponciano with the Parks Dept. was on hand to consult with C.H.I.C. members regarding Saturday's and future projects needs and goals in addition to his help in the

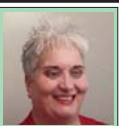
brush removal.

CISD Superintendent Greg Ollis and his students from the Rotary INTERACT group and DeZavala Elementary Principal Ruben Rodriguez worked diligently on trash removal. Also aiding in the cleanup was Danny Watts with SterlingWood Church and Kristina Zatepek and Luz Lopez from the Cloverleaf/Northshore area who attacked the brush clearing and tree trimmings. All these participants working together allowed for a much larger area to be addressed in the same amount of time as spent during the first cleanup and a greater improvement to the area.

C.H.I.C.'s first Community Cleanup was held the morning of Saturday Sept. 19 on the south end of Sheldon Rd. from Market St. to I-10 at McDonald's. This cleanup effort was conducted strictly by C.H.I.C. members and a few other Channelview residents utilizing their personal tools each participant brought with them to the cleanup. Participants of this cleanup worked hard and made a noticeable improvement, but ran out of time to complete trimming the full area. This first effort proved to be a learning experience for planned future cleanups and a notice to Commissioner Garcia's Pct. 2 office Channelview residents were willing to take the initiative to achieve our desired improvements to our community. Pct. 2 responded to September's first effort by removing the piles of limbs removed from the trees and completing the median edging that had been begun by the cleanup community participants and by partnering with C.H.I.C. for the planned future cleanup necessary to cleanup Channelview as a whole.

Due to the enormity of the scope of entire project, Project has been broken down into 4 phases based on major thoroughfares in Channelview: Phase 1: Sheldon Road - Market St. to Wallisville Rd. Phase 2: Dell Dale Avenue - Market St. to Wallisville Rd. Phase 3: Woodforest Boulevard - Sheldon Rd. to Beltway 8. Phase 4: Wallisville Road - Sheldon Rd. to Beltway 8. Each Phase may take multiple cleanup days. C.H.I.C. members were joined by others. If you would like to participate in future cleanup activities or learn more about C.H.I.C. or become a member please email Carolyn Stone at [ChannelviewHealth&ImprovementCoalition\(C.H.I.C.\)@C.H.I.C.77530@gmail.com](mailto:ChannelviewHealth&ImprovementCoalition(C.H.I.C.)@C.H.I.C.77530@gmail.com).

## CHARLOTTE'S WEB



### Get Active

Is there something in the community that you want to see changed? Are there people in the community that you want to see recognized? Is there an area that needs help? Do you have a gift you want to share with other residents? Now is a great time to get involved and become an active member of the North Channel Area.

For those of you who are Registered Voters, I hope you have taken the time to research the candidates that appear on the General Election Ballot for November 3 and if you have not already participated in Early Voting, you have until Friday evening at 7 p.m., or you can join others on Tuesday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to cast your vote. Then, once the votes are tallied and winners are announced, what will you do? I have a suggestion. Find out what date the winner will be sworn into office and if it is a local event, find out when and where the event will be held. Make plans to attend. If it is an event in Austin or in Washington D.C., decide to attend or find out how to watch the event on a live stream.

Next, take the time to send a letter not only of congratulations to the elected official, but introduce yourself in the letter. Let them know what issues are important to you and your family. If there are issues that concern you, offer to serve on a committee. Pray for them and keep in touch with their office to see when they will be hosting a public event that you can attend.

Perhaps you know of an individual celebrating a milestone birthday or a couple with a milestone anniversary, reach out to the elected leader and ask for a congratulatory letter. Perhaps you have a talent that you want to share with others. Offer to teach a class or do a presentation at an event being held by one of the local officials. Both Justice of the Peace Joe Stephens and Justice of the Peace Lucia Bates have held workshops for teens in the past and would look forward to you sharing with the attendees if you have a topic such as internet safety, etiquette, resume writing, college preparation topics and more. Reach out and ask how you can assist.

Perhaps you have suspicions of illegal activities in the area. Take the time to document the location, date and time and then contact Constable Sherman Eagleton's Tip Line at 832-927-8477 and report the details. If you see something, you should say something so law enforcement can take an active role in making a difference.

Recently neighbors in Woodforest realized there were multiple squatters at an abandoned house. They saw signs of illegal activities, documented what they could and reported it to the homeowner, the Civic Association and to both the Constable's Office and the Sheriff's Office. After thorough investigations and due process, not only were these vagrants ordered to leave but the owner was instructed to clean up the home so that it would not happen again.

Yes, it takes a few minutes of your time, but you CAN make a difference.

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# Mustangs undefeated,

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#6 Jhalyn Bailey wide receiver stretches ball across goal line for his 2nd TD pass catch from Demetrius Davis.

The East-Side Boys made 8 touchdowns by, Demetrius Davis (1 TD), Jhalyn Bailey (2 TD's), Aaron Brown (1 TD), Charles King (1 TD), Xavier Owens (1 TD), Shadrach Banks (1 TD) and Antonio Harris (1 TD). Extra points were made by Andres Montes-Zamora.

The stingy Mustang defense allowed only 2 touchdowns, giving up a mere 278 yards. By hurrying the quarterback to pass they made 3 interceptions. Interceptions were made by defensive backs Denver Harris, Jacoby Davis and Antonio Harris.

North Shore will play their second 21-6A district game on the road against Humble on Thursday, October 29th at 7 PM at Turner Stadium, 1700 Wilson Rd, Humble, TX 77338.



#2 Shadrach Banks gallops 46 yards on a Demetrius Davis pass for a North Shore TD.

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North Shore's #14 Charles King scores on a 23 yard touchdown pass from Demetrius Davis.



#20 Antonio Harris deep in the end zone catches a 11 yard TD pass from quarterback Jaylan Williams

# GP Yellowjackets 56-0

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tain Saturday. The Jackets defense shut-out the Marlins for four quarters and held them to a mere 43 total offensive yards, making 2 pass interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Amarantos' newly structured offense scored in all four quarters making 8 touchdowns (TD's) with 349 yards on offense.

Leading rushers and TD's were, Arturo Garcia (68 yds~2 TD), Kelly A'marion (51 yds~1 TD), River Medina (23 yds~1 TD), Raul Gonzalez (52 yds~2 TD), Jose Barrientos (67 yds~1 TD), Ivan Reyes (48 yds) and Johnson (1 yd~1 TD).

Pass receptions made by Oziel Trevino (23 yds) and Aaron Johnson (21 yds). Junior kicker Fernando Mendoza was perfect 8 for 8.

Other results, Yellowjacket Junior Varsity won 18 to 16 over Laporte and the Jacket's freshman team won 33 to 9 over Spring Branch.

The Yellowjackets have a bye (no game) this week.



Yellowjacket's #20 Jose Barrientos and #14 Aaron Johnson make a defensive stop on Marlins 200 pound running back Avant Porter for a loss of yards.



#45 Luis Sanchez, Yellowjacket's senior linebacker pulls to the ground Marlins quarterback Damon Jones Jr.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now, onto this weekend's games.

## NCAA

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

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



Herman's seat is getting hot in Austin, but it could very well be getting warm. UT was expected to not only contend for the Big 12 title, but also figure in the CFP picture in Herman's fourth season on the Forty Acres, but UT already has two conference losses (to TCU at home and to Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl) and a third league loss would pretty much end Texas' hopes of reaching the Big 12 title game. Things don't get any easier on Saturday when Texas travels to Stillwater to face the No. 6-ranked Cowboys. OSU played Iowa State last week, its first game since Oct. 3. OSU had its game with Baylor moved to Dec. 12 due to an outbreak of the corona virus on the Baylor campus. Texas took on Baylor last week after its open week. Quarterback Sam Ehlinger (924 passing yards, 14 TDs) and wide receiver Joshua Moore (11 receptions, 200 yards, 4 TDs) will need to have big days against a solid Cowboys defense. The UT defense has been plagued by poor tackling technique so far this season and if that continues this week, OSU running back Chubba Hubbard (339 yards, 4 TDs) could have a big day. Look for Texas to pull off the upset as the 'Horns know it's put up or shut up time. My pick, Texas 34, Oklahoma State 31

NFL

New England at

**Buffalo:** Could there be a changing of the guard in the AFC East? Bill Belichick's New England Patriots have had a stranglehold on the division for more than a decade, but after their 18-12 loss at home to Denver two weeks ago, the Patriots were standing at 2-3 and in third place in the division. Buffalo is in first place, but the Bills dropped their second straight game two weeks ago when they fell at home to Kansas City, 26-17. Quarterback Josh Allen (1,326 yards, 13 TDs) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (26 receptions, 403 yards, 2 TDs) need to make some big plays on Sunday against a suddenly suspect NE defense. Quarterback Cam Newton (714 passing yards, 2 TDs/149 rushing yards, 4 TDs) appears to be a one-man team. Belichick needs someone else to step up on offense if the Pats are going to turn things around. I think they struggle on the road this Sunday in Buffalo. My pick, Buffalo 24, New England 20

**New Orleans at Chicago:** Don't look now, but the Bears are playing some decent football. Their defense is playing at a high level and quarterback Nick Foles (878 yards, 6 TDs) has brought consistency to the offense. The Saints hope to get wide receiver Michael Thomas back for this game. Thomas was injured in the opener and then was suspended for the Saints game against the Chargers two weeks ago. Quarterback

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

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

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

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

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