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One dead in car-train collision

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HOUSTON AREA

288,554 POSITIVE 3,779 DEATHS 248,145 RECOVERED

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13,566,283 POSITIVE 5,146,319 RECOVERED

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63,478,019 POSITIVE 1,472,917 DEATHS 40,760,630 RECOVERED

NCACC HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE 2020!

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce would like you to join us at our annual Holiday Open House, a come and go event where you can meet the Chamber staff, see our office and enjoy some refreshments in a casual setting!

Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 I NOON - 3PM 13301 East Freeway, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77015

Ugly Mask Contest - DIY or not, participate for your chance to win a door

Manslaughter charged on driver who drove around gates

CHANNELVIEW - The Harris County Sheriff's Office reports a crash involving an SUV and a train on Sheldonn Road.

A woman has been charged after a deadly crash involving an SUV and an Amtrak train in northeast Harris County

on Wednesday afternoon.

Brittinie Green is charged with manslaughter, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office. The crash occurred

around 5 p.m. Wednesday in the 10500 block of Sheldon Road near Beaumont

Highway.
Deputies say Green was

driving a BMW X3 with a passenger, Rhonda Clay, in the front seat.

The sheriff's office says Green drove northbound in the southbound lane of Sheldon Road, went around two vehicles that were stopped for the rail-road crossing arms and then drove around the railroad arm.

Deputies say the BMW then crossed over the railroad tracks and was struck by a westbound Amtrak train.

Clay was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene, authorities said. Green was taken to the



hospital by LifeFlight. No injuries were reported among those on the Amtrak train.

The sheriff's office say

the Harris County District Attorney's Office accepted the charge of manslaugh-ter on Green. This case remains under investigation by the Harris County Sheriff's Office Vehicular

ABOVE authorities view the wreckthe crossing gates and was struck by an Amtrack passenger train. A passenger in the car was ejected and died. The driver, Brittinie Green, was charged by the D.A.'s office with Manslaughter. RIGHT



Mustangs pluck Eagles 63 – 14 to capture 21-6A District Championship Crown

By Allan Jamail

Humble, TX. - Friday, November 27th at Turner Stadium, after an hour plus delay because of a lightning storm the North Shore Mustangs galloped away with the 21-6A district championship crown.

The Eastside Boys (Mustangs) and the Atascocita Eagles weathered the storm and went onto the field to play, but then the Eagles got caught in another storm or more like a tornado. They became the victim of Coach Jon Kav's whirlwind team that swirled all over the field on offense and defense, winning 63 – 14.

See Mustangs capture Crown, page 8



19 yards for the games 1st touchdown. Davis ran for 3 touchdowns in the game (Photo by Allan Jamail)



#8 Sophomore David Amador blocks #2 Eagle defender to allow his teammate #2 Shadrach Banks to score 1 of his 3 Mustang touchdowns. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

NCA Chamber Foundation Casino Night.... Casino for a Cause

By Jada Mier North Channel Star

Jacinto City's Town Center transformed into a casino for North Channel Chamber Foundation's annual scholarship fundrais er. On Friday night, Local companies, North Shore Rotary, and Chamber members joined for a night of games and chick-fil-a. Poker, blackjack, and roulette were a few of the games played with funny money. A raffle took place with a chance to win a bucket of wine, a YMCA membership, and much more. Casino night scheduled to take place this August was postponed due to the coronavirus. Playing it safe, all attendees sported masks, and tables were set six feet apart. Bill Palko, the foundation's chairman, explained that all the proceeds would be going to a 5,000-dollar scholarship. The scholarship is to be awarded to a local student

studying in health care.
The William C. Palko scholarship is geared towards San Jacinto College students Palko chose San Jac because of "my history with the school." As a former student, he wants to encourage kids to pursue an education beyond their high school degree. Every year a concentration of study is chosen for the

See Casino Night, page 5



Bill Palko convinced others to play him at his first game of blackjack.



Donald flaunted his winning hand of aces.

Cultural Arts Center to hold Tree Lighting Ceremony

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX - December 2, 2020 Michelle Bonton the Executive Director of the Harris County Cul-tural Arts Council (HC-CAC) announced the Council is making an old tradition new again by in-viting east side residents on Sunday December 6 2020 at 6:00 p.m.to enjoy a free Community Christmas Tree Lighting. The event will take place at 13334 Wallisville Rd, Houston and will feature vocalists, instrumentals dance, and poetry, all rounded off by the lighting of a 12 foot Christmas tree. It will be the first time for such an event on the east side and organizers hope it will be the start of a new tradition for area families.

The HCCAC is the managing organization for the Harris County Cultural



MIchelle L. Bonton

Arts Center. Many of us may know the Christian Tabernacle - location of the facility as Christian Tabernacle Church or, more fondly, CTAB. The church is being repurposed as a cultural venue and gathering place. The old prayer hall has been converted to make way for an art gal-

The tree lighting is the 3rd event of what Execu-

tive Director Michelle Bonton hopes will be a long list of signature events designed to bring the community together and enhance the quality of life for residents in unincorporated

east Harris County.
Ms. Bonton told NC Star writer Allan Jamail, "The HCCAC is a new source in the area for arts and culture engagement. We're creating community through the arts." There are plans for theatrical performances, concerts featuring a range of music genres, dance presentations, and other holiday

celebrations, stay tuned! For more information $\begin{array}{l} contact \: Michelle \: L. \: Bonton, \\ M.Ed \: Executive \: Director \: @ \end{array}$ (281)224-5873. mlbonton@harris countycac.org www.harriscountycac.org
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Varsity football: Local teams go to play-offs

NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY – As the final week of regular season approaches this weekend local teams are fairing very well indead.

Crosby (7-26-0) and not less than 42 points in a game will welcome the Nederland Bull Dogs (6-25-1) next Friday. This following their convincing thrashing of Santa Fe 50-0 last week. Crosby leads 15-5A with a perfect in district record. Crosby has proved the more physical team against opponents with Quarterback Reggie Branch leading the air attack and rushing well.

According to Head Coach Jerry Prieto, "We got off to a fast start on offense. We scored 4 touchdowns in our first 10 plays of offense. Jaylen Herman had a big first half with two touchdown receptions and threw a touchdown as well on a double pass. Johnathon Fuselier and Braden Womack had interceptions on defense and our defense in total didn't give up very much."



Goose Creek Memorial (5-3 4-2) defeated the LaPorte Bull Dogs(4-42-4) 28 to 16 and it looks like for the fifth time in school history the Patriots will go to the play-offs. The last

time was the 2013 season. Dylan Pitre was the leader and quarterback for the Patriots. Although he had an interception and there was a fumble they held relatively well against the Bulldogs that threw three interceptions including two to cap the contest and two fumbles. The Patriots are enjoying a three game streak since the squeakier 15-14 against Sterling.

The Bulldog drew first blood with an interception and were up 7-0 early in the first quarter but Dylan Pitre matched the score and under seven minutes

to play in the First Quar-

Patriot defender Bryce Johnson stole the Bull Dog's quarterback's ball and dashed in for a 14-7 lead. With seconds before the half Goose Creek Memorial went up on a pass and run 21 to 7.

A bad snap accounted for the second turnover for the Patriots, but alertly they hit the ball out of the endzone before it was a Bull Dog touchdown and only a two point touchback. At 21 to 9 the game again was in earnest. The Bulldog manufactured a drilling down field and scored another touchdown. A Patriot touchdown came in that had absorbed most of the third quarter for a 28-16 final. Credit the two interceptions that completely shut down the Bull Dog offense to Josiah Rice and Luis Acosta.

This will make the second time that Goose Creek Memorial and Robert E. Lee High School will be in the play-offs together since 2009

Champions Outdoors joins Jmac's Yak Shack

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CROSBY – The dream has been many years in the making and it is finally here. Champions Outdoors, a unique kayak rental and launch site on Highlands Bayou in Hitchcock, Texas is expanding here as Jmac's Yak Shack.

Partnering with Josh MacNaughton, now offering a full-service kayak sales facility. This handson retail store will also provide educational and training facilities, as well as showcase the newest in paddle and pedal kayaks breaking into the industry with a beautiful show room floor

Carrying a wide variety of pedal and paddle kayaks, sets them apart not only with the top branded kayaks on the market, but having the ability to launch right at their facility into a protected water way, free from high boat traffic, jet skiers, and bank fisherman to chase those inshore beasts. Experiencing the marsh from this side of the tracks is so incredibly peaceful and se-

When booking for trips, we provide all our customers need to enjoy their day out. At a flat rate of \$100 per day, clients will have their choice of mirage drive, propel drive or paddle kayaks. Our top rentals are hot, so we promote advance reservation for a day out on the Hobie's, Viking's, Hoodoo's or Blue Sky's. They book out QUICK. Life jackets and paddles included. This year adding guided trips and adventure is out there we

are going to yak you to it!

Established in 2016, our base message of promoting safety and conservation with a strong emphasis on mental health just took off. Last fall, we added the rental portion and are eager to help get our clients on the water. We offer free demos for those ready to purchase but need to find the right fit. These are always free, however a reservation is required. This is a great way to compare multiple kayaks to ensure the right choice for your

For those looking for another way to connect with us in the outdoors, we have a variety of ways to get involved. We have well established programs for women, kids, families, veterans, first responders and active duty military that are ALWAYS FREE. We are here to help our community become CHAMPIONS Outdoors and to build strong family bonds, open communication and establish overall better mental health and well-grounded families, while making sure they're in the safe and proper kayak for thier personal adventure.

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Reel Girlz Heroes on the Water Kidzfish2

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In-house hosted tournaments and fundraisers

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We can't wait to help elevate each of you to the next level of your game or in your life.

Precinct 3 gave away Thanksgiving turkeys



Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton, volunteer deputies, and Precinct 3, Position 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Stephens teamed up to give away Thanksgiving Turkeys to the needy last week before Thursday in Barrett Station, North Shore and Baytown.

It was a kickoff to the giving season for the areas.

MS-13 members charged with murder by U.S. Attorney

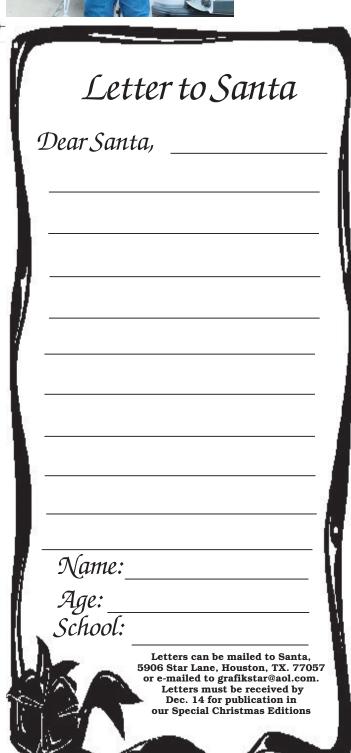
HOUSTON – Five local members of the violent Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) international street gang are set to appear in court following charges of conspiracy and murder in aid of racketeering, announced U.S. Attorney Ryan K. Patrick.

Wilson Jose Ventura-Mejia, 24, Jimmy Villalobos-Gomez, 23, Angel Miguel Aguilar-Ochoa, 35, Walter Antonio Chicas-Garcia, 23, and Marlon Miranda-Moran, 21, will appear for their arraignments and detention hearings via video before U.S. Magistrate Judge Sam S. Sheldon at 10 a.m. All are El Salvadorian nationals who illegally resided in Houston. Also charged is Franklin Trejo-Chavarria, 23, who is currently in custody in El Salvador.

A federal grand jury returned the indictment Nov. 12. All are charged with conspiracy and murder in aid of racketeering

The indictment alleges they committed a 2018 murder in furtherance of the MS-13 enterprise. The victim was allegedly beaten to death with machetes in order for the defendants to further their positions in the enterprise.

If convicted, they face a potential death sentence





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OPINION

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Chris Cobler**



State is planning for first COVID19 vaccinations

Plans for first vaccina-

Texas is preparing to distribute the COVID-19 vaccination to medical staff and other first responders later this month. "Texas is ready to distribute these vaccines in the coming days," Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted Sunday, sharing a Wall Street Journal news story about United Airlines operating charter flights to position doses of Pfizer Inc.'s COVID-19 vaccine for quick distribution if the shots are approved by regulators. Earlier, Abbott and the State Department of Health Services announced their guiding principles of vaccine distribution. Texas will initially allocate vaccines based on the

- following criteria:
 Protecting health care workers
- Protecting frontline workers
- Protecting vulnerable populations who are at great-
- er risk.

 Mitigating health ineq-
- Data-driven allocations using the best available sci-entific evidence and epidemi-
- ology.

 Geographic diversity and rural communities.
- Transparency with the

Researcher spotlights 'invisible incentives'

The Texas Enterprise Fund took a hit for lack of transparency in a new re-search paper from the National Freedom of Information Coalition.The paper by journalist Steve Miller s titled "Invisible Incentives: How Secrecy Impedes Evalu-



ation and Accountability of Economic Development Subsidies." Part of the paper spotlights the Texas Enterprise Fund, which the Legislature created in 2003 to provide taxpayer money to companies in exchange for the promise of jobs. "But in numerous cases, the money has been paid and the companies left shortly after the deal was completed, taking the jobs with them," the paper's author writes. "The public rarely hears of it and the money spent is rarely recouped, although because of the onacity surrounding the TEF, it's difficult to discern if any financial recovery by the state is achieved."The problem is the same across most states, according to the paper, which concludes with this recom-mendation: "Opening the records, fully, is the best start to handing the decision to the public."Renae Eze, Gov. Greg Abbott's spokesperson, responded in a statement to the

researcher's assertions.
"When he first entered of-

fice in 2015, Gov. Abbott established procedures to ensure the protection of taxpayer money and trans-parency in the spending process, including changing the Texas Enterprise Fund requirements to be performance-based, meaning these companies must first meet their contracted job requirements before any state money is paid out," she stated. Companies must also remain and maintain those jobs for an extra year on the contract period. If a company falls short, it will be held accountable to the hardworking people of Texas through provisions that enable us to clawback our grant."

\$1 billion less Two key Texas funds received about \$1 billion less this year because of the economic downturn, state Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced The State Highway Fund and the Rainy Day Fund each received more than \$1.1 billion in the annual transfer of severance tax money, Hegar said. That's about \$500 million less for each fund than a year ago. The transfer amounts are based on crude oil and natural gas production tax revenues in excess of 1987 collections. If either tax generates more revenue than the 1987 threshold, an amount equal to 75 percent of the excess is transferred. In November 2014, voters approved a constitutional amendment allocating at least half of the severance taxes to the Rainv Day Fund, with the remainder going to the State Highhighway construction, mainKUDOS TO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS! — FOR KEEPING "PUBLIC" IN THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS... WHO TURN'D ON TH LIGHT? 13.5 WITHHELD INFO HIDDEN AGENDAS SWEETHEAR1 SECRET GOVT. MEETING

tenance and right-of-way acquisition. The economic contraction associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and recent volatility in oil prices contributed to the transfer amounts being lower than the \$1.66 billion each fund received in fiscal 2020, Hegar said."The Rainy Day Fund and the State Highway Fund are critical pieces to ensure Texas' continued economic strength," Hegar said. "The State Highway Fund is a key funding source for the transportation infrastructure that is fundamental to our economy, and the importance of maintaining a healthy Rainy Day Fund to help weather unforeseen economic downturns has never been more clear than it has been in recent months."With this most recent transfer, the new balance of severance taxes will be about \$10.7 billion.

Billion-dollar break-

through? Texas A&M researchers announced a breakthrough in fighting agricultural plant diseases.Kranthi Mandadi, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist and associate professor in Texas A&M's Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology, has been working on developing new biological technologies. Mandadi and his team are AgriLife Research and Exten-

sion Center in Weslaco.The diseases cause billions of dollars of damage each year. The U.S. citrus industry alone would save \$3 billion a year through control of just one of these diseases - citrus greening. Additionally, the pathogen that causes Pierce's disease in grapes is the No.1 threat to the \$1 billion wine

industry in Texas. The new technologies allow scientists to better study the pathogens and combat them.

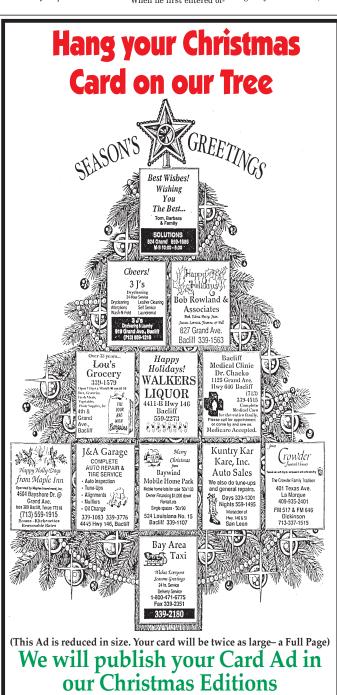
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Casino Night,

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LADIES OF THE NIGHT: Chamber President Margie Buentella, center, with Stephanie Rosendahl Administrative Assistant and Yesenia Doyal Membership Director.

award, last year it was business, and this year is health care. While thanking these sponsors, Palko says, "The idea here is to make money for the scholarship fund so we can keep these young students in college."

The three-thousand-dollar Title Sponsor Ronny Dwairy and The Dwairy Family Foundation was one of many contributors. These sponsors included Amegy Bank, Arkema Inc, KNCS services, J. Kurt Bouillion's law office. Heights Builders, North Shore Rotary Club, Palko & Associates, LLC, and WoodForest National Bank. If you are interested in helping to this foundation's cause, you can donate to the William C. Palko Scholarship Fund by sending a check payable to the North Channel Area Foundation to the Foundation at 13301 I-10 East, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77015. Please write in the memo section of the check that it is for the William C. Palko scholarship fund.

CHANNELVIEW COMMUNITY By Carolyn Stone

Channelview Sports Complex Improvements

You may be aware Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Gracia has been holding discussions with area community members for our input regarding what we desire in the future improvements to our community. Some of these meetings have been centered around what we as community members would like to have in our parks.

The next meeting will focus on what we would like to see happen at the Channelview Sports Complex, improvements and additional uses. Monies are currently available to provide the decided upon improvements.

The best fit for the improvements wanted and suited for OUR community and the Sports Complex will only be achieved with the largest amount of participation by our residents. If you would like to participate in this discussion and have your input recognized in the future design and use of the

Channelview Sports Complex please email us with your name and contact information so we may forward it to Ms. DeVon Douglass of Aurora Advising, the design company hired by Precinct 2, so you can receive an invite and participate in the next zoom meeting.

You may also contact De-Von Douglass directly at 314 435-1287 or by email at info@auroraadvising us.com.

Please feel free to share this information by any method you may communicate (i.e. person to person, voice, text, email, Nextdoor, Facebook, etc.) Carolyn Stone

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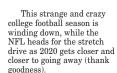
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Aggies look for big road win at Auburn: Texans look to slow down Colts in AFC South



Jimbo Fisher's Texas
A&M Aggies were supposed
to play LSU last Saturday
and if the game was held, it
was A&M's first game since
they dominated South Carolina on Nov. 7. Games
against Tennessee and Mississippi had to be postponed
due to players and football
staffers testing positive for
COVID-19. The Tennessee
game has been rescheduled
for Dec. 12. No word yet on if
the Ags will host Mississippi
on Dec. 19, the day of the
SEC title game.

This Saturday, the Aggies have a tough road test at Auburn with hopes of closing fast and impressing members of the College Football Playoff (CFP) panel. If A&M can win out and finish with just one loss to No. 1-ranked Alabama, the CFP Selection Committee should consider the Aggies for one of the four CFP berths, that's why this game is so important to Fisher's team.

Tom Herman's Texas Longhorns would also like to finish strong and perhaps land a Jan. 1 bowl game. UT will visit a Kansas State team that was blown out by Iowa State, 45-0, two weeks ago.

In the NFL, the Texans will be out to throw a monkey wrench in the Colts' AFC South title hopes. Two weeks ago, Houston played perhaps its most complete game of the season when the Texans beat New England 27-20 in NRG Stadium. The loss could have brought an end to Bill Belichick's 2020 playoff hopes and has a lot of Patriots fans wondering, "is it time to rebuild?"

The Cowboys travel to Baltimore for a second straight Thursday games (they hosted Washington on Thanksgiving Day) and showed signs of life two weeks ago with a 31-28 win at Minnesota. While the Cowboys were winning on



the road, the Ravens dropped a 30-24 overtime decision at home to the Titans to fall to 6-4 on the sea son.

Before we take a look at the above mentioned games and a handful of others, let's review last week's record. A 7-3 week (two AISD varsity games were postponed) upped the season record to 75-36 (68%).

Now, onto this weekend's

□NCAA

Indiana at Wisconsin This one is a battle for sur-

vival in the Big 10 as both teams enter this game with one loss. Two weeks ago, Indiana lost a hard-fought, 42-35 decision at Ohio State. The Hoosiers were down by double digits in the second half and could have given up, but quarterback Michael Penix, Jr. (1,561 yards, 14 TDs) and wide receiver Ty Fryfogole (31 receptions, 642 yards, 7 TDs) made big-play after big-play to bring IU back. Wisconsin had a tough time moving the ball in its 17-7 road loss at Northwestern and the Badgers will need a better outing from quarterback Graham Mertz (375 vards, 8 TDs) if they hope to beat the high-scoring Hoosiers. My pick, Indiana 33 Wisconsin 27

Texas A&M at Auburn:
No. 5-ranked Texas A&M
heads to the plains of Alabama to take on an Auburn
team that struggles on offense, but has playmakers on
defense. A&M QB Kellen
Mond (1,468 yards, 16 TDs)
needs to continue to be his
consistent self and let running back Isaiah Spiller (643
yards, 5 TDs) do his thing on

the ground and fellow run-

ning back Ainias Smith (26 receptions, 312 yards, 5 TDs) help out in the passing game. I think the A&M defense will get to Auburn quarterback Bo Nix (1,407 yards, 4 TDs) early and force a turnover or two. The Aggies need to start fast and take the starch out of the War Eagles. My pick, Texas A&M 26, Auburn 16

Texas at Kansas State:
Texas is another team that
has had its schedule upended due to COVID-19 and
they face a KSU team that
was humiliated two weeks
ago when they were wiped
out 45-0 at Iowa State. Texas
will go as far as quarterback
Sam Ehlinger (1,874 yards,
22 TDs/323 rushing yards, 7
TDs) will take them and he
should have a big day
against a weak Wildcat defense. Ehlinger will use
speedy wide receiver Joshua
Moore (22 receptions, 343
yards, 7 TDs) to make plays
in the passing game and his
stable of capable running
backs to get things done on
the ground. My pick, Texas
34, Kansas State 18

TCU: Mike Gundy's Cow boys had it all in front of them until they visited Nor man. OK two weeks ago to take on arch rival Oklaho ma. The Cowboys got behind big early, rallied to make it close but watched as OU pulled away in the fourth quarter en route to a 41-13 win and might have put a uge dent in OSU's Big 12 title chances. Quarterback Spencer Sanders (766 yards, 5 TDs, and running back Chubba Hubbard (581 yards, 5 TDs) were both slowed with injuries in the game, but should be back to full strength on Saturday when they visit Fort Worth to take on Gary Patterson's Horned

Oklahoma State at

Frogs. TCU is led by dual threat quarterback Max Duggan (1,274 passing yards, 5 TDs/348 rushing yards, 6 TDs). OSU must contain Duggan if they hope to pull off the road win. It says here they will. My pick, Oklahoma State 33, TCU 26

Dallas at Baltimore:

NFL

The Cowboys visit Baltimore for Thursday Night Football as the Ravens look to right the ship and make a run down the stretch. Two weeks ago, Dallas played as well as it has on offense since start-ing quarterback Dak Prescott went down with an ankle injury. Backup QB Andy Dalton (655 yards, 4 TDs) passed for two touchdowns and running back Ezekiel Elliott (675 yards, 5 TDs) had his first 100-yard game of the season (103 yards). Rookie wide receiver CeeDee Lamb had an amazing over-the-shoulder touch-down catch as was making plays all over the field in the Minnesota win. Dallas will need that sort of effort again this week if they hope to beat the Ravens on the road. Two weeks ago, Baltimore blew a second-half lead at home and fell in OT to the Titans. Quarterback Lamar Jackson (1,945 passing yards, 13 TDs/575 rushing yards, 3 TDs) is not the sam QB that won the MVP in 2019, but he's got enough talent to turn things around in a hurry. Look for a better effort from the Ravens on both sides of the ball on Thursday as they take care of business against Dallas. My pick, Baltimore 30, Dal-

Indianapolis at Houston: The Colts come calling on Sunday afternoon at NRG Stadium to take on a Texans team that appears to have found new life after its 27-20 win over New England two weeks ago. In that game, quarterback Deshaun Watson (2,893 yards, 20 TDs) played perhaps his best game of the season passing for 344 yards, tossing two TD passes and running for another score. The defense also made plays at defensive

end J.J. Watt tipped four of Cam Newton's passes. The Texans will need another such effort against an Indy team that overcame a 14-point deficit at home to defeat Green Bay, 34-31 in overtime. Indy QB Phillip Rivers (2,683 yards, 14 TDs) got off to a slow start but has been on fire lately. This one could turn into a shoot out between Watson and Rivers, but the Colts get the nod because they have the better running game. My pick, Indianapolis 31, Houston 29

Cleveland at Tennes-see: If you like smash-mouth football, then this is just the game for you. This game pits two teams that focus on the run first, and play tough defense. Two weeks ago, the Browns used the legs of run-ning back Kareem Hunt (644 yards, 4 TDs) and Nick Chubb (575 yards, 5 TDs) and an opportunistic defense to defeat Philadelphia 22-17 in rainy Cleveland. While the Browns were winning at home, the Titans overcame a second-half deficit at Baltimore and rode Derrick Henry's (1,079 yards, 9 TDs) 29-yard touchdown run in OT to pull off the upset against the Ravens. Look for both teams to be run heavy in this one, which means the quarterback who makes the least mistakes, Baker Mayfield (1.850 yards, 15 TDs) or Ryan Tannehill ()2.389 yards, 22 TDs) will come out the winner. My pick, Tennessee 23, Cleveland 20

New Orleans at Atlanta: Who needs Drew Brees when you have Taysom Hill? Just joking. Hill (233 passing yards, two rushing touchdowns) filled in admirably for Brees who is on injured reverse with a number of fractured ribs. Hill stepped in and led the Saints to a 24-9 win in NO over Atlanta two weeks ago. This week, they meet in Atlanta. Saints head coach Sean Payton wants Hill to manage the game and let his stars, running back Alvin Kamara (531 rushing yards, 8 TDs/67 receptions, 648 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (9

catches for 104 yards against the Falcons) take over the offense. The Saints defense also played well in the win over Atlanta two weeks ago, as that until recorded eight sacks and picked off Matt Ryan. Look for another overall solid team effort as the Saints look to remain in first place in the NFC South. Mypick, New Orleans 33, Atlanta 20

Philadelphia at Green **Bay**: The Eagles have issues all over the place, but especially at quarterback. Carson Wentz has turned into a turnover machine, as evidenced by the 14 interceptions he has thrown thus far this season. Two weeks ago, Wentz threw two more picks as the Eagles lost at Cleve land, 22-17. While the Ea-gles were losing on the road, so too were the Packers, who blew a 14-point lead at Indy and lost 34-31 in overtime. Look for GB QB Aaron Rodg ers (2,887 yards, 29 TDs), running back Aaron Jone (534 yards, 8 total TDs) and wide receiver Davante Adams (68 receptions, 847 yards, 10 TDS) to step up their games as they hand the Eagles another road le My pick, Green Bay 34, Philadelphia 20

Denver at Kansas City: Patrick Mahomes (3,035 yards, 27 TDs, just 2 interceptions) is sure fun to watch, isn't he? Two weeks ago he rallied the Chiefs from a 31-28 deficit with less than two minutes to go as he marched his team down the field and provided the win-ning touchdown strike to tight end Travis Kelce (66 receptions, 896 yards, 7 TDs). Mahomes should have another big night on Sunday Night Football against a game Denver team that ended Miami's five-game winning streak two weeks ago The Chiefs have too much Look for them to continue their roll and look for Maho-mes to stake his case for a second MVP award in the last three years. My pick, Kansas City 36, Denver 20



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Armed robbery at Burpy Market on Wallisville

The Harris County Sheriff's Office is searching for two men seen on surveillance video robbing a Burpy market convenience store in northeast Harris County.

The men were caught on camera robbing the store at gunpoint late Friday night. The store is located on the 1500 block of East

Wallisville Road.
Adrian Rebello was one of the cashiers the night of the robbery and said the suspects were in and out within minutes and took off on foot

"He's like, 'Hey, on your knees.' With the gun right on my head," said Rebello. The store's owner Jason

Makanojiya said the thieves made off with about \$1,700 but said he is thankful no one was hurt.

"Their safety, their lives are most important they did everything right. They gave the money up and did what the robbers asked



Survielance video shows armed robber inside store.



Robbery was at the Burpy market inside the Exxon.

them to," said Makanojiya. Makanokiya is asking anyone with information on the suspects to come for-

ward and call the Harris County Sheriff's Office at 713-221-6000.

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Mustangs capture 21-6A Crown,

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The Eagles made only 9 first downs while the Mustangs made 27, they made only 174 total offense yards to the Mustangs 718 yards. After making 9 touchdowns (TD's) in three quarters Coach Kay rested his starters. The only negative stat for the Eastside Boys was they gave up over 80 yards with 8 penalties.

This game closed out the Mustangs regular season; they've remained undefeated in their last 24 games. They don't have a game this week but will be headed to the playoffs the following week. The defense has allowed only 105 points to be scored on them, while the offense has scored 506 points on their opponents.

Coach Kay is the win-

Coach Kay is the winningest of 6A state championships in Texas footbal history. His teams have won three 6A state championships, in 2015 and the back-to-back repeats in

2018 and 2019. It's possible they can play in a fourth state championship game this year if they don't lose a game in the playoffs. If they play and win in this year's state championship game, they'll be a three-peat reigning state championship team, a 6A Texas high school history making feat never accomplished before.

Mustang quarterback Dematrius Davis passed for 320 yards with 2 TD's and ran for 135 yards and 3 TD's. He connected on 14 of his 23 passes for a 61 percent completion average. Backup quarterback senior Jaylon Williams took over in the 3rd quarter to finish the game.

Nine touchdowns were made by Mustangs, Dematrius Davis (3 TD's), Shadrach Banks (3 TD's), Ta'Von Griffin (1 TD- pick-6) and Jhalyn Bailey (2 TD's). Junior kicker Carlos Dominguez made the extra points



Mustang junior defensive back #18 Ta'Von Griffin intercepts an Eagles pass and gets a key block from teammate #95 Jacoby Brass junior defensive end as he fights his way across the goal line. (Photo by Allan Jamaii)

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Atascocita Eagle for a loss of yards. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

CRIME WATCH

Jacinto City Police Chase ends with Felony Arrest

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. – November 25, 2020 in the early morning hour of about 2 AM Jacinto City Police Cpl. A. Seydler and Officer K. Garza while on routine patrol spotted a car traveling and occupied by a known Harris County Sherriff's Office (HCSO) felony warrant suspect Luis Cruz Jr. The officers knew suspect Cruz also had 6 additional warrants from the Jacinto City Police Department.

The officers began following suspect Cruz and when several attempts were made to pull over suspect Cruz's car by turning on the patrol cars emergency lights and siren, suspect Cruz refused to stop and sped away at a high rate of speed to evade being arrested.

The high speed chase with sirens blaring and winding through many residential streets became dangerous when suspect Cruz swerved his car towards the officer's patrol car. The patrolman had to instantly take evasive actions to prevent further risking his own life and colliding with suspect Cruz's

Because the officers knew where suspect Cruz frequently visits, Cpl. Seydler decided to stop the dangerous high speed chase and get new additional warrants for Evading Arrest in a Vehicle and Aggravated Assault against a Public Servant and make the arrest on suspect Cruz later.

Later the same morning Jacinto City Officer F. Benavides spotted suspect Cruz walking along the IH-10 service road and arrested him. Cruz was transferred to the Harris County Joint Processing Center and booked for the 2 new charges and the HCSO DWI-3rd probation righting follows respective.

Investigators release sketches of Uvalde murder suspects

Homicide investigators need the public's assistance in identifying the suspect(s) responsible for the murder of 22-year-old Julian Cobos.



They are releasing two composite sketches of suspects wanted in the murder.

On Friday, November 13, 2020, at approximately 9:40 PM Julian Cobos, AKA "Juju", was at the Graham apartments, located at 250 Uvalde when he was shot and killed.

Julian was in the common area of the apartments near building 17 with a friend.

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