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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### North Channel Branch Library "Bookmas" Drive-up Dec. 19

The North Channel Branch Library will hold a drive-up Bookmas Extravaganza on December 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. SANTA will be there to give some wrapped presents to the children that will drive by the Library. Indeed, SANTA's Elves are busy preparing for the Event. Harris County Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston 77049. More info telephone 832-927-5566.

### Galena Park TOY DRIVE

The Galena Park Community Assistance Program is sponsoring a TOY DRIVE.

They are asking for donations of Balls, Dolls and Board Games as Christmas presents.

You can also Adopt a Child for a donation of \$30.

Call Don Nichols, 832-526-0907 for assistance and more information.

GALENA PARK COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM "Fighting Hunger in Our Community"

### COVID-19 Cases as of December 15, 2020

#### HOUSTON AREA 19 COUNTIES

324,651 POSITIVE  
4,031 DEATHS  
275,467 RECOVERED

#### TEXAS

1,492,701 POSITIVE  
24,445 DEATHS  
1,185,628 RECOVERED

#### UNITED STATES

16,598,094 POSITIVE  
302,046 DEATHS  
5,714,557 RECOVERED

#### WORLDWIDE

73,211,434 POSITIVE  
1,629,792 DEATHS  
41,469,858 RECOVERED

## QB Jalen Hurts gets first NFL start Channelview star sees First Start, First Win

CHANNELVIEW – Fans and family of star QB Jalen Hurts were thrilled when the local Channelview high school football star replaced the regular Philadelphia Eagles QB Carson Wentz in last week's game against the Green Bay Packers. They were even more excited to learn that Jalen would start the game last weekend against the New Orleans Saints. Jalen went on to lead the Eagles to an upset win over the Saints, 24-21.

Jalen Hurts was a stand-out quarterback who played for the Channelview Falcons under the direction of the head coach, Averion Hurts, his father. In his senior year, he passed for 2,384 yards



Philadelphia Eagles QB Jalen Hurts

with 26 touchdown passes, and rushed for 1,391 yards and 25 touchdowns. He was named District 21-6A MVP in his junior year.

These multiple skills, passing and rushing, were evident in the game he played against the Saints, where he completed 17 of

30 passes for 167 yards, and rushed 18 times for 106 yards. In the previous game against the Packers, he replaced Wentz who was benched early, and went on to pass for 109 yards and one TD, thus earning his chance to start in the Saints game. Eagle's

coach Doug Pederson said after the game "Jalen... gave us a spark as a team..."

Wentz in 2019 signed a four-year \$107 million extension to his contract, so although the Eagles will keep him on the roster, it is now unclear who will be the permanent starting quarterback.

After high school, Jalen was heavily recruited by high-ranking college football programs, including Texas A&M and Alabama, where he decided to go, under the coaching of famed Nick Saban. Jalen excelled at Alabama, earning the starting QB roll as a freshman. He continued his success in his sophomore and junior years, but competed with Tua

Tagovailoa for the starting role, and eventually was named backup.

Jalen decided to play his final year at another university, and transferred to Oklahoma. His career continued to soar at Oklahoma, with amazing statistics and he led the team to a Big 12 Championship.

In the 2020 NFL draft, Jalen was picked in the second round by the Philadelphia Eagles. He was originally the 3rd starting QB, but due to his abilities when Wentz was benched in the Packers game, he took over the QB role for that game and the next. It has not been announced whether he will start other games this season.

## NS Mustangs enter Playoffs, crushing Deer Park 59-7

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX - Thursday, December 10, 2020 at the GPISD stadium the North Shore Mustangs under head coach Jon Kay began their playoffs with a crushing defeat 59 to 7 over the Deer Park Deer. The game had been billed as the North Channel Eastside Boys over the South Channel Deer Park Deer.

The Mustangs dominated both on offense and defense. The offense attack was led by Demetrius Davis the state's number 1 ranked quarterback with 4 touchdowns (TD's) passes and a rushing TD. Their offense made 294 passing yards and 274 rushing yards with the game total of 567 yards.

Eight touchdowns were made by, Charles King, Brannon Davis, Demetrius Davis, Shadrach Banks (2 TD's), David Amador, Jhalyn Bailey and Rashaad Johnson. Fresh-



Mustang sophomore #27 Rashaad Johnson burst through defender for a TD, teammate #68 Daylon Manuel delivered key block. (Jamail photo)

man kicker Stephen Guzman kicked a 42 yard field goal and he and Carlos Dominguez kicked the games extra points.

The defense was brutal only allowing 54 yards on the ground and 72 passing yards. The Deer looked helpless against the overpowering Mustangs, sacking the quarterback numerous times and chasing



#8 David Amador Mustang receiver hauls in a 52 yard pass from Demetrius Davis for a TD. (Allan Jamail photo)

him, forcing him to rush his passes to avoid being sacked.

Coach Kay is the winningest 6A state championship coach in Texas football history. His teams have won three 6A state championships, in 2015 and the back-to-back repeats in 2018 and 2019. If his team can keep their winning streak going and land in a fourth state championship game

this year, they'll have a chance to be a three-peat reigning state championship team, a 6A Texas high school history making feat never accomplished before.

On Wednesday, December 16th, National College Signing Day, quarterback Demetrius Davis signed a letter of commitment to Auburn University and wide receiver Shadrach Banks signed with Texas A & M University.

The next playoff game is the 6A Div 1 Region 3 Area Play, with two undefeated teams going head to head with the Mustangs (11-0) vs Pearland Dawson Eagles (10-0). The Mustangs have a 25 game winning streak on the line.

To be played on Thursday, Dec. 17th at 7:00 pm at the Clear Creek ISD, Challenger Columbia Stadium, 1955 W. Nasa Blvd., Webster, Tx. 77589, neutral field.

## Garcia opens Rotary Park for public use



Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia and North Channel Chamber president Margie Buentello cut the ribbon to officially open the Rotary Park for public use.

CHANNELVIEW – Commissioner Adrian Garcia celebrates completion of one of the largest Playgrounds in Precinct 2, at an official Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Wednesday, December 9th at 10 am in the morning.

Officials attending the Opening Ceremony included Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Senator Carol Alvarado, and North Channel Area Chamber President Margie Buentello in attendance.

North Shore Rotary Park is located at 14000 Force St., Houston, TX 77015. The park was a project of the North Shore Rotary Club, with the partnership of Harris County Precinct 2.

## GP Yellowjackets end Playoff run with 51-14 defeat by Barbers Hill

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. - Friday, December 11, 2020 at the GPISD stadium, Head Football Coach Spiro Amarantos' fighting Yellowjackets ended their playoff hopes by losing to the Barbers Hill Eagles 51 – 14.

The Yellowjackets took the opening kickoff and on their first offensive drive fumbled the ball giving the Barbers Hills Eagles possession inside their 20 yard line. With less than 2 minutes into the game the Eagles scored a touchdown (TD) from there and led 7 – 0. It was all bad news for the Jackets the rest of the game. It seemed that early Eagles TD took the life from the Jackets team who had allowed only 6 points to be scored on them in the previous 6 games, with 5 shutouts.

The Eagles kicked off again to the Jackets but their offense stalled, they had to give the ball back to the Eagles offense that wasted no time making their second TD with only 7 minutes into the first quarter. The Jackets fumbled again on their own end of the field that led to another quick Eagles TD to lead 21 – 0

See GP YELLOWJACKETS, page 8



#3 Arturo Garcia plunges across goal for one of his two Yellowjacket TD's. (Allan Jamail Photo)



Galena Park Yellowjacket Head Coach Spiro Amarantos gathers his team after the game to compliment them on their winning season, of 8 wins and 3 losses. (Allan Jamail Photo)

## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
My name is Damian, I am 10 years old, I behave myself. I help feed our dogs and cats for Grandma.

We work in the yard and take care of nana's flowers, she likes hot tea and I make it for her. My Christmas list is short:

A radio CD player, Puzzles, Uno cards, White and Red vans, Clothes.

Thank you, Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing today? I have been a good girl because I wash my plate and cup, take out the trash. What I want for Christmas, I would like a cat plush please. Thank you, Carla.

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been a good girl because I have been doing my chores. I help my mom and, Am nice to my sisters. And I feed my dog every single day. And I lesin to my mother and . And I wash the cloth and the dishes. For Christmas I want a computer and a car..

Dear Santa,  
My wish is o get my mom and my dad to be toy getter again. Dayana.

Dear Santa,  
I want led lights and been leaving this year I want an amount us phone case by Damian Damian.

Dear Santa,  
I want a OMG doll for Christmas and Fine LoL and one special give to my mom Danilana.

Dear Santa, I love you Santa and Mrs. Clane. Klaire, 6 years.

Dear Santa, I put a Bone four kris to ride my bike. Aaron, 6 years old.

Dear Santa,  
Please can I have a girl elf for Christmas? Can I also hav ..., Elizabeth.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a hot toys and please bring me a cat. Azan, 7 years old.

Dear Santa, I would like batman Imaginex sets, a Nintendo switch, a skateboard, and to see my cousins more. I have been good all year! Thank you, Benito, 7 years old.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Joe Stephens and family

## Season's Greetings

From

# TURNER



## CHEVROLET

CROSBY, TEXAS

Dear Santa,  
Love you Santa. You live in the North Pole. Want for Christmas is a spigot spinner. Roel.

Dear Santa,  
I bin good girl. I bin helping my big sister. I want a lot of toys and a reindeer for me to play it and a iPad with a APP pen. Happy Christmas Santa. Adrianna.

Dear Santa,  
I love you, your the best. Thanks for all the presents you give me. Your a good person. I been good, because I help others. I be good in school. I do stuff for my mom and dad. Isaiah.

Dear Santa,  
Julie and Amy have been good girls this year. Julie would like a life size Elsa doll, Amy like cars she can ride on. Thank you, merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
My name is Abigail, I am a mother of 3. Two of them did their letter, but my 3 yr old don't know how to write. But I would like for him some shoes size 8c or any toys, I am pretty sure that will be enough for me. As a mother I am struggling a lot, no job, no money in this situation. I am doing my best to let them know Santa is real. Merry Christmas, Santa. Thank you.

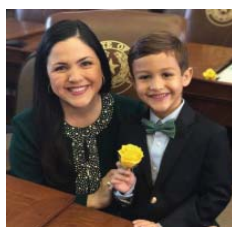
Dear Santa,  
I want a neat gun. I been good and I want a 200\$ gift card, I am going to help my sister and be good. I help my sister for raping paper and my family and I want a Pokemon back pack and a Robot dog and a big Ryan egg 2 of them, and I want a Xbox1. Isaac.

Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are u? I have been a good girl because I do my chores and I help my mom wash the dishes, I help my dad make the pool. For Christmas I would like a charm that say's little sister and I want a laptop and iPad and I want my dad to come back from Mexico before Christmas Pretty Please Love, Delinda.

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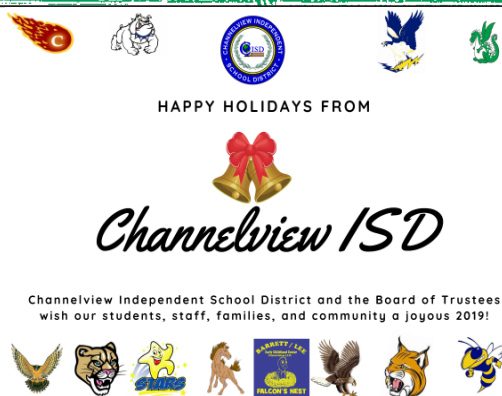
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# Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

By FRANCIS P. CHURCH,  
First published in The New York Sun in 1897

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia  
O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis P. Church's editorial, "Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Claus" was an immediate sensation, and went on to become one of the most famous editorials ever written. It first appeared in the The New York Sun in 1897, almost a hundred years ago, and was reprinted annually until 1949 when the paper went out of business.

Virginia O'Hanlon went on to graduate from Hunter College with a Bachelor of Arts degree at age 21. The following year she received her Master's from Columbia, and in 1912 she began teaching in the New York City school system, later becoming a principal. After 47 years, she retired as an educator. Throughout her life she received a steady stream of mail about her Santa Claus letter, and to each reply she attached an attractive printed copy of the Church editorial. Virginia O'Hanlon Douglas died on May 13, 1971, at the age of 81, in a nursing home in Valatie, N.Y.



A ROCKEFELLER CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler



# U.S. Supreme Court rejects Texas AG's lawsuit

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The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton challenging the results of the presidential election.

President Donald Trump and 17 Republican attorneys generals had joined the lawsuit, which asked the Supreme Court to toss out the elections in Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. The lawsuit claimed the states "exploited the COVID-19 pandemic to justify ignoring federal and state election laws and unlawfully enacting last-minute changes, thus skewing the results of the 2020 General Election."

Texas Democrats accused Paxton of filing the lawsuit to distract voters from his own legal problems. More than 100 Republican members of Congress signed an amicus brief supporting the Texas lawsuit.

Sen. John Cornyn, the senior Texas Republican, did not. He told CNN that "I frankly struggle to understand the legal theory of it. No. 1, why would a state, even such a great state as Texas, have a say-so on how other states administer their elections? We have a diffused and dispersed system and even though we might not like it, they may think it's unfair, those are decided at the state and local level and not at the national level."

## Shining less bright

The Texas Education Agency partially extinguished STAAR for this school year because of the pandemic. The agency said the A-F ratings would be paused for 2020-21 school year because of the disruptions to learning. Students still will take the



STAAR test to provide information about individual learning. "The last nine months have been some of the most disruptive of our lives.

The challenges have been especially pronounced for our parents, teachers and students," Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said in a statement. "We continue to prioritize the health and safety of students, teachers and staff in our schools this year while working to ensure students grow academically."

The Texas State Teachers Association, which has opposed the standardized testing, said the TEA's decision didn't go far enough. "Teachers already can tell parents how their children have been performing during this school year," the teachers union said in a statement. "All the STAAR test will do is what it always has done: Measure a student's ability to take a test. And it will force teachers, who already are working long hours adapting lesson plans for virtual and in-person instruction, to waste invaluable time on STAAR preparation and administration."

## COVID black market

Federal agents seized more than 100,000 coun-

terfeit N95 surgical masks being stored in an El Paso warehouse. The fake masks, likely made in China, were headed to a hospital on the East Coast, officials said.

The raid was conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. ICE launched Operation Stolen Promise in April to protect U.S. consumers from fraud and other crime stemming from the pandemic.

The federal agency warns "that high public demand for access to vaccines and treatments will lead to illegal attempts to introduce counterfeit versions of these items into U.S. and global marketplaces."

In response, Homeland Security has started Operation Stolen Promise 2.0, which focuses on this emerging public health threat. Officials urged the public to report suspected fraud involving counterfeit vaccines and treatments to covid19fraud@dhs.gov.

## Fewer surprises

Texans' complaints about surprise medical bills are down 96% through the first 10 months of the year, according to a new report from the Texas Department of Insurance.

In 2019, the Texas Legislature enacted a law to address the problem of surprise medical billing. The law removed consumers who have state-regulated plans, making up about 20 percent of residents, from billing disputes between health care providers and insurance plans.

The protections took effect in January. An agency spokesman provided highlights of the report: In the 10 months, the state agency received 37 consumer complaints about such medical bills. That compares to 854 such complaints received from January through October 2019.

Most of the 2020 complaints involved confusion about coinsurance amounts or concerned health plans not regulated by the agency. The new law enables providers and plans to resolve billing disputes through arbitration and mediation. The state agency, which helps carry out the law, established an online portal to enter the system and built a list of certified arbitrators and mediators.

Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at ccobler@texaspress.com.

## THE POSTSCRIPT

By  
Carrie Classon

# "Midcentury Modern Christmas"

"I've forgotten the funny name of the tree you helped us pick out," my mother said. "Our tree this year is named Melinda."

The greenhouse where my parents get their Christmas tree every year has festive tags hanging from the trees with their names and prices. These are not inexpensive trees, so it's fitting they are all individually christened. My mother likes to support this local business — and they do have nice trees.

"Caleb. The tree I picked out with you was named Caleb."

We both agreed Caleb was a silly name for a Christmas tree, although I wasn't sure Melinda was a whole lot better.

Christmas trees are a matter of strict personal taste. I know people who had one-too-many years of needles in the carpeting and became artificial tree owners forever after. Then there are people who insist you need a live tree — but it doesn't count unless you cut it yourself.

My husband, Peter, bought the house we live in before we met. It was built in 1955 and Peter was born in the '50s, so when I moved in, both the house and its owner had a midcentury modern vibe, and I was fine with that. We have midcentury modern dishes and lamps and furniture. But I draw the line at a midcentury modern Christmas tree.

Peter has a Christmas tree from the '50s that is made entirely of aluminum. It is pokey and shiny and Peter thinks it is wonderful. "It matches the house perfectly!" Peter says.

That may be, but it doesn't look like Christmas to me.

So, last year, I went downtown looking for a tree. There was a lot filled with perfectly coiffed trees that would have put Melinda or Caleb to shame, but they were exorbitantly priced — and they didn't even have names. The fellow selling them seemed to have come from a background in car sales.

"So, what kind of tree did you have in mind?" he asked me.

"One that doesn't cost more than two weeks' worth of groceries!" I wanted to say.

Instead, I went looking for the second, less-fancy lot in town, but it was hard to find. I got directions twice and drove around in circles until I finally saw a half-dozen straggly trees poking up over an embankment. I drove down into the deserted parking lot and there was a spindly bunch of trees, all of them over 10 feet tall. A sign was posted nearby. "Family Emergency — Pay at Hair Salon."

I went across the street and, sure enough, the proprietor of the tree business had been called away and the trees were all being sold for a fixed price — any size. I gave my money to the hairstylist, picked out a gangly tree; and strapped it to my car.

When I got home, I cut four feet off the bottom, put it in the tree stand and saw ... it was perfect.

This year, once again, we will be home for the holidays and, unlike last year, I don't expect anyone will see our tree except Peter and me. And I don't care.

I'm headed downtown today, to the lot with the disreputable-looking trees. Peter will cluck his tongue and say something about the perfectly good aluminum tree he has stashed away in a box somewhere. But he'll be a good sport (as he always is) while I decorate my midcentury modern home for Christmas and smell the fresh spruce.

This year, I might even give my tree a name. I'm thinking of naming it Peter.

Till next time,

Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](#)

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OBITUARIES

ALEJANDRA G. STREET



Alejandra G. Street, 50, of Highlands, Texas passed away on Friday, December 11, 2020. She was born on Sunday, April 5, 1970 in Mission, Texas to Andres and Ramona Melgoza.

Alejandra found enjoyment in many things such as gardening, reading, traveling, and going out with family and friends. She loved her many pet parrots and roosters; they were her pride and joy. Christmas was her favorite time of the year to spend with family.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories, her beloved husband Richard Street, her parents Andres and Ramona Melgoza; her brothers Andres, and Eduardo; her sister Jackeline. She also

leaves behind 3 nieces and 1 nephew. On the Street family, she leaves behind her mother-in-law and father-in-law, 2 stepdaughters, two brother-in-laws and 1 sister-in-law. Two nephews and 1 niece.

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Championship Saturday should go long way in  
determining who's in, who's out of CFP

This is a BIG weekend in college football.

Conference title games will be played and the two most important ones will take place in Charlotte, N.C. where No. 2-ranked Notre Dame will face No. 3-ranked Clemson in the ACC title game, while in Atlanta, No. 1-ranked Alabama will face No. 6-ranked Florida in the SEC title game.

The Big 12 will also hold its league championship game as two of the hottest teams in the game go after it for a second time this season. No. 9-ranked Iowa State will take on No. 11-ranked Oklahoma at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.


The winners of the ACC and SEC conference title games will earn two of the four berths in the College Football Playoffs (CFP) and I could see a scenario where the SEC would earn two berths if Alabama loses a close game to a pretty solid Florida team.

Texas A&M fans are hoping for a Notre Dame win over Clemson. If that happens and Jimbo Fisher's team wins out, the Aggies should get the fourth and final CFP spot. Since their second loss of the season at No. 1 Alabama, the Aggies have ripped off six straight wins (including a home win over No. 6 Florida) heading into their final home game last Saturday against Mississippi. A&M will close out the regular season this Saturday at Tennessee.

Should Ohio State play a minimum of six games and win the Big 10 title, that should be enough to earn the Buckeyes and head coach Ryan Day another trip to the CFP.

Much will be determined on Saturday, so sit back and enjoy.

In the NFL, the Texans will take another shot at the Colts after losing a heart-breaker to Indy two weeks ago when quarterback Deshaun Watson fumbled a bad snap from center Nick Martin deep in Indy territory as the Texans appeared to be driving for the winning score with less than two minutes to go in the game.



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If the Texans didn't have bad luck, they wouldn't have any luck at all! It's been kind of season for the local 11.

Other games of interest have the surging Browns visiting the surging Giants, New England visiting Miami hoping to remain in the AFC playoff hunt and the big one comes late Sunday afternoon when Kansas City takes on New Orleans in the Big Easy in what could be a preview of Super Bowl 55.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, let's review last week's record. A 7-3 week brought the season record to 88-43 (67%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

### NCAA

**Notre Dame at Clemson:** Brian Kelly's Fighting Irish take on Dabo Swiney's Tigers for the second time this season in the ACC title game and if the this one is as good as the first one, football fans should be in for quite a treat. On Nov. 7, Notre Dame upset then No. 1-ranked Clemson 47-40 in double overtime in South Bend, IN. Clemson played without starting quarterback Trevor Lawrence (2,431 yards, 20 TDs) but he will be under center for this one and that could make a big difference for Clemson. Lawrence and running back Travis Etienne (758 yards, 12 TDs) are electrifying, but ND has some offensive weapons itself in quarterback Ian Book (2,382 passing yards, 15 TDs/465 rushing yards, 8 TDs), running back Kyren Williams (1,011 yards, 12 TDs) and wide receiver Javon McKinley (37 receptions, 660 yards, 3 TDS). Book also has quality tight ends to throw to as well in true freshman Michael

Mayer (30 receptions, 337 yards, 2 TDs). This should be a high-scoring game, but I think this game turns due to the ND defense. Yes, the Irish have given up points and yards this year, but that until seems to come up with the play when its most needed. This could very well be a magical year for Kelly's team and the magic continues for one more week. My pick, Notre Dame 34, Clemson 30

**Iowa State vs. Oklahoma:** Two of the hottest teams in the NCAA meet on Saturday in Arlington for the Big 12 title as Iowa State brings a five game winning streak into this one and OU rides a six-game winning streak (ironically, OU's last loss came on Oct. 3 at home to ISU) into the Big 12 title game. The Cyclones have been riding the hot right arm of quarterback Brock Purdy (2,272 yards, 12 TDs) and the sturdy legs of running back Breece Hall (1,357 yards, 13 TDs) to their Big 12 title game berth. After some growing pains, OU quarterback Spencer Rattler (2,512 yards, 234 TDs) has settled down and is playing well in Lincoln Riley's offense. The Sooners have also improved on defense since their loss to ISU, but something tells me the Cyclones are the better overall team and this could very well be Matt Campbell's swan song in Ames as some bigger programs (Michigan?) might come calling for the talented young head coach. My pick, Iowa State 36, Oklahoma 33

**Alabama vs. Florida:** This should be a fun one to watch as two of the most explosive offenses in college football meet on Saturday for the SEC title in Atlanta. Florida and head coach Dan Mullen enter the game with a lone loss to Texas

A&M, while Nick Saban's Crimson Tide should enter undefeated (they played at Arkansas last Saturday) and ranked No. 1 in the country. Both teams have excellent quarterbacks as Florida is led by Kyle Trask (3,45 yards, 38 TDs), while 'Bama is led by Mac Jones (3,113 yards, 27 TDs). Both have big-play wide receivers as the Gators have Kadarius Toney (53 receptions, 649 yards, 8 TDs) and Kyle Pitts (36 receptions, 641 yards, 11 TDs), while Alabama is led by the speedy and big-play man Devonta Smith (80 receptions, 1,305 yards, 15 TDs). Two weeks in 'Bama's 55-17 route of LSU, Smith had 200 yards receiving and two long scores before halftime. Needless to say, he's a big-game player. The Tide also have a strong running game led by Najee Harris (1,038 yards, 20 TDs). Florida and Trask will make plays, but can they make enough to keep up with Jones and Co.? I don't think so. After a slow start, the Alabama defense has been getting better week-by-week and Saban is on a mission to get his team back in the national title hunt. Alabama takes step one on Saturday in Atlanta. My pick, Alabama 38, Florida 28

### NFL

**New England at Miami:** Don't look now, but Bill Belichick's team is still alive and ready to make a late-season move, but his team faces a very solid Miami team in South Beach. Two weeks ago, the Patriots ran roughshod over the Chargers as the Pats returned a punt for a touchdown and blocked a punt for another score. Quarterback Cam Newton (2,053 passing yards, 5 TDs/435 rushing yards, 11 TDs) is playing a bit better but he will need to be at his best against an aggressive and swarming Dolphins defense. Miami isn't a great offensive football team, but Tua Tagovailoa (898 yards, 7 TDs) is doing just enough to keep Miami in the AFC East and Wild Card race. This could be a seminal moment for former Belichick assistant Bran Flores as he takes on his men-

tor. Look for the apprentice to beat the mentor on Sunday in South Beach. My pick, Miami 23, New England 20

**Tampa Bay at Atlanta:** This is a game the Bucs and Tom Brady (3,300 yards, 28 TDs) need to win if they are indeed a playoff team. The Bucs had their bye week last week and it could not have come at a better time. TB was coming off a home loss to KC and having an off week to clear their heads and focus on the stretch run came at a perfect time. The Falcons are playing for respect and can be tough at home, but look for Brady to feed running back Ronald Jones (820 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Mike Evans (48 receptions, 613 yards, 11 TDs) as Tampa Bay looks to roll in Atlanta. My pick, Tampa Bay 31, Atlanta 23


**Houston at Indianapolis:** The Texans play the Colts for the second time in three weeks hoping for better results than the first time around. Don't count on it. While the Texans are playing out the string and Watson (3,542 yards, 24 TDs) is padding his stats down the stretch, Phillip Rivers (3,263 yards, 18 TDs) and the Colts have their eyes set on winning the AFC South. Their win two weeks ago in Houston, coupled with Tennessee's loss at home to the Browns left the two teams tied for the division lead. Look for Rivers to come out in attack mode as he goes for the kill shot early. The Texans have been decimated by injuries on defense and you can bet Rivers will show little pity for that unit come Sunday. My pick, Indianapolis 34, Houston 16

**Philadelphia at Arizona:** The Eagles travel to Arizona on Sunday hoping to save their season. Good luck with that. Carson Wentz appears to be an overrated quarterback and appears on his way to being benched in favor of Chanele view product Jalen Hurts. Two weeks ago in their 30-16 loss at Green Bay, Wentz once again held onto the ball too long and the offense again struggled until head coach Doug Pederson replaced Wentz

with Hurts and Hurts rallied the Eagles to within seven points late in the fourth quarter until GB running back Aaron Jones ripped off a 77-yard touchdown run to seal the deal for the Packers. The Cardinals need this one if they are to remain in the NFC playoff race. Look for quarterback Kyler Murray (2,987 yards, 22 TDs/10 rushing 10 TDs) and wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (85 receptions, 1,019 yards, 5 TDs) to have a big day against a beat up and suspect Philly secondary. The misery continues in the City of Brotherly Love and I love it. My pick, Arizona 31, Philadelphia 23

**Kansas City at New Orleans:** The scoreboard operator at the Mercedes Benz Superdome could be one of the busiest people in the stadium on Sunday when the Chiefs and Saints meet in New Orleans. This game will feature two of the top QBs in the league in KC's Patrick Mahomes (3,815 yards, 31 TDs) and Drew Brees (2,196 yards, 18 TDs). Brees should return for this game after missing three games with fractured ribs. His backup, Taysom Hill (629 yards, 2 TDs) did a nice job filling in while Brees mended his beat up ribs. Mahomes has a pair of 1,000-yard receivers to throw to in tight end Travis Kelce (83 receptions, 1,114 yards, 8 TDs) and speedy wide out Tyreek Hill (74 receptions, 1,079 yards, 13 TDs), while Brees has a solid run/pass catching weapon in running back Alvin Kamara (673 rushing yards, 9 TDs/70 receptions, 655 yards, 4 TDs). Kamara is better in the passing game when Brees is under center, so don't be surprised if head coach Sean Payton brings Brees back for this game. Two weeks ago, Mahomes and the KC offense struggled a bit against Denver but still pulled out a 22-16 victory. KC will be facing a much better defense this week and I think the New Orleans defense will be the difference maker as the Saints earn a huge late-season victory and keep a hold on the top seed in the NFC. My pick, New Orleans 33, Kansas City 29

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#4 Mustang senior Demetrius Davis scores on a quarterback keeper run play. Davis signed a letter of commitment to Auburn University. (Allen Jamail Photo)

## GP Yellowjackets end playoff run,

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in the first quarter.

Galena Park's running back Arturo Garcia made the jackets only scores with TD's in the second and fourth quarters.

The Eagles scored 21 points in the first quarter, 10 points in the second quarter, 13 points in the third quarter and 7 points in the fourth quarter, ending the game with 51 points.

The early mistakes by the Jackets which the Eagles capitalized on gave them the momentum throughout the remainder of the game.

Coach Amarantos, his coaching staff and the Jackets team performed extremely well to reach their first playoff bid in 10 years. They lost their starting quarterback Gabriel Pagan in the season's second game for the remainder of the season.

It was obvious it diminished their offense abilities,

and had they not lost Pagan the team would had the extra offensive dual pass and run option ability that might have taken them further into the playoffs. Amarantos said he was proud of his players for stepping up a notch to lessen the impact of losing their teammate. They won 73 percent of the 11 game season with 8 wins and 3 losses.

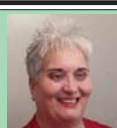
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It is beginning to look and finally feel like Christmas. Temperatures have stayed in the 50's for a few days and everywhere you look, you are seeing more and more homes decorated for the holidays.

The pandemic has brought about some changes yet amid it all, we still have people adding values to others' lives. If you in the North Channel Area, you undoubtedly have visited Santa's Airport Christmas Light Display at least once over the past 10 years. The holiday display blesses families with lights, snow, visits with Santa and toys for the children.

Many have wondered who is responsible for bringing the smiles and the laughter to Duncannon Drive, just to the east of North Shore Elementary. The man behind the magic is David Pope. This is a personal project he started over 10 years ago which is like his annual American Flag Display he lines the entrances to Woodforest neighborhood each year for the Fourth of July. These are projects he started to help keep the feeling of “community” in our community. He has gone the extra mile to see smiles on the faces of families as well as of the Veterans and he does this out of his own pocket.

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