HOUSTON, Sept. 13, 2016 – Looking for a story that is iconic Space City while covering Super Bowl LI? One of the top 10 plays is Space Center Houston, the nonprofit science and space learning center where you can experience the Real Thing.

Begin your journey by exploring future deep-space missions at the new major Mars exhibit that opens in the months just before Super Bowl. Eat astronaut ice cream, discover life aboard the International Space Station, stand inside the full-size Skylab trainer used for astronaut training and touch an actual moon rock. Explore the brand-new international landmark Independence Plaza, the only place in the world where you can enter a space shuttle replica resting on top of the giant, original shuttle carrier aircraft.

Houston's No. 1 tourist destination Space Center Houston is the only way your viewers or readers can experience NASA Johnson Space Center as its Official Visitor Center. The only Smithsonian Affiliate museum in Houston, it offers guests more than 400 things to experience, explore and discover while in town celebrating Super Bowl LI.

Super Bowl feature and standup opportunities:
• Watch Mars awake and move through the day in 4K technology in the new major Mars exhibit.
• Walk inside the original, historic shuttle carrier aircraft or the full-scale shuttle replica Independence to see the cockpit and astronaut living quarters.
• Trace the final steps of shuttle astronauts on Earth before blast-off as you walk through the Orbiter Access Arm and the White Room.
• Take a VIP tour for a behind-the-scenes look at NASA's astronaut training facility or Mission Control.
• Discover the day-to-day activities of astronauts living in space in the International Space Station Gallery or in briefings about real space missions.
• Feel one of only eight lunar touchstones in the world.
• Stand beside the real Apollo 17 spacecraft that was the final mission to land on the moon.
• Enjoy the closest thing to space on earth during Lunch with an Astronaut.

Space Center Houston brings you and thousands of football fans from all over the world together to experience interactive exhibits and an extensive space collection. Explore the Real Thing.

Possible interview opportunities:
• Retired astronauts
• Hear the latest NASA mission updates from a Space Center Houston briefing officer
• Guests of all ages from around the nation and the world – more than 80 percent of our guests come from outside Houston and more than a third are from other countries
• A Space Center Houston exhibit curator and space historian

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