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# North Shore Rotary distributes 300 Gift Baskets for the Holidays



NORTH SHORE ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS BASKETS -- Over 300 baskets were packed with food for the Holidays, to be distributed to needy families in the North Channel neighborhoods. Helping with the packing at the Rotary Pavilion at the Wallisville Courthouse were the Rotary Interact Club from Channelview High School, and workers from Harris County Precinct 2.

# North Channel Chamber holds Holiday Open House



NORTH CHANNEL CHAMBER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE -- STORY & 2ND PHOTO ON PAGE 5 NCACC Staff, Board of Directors and Ambassadors present:

Seated L-R: Cindy Miller, Liaison Comm. Adrian Garcia; Stephanie Rosendahl, United Community C.U.; Traci Galyean, Holiday Inn Exp.

Middle Row L-R: Yesenia Doyal, Membership Director; Bianca Vega, Administrative Assistant; Monica Arredondo, Sheldon ISD; Natalia Gomez Ramback, Senior Reg. Dir. Raise Your Hand TX.; Danna Nino, Phase 3; Crystal Jackson, Hampton Inn; Lance Kelly, Business Solution Grp. Back Row L-R: Chad Moody, Board Director; Linda Tijerina, HCA Houston Healthcare; Anthony Mireles, Channelview ISD; Mike Williams, Board Chair; Bill Palko, Vice Chair; Darnald Kimble.

# CHANNEL **CURRENTS**

#### **Vacation** Schedule

The NORTH CHANNEL STAR will be on Holiday vacation, from Dec. 23 through Jan. 4. The next issue of the newspaper will be published on Jan. 12, 2023. Please continue to submit to north channelstar@gmail.com. Contact number is 713-252-8000.

#### North Channel Star Journalists cover Football

The North Channel Star has a team of journalists that cover the weekly football games and playoff games of the North Shore Mustangs and Galena Park



Allan and Linda Jamail are fans of the teams, as well as seasoned photographers and statisticians. Allan Jamail is the former mayor of Jacinto City, and before that councilman and police chief. We thank them for their outstanding efforts.

# MUSTANGS STUMBLE IN TITLE GAME

North Shore 21 – Duncanville Panthers 28

By Allan Jamail

Saturday, December 17, 2022, Arlington, TX.- Dallas Cowboy Stadium - The GPISD North Shore Mustang defending state champions came up short by inches, losing 28 - 21. Ending their season 15 -1. The Mustangs were seeking their 6th title, having won them in 2009, 2015, 2018, 2019, and 2021. They won the Class 6A Division I state championship titles over Duncanville in 2018, 2019, 2021; one out of four is

pretty good. Evenly matched the teams were tied 21 - 21 at halftime.

We've heard sporting events called "a game of inches". Well Saturday that saying came literally true for the Eastside Boys.

In the fourth quarter trailing by one touchdown with 2:17 left on the clock the Mustangs started their last offensive drive to tie the game on their own 20 yd. line. Coach Jon Kay and Offensive Coordinator Willie Gaston called on quarterback (QB) David Amador to run seven of their remaining 10 plays. The never-give-up Amador moved the ball 68 yards to



NS #84 Cameron Smith catches a 43 yard Amador TD pass and stiffs arms Panther to cross the goal. (Photo by Allan Jamail)





NS #8 QB David Amador gallops 30 yds. for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



ABOVE: Referees measurement pole shows ball 3" inches short. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

LEFT: Referees measure the ball on Amador's last run, indicating it was 3" inches short of a first down. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

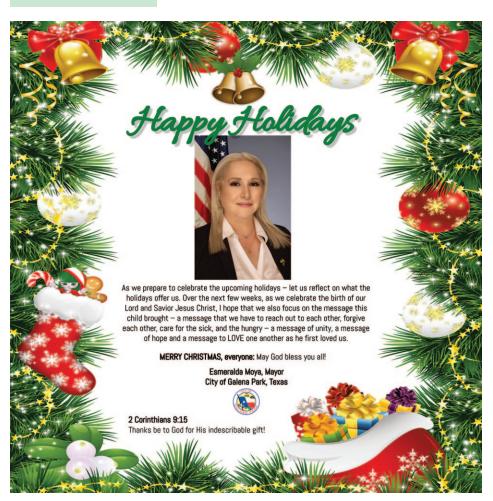
the Duncanville eleven yd. line. It was there the exhausted Amador came up 3 inches short on a fourth down run up the middle turning the ball over to the Panthers who ran out the clock.

Duncanville keved on Amador from the start, sacking him numerous times for a loss of yards.

Amador recognized as one of the state's best high school player has proven game after game he's a good runner and hard to bring down. Saturday was no different, the senior ran for two TD's and threw a 43 yd. TD pass to Cameron Smith. He's a true receiver and began the season as a receiver, but when QB Kaleb Bailey was sidelined after five games with a season ending injury Amador stepped up and has done a heroic job.

Amador as QB got injured too during the Mustangs quest for their sixth state title. Kay then moved senior backup QB Evan Jackson in to fill in for Amador for several games. Jackson did a magnificent job, has good hands for the ball and is an accurate

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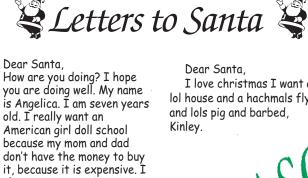


# Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club holds Christmas Luncheon

Entertains JC Elementary Students



GALENA PARK/JACINTO CITY ROTARY CLUB poses with Santa Claus at their December luncheon. The program included lunch and entertainment for 44 students from I.V.'s Jacinto City Elementary class. They received Walmart gift cards, luncheon, and were entertained by the Galena Park High School Band of Gold, and then had their photos taken with Santa. MORE ON PAGE 7. (Maria Cortez photo)



American girl doll school because my mom and dad don't have the money to buy it, because it is expensive. I also want you to give presents to the little kids who don't have any toys. -Angelica- 7 yr.

Dear Santa, How are ya? I hope you are doing good. I would like a soccer ball, because I can play with my mom. I would like a plushy pillow of my dog, because I love my dog. I would like a soda machine, because I will give it to the homeless people. - Justin -

\* \* \* \*

Dear Santa, How are you? I want a hoodie to keep me warm. I want some socks to keep my feet warm. I want a squish pillow, because it help me sleep. Santa I want a teddy bear, because it is soft. I want the whole world to get Merry Christmas from me. -Lill- 7 yr.

Dear Santa, My name is Jonathan. I am eight years old. I wish my mom good luck, because she is struggling with me, my brother and my sister. I wish for medicine, because I have been coughing a lot. -Jonathan- 8 yr.

Dear Santa, My name is Ariana. I am 8 years old. I am doing good this past year. I wish that people can have a happy Christmas Day and I also want a black jacket, because it is cold in the winter and people can't be sick this Christmas. That would be sad. Thank you Santa

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

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I wish that my uncle

Christmas. I want mini

brace for my dolls. I

also want a baby Yoda

entertain myself. I

want black crocs,

broken. -Adylenn -

because mine is

Dear Santa,

I am a good boy

want a toy bow an arrow, so I can sh

the arrow ... street. I want a I can play game!

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also want an ornament

of me and my family.I

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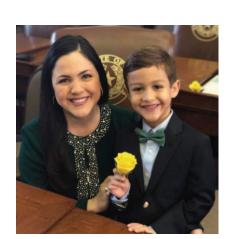
From Our Family to Yours, Best Wishes for the New Year



Joe Stephens and family

Wishing you a **Merry Christmas** and Happy New Year!

State Representative Ana Hernandez



Christmas I want a sling shot to shoot a toy target. I also want a stretchy super and play station. I have been hero to stretch it. Thank you Santa. -Mason- 7 yr.

👺 Letters to Santa 👺

Dear Santa,

I would like a telescope,

good all year! Thank you,

Landon, 7 years old.

skateboard, and a dirt bike

poor people to have

How are you doing? I

am 7 years old. I would

like medicine for y cat,

because she is sick and

miss playing with her. would also like an

ornament of me and my

cat Nina. I wish for me

and my cousins to have

am seven years old.

came is Mason. For

🖢 merry Christmas. -

ophia- 7 yr.

Santa,

house and food.

Benjamin - 7 yr.

Dear Santa,

money so they can buy a

Dear Santa, I've been doing well this year. I want you to give peace to the people. Some people fight and get mad at each other and I do not want that to keep on going. I also want a sled for me and my sister. -Emma- 7 yr.

Dear Santa, My name is Kataleya. I am eight year. I would like every one to have a good Christmas and New Year. Because some people don't have money to buy presents or trees. Some people don't have houses or cars. Some people don't have the stuff we have like beds and houses. Some people in the world are bad, so if you can help them, to be nice and blessed. Thank you Santa. -Kataleya-8 yr.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I have been a good girl this year. I hope you can bring somethings I want. I want a white desk, so I can do my work and draw. I also want a lamp for my desk and led lights for my room. Last thing I want is for you to help my grandma, she has been sick. - Dallah- 8 yr.

bear Santa, How are you? I am Leia, I am 8. I want peace to the world so no bullying will start. I want a hot chocolate maker for my family. I wish for my grandma to get better and have a great ihristmas. -Lela- 8 yr.







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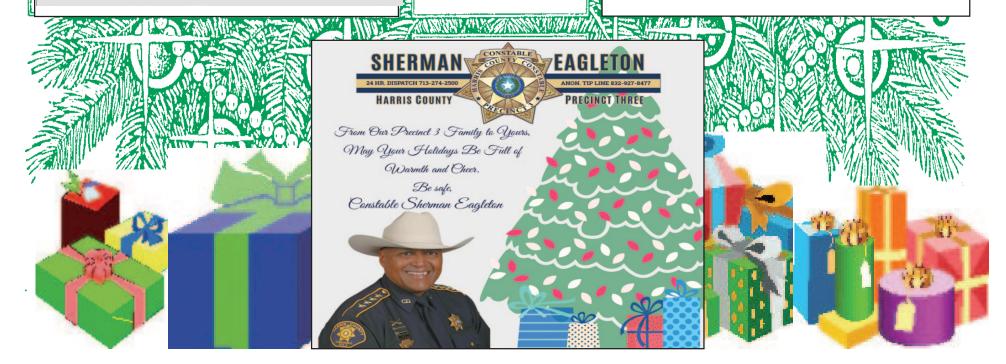
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# **CHARLOTTE'S**

# By Charlotte Jackson

# Happy Holidays

How did we get to this week, already? December is always busy with activity and yet the actual week of Christmas always catches me off guard. It seems like once I flip my planner over to December, life becomes a blur. I cannot begin to count the number of birthdays of friends and family, but I know it is over sixty. Among those are my firstborn son, my firstborn granddaughter, my firstborn grandson, his mother and a childhood friend who I have known since sixth grade who is as close as a brother.

The month is filled with holiday gatherings, some happy, some a little sad and of course there are Open Houses, Meet and Greets, Fine Arts Performances throughout the schools and college graduations. I am so blessed to have friends from many faiths as well at many different churches. This means that there are many invitations for special programs. There is simply not enough time to do it all.

As you age, you find yourself juggling multiple generations of family and friends as well as different circles of friends. There are childhood friends, friends from different churches, friends from the various nonprofits that I volunteer with and neighbors, new and those with long histories. I have friends who celebrate Hanukkah as well as those who celebrate Kwanzaa so I am blessed to have opportunities to learn about these holidays and my friends' traditions.

Life is amazing and I certainly would not trade mine for anyone else's. One difference that I have had to adjust to over the past several years is moving from having almost two weeks off each year while working at the college, to having three workdays off while working for the County. Yet, somehow I manage to get most of the activities squeezed into my month. At the same time, I gladly look forward to Christmas weekend as well as New Year's weekend when I have the opportunity to travel to see loved ones.

One thing I have also learned is that this is a time to try to squeeze in phone calls instead of an email or text message, as many of our circle of influence need human interaction to avoid the holiday blues. For some reason, there is rarely a year that passes that I do not have multiple funerals to attend. Last Saturday, I attended a funeral for one of the men I know through our Senior Program. At 81 years old, he had lived a wonderful life and enjoyed it to the fullest. Sadly, last week I learned of a dear frond who died while in San Antonio for work. I have already missed his daily phone calls of encouragement. Not sure when the funeral will be, but I know it will be with mixed emotions. I have not seen his older sisters in years except on social media. We will have much to catch up

Take some time this week to make those phone calls and stop in to check on friends. Enjoy the days to the fullest and say a prayer for those who are less fortunate. For years, my children and I were blessed to spend the holidays with a family from church who refused to let us be alone or to feel the blues. I try to do the same for others each December. Be blessed and remember the reason for the season.

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Dear Santa, I would like a PS5 and I would like a head set and a 4wheeler and I would like a phone, and a RC car want go 30 mg. And I want a bike. I have been good all year! Isaiah, 8 years old.

Dear Santa, I wanna bunch of LOL dolls and I went Barbie doll and I want that rainbow collection. Paisley.

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is LOL surprise dolls a barbie house and A pretty pink bike and a LOL play home and that's it. Parker.

Dear Santa, This is With I want for Christmas Jessica. Twins baby dolls, stroller, play laptop, prissce dress-up kit, baby close, baby toy high chair, baby shoes, baby diaper bag with lotto room, kids fake nail not glue on, a reborn toy box, 10 baby bottles, hanger for a baby close

Dear Santa, I like a dog, & bar dos and long 5. I have been good all year. Thank you, Sasha, 7 years old.

Dear Santa, I have been good most of the year. Can I have a some hot wheels pleas and a among plashy, please. Love Credenec. Love

Santa.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I have been a good boy because I help my mother cook in the kitchen. I also clean with my mom. For Christmas I would like a PS5 please. Thank you, Chrisian.

Dear Santa, Hello, how are you? I have been a good girl because I do my chores, I also help my dad wash the car. For Christmas I would like a computer or iPad please, Love, Maria.

Dear Santa, Hello, how are you? I have been a good girl because I help to my mom to take care of my baby sister. I also help my dad wash the car. For Christmas I would like a barbie accessories, dresses, omg LoL surprise barbie. Love, Kennia.

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## **ASK DIAMOND JIM**

# Diamond Jim: "How to spot a fake Rolex case?"

When looking for signs of how to spot a fake Rolex, there are many features on the watch case that are telling of its authenticity, or lack thereof. As aforementioned, the material used to make authentic Rolex timepieces are of the utmost quality - which is usually the clearest indicator of whether a Rolex watch is genuine or counterfeit. Replicas are generally made of cheaper and shoddier material, which often reflects in the overall look and feel of the watch. Details of the style and shape of certain features on a Rolex watch case can also serve as indicators of whether it is real or fake, which are clearly depicted in the side-by-side photos below.

#### Lugs

The lugs on the real Rolex have a thicker width and are more robust in appearance than the lugs on the replica, which are more skinny, slender, and tapered in comparison.

The surface of the lugs on the real Rolex are brushed metal, while the lugs on the replica are polished metal – with the difference showing in how they shine as well as how the surfaces feel.

If you remove the metal bracelet from both watches, you will see the serial number of the real Rolex engraved between the lugs but not on the counterfeit.

#### Crown guards

The shape of the crown guards is another pretty evident difference between the two watches. The crown guards are mauch more pointed in appearance on the counterfeit watch than those on the real Rolex. You can see these differences most clearly both when looking at the watches next to each other facing you, as well as from a side profile.

#### Winding crown

Another visible discrepancy is in the designs on the winding crowns. The markings of 3 small dots under the crown and the Rolex crown itself protrudes outwards, while on the counterfeit the markings are much more flat.



To be clear, there are Rolex watches with the marking of a small line under the crown - specifically, older steel and yellow gold watches with the Twinlock waterproof feature which ensures up to 100 meters (300 feet) of water resistance. However, this particular Rolex model, the Submariner 116610, is equipped with a Triplock winding crown ensuring up to 300 meters (1,000 feet) for the watch. All Triplock winding crowns only have the marking of 3 dots under the coronet, regardless of the watch's material. Which clearly indicates that the winding crown on this replica watch is inauthentic because it has the incorrect marking. For some visual aid to help you decipher how to spot a fake Rolex – below is a visual guide of which markings come on the winding crowns of different Rolex watches made of different materials, and with either the Twinlock or Triplock

#### Caseback

A feature that's easy to overlook on a watch is its caseback. There are some clear indicators that a watch's caseback can give us about its authenticity. Unlike some other brands, Rolex does not furnish its timepieces with transparent casebacks. Rolex watches have full metal casebacks that are fluted and screwed into the case to ensure optimal water resistance. So if a Rolex watch has a transparent case back, it's a sure bet that it isn't authentic.

Most Rolex watches do not have any logos, text, etchings, or engravings on their caseback. So if the Rolex watch in question has any on its caseback, you can take that as a sign that it's most likely a fake. A few exceptions would be if you were on a professional team that participated in a Rolex event and had won.

You can see a visible difference in the quality of the finish on both casebacks. On the genuine Rolex, the caseback has a much nicer finish and both the color of the steel and the smooth brushed surface are consistent throughout it. On the fake Rolex, the color is noticeably inconsistent as you can see different colored metal mixed throughout the caseback which is also made more noticeable by the deeper grooves of the brush strokes across the surface.

It's important to note there *are* a few exceptions to this rule - like the modern Rolex Milgauss and Deepsea, the vintage Sea Dweller, some gold Lady Datejusts, and military Submariners – all of which *do* have specific patented markings on their caseback. However, in this case, the counterfeit watch is a replica of a Rolex Submariner that is not military, and therefore should not have any engravings or other markings on its caseback. *Especially* not markings that reference a totally different Rolex watch collection - the way this "Submariner" caseback references the "Daytona". When figuring out how to spot a fake Rolex, that kind of obvious inconsistency is one of the surest ways to tell a fake. Also, when buying secondhand watches, there *is* the possibility that the previous owner may have had their own engravings made to personalize the watch. In these cases having the watch authenticated by a trusted source is the best way to make sure it's not a counterfeit watch.

Credit to The Watch Standard for this article

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#### OPINION PAGE \*

# The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20, King James Version

1: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2: (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3: And all went to be taxed, every one into his

4: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into

Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6: And so it was, that, while they were there,

the days were accomplished that she should be 7: And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in

8: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their

9: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10: And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12: And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying

13: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and

14: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16: And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17: And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

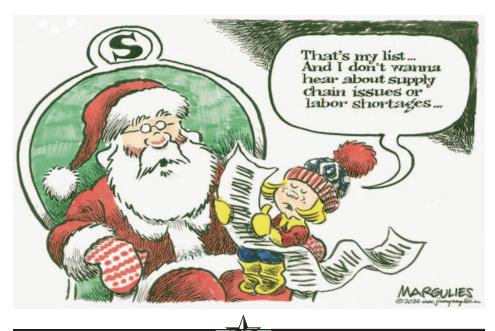
18: And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.







# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

**By Gary Borders** 



# Retiring Senator Named Secretary of State

Retiring state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, has been named the next secretary of state by Gov. Greg Abbott. She replaces John Scott, who announced his resignation effective at year's end.

Scott was the third nominee for the post not confirmed by the Senate. He was  $\,$ appointed in October 2021, and the Legislature has not met since then. Nelson, who is completing 30 years in the Senate, should be a strong candidate for approval because of her lengthy tenure there. A new legislative session convenes in January.

The secretary of state's office, among other duties, oversees the state's election process.

"I look forward to this new chapter of public service and appreciate the confidence Governor Abbott has placed in me to serve as Secretary of State," Nelson said in a statement. "Voters expect fair elections with accurate, timely results, and I am committed to making that happen. Texans with all political views should have faith in our election system."

#### **TIKTOK BANNED ON ALL** STATE-ISSUED PHONES

Abbott last week ordered all Texas state agencies to ban use of the social media app TikTok on any government-issued device, saying it risks allowing China to gain access to "critical U.S. infor-

The popular video-sharing application is owned by a Chinese company and is used by an estimated 85 million people in the United States.

TikTok maintains the Chinese government has never tried to access the data of its users, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Abbott said he is prepared to work with state lawmakers to make the ban permanent during the next session, and to extend the ban to devices issued by local governments, such as cities and counties.

"We must work together to stop the Chinese government's efforts to collect, store, and distribute Texans



data and personal information," Abbott wrote in a letter to Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dade Phelan.

#### **TPWD BIOLOGISTS STRESS** TESTING HARVESTED DEER

The recent discover of chronic wasting disease in Kaufman County has spurred biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to stress the importance of testing deer taken this hunting season to curb the spread of the deadly disease.

The neurological disease is highly contagious and affects white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, and moose. It has been found in 17 Texas counties and documented in both captive and free-ranging deer in 30 states and three Canadian provinces, according to TPWD.

Anyone hunting in an established CWD zone must bring their deer to a check station within 48 hours of harvest for testing. There are about 30 check stations and drop boxes across the state. For more information, visit the TPWD website at tpwd.texas.gov.

#### STATE'S LARGEST TEACHER PREP PROGRAM UNDER FIRE

The Texas Education Agency is recommending that Texas Teachers of Tomorrow have its accreditation revoked after failing to improve training of teacher candidates. The Dallas Morning News reported the company, which certifies thousands of teachers mainly through online courses, failed to meet demands by TEA that it ensure all candidates receive adequate actual classroom training.

The State Board of Educator Certification met Friday to consider the company's fate. Texas Teachers of Tomorrow and TEA are expected to present arguments before an administrative judge, and the case could stretch on for months or even more than a year.

The company has been on probation for several months, and TEA found it did not meet the terms of their agreement to improve. The state already faces a teacher shortage that could be exacerbated if the company's accreditation is revoked.

#### TABC WORKING WITH **RETAILERS OVER HOLIDAYS**

'Tis the season for tippling, and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is working with retailers to make prevent illegal alcohol sales. TABC plans inspections across the state to ensure retailers are following the law and not selling to people under 21 as well as those who are visibly intoxicated.

"Now is the best time, before the holiday season kicks into high gear, for business owners and managers to educate their staff on ways to prevent illegal alcohol sales," TABC executive director Thomas Graham said.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, drunk driving was a factor in nearly one-fourth of all traffic deaths last year. Businesses who violate state alcohol laws face fines or suspension of their alcohol licenses, while individuals could face misdemeanor charges resulting in a fine or jail time.

#### **HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT STATE PARKS**

State parks across Texas are hosting a variety of holiday events in December, including themed guided walks, scavenger hunts and more, according to TPWD. However, anyone planning to visit a state park should reserve their day pass in advance to avoid turned away from parks that reach capacity. You can do so on the TPWD website (tpwd.texas.gov) or by calling 512-389-8900.

Activity examples include elves running loose at Fort Boggy State Park on Saturday, Dec. 10, with prizes to folks who spot the first 10 elves on the Lake Sullivan Trail. At Big Bend Ranch State Park, the darkest skies in Texas provide excellent star gazing. A full list of holiday events at state parks is on the TPWD website.

#### COVID-19 cases continue to rise

The number of new COV-ID-19 cases in the past week in Texas rose once again, this time to 30,096 with 91 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported a slight increase, with 1,977 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients across the state.





Spencer and Kelsey Grammer in "The 12 Days of Christmas Eve

Q: I recently watched a Christmas movie with "Frasier" star Kelsey Grammer. Was that his real-life daughter who played his daughter in the movie? They have the same last name. Is her mother Camille from "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills"? — G.Y.

A:Yes, father-daughter combo Kelsey and Spencer Grammer recently starred in the Lifetime holiday film "The 12 Days of Christmas Eve." Kelsey plays a wealthy CEO with a knack for business, but has zero personal skills, resulting in a poor relationship with his offspring. After his character gets into a frightening car accident, none other than Santa Claus gives him 12 chances to mend his ways.

As for Spencer Grammer, her first acting role was an appearance on an episode of "Cheers" back in 1992. Spencer's also known for playing Dr. Lucy Montgomery on the daytime soap "As the World Turns" for three years, and she went on to star in the ABC Family series about sorority life, "Greek." Her longest-running role, for about 10 years, has been in the form of voiceover work as Summer on the animated series "Rick & Morty."

As for Spencer's mother, her name is Doreen Alderman. Camille Grammer, formerly of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" fame, was his second wife. They were married for 14 years and had two children before splitting after the first season of the reality show. For the past decade, Kelsey has been married to Kayte Grammer, who is from England. They met while she was working as a flight attendant during one of his business travels.

Q: Who are the Antonellis, the couple who own a cheese shop in the credit card commercials? Where is their store located? -

A: They're spouses John

and Kendall Antonelli,

owners of Antonelli's Cheese Shops in Austin, a (www.AntonellisCheese.com). According to "Insider," their store hosts hundreds of classes and events every year and also sells their products wholesale to over 150 restaurants. During the pandemic, they actually grew the size of their workforce by 40% across three locations.

John is a former CPA, who had an epiphany on their honeymoon that he wanted to do "something with cheese." Kendall worked for a nonprofit and eventually joined John in launching their business. They both do public speaking engagements as well.

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## NCA Chamber Open House,

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NORTH CHANNEL CHAMBER AREA OPEN HOUSE

Chamber Guests Seated: L-R: Linda Jamail, Liaison, Ana Hernandez, Charlotte Jackson, Kirra Jones,

Standing but not in left to right order: Nanci Sandoval, Brothers Gutters, Dr. Donald Nino, Channelview Family Medicine, Judith Sanchez, Olibeth Figueroa & Yajaira Ramirez, First Convenience Bank, Juan Camarena, PNC Bank. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. - December 13, 2022 the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce (NCACC) held their Annual Holiday Open House get-together. Bianca Vega, Administrative Assistant and Yesenia Doyal, Membership Director of the NCACC was onhand to meet and greet those attending. Guest came and left throughout the three hour, 12 pm to 2

The informal party had a friendly and cheerful atmosphere for socializing with chamber officials and guests. The office was beautifully decorated with several colorful lighted Christmas trees and orna-

ments. Attendees were treated with delicious food, refreshments; before leaving they were given a gift bag filled treats of candies, pens and notepads.

The NCACC is located in northeast Harris County, its service area provides

opportunities for businesses, industries, residents and communities. Communities that make up the North Channel area include Channelview, Galena Park, Jacinto City, North Shore, and Sheldon. The geographic service area includes; west up to McCarty, east up to the San Jacinto River, north up to Lake Houston, and south up to the Ship Chan-

The Chamber's mission is to promote economic development and solutions for business and community prosperity.

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# Mustangs stumble in Title Game,

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In some previous games Kay alternated Amador back to receiver and had Jackson as QB. The duo proved very effective by keeping the opposing team's defense confused.

Kay and Gaston used all the offensive tools in the tool box except bringing in Jackson as QB and putting Amador in where's he his best, a receiver. He caught last year's state title winning pass that put the dagger in the Panthers heart in the closing minute. He has speed and a knack for

getting open and doesn't go down easily.

Duncanville defense played unsportsmanlike, drawing five personal foul flags. Four face mask grabs and one hitting out of bounds. On the Mustangs final drive with less than two minutes, the only way the Panthers could win was to stop Amador, so they grabbed him by his face mask pulling his head to the turf, twice within seconds of each other. One defender ripped Amador's helmet off slinging the helmet 20 to 30 feet. The play-

er should have been disqualified and ejected but wasn't and the Panther's coach seemed unconcerned. These face masks grabs stopped Amador, and without those flagrant fouls I think North Shore would have won and I think the violators knew

No team in recent history has shutout the Mustangs 3 out of 4 quarters until Saturday.

Scoring by quarter: 3 Final 0 21 0 0 14 0 28



HE REFUSES TO GO DOWN: North Shore's David Amador struggles through Panthers for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



SENIOR TEAM CAPTAINS L - R: #5-Jonathan Renteria, #58-Omarion Dudley, #7-Jayven

#### Anderson and #8-David Amador (Photo by Linda Jamail)

### **FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 17:**

# Cowboys host Eagles in huge NFC East meeting on Christmas Eve: NFL giving fans a present of a triple header on Christmas Day

Christmas Week is here and that means hunting for last minute gifts for that special someone, visiting with friends and loved ones, feasting on tasty tidbits, and of course, plenty of NFL football!

While a majority of Americans will be taking time off from work during the holiday weekend, NFL teams will be at work as playoff contenders look to secure postseason berths, while teams still in the playoff hunt will be looking for help from others to keep their playoff hopes alive and teams like the Texans will be playing out the string and looking forward to the 2023 season.

Oh, those wacky Texans! Two weeks ago, they played perhaps their best game of the season, but still lost to the Cowboys in Arlington, 27-23. Houston held a 23-20 lead late in the fourth quarter, but after being stopped on fourth-and-goal at the Dallas two-yard line, Dak Prescott led his team on a 98-yard gamewinning drive, punctuated by Ezekiel Elliot's two-yard touchdown run on fourth down with 41 seconds left in the game. Lovie Smith's team gave the Cowboys all they wanted and then some, but sadly, the Texans could not finish the job, which has been the case all season as Houston dropped to 1-12-1 on the season and is probably looking at the No. 1 overall pick in the 2023 NFL

Speaking of the Cowboys, they host the Eagles on Christmas Eve in a huge NFC East contest for both teams. The Eagles improved to 12-1 on the season and played at Chicago last Sunday. Dallas played at Jacksonville. The Cowboys need to keep winning to have a shot at overtaking the Eagles for the NFC East title, but that's going to be a tall order. After the road trip to Arlington, the Eagles finish with home games against the Saints and Giants, while Dallas' last two games are at Tennessee and at Washington.

Dallas' best scenario is to finish with the best record among the Wild Card teams, which should have them playing at the winner of the dreadful NFC South in the Wild Card round of

The Philly-Dallas game will be one of 11 played on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, the NFL will gift us a triple-header kicking off with Green Bay at Miami, followed by Denver at the Los Angeles Rams and concluding on Christmas night with Tampa Bay at Arizona.

The Texans will visit the Titans on Christmas Eve, hoping they have better luck with running back Derek Henry than they did in their first encounter on Oct. 30 when Henry ran over, around and through the Houston defense for 219 yards. The Titans have struggled as of late, having lost three straight games heading into last Sunday's game in Los Angeles against the Chargers. Two weeks ago, team owner Amy Adams Strunk fired General Manager John Robinson. Playing the Texans might be the right tonic to get the Titans going again as the playoffs near.

Other interesting games on Christmas Eve feature streaking Cincinnati visiting New England, the Giants playing at Minnesota, Seattle visiting Kansas City and Washington taking on a hot San Francisco team that keeps winning behind third-team QB Brock Purdy and a stifling defense.

Before we take a look at this holiday weekend's games, let's review last week record. A 9-1 mark upped the season record to 119-55 (68%).

I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks for once again taking the time to read my weekly column. I really appreciate it.

Now, onto this weekend's games

### NFL

Cincinnati at New England: The Bengals are playing as well as any team in the AFC at the moment and will carry that momentum with them into New England on Christmas Eve. Two weeks ago, Cinci took care of Deshaun Watson and the Browns, 23-10 as Joe Burrow (3,685 yards, 27 TDs) and Ja'Marr Chase (64 receptions, 821 yards, 7 TDs) hooked up for a touchdown. Chase's return from a hip injury makes the Cinci offense all the more dangerous. He and fellow wideout Tee Higgins (60 receptions, 861 yards, 5 TDs) should give the NE secondary fits. Look for Burrow to attack the Patriots secondary early and if he's successful, then the running game should benefit as Joe Mixon (701 yards, 6 TDs) and Samje Perrine wear down the Patriots. My pick, Cincinnati 26, New England 15

Houston at Tennessee: The Texans would like nothing more



by pulling off an upset in Nashville on Saturday. That will be easier said than done, but then again, the Titans haven't exactly been setting the football world on fire as of late. As mentioned earlier, Tennessee has lost three straight games heading into last week's game against the Chargers. Two weeks ago, the Titans lost at home to the Jaguars, as Henry (1,199 yards, 11 TDs) lost two fumbles. Henry should have another big day against the Texans. He loves playing against them. He's rushed for more than 200 yards in four consecutive games against them and should be in for another big day on Saturday. Tennessee will need that because QB Ryan Tannehill (2,371 yards, 13 TDs) hasn't exactly been lighting things up in the passing game. Houston played better on offense two weeks ago in their tough loss to the Cowboys. QB Davis Mills (2,319 yards, 11 TDs) is back at QB. Rookie running back Dameon Pierce (939 yards, 4 TDs) will be looking to be a thousand yard rusher as a rookie. Look for Henry to be the difference maker in this game as the Titans look to get rolling as the playoffs near. My pick, Tennessee 31, Houston

New York Giants at Minne**sota**: The Giants were one of the feel good stories for much of the season, but in the last couple of weeks they have fallen back to earth and are now in danger of missing out on the playoffs. Two weeks ago, they were thumped at home by the Eagles, 48-22. QB Daniel Jones (2,534 passing yards, 12 TDs/548 rushing yards, 5 TDs) isn't getting it done and running back Saquon Barkley (1,983 yards, 8 TDs) is starting to wear down. Two weeks ago, the Vikings lost at Detroit and need just one more win to wrap up the NFC North title, Look for QB Kirk Cousins (3,358 yards, 20 TDs), running back Dalvin Cook (950 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Justin Jefferson (99 receptions, 1,500 yards, 6 TDs) to light up the NY defense as the Vikings wrap up the division and look to host a first-round playoff game. My pick, Minnesota 33, New York Giants 20

Seattle at Kansas City: Two weeks ago, Seattle lost at home to Carolina in what could very well cost Pete Carroll's team a playoff berth. Things don't get any easier on Saturday when the Seahawks visit the Kansas City Chiefs in Arrowhead Stadium. The Chiefs are rolling on offense behind QB Patrick Mahomes (4.160 vards. 33 TDs), tight end Travis Kelce (81 receptions, 1,039 yards, 12 TDs), wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster (61 receptions, 762) vards, 3 TDs) and rookie running back Isiah Pacheco (591 vards, 3 TDs). The KC defense did give up 28 points to a bad Denver offense. so Seattle QB Geno Smith (3,433 yards, 25 TDs) and wide receivers Tyler Lockett (71 receptions, 896 yards, 8 TDs) and DK Metcalf (72 receptions, 869 yards, 6 TDs) should be able to make some plays against the KC defense. The only problem is, the Seattle defense will have to contend with Mahomes. The Chiefs are in a battle with Buffalo for the top seed in the AFC, so I don't see them looking past a good Seattle team on Christmas Eve. My pick, Kansas City 34, Seattle 26

Las Vegas at Pittsburgh: The Raiders visit the Steelers on Christmas Eve needing a win to keep their faint playoff hopes alive. Two weeks ago, Las Vegas let Baker Mayfield, who had been with the Rams for all of two days, beat them with a 98-yard drive with no timeouts remaining en route to a 17-16 win in LA. For some reason, the Raiders turned to running back Josh Jacobs (1,402 yards, 11 TDs) and stymied QB Derek Carr (3,117 yards, 20 TDs) and star wide receiver Davante Adams (82 receptions, 1,247 yards, 12 TDs) in the second half and worked Jacobs. The Raiders need to let Adams be Adams. That might not be easy against a tough Steeler defense. If the Raiders are able to shut down Pittsburgh running back Najee Harris (704 yards, 5 TDs), they should leave the Steel City with a much-needed win. My pick, Las Vegas 24, Pittsburgh 14

Philadelphia at Dallas: The Game of the Week in Week 16 pits the high-flying Eagles against the upset-minded Cowboys. Two weeks ago, the Cowboys played down to the level of their competition and it almost got them upset at home by the Texans. Look for a much more focused team on Christmas Eve when the Eagles come calling.

Philly is loaded on offense led by yards, 22 TDs/686 rushing yards, Sanders (1,068 yards, 11 TDs) and wide receivers A.J. Brown (65 receptions, 1,020 yards, 10 TDs) and Devonta Smith (66 receptions, 775 yards, 5 TDs). They are also solid on defense. That high-powered offense will get a real test from one of the top defenses in the league. Look for Micah Parsons to rush from different points to keep the Phill offensive line guessing. It will be paramount for the Dallas defense to put a spy on Hurts because he is so dangerous when he runs the ball. On offense, the Cowboys should feature their two-headed running game of Tony Pollard (894 yards, 12 total TDs) and Ezekiel Elliott (716 yards, 9 TDs) Those two have combined for 1,610 yards and 21 TDs this sea son. If the Dallas running game can control the clock and keep Hurts and the Eagles offense off the field, that should give QB Dak Prescott (1,847 yards, 14 TDs) the chance to make plays downfield to CeeDee Lamb (74 receptions, 961 yards, 6 TDs). Dallas can't afford to get down by double digits early in this game. In their first meeting in October, the Eagles earned a hard-fought 26-17 home win over the Cowboys. Look for the Dallas running game to be the difference maker in this one as Dallas pays the Eagles back for that early-season loss. My pick, Dallas 30, Philadel-

Green Bay at Miami: The Christmas Day triple-header begins in South Florida with the Packers taking on the suddenly struggling Dolphins. This should be a fun game to watch and could turn into an offensive shootout between GB's Aaron Rodgers (2.864 yards, 22 TDs) and Miami's Tua Tagovailoa (3,004 vards, 22 TDs). The Packers are pretty much out of the playoff hunt, so they should play free and loose. The Dolphins, on the other hand, entered last Saturday's game at Buffalo riding a two-game losing streak. Tua struggled in the 23-17 loss to the Chargers and needs to get back on track. He should be able to do that against a suspect Green Bay defense. Look for wide receivers Tyreek Hill (100 receptions, 1,460 yards, 6 TDs) and Jaylen Waddle (59 receptions, 1,003 yards, 6 TDs) to attack the Packer secondary, while Rodgers will look to make more plays to his new favorite receiver, rookie Christian Watson (25 receptions, 401 yards, 7 TDs). This one means more for the Dolphins, so look for Tua to right the ship and keep Miami alive in the AFC Wild Card race. My pick, Miami 33, Green Bay 27

Denver at Los Angeles Rams: The midday game has all the makings of a stinker as two struggling teams meet in SoFi Stadium on Christmas afternoon. Denver had high expectations entering the season after acquiring Russell Wilson (2,805 yards, 11 TDs) from Seattle in the offseason, but Wilson has had perhaps his worst season as a pro. The Rams, who are the defending Super Bowl champs, are playing for nothing more than pride at this point of the season. Two weeks ago. Mayfield led the Rams to a 17-16 win after being with the team for just two days. Look for Mayfield to play free and loose on Christmas as he leads the Rams to a moral victory over the hapless Broncos. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 23, Denver 20

Tampa Bay at Arizona: Tom Brady (3,585 yards, 17 TDs) and the Bucs take on Kyler Murray-less Cardinals on Christmas night in what could be a mustwin situation for TB. It appears Murray suffered a season-ending knee injury two weeks ago in the Cards' 27-13 loss to New England. Two weeks ago, the Bucs dropped a 35-7 decision at San Francisco as Brady and the offense once again struggled to put points on the scoreboard. Brady and wide receiver Mike Evans (59 receptions, 805 yards, 3 TDs) haven't been in sync for some time now and with the season running out, it would behoove both of them to get things going down the stretch. Fellow wideout Chris Godwin (73 receptions, 703 yards, 2 TDs) has caught on lately and Brady will need a big night from him if the Bucs are to hold onto the top spot in the rancid AFC South. It appears the Cardinals are simply playing out the string and it might cost head coach Kliff Kingsbury his job. We shall see. My pick, Tampa Bay

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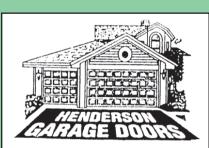
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better again. You know why,
because I love her. Second I
want a desk because I do my
work the table. Thank you

Santa. -Adalyee- 7 yr.

Dear Santa,

My name is Jonathan V. I am eight years old with good family. So I want you to make other families like mine. Also I want you to help others that have no homes, poor families to take care of the them. My Christmas list I want sixty dollars and one hundred pennies. I want any types of lego toy. - Janathon- 8 yr.

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I really
don't want that much
presents this year. I've been
good this year. I help my
parents around the house. I
know your elves are busy
making toys for children.
You go chimney to chimney
giving toys. Thank you
Santa. -Camden - 7 yr.

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I don't really
want a lot of presents. I
just want world peace and a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year for
everyone. -Brandon- 7 yr.

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Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a PS5
iPhone, pc the 3 screen ones.
Shoes, socks, sweater not
the ice ones, a white
keyboard and mouse, TV,
jackets shirts, mittens,
beanies beds, 3
comfortable ones, Led lights
computer, a dogs pit bull and
a bully. -Tyrone- 9 yr.

Dear Santa,
I want roller skates for
Christmas or Ice skates,
both will make me happy. I
want some candy cans. I also
want Legos and some big
Legos. I really want slime
but can it be clowd slime or
any other slime will be good.
-Myah- 8 yr.
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Dear Santa, I want a dollhouse, slime stuff, puppies Disney Lego, OMG doll any kind. -Victoria\_ 8 yr.

Dear Santa,
I want a telescope, a iPhone,
art supplies and a snow
globe. I want a baby toy for
my baby brother. And a tea
set for my sister. And that
is all I want. But I want one
more thing is Christmas
Spirit. Merry Christmas! Zoe- 8 yr.

Dear Santa, Can I have a switch for Christmas? I have always wanted a switch for Christmas but I always forgot that I wanted a switch. -Juan- 8 yr. Dear Santa,
This is what I want for
Christmas. The first thing I
want is a tamagotchi,
because I wanted to try it
out. The next thing I want is
a loom, because am trying to
make bracelets with rubber
bands for my friends. The
last thingI want is a baking
cookbook for kids. -Jesse 8 yr.

Dear Santa,

I will love to have a roux card, because I have rob lox and I'm poor in the game. Another thing I want is a Aphmanplushe. The other thing I want is candy. The last thing I want is a tamdgotchi. -Lorrisa- 9 yr.

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is a tablet for Christmas. And

tablet for Christmas. And a remote control car. And a remote for my TV. And a new pair of black and white Jordens. Madelyn - 8 yr.

Dear Santa,

The only thing I want for Christmas is a doll called My Avastars, that's all I really want. That doll will be on a shelf and I'll play with it and not let my dog chew on it. - Eleana- 8 yr.
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Dear Santa,
This is what I would like for
Christmas: I would like a
motorcycle, a Squ mallow, a
art kit and alcohol markers
along with a coloring book.
Next, I would like a PS5 and
a pair of designer boots and
high heels and a purse. Last,
some legos. - Analia- 9yr.

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I want a playstation2 and a iPad. Also I want 3 Adidas jackets. I also want a little gun that shots robes. I want a monster truck. Also I want legos. -Joseph- 8yr.

Dear Santa, First I want a new puppy. Then I want a Nintendo switch. Then I want a iPhone 14. Finally I want Legos. -Emma- 8 yr.

Dear Santa, This Christmas can I please have a VR, Hover board, toy Army tank, giant gumboil machine, a light up Dino smasher egg (huge), drone, skateboard, So can you please get me all those things Santa. I promise I'll have the best cookies and milk Santa. - Gary- 8 yr.

Dear Santa, My name is Josue Torres. For Christmas I only want 1 thing and that is a OCUIAS, because if I have a OCUIAS I can play VR, and that is the letter to Santa. -Josue8 yr. \* \* \*

Dear Santa, This year I want LOL/OMG doll. Harry toys, a new doll house, and maybe a new laptop! - Elena- 9 yr.

Dear Santa,
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kitten, a lego set the fox
large 21178, a lego set the
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my letter for Santa.

Tames- 8 yr.

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