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Arleth
Santos
performs
at Family
Night



Arleth Santos, the night's leading solo performer and local singing sensation who sings English and Spanish. She received standing ovations for her stunning vocal and dance performances. (Photo Allan Jamail)

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CHANNEL CURRENTS

CHIC meeting Thu. July 27

Channelview Health & Improvement Coalition meets at 6:30pm at Channelview FD, 1210 Dell Dale. Social hour 5:30pm. Speaker: Juan Torres, EHCEC Recovery & Resilience VISTA coordinator. Also David Leffler, Public Health Watch.

NCA Chamber Luncheon Friday August 4

North Channel Chamber Monthly Luncheon, Friday August 4 starting at 11:30am. Speaker: State Representative ANA HERNANDEZ on Legislative Update. Members \$25, reservations 713-450-3600 or yesenia@ncachamber.com. Deadline 8/1/23.

NCA Chamber Casino & Movie Night Fri. Aug. 11

Annual Movie Night/Casino Fundraiser for NCAC Foundation Palko Scholarships. You are invited to join us at the Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Road from 7pm to 11pm. Tickets \$90 includes 2 drinks and refreshments. Reservations & Tickets 713-450-3600.

Back to School North Shore Sat. August 5

Backpack and School Supply Giveaway, Saturday August 5 starting at 9:00am. North Shore Senior High, 353 N. Castlegory. Must Have Students in Car to receive supplies. Sponsored by Rotary Club of North Shore, Galena Park ISD, and Wendel D. Ley YMCA. ALL Students are welcome--Any District.

Pct. 2 Family Night Out at Baldree Center

Performers Arleth Santos & Boiz Steppers

By Allan Jamail

Cloverleaf, TX. ~ June 29, 2023 ~ At the Leon Z. Grayson Community Center inside the Baldree Center Commissioner Pct. 2 Adrian Garcia's Family Game Night Out event was exciting for many who came. Attendees received several rewards that evening, they got board games, free hotdogs, popcorn, cookies and refreshments, vender gifts, music and dance performances.

On game night there's lots of tables setup with games of all types to play. For those who want to play a game by themselves or for more than one player at a time.

Venders had booths



Leading group performers, Tha Swagg Boiz... Steppers Working to Achieve Greater Greatness! L-R: Caleb Wiltz, Elijah Lightfoot, Jaylin Henry, LaKeith Bryant, Caleb Rocha, Kaiden McDonald, Trevor Joseph & Bryson Sims led by Coach Ryan Shanklin. (Contact info below) Photo by Allan Jamail.

there to provide helpful handout information regarding their company, association or organization. Some were hair braiding classes by Shatavia Simon, painting classes by Tanasia Curry, Inspire Church Houston promoting youth activities: (713-453-7000), East Houston Empowerment Council with Jacob Perez, Valley View Primary Home Care with Anthony Mata, Blanca Reyes, cosmetologist-beautician, Adventura Dental, North

American Senior benefits with Michael Gerald-John, Broussard's Real Estate Investments Group LLC with Cedrick D. Hensley and Houston Roofing Experts with Agustin Gomez to name a few.

Arleth Santos the remarkable 10 year old singer from the neighborhood gave her usual dynamite performance. She sings in both English and Spanish and her outstanding talents mesmerized the audience. Everyone stopped

when she sang to listen; all eyes were fixed on her and her voice. Her mom and dad Maria & Silverio Santos can be reached at Maria 832-971-0597, Silverio 832-951-2259. Schedule Arleth at your events and your guests will be rewarded.

Tha Swagg Boiz (Steppers Working to Achieve Greater Greatness) rocked the center with their dance stepping performances. These teens had great rhythm keeping perfect

timing with the music. Ryan Shanklin their coach can be reached on Instagram @Swagg.Boiz.

The trio of the SKQ steppers with Tayla Watts, Malik Cook and Brandon Sanford put on an impressive routine that the attendees applauded.

Shaundraya Oliver, Community Center Coordinator as the event scheduler for their activities says the upcoming Family Games Night Out will have many venders and with free face painting and free legal advice. The event will be August 31th from 6 to 8 PM.

Every Friday from 9 to 10:30 AM the center will have resources from several vendors giving helpful information on living will's, life insurance policy help, taxes on homes and a variety of other useful resources. This is at 13828 Corpus Christi St. 77015 – (713-455-3660)

Texans Coach Ryans is longtime fixture in North Channel

HOUSTON, TX. ~ On July 9 at the Fifth Ward Church of Christ, church members DeMeco Ryans (the new Texans pro-football head coach) and his wife Jamila and church members Allan and Linda Jamail got together after their Bible class for some socializing and fellowship.

The Ryans attended Fifth Ward Church of Christ as single's before their marriage.

North Channel Star writer Allan Jamail said he was proud of both DeMeco and Jamila for their devotion and loyalty to the church. With all the activities the new coach and his wife Jamila have they always make sure on Sunday's to be in church and have their three children (DeMeco Jr., Micah & Xia) at church and in Bible school.

DeMeco became the



Demeco & Jamila Ryan, with Linda & Allan Jamail at a recent social function.

Texans head coach January 31, 2023 (Texans 6th). He has so many football achievements there's too many to put in this article. "Having a professional head coach title is pretty awesome but I

know DeMeco well enough to say he values the title of Christian above all else," Jamail said.

Allan Jamail said, "I have good memories of DeMeco presenting a

Sunday Worship Service Sermon, he's good with the Bible and talented on getting its message delivered accurately. And I also remember DeMeco getting into the baptism and doing baptizing."

Allan takes pride in his ability to cook soul food, especially mustard greens with smoked ham hocks and smoked turkey necks. "The Ryans' ate some of my greens at a church fellowship. Afterwards Jamila wanted my recipe that I wouldn't share, so I made them a pot of them and the following Sunday when DeMeco gave me back my empty pot he said they sure were good. I learned how to cook greens from Lille Mae, a Black lady my mom had take care of me when she was at work," Allan said.

Both the Ryans' and the Jamail's have been members for many years at the Fifth Ward Church of Christ located at 4308 Stonewall Street. To learn more about the church visit: www.fwcoc.org.

San Jacinto River claims 3 lives in 2 drowning incidents

CROSBY – On Sunday the Harris County Sheriff's Office said it was searching for a man who went missing while swimming across the San Jacinto River on Sunday.

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said the man, believed to be about 50 years old, was at Magnolia Gardens Park on the west side of the river when he swam to a small island in the river. He said the man then tried to swim across to the other side of the river but it's unknown if he made it.

Gonzalez said the HCSO marine unit helped with the rescue efforts.

This is the second drowning incident this weekend in the same area. On Saturday, two children



The Harris County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit searches Sunday night for the body of a man who apparently drowned while swimming in the river.

went under the water, and did not resurface.

A family is mourning the loss of two children after authorities said they drowned in the San Jacinto River near the Extreme Off Road Park and Beach on Gulf Pump Road in the

Crosby area.

"It's very distraught. We do have a Chaplin here that is with the family to help them get through this difficult time and our condolences go out to the fam

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New SanJac trustees sworn in

BY REP. ANA HERNANDEZ

Congratulations to our new San Jacinto College Board Trustee, Dr. Michelle Cantu Wilson! It was my honor to administer her oath of office last night at her first board meeting. It was a beautiful evening surrounded by her family and community. Pasadena is where I grew up, and it makes me extremely proud to see Dr. Cantu-Wilson and other young, accomplished latino elected leaders in Pasadena have a seat at the table.

I'd also like to congratulate San Jacinto College Trustee Erica Davis Rouse! Judge Joe Stephens administered her oath of office as she begins her second term on the board.

San Jacinto College is doing incredible work to prepare our future workforce. Through their Promise Program, every in-district high school graduate can receive a



Rep. Ana Hernandez, Trustee Dr. Michelle Cantu Wilson, SJC President Brenda Hellyer.

scholarship to cover up to three years of tuition and books so students can earn a degree or certificate debt-free.

<https://www.sanjac.edu/.../scholarships.../promise-san-jac>

SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon Students Advance to Junior Olympics



(Pictured left to right) Johnny Lewis, Dylan Denton, Xavian Hill, Justin Martin, Dionne Sims and Kim Philips.

Sheldon ISD students are on their way to the Junior Olympics in Des Moines. Sheldon United Track and Field is a student athlete track and field program intended for youth in Sheldon and surrounding areas. Six Sheldon ISD students have qualified to advance to the Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa beginning July 31 through August 5. Congratulations to:

Dylan Denton - discus throw, high jump, Pentathlon - Dylan attends King Middle School.

Xavian Hill - discus throw - Xavian attends King Middle School.

Justin Martin - 800m run, 4x400 relay - Justin attends King High School.

Dionne Sims - 200m run, 400m run and 4x400 - Dionne attends King High School.

John-Hannibal Langster - discus throw, shot put - John attends King Middle School.

Joseph Hernandez - 1500m run - Joseph attends King High School.

The team is coached by two King High School alumni Johnny Lewis and Kim Philips.

Back to School website is live

The first day of school for students in Sheldon ISD is Wednesday, August 9. Go to www.sheldonisd.com/backtoschool2023 to find information on school supplies, registration, back to school events and more. This site will be updated throughout the month until the new school year begins with information as received.

Sheldon ISD to Host Back to School Bash

On Friday, July 28, Sheldon ISD will host a Back to School Bash at Panther Stadium. The event will kick off at 4 p.m. with a festival with games and resources provided by community partners and Sheldon ISD employees. At dusk, around 7:30 p.m., Sheldon ISD will show the movie Super Mario Bros. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and remember stadium procedures apply.

GPISD Energy Management Recognized for Conservation



Pictured: Ramon Garza, GPISD Board Secretary; Charles Miller, Director of Maintenance; Mike McKay, Assistant Superintendent for Operations; Dr. Sonya Niazy, Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support and Chief Financial Officer; Zachary Fade, Director of Energy Management and Utility Services; Harold "Sonny" Fletcher, Senior Director of Facility Planning and Construction; Molly Walding, Secretary for the Department of Operations; and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools

Houston, TX: The Galena Park ISD Energy Management Department was recently named the 2023 Texas Energy Managers Association (TEMA) Program of the Year. TEMA promotes the responsible use of public funds through energy management and sustainability. They establish the highest quality of ethics and efficiency in energy management, and Galena Park ISD's Energy Management Department maintained those ethics and efficiency with its focus on reducing energy usage and costs since 2017.

GPISD took a comprehensive approach to energy management by focusing on reducing and adjusting scheduled operating times, implementing in-house energy audits, establishing an Energy Committee to guide the development of the Energy Program, and focusing on equipment retrofit projects to earn utility incentive money for the District. These efforts reduced the District's total electrical load by 845KW all while maintaining approximately 4,778,189 sq. ft. of buildings. GPISD has developed an Energy Program that is a consistent producer of savings.

GPISD MacArthur teacher accused of assault

NORTH CHANNEL – Media reports indicate a Galena Park ISD teacher is accused of assaulting an elementary school student in his special education class, according to court documents.

The MacArthur Elementary School teacher, Cassandra Leth Montes, 53, has been charged with assault.

Investigators said the 5-year-old boy, whose mother says has high-functioning autism, came home with bruises, red marks and scratches on May 19. When she asked her son what happened, he reportedly told her that Montes "popped" him on the ear with a stick.

When Montes was questioned by detectives and the principal, she denied scratching him because she had "fake nails." She also claimed that she has never hit any of her students and only a desk with her ruler, according to documents.

During the investigation, a Harris County Pct. 2 deputy reviewed photos provided by the child's mother from that day which showed him with bruises and red markings on his body and ear.

Surveillance video shows multiple incidents of assault

The deputy investigating the claims also reviewed surveillance video, captured on May 19, in the special education classroom.

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Chambers County Men at South Pole

The Stars at Night are Big and Bright...from Texas to the South Pole

Since the first expeditions in the early 1900's, only a few thousand people have ever been to the South Pole. Many visit the Antarctic on cruise ships or tours. Even celebrities have momentarily stepped foot at the Pole for publicity's sake. But only a select few actually live and work at the South Pole each year.

About 150 or so work during each summer to prepare the southernmost station for winter. Then they leave just over 40 to brave the extreme elements to winter-over each year. Once the last plane leaves in February, a skeleton crew will remain at the Pole until the summer sun shines allowing planes to land once again sometime in November. For 9 months, the crew has no way in or out and about 6 of those months will be in total darkness. To date, only 1702 have ever wintered-over at the South Pole Station.

What is special about Winter-Over 2023? There are multiple Texans weathering the elements, representing our great state on The Ice this year. At least four of them are tried & true native Texans, born and bred, long-term residents of the Lone Star State!

Originally from El Paso, Satellite Communications Engineer, **Ryan Gutierrez** initially went to the Antarctic seeking a new and exciting adventure. He is on his second season and loves that it's always cold!

Maintenance Specialist, **Jesus Maldonado Jr.**, from Abilene didn't believe the opportunity was real when the facilities manager reached out to him on Indeed. He filled out the application and went through the process and is now there for his first winter.



Four adventurous Texans represent our great state for the 2023 Winter-Over Season at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station. Left to right: Satellite Communications Engineer Ryan Gutierrez from El Paso, Maintenance Specialist Jesus Maldonado from Abilene, Chef Robert "Zeke" Mills from Groves, and Supply Acquisitions/Heavy Equipment Operator Matt Hadley from Sinton, originally from Chambers County. (Photograph by: Marc Jacquart of Ice Cube)

Zeke Mills, is a Culinary Specialist and Head Chef from Groves. He helps boost morale by keeping the crew well fed. Zeke is returning for his 3rd full year and 8th season overall at the Station.

Matthew Hadley, a Warehouse Technician and Heavy Equipment Operator, originally from Chambers County and currently residing in Sinton, turned in an application as a joke. He just wanted to see what would happen if he applied. Within just a few weeks he was stepping foot onto the

frozen continent for a 13-month term at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station.

Texas is surely well represented this winter-over at the South Pole.

As it turns out, the mothers of both Matt Hadley & Zeke Mills attended Port Neches-Groves HS and graduated only a year apart in '81 & '82. Further evidence of what a large impact Texas has even miles away!

What kind of history are our Texas boys making?

Some ancient maps do

show evidence of the southern continent. However, it is not believed to have actually been formally discovered until sometime around 1820. There was no confirmed landing until 1895 and the poles were not reached until the early 1900's. The magnetic South Pole being reached in 1909 and the geographic South Pole being reached in 1911. It is a relatively new discovery.

Even with Antarctica as the 5th largest continent, it is the least populated. Only about 5000 total live at the

various science stations around the continent during the summer months. That number then drops to 1000 or less during the winter with only a small percentage of those actually residing at the South Pole at either time.

Though there are several stations and bases around the continent, Antarctica is not considered a country. Rather, it is governed and protected by the Antarctic Treaty of 1959. This agreement between the 12 countries then operating stations on the continent protect the continent from military development. It also preserves and encourages the use of the continent for scientific purposes. As other countries are added to the operations, protections have been put in place to ensure that the continent is used for scientific purposes only. Mineral and oil exploration and mining or dumping of any kind as well as any military installations or testing are prohibited in hopes of maintaining the best possible, pristine environment for scientific study.

Our Texas boys are among an elite few that have ever visited the South Pole and among the even fewer who have lived there.

What will they endure? The Antarctic continent is covered by about 2 kilometers or just over a 1-mile-thick sheet of ice. Though it is a frozen wonderland, it is also considered the driest **desert** on the planet due to its lack of precipitation. During its busiest time of summer, the warmest temperatures may hover around -10 to -20 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperatures start to drop extremely fast beginning in February. During the coldest and darkest months of winter,

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ICECUBE NEUTRINO LAB AND THE ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORY (ARO) RUN BY NOAA

The station is run by the National Science Foundation and allows scientists from all over the world to study in the pristine atmosphere of the South Pole. Aside from the scientists, a support crew of supply, maintenance, medical and culinary specialists is also needed. Though the crew is isolated for 9 months out of the year, they must function under the best possible of conditions...what the crew calls, "harsh continent, easy living".

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



How Does it Happen?

Over the past week, I have seen the question posted on numerous social media sites. A local individual became homeless. This person has been the topic of many posts over the past year or longer. They grew up in this area. They married, had children, and later divorced. At some point there was a life altering experience that led the person to numbing the pain with drugs and alcohol. As the children grew up, they tried to help their parent, yet there was resistance.

Neighbors noticed trash piling up. There were reports of utilities being disconnected. Community members reached out to offer to mow the yard, to provide food, and to pay the reconnections fees for turning the utilities on. The resident refused. There were continuous reports of the person walking to and from a convenience store to purchase one can of soda. Many neighbors thought on that walk to or from the store, there may have been some drugs purchased. Others reported there were fits of anger when the person wanted money and neighbors ignored them.

Community members reached out to several area churches. The pastor knew who the neighbor was. One said they had paid for one night in a hotel during the winter freeze of 2021, but since the person never showed up at their church, they assumed their needs were not real. Another pastor said the person was not one of their members and due to decline in giving during the pandemic, they were unable to help the person.

Family, neighbors, and other community members reached out to have the resident picked up for a mental health evaluation. Some called Adult Protective Services as well as law enforcement. There were roadblocks. To get help, the person was asked for their name, address, and date of birth. This person was able to give this information and stated that they did not want help. Without their cooperation, authorities could not do anything to assist.

At some point in 2022, there was a notice of past due taxes and the house ended up being sent to auction. Last week, when the new owners appeared at the house, authorities removed the former homeowner. Now neighbors and community members began to ask why. They wanted to know how anyone could end up in this situation. Fingers were being pointed at different agencies as well as family members accusing them of letting this happen. Again, more social media postings and many questions. Many were passing judgement. Some found the person sitting for over 72 hours on a curb across the street from their former home. People were now looking for the person, wondering if they were alive.

Now people are asking how they can help something like this from happening to another person. Is it a feeling of guilt that they looked the other way until they saw the person on the curb? Imagine how the person felt. It had been months since they had a shower, washed their hair, or changed clothes. One person told me that they were so busy with their own life, they had not thought about helping the person.

Neighbors, we must be alert to the needs of others. We must form a coalition of community members and meet to resolve the issues facing us. We need an outline of what we need, we need to contact our elected leaders, and demand they find solutions. If you are interested in making a difference, please contact me at charlotte.jackson@yahoo.com

ROTARY CLUB NEWS



North Shore Rotary Club has a sister club in Torreon, Mexico. In March of this year the North Shore club hosted a delegation from the Torreon club, with a dinner, and trips to the Rodeo, NASA, and other Houston sights.

Here are some of the photos from that event:



Rotarians from Torreon Mexico, and North Shore



Enjoying a fine dinner together



At the Houston Rodeo at NRG Stadium



At NASA Flight Museum in Clear Lake

MacArthur teacher accused,

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The deputy determined that evidence and statements from the child's mother aligned with the surveillance video, and charges were filed against Montes.

Court records show the teacher was arrested and has since bonded out.

A representative of Galena Park ISD issued the

following statement:

"I can confirm our Human Resource Services, in conjunction with the school, investigated a parent complaint made in May. Since this is a personnel-related issue, the district cannot provide any further comment regarding this specific incident."

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “How Can I tell if a Gemstone is Genuine?”

Hello, friends of Pineforest Jewelry! As a leading authority in the jewelry industry, we're eager to share our knowledge with you. Today, we're discussing a topic many of our customers are curious about ... how to distinguish genuine gemstones from imitations.

UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS OF GEMSTONES

First things first, let's talk about what gemstones are. They're naturally occurring minerals or organic materials, beautifully crafted by Mother Nature herself, then shaped and polished by human hands. Gemstones like diamonds, emeralds, rubies, and sapphires are cherished for their exquisite beauty and rarity, much like the stunning gemstone pieces available at Pineforest Jewelry.

FACTORS THAT DIFFERENTIATE GENUINE GEMSTONES FROM FAKES

Genuine gemstones and their synthetic counterparts have a few key differences. A genuine gemstone's color is typically more consistent and vibrant, while a fake one may appear dull or overly bright. Transparency is another telltale sign. Most genuine gemstones, except opaque ones, allow light to pass through evenly. The weight of a stone can also be a giveaway, as genuine gemstones are usually denser than their fake counterparts. Even the inclusions and flaws you see in a genuine gemstone can add to its authenticity. Finally, genuine gemstones are harder and more resistant to scratches than their counterfeit counterparts.

COMMONLY USED TECHNIQUES TO IDENTIFY GENUINE GEMSTONES

Now, how can you tell if a gemstone is genuine? One of the easiest ways is by inspecting it under light and with magnification. This will help you observe the stone's inclusions and surface characteristics. You can also perform a scratch test (though we recommend this only for loose stones to avoid damaging jewelry settings), or a fog test by breathing on the stone to see how quickly the fog disappears. Refractivity and temperature resistance tests are other useful methods, but they may require specific tools or knowledge. Our "Ask Diamond Jim" blog series provides more insights into these tests.

PROFESSIONAL METHODS FOR VERIFYING AUTHENTICITY

Of course, there's no substitute for professional evaluation when it comes to authenticating gemstones. Pineforest Jewelry and other professional gemological laboratories have advanced tools to ensure the accurate identification of gemstones. Reputable sellers should provide certificates of authenticity, particularly for high-value gemstones.

PRECAUTIONS WHILE BUYING GEMSTONES

When buying gemstones, especially engagement rings or other significant pieces, it's crucial to ask the right questions. Find out about the stone's origin, treatment, and whether a certified lab has authenticated it. Whether you're buying in-store or exploring our exquisite jewelry online, remember that an informed decision is always the best one. At Pineforest Jewelry, we believe in building strong relationships with our clients through transparency and personalized customer service.

CONCLUSION

Identifying genuine gemstones can feel like a daunting task. Still, with the tips we've provided and a consultation with our experts at Pineforest Jewelry, you'll be well-equipped to make an informed choice. We look forward to welcoming you to our 8,000 SF-themed jewelry store, "Diamond Jim's Pineforest Jewelry Experience", opening in early 2024. It promises to be a unique and immersive experience for all jewelry enthusiasts.

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

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OPINION

By Jim Mills
"Diamond Jim"

Missing the Old Times and Old Values

I grew up in the Houston Gardens area off of Homestead Rd, and I never once questioned my Father's income. It was never a discussion. I ate homemade meals consisting of meat, potatoes, and vegetables - (which were not an optional choice). No vegetables, no dessert!!!

I grew up during a time when we mowed lawns, pulled weeds, babysat, and helped neighbors with chores. We, by no means were given everything we wanted. I went outside a lot to play, run with friends, play hide and seek, or went bike riding. I rarely just sat inside. Bottled water was unheard of. If we had a soda, it was in a glass bottle(and a treat) , and I didn't break the bottle when finished. We saved it . After school, I came home, changed clothes and did homework and chores, before going outside or having friends over. We would play for hours. We had to tell our parents where we were going, who I was going with, and be home before dark, or when the streetlights came on.

You LEARNED from your parents instead of disrespecting them and treating them as if they knew absolutely nothing. What they said was LAW and you did not question it and you had better know it! I watched what we said around our elders and neighbors because I knew if I DISRESPECTED any grown-up, we would get a real telling off or whooping, it wasn't called abuse, it was called discipline! I held doors, carried the shopping, and gave up our seat for an older person without being asked.

You didn't hear swear words on the radio in songs or on TV. Saying

"Please and Thank you", were part of our daily vocabulary! And, every day in school, we pledged our allegiance to the United States of America.

The world we live in now is just so full of people who hate and disrespect others.

Consider Re-posting if you're thankful for your childhood. I will never forget where I came from and only wish children and people nowadays had half the chance at the fun and respect for real life we grew up with! And we were never bored! Miss those days tremendously.



ain't doin' nothin' else

It was Windy Wilson's turn, unofficially, of course, to pick a coffee counter topic of learned truth and everlasting beauty. We sorta took turns without keeping score.

"Ya know," said the old camp cook, "Been thinkin'." We gave him a second or two. Didn't work. "About what, Windy?" said Doc.

"bout leisuractively activities. You know, what to do when you ain't doin' nothin' else." We grinned and sipped. Good topic, Windy. This works.

"I like to read catalogs," said Herb. "You can get all kinds of ideas in them. Don't much care, really, what kind of catalogs, either. So what if I don't know a thing about wrist watches? I can always learn."

"With me," said Doc, "it's fly fishing. When I've had a hard day with lots of patients, I just want to go down to Lewis Creek and whip the surface film into a froth. Doesn't even matter if I catch anything or not."

"I hear ya," said Dud. "It's a little different with me. Working on writing that mystery ("Murder in the Soggy Bottoms") takes it outa me, you know? So I like to spend my leisure time reading things other guys wrote. After about an hour of reading what some other poor soul suffered through, I'm ready to go fishing with Doc."

Doc looked over at Windy, who had initiated this topic, but strangely seemed content to sit there and listen to the leisurely ideas of others.

"What about you, Windy? How do you unwind?"

"Well, Doc, glad you asked. Them kids was on their way home from school jest t'other day and I come crost 'em when they wasn't payin' too much tension. And I could see they hadn't figured out anythin' leisure, you know? So I told 'em 'bout my sure-fire way to relax. What I do is set down on the front porch and think about fun stuff while I pick scabs off the neighbor's dog."

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



House Democrat's Tax Plan Would Help Renters

Texas House Democrats unveiled a \$20.9 billion plan for property tax relief that drops tax rates, increases the homestead exemption, gives annual rebates to renters, and includes pay raises for teachers, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The newest proposal comes as the Legislature continues wrangling over the issue in the second special session this year.

The bill, proposed by Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, is a combination of previous proposals with the added wrinkle of providing benefits for renters, who do not directly pay property taxes. The proposal also would raise the state's per-student funding to public schools by \$1,000 and give a permanent annual raise of \$4,300 for teachers.

"Our effort is one that recognizes that you can't talk about property taxes without talking about public education," Bryant said of his proposal to raise the state's basic allotment for school funding by \$1,000.

The Senate has already passed a proposal to increase the homestead exemption to \$100,000 and give a \$2,000 pay hike for teachers in urban districts and a \$6,000 increase to teachers in rural districts over the next two years.

PAXTON WON'T TESTIFY AT IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Attorney General Ken Paxton won't testify at his upcoming impeachment trial in the Senate, according to his lead defense attorney, Tony Buzbee.

"We will not bow to their evil, illegal, and unprecedented weaponization of state power in the Senate chamber," Buzbee said. The Senate could still try to force Paxton to testify, but Buzbee's statement makes it apparent the defense would fight those efforts, the Statesman reported.

The House impeached Paxton in late May on 20 counts of misusing his office and other alleged crimes. He was immediately sus-



pended from office pending the trial, which is set for Sept. 5. The rules adopted by the Senate give Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick as presiding officer the "power to compel the attendance of witnesses."

Paxton was indicted on securities fraud charges in 2015. In 2020, several whistleblowers in his office claimed he had abused his powers to assist Austin developer Nate Paul, who was charged in June with eight felony counts of making false statements to lenders.

TXDOT SEEKS INPUT ON \$100 BILLION PLAN

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking public input on a proposed 10-year, \$100 billion transportation plan. The Unified Transportation Plan for 2024 is the agency's road map to developing projects across the state.

"It's important to work with our transportation partners and hear from the public to guide transportation improvements that address congestion and enhance safety," Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director, said.

Projects included in the plan seek to ease congestion and improve connectivity. They address all types of transportation, including aviation, rail, freight, maritime and public transportation. The public comment period ends on Aug. 7. To weigh in, go to txdot.gov and click on the public input link.

STATE GETS \$60 MILLION FROM FEDS FOR GRID

The federal government

is providing \$60.6 million to the Texas Division of Emergency Management to help utilities strengthen the state's power grid, the Texas Tribune reported. The grant program is funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in late 2021.

"These grants will help modernize the electric grid to reduce impacts of extreme weather and natural disasters while enhancing power sector reliability," U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm said in a statement.

State emergency officials will decide how to use the money. Possibilities include improving how power-producing equipment performs in extreme heat or cold, or trimming trees near power lines.

Since Winter Storm Uri caused widespread outages in 2021, other storms have also caused power crises. An ice storm in late January and early February sent tree limbs crashing into power lines, particularly in Austin. In June, severe storms swept through East Texas, again knocking out power lines.

A total of \$2.3 billion will be distributed by the Department of Energy across the nation to address power grid reliability issues.

NEW AREA CODE PROPOSED FOR HOUSTON AREA

The four area codes serving the greater Houston area — 281, 346, 713, and 832 — will run out of available numbers in about two years, prompting the Public Utility Commission of Texas to take public comments regarding a proposal for a fifth area code to be added by the North American Planning Administrator.

Counties affected include Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Waller. The phone numbers of existing customers would not be affected, and customers in the current area codes already have to dial all 10 digits to place local calls.

To make a public comment, go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/44scxf5>.

SAHARAN DUST BRINGS HAZY SKIES TO STATE

Dust from Africa's Sahara Desert is once again sweeping across Texas, making for hazy skies, pretty sunsets and a reduced chance of tropical storms forming in the Atlantic, according to KXAN-TV.

The waves of dust are caused by thunderstorms kicking up dust from the desert and sending it several thousand feet in the air, where easterly winds blow it across the ocean and, eventually, into the southern United States.

The dusty air plumes suppress tropical cyclone formation and also slow down the intensity of the storms that do form.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

"Not Impossible"

I have always relied upon my cousin Dane.

We grew up together. I'm a year older, but he's the closest in age of my many cousins. Our families went camping together and bought a cabin up north together, and I've gotten into the habit of asking Dane for help whenever I've needed it, because Dane is the kind of guy who can be relied upon.

Dane works as a stage rigger, and he's the road manager for a band, so he has to know a lot about a lot of things. He understands electrical gadgets of every kind. He knows how audio systems and lighting work. He is quiet and mechanical and practical and laid-back. His garage is the tidiest I've ever seen, with a tool of every kind, all neatly labeled.

He's the kind of guy who sits back in a room and listens to everyone trying to solve a problem and, after they've exhausted themselves trying to figure something out, he'll say, "You know, what you might try is..." And whatever he suggests, it will be exactly the right thing to do.

Because I have always relied on Dane, I didn't think I could be surprised if someone said that Dane had come around to lend a hand. But last week, I was surprised.

My husband, Peter, and I were up visiting my parents while my sister, her husband and her son were on their way to California, camping along the way. My niece, Isabelle, is taking summer classes at the university and working at Target, so she stayed behind to watch the pets.

Isabelle called one night right before dinner.

"Did you hear what happened with the camper?" she said, a little breathless.

"No!"

"What happened to the camper?" my mother wanted to know.

"It came right off the hitch! While they were on the freeway!"

"Oh, no!" my mother said. "It did! But the chain caught it."

I tried to imagine careening down the highway with a pop-up camper attached to the back of the car with only a safety chain. It sounded awful.

"But they got off to the side of the road to fix it. Then you'll never guess what happened."

"What?" my mother and father and Peter and I all wanted to know.

"Dane came and helped them get the camper back on."

This made no sense at all.

My sister and her family were in Nevada. Dane lives approximately 1,800 miles away.

"Dane?"

"Dane! He said he saw them pulled off to the side of the road and he stopped to help."

I talked to Dane a little later on.

"You helped my sister with her camper—in Nevada?"

"Yup. About 30 miles out of Reno."

"How does that happen? What are the odds of that?"

"I dunno. I was driving back from the show, and I saw this camper pulled off the side of the road and I thought that looked like your sister, so I stopped."

"You realize what the odds against something like that happening are? If you read that in a novel, you'd say it couldn't happen."

"Well, it's not impossible, I guess."

That was all Dane had to say. He helped them back onto the road and headed off in the opposite direction. I thought how lucky it was to have someone as helpful as Dane show up exactly when he was needed—as Dane is apt to do.

"That's crazy," I told Isabelle when I next saw her.

"It is crazy," she agreed.

But not impossible, as Dane pointed out.

Till next time,
Carrie

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ABBOTT TO SIGN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF BILL

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today released a statement on the Texas Legislature's passage of historic property tax cut legislation during Special Session #2:

"I made a promise to Texans during my campaign that the State of Texas would use at least \$13.5 billion from our historic budget surplus to provide substantial relief to property taxpayers across Texas. Today, we will deliver even more with over \$18 billion in property tax cuts. The Texas House and Senate fulfilled our promise with an agreement that delivers a comprehensive, long-lasting solution to increasingly burdensome property tax bills. I thank my partners in the Texas Legislature for coming together to honor the best interests of hardworking Texans who want to own their property—not rent it from the government. I look forward to signing this legislation into law to provide Texans with the largest property tax cut in Texas history."

Speaker Dade Phelan on the Passage of Property Tax Legislation

AUSTIN, Texas – Texas Speaker of the House Dade Phelan today issued a statement following the passage of the House's \$18 billion property tax relief package:

"I am thrilled to announce the overwhelming passage of the House and Senate's omnibus property tax legislation. The passage of this \$18 billion package is a testament to the unwavering commitment of Texas leaders to address the concerns of taxpayers and provide significant relief from the burden of escalating property taxes.

"I want to express my gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor for his productive negotiations on this matter, to State Representatives Will Metcalf, Morgan Meyer, and Charlie Geren for their relentless work to get

these bills over the finish line, and to all the members who voted to give Texas property owners the largest state property tax cut in this nation's history. Their dedication and leadership have been instrumental in making this historic achievement possible, and Texas taxpayers will be the winners because of it."

Highlights of the \$18 billion tax cut legislation include:

— Over \$12 billion will be spent on reducing the school property tax rate for all homeowners and business properties.

— Every homeowner who homesteads their home (approximately 5.7 million homeowners) will get a \$100,000 homestead exemption.

- Non-homesteaded

properties, valued at \$5 million and under, including residential and commercial properties, will receive a 20% circuit breaker on appraised values as a 3-year pilot project.

— In counties with a population of 75,000 or more, three members will be added to the Central Appraisal District board of directors, to be elected in nonpartisan elections. This change aims to bring diverse perspectives and accountability to the decision-making process.

— Legislation will also include savings on the franchise tax for small businesses.

After the Governor signs the bill, it will still need approval from the voters in the general election in November, since it requires a Constitutional amendment to become law.

3 lives lost in Drownings,

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ily," said Major Jesse Razo with the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies received a call around 9 p.m. on Saturday regarding a 6-year-old boy and 12-year-old girl, who went missing in the water near the park. Officials said the children were swimming, went under and never came back up.

A Marine and Dive Team deployed a robot with sonar capabilities to search the area. It found two bodies in the water. Deputies also used a K-9 during the search.

"Our divers went in and did recover two bodies. They did match the description of the children who were in the water," Razo said.

Just last month, a good Samaritan drowned in the same area after he and several men jumped in the water to save a woman

who was swimming at night. The woman and the other men made it out safely.

"You shouldn't swim at night especially in a river. The river is unpredictable... you never know it's always changing," Steven Wingate said.

Experts said these are several drowning prevention tips:

--Wear a life jacket

--Learn CPR

- Use the buddy system

- Know the risk of natural waters

- Avoid alcohol

- Don't hyperventilate or hold your breath for a long time

Its steps Wingate already practices with his family.

"When you are around the water you have to watch your children because sometimes the boats pull up there, and it cre-

ates a hole with the propellers when they leave. Those holes can get deep, so you really have to watch your children because they can be gone like that," he said.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office will verify the identity of the victims.

Xtreme Off-Road Park said the drownings occurred at the marina side of the river and not on the part owned by the park.

"Last night 2 young children drowned at the Marina side, not Xtreme off road. We want to ask parents to please keep an eye on their children! The river is already a dangerous place itself, let alone at night and being left alone like these kids were. Sadly their parents were not there to watch them, this could have been avoided. Condolences to the family."



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SUMMER PET CARE

By Allan Jamail

July 18, 2023– Dog owners in Texas are being watched more closely now with the extreme heat wave bearing down on pets. Dogs must have free easy access to fresh cool water and must get at least one ounce of water per pound in normal temperature conditions. Dogs outside or going walking needs more, and on hot days, water bowls kept outside should be poured out regularly and replaced with cool water placed in the shade.

According to animal experts temperatures between 80-90 degrees means your dog is a lot hotter than a human because of the dog's hair. If a dog must get outside with those temperatures it should never be for long periods of time and then it should only be in the shade and have plenty of cool fresh water. Dog owners sometime fail to realize the pavement temperatures is hot on the dogs paws exactly as it would be on their own bare feet.

Dog must have adequate shelter from the outside elements, which means a sturdy shelter and not a cardboard box. With enough room that allows the dog while in the shelter to stand erect, sit, turn around and lay completely down in a normal position. Dogs must be allowed to have shade from direct sunlight and or getting over heated and have an area which allows the dog to avoid standing in water and exposure from animal waste (urine and or feces).

A dog collar must be of a comfortable band width of material (not a chain) specifically designed for dogs that doesn't choke or interfere with its normal breathing or swallowing. Harnesses must be made out of materials specifically designed to fit comfortably.

Texas law forbids dog owners or those in custody of a dog to leave a dog outside unattended unless they have adequate shelter from inclement weather as, wind, rain, severe cold or hot weather, access to fresh food and water, and are not leashed (tethered) by a chain, weighted chain or object, or other unsuitable restraints. It also specifies that the length of an outdoor restraint must be at least five times the dog's length measured from the nose to the base of its tail or never shorter than ten feet.

The law does not apply to a dog left



Isaiah Jamail with Bloo, a 2 year old Golden Retriever. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

unattended in an open-air truck bed that's not exposed to harsh weather providing it's only for a reasonable time necessary for the person responsible for the dog to complete a short temporary task. Nor does the law prohibit a person from walking a dog on a hand held leash on a surface that's not too hot for its paws.

Isaiah Jamail, a college student and son of parents Al Jr. and Rachel Jamail of Crosby make sure their pet dog Bloo is kept healthy and never exposed to high temperatures or freezing temperatures.

Isaiah said, "Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance."

"The outdoors exposes dogs to the elements. Dogs may need extra brushing and bathing to stay clean and healthy," Isaiah said.

Call your local law enforcement agency any time you suspect an animal's basic needs are not being met. Phone numbers to keep in your cell phone for reporting any crime: Houston Police – 713-884-3131, Harris County Sheriff Office 713-221-6000, Jacinto City Police – 713-672-2455, Galena Park Police – 713-675-3471, Constable Pct. 2 Jerry Garcia - 713-477-4070, Constable Pct. 3 Sherman Eagleton - 713-274-2500.

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From left, Teyonah Parris, Jamie Foxx and John Boyega star in "They Cloned Tyrone."

"They Cloned Tyrone"

"THEY CLONED TYRONE" (R) - John Boyega, Jamie Foxx and Teyonah Parris play quite the stylish trio in this comedy-mystery film described as "Friday" (1995) meets "Get Out" (2017). Boyega (the "Star Wars" sequel trilogy) portrays drug dealer Fontaine, who gets killed by his rival, but wakes up the next day in his bed unharmed. Attempting to get to the bottom of this peculiarity, Fontaine finds his way to a government laboratory with the help of Slick Charles (Foxx) and Yo-Yo (Parris). The trio then discovers that, within this laboratory, the government has been secretly experimenting on the Black population within their neighborhood, which means it's up to them to bring this government conspiracy to light. Premieres July 21. (Netflix)

"THE PORTABLE DOOR" (PG-13) — Based

on the 2003 novel of the same name by Tom Holt, this fantasy film follows two interns, Paul and Sophie, as they're hired by the organization J.W. Wells & Co. The firm, headed by CEO Humphrey Wells, claims to be behind those coincidental moments in life that we think of as "serendipitous." Paul, however, is tasked by Humphrey to find a portable door somewhere around the firm that can magically take one wherever they wish to go. But little does Paul know that once he finds the door, he'll also unleash the hidden, villainous motivations of the firm. Christoph Waltz, Patrick Gibson and Sophie Wilde star in this film reminiscent of the "Harry Potter" and "Fantastic Beasts" franchises. Out now. (Prime Video)

"MY ADVENTURES WITH SUPERMAN" (TV-PG) — In this animat-

ed series produced by Warner Bros. and DC Studios, the humble origin of one of the most popular superheroes of all time takes the spotlight. Jack Quaid ("The Boys") voices Clark Kent just as he's beginning to build up his superhero identity. Meanwhile, Clark breaks stories at a newspaper, the Daily Planet, alongside a pixyish Lois Lane (Alice Lee) and photographer Jimmy Olsen (Ishmel Sahid). Critics have given the show positive reviews for maintaining a character-driven story and creating a more relatable, younger Superman — in contrast to the confident, undefeatable Superman fans are normally used to watching. The first three episodes are out now, with new episodes releasing on Fridays. (Max)

"SPACE ODDITY" (PG-13) — Alex (Kyle Allen) is the son of a farmer who has his sights set far away from Earth — on Mars, to be exact. Eyeing an opportunity to travel to the Red Planet in 10 years on a one-way ticket through a private space program, Alex secures life insurance for the trip, but unexpectedly forms a rare connection with his insurance agent, Daisy (Alexandra Shipp). As Daisy and Alex spend more time together, Alex realizes his far-out dream might not be all it's cracked up to be, and his efforts might be better focused here on Earth. Although it might be heartwarming for its romantic aspects, this film could have been better focused — on the believability of its plot, characters and overall message. Kevin Bacon and Madeline Brewer co-star in "Space Oddity," premiering July 21. (Hulu) (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

The Stars at Night are Big and Bright...from Texas to the South Pole,

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MARTIN A. POMERANTZ OBSERVATORY WHICH HOUSES THE BICEP ARRAY. THE 10-METER SOUTH POLE TELESCOPE (SPT FOR SHORT) IS HOUSED IN THE DARK SECTOR LAB (DSL) ALONG WITH BICEP 3.

temperatures are known to fall well below -80 with wind-chills dropping to -120 or lower. The coldest parts of winter can get well below -100. As many of us are complaining about our 103 + summer heat, these Texans are enduring -103 or colder. (YES, that's MINUS degrees folks!)

These temperatures are the complete opposite of the extreme heat sometimes endured in their home state.

Being at the bottom of the earth, the sun does not rise east to west as most of us are accustomed. The sun will move in a spiral around the horizon to its summer, high-noon peak in December. Then it will begin its spiral descent towards the horizon leaving the crew in about six months of darkness during the peak of winter. It is during this extreme darkness that our Texas boys will witness some of the most amazing views of our cosmos. The stars may be big and bright deep in the heart of Texas but this is one area where the Antarctic will certainly shine even brighter. This is also when they will witness the occurrence of the Aurora Australis, or Southern

Lights...the Antarctic version of the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights as viewed from the northern-most regions of our planet.

The Stars at Night...outshine us all! What an experience!

Why are they at the South Pole?

The pure climate, extreme darkness, lack of habitation and overall distance from any concentrated population of the South Pole makes it one of the best places for scientific study. The Amundsen-Scott station is home of the Martin A. Pomerantz Observatory which houses the BICEP array. The 10-meter South Pole Telescope (SPT for short) is housed in the Dark Sector Lab (DSL) along with BICEP 3. Also at Pole is the IceCube Neutrino Lab and the Atmospheric Research Observatory (ARO) run by NOAA. There are also dozens of other small experiments being run that do not have their own designated buildings. It's a quiet place where still much exploration continues.

Science and just the experience of it all was intriguing to our modern-day adventurers

An otherworldly view of the IceCube Laboratory at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station. The IceCube neutrino detector is the largest in the world, with thousands of digital optical modules frozen into a cubic kilometer of ice.

Want to learn more? Visit these websites to be enlightened...

<https://www.nsf.gov/geosciences/education/nationalgeographic.org/resource/antarctica/> <https://www.britannica.com/place/Antarctica> <https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/5-8/features/nasa-knows/what-is-antarctica-58.html>

For information on the science of the station visit:

<https://pweb.cfa.harvard.edu/facilities-technology/telescopes-instruments/bicep> <https://icecube.wisc.edu/>

To view the live webcam at the station...<https://www.usap.gov/videoclip-sandmaps/spwebcam.cfm>

To follow the experiences of our Texas adventurers, they often post on Instagram...Matt posts as @0v3rrat3Jesus posts as @Dr.chuy92Zeke posts as @zeketravels1536

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Differences: 1. Basket is added. 2. Fence is reversed. 3. Ball is higher. 4. Arm is lower. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Window is missing.

King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Artist Chagall
5 Witty one
8 Infatuated
12 — about (roughly)
13 Copper head?
14 Arkin or Alda
15 Famed circus impresario
17 A deadly sin
18 Tuscan city
19 Rapsallions
21 Craving
24 " — was saying ..."
25 Pocket bread
28 Chart toppers
30 Gagers' gp.
33 Author Tan
34 Highway divisions
35 City area, for short
36 LP speed
37 Staffer
38 College VIP
39 Luau bowlful
41 Cold War initials
43 Chin covers
46 Old hat
50 Forearm bone
51 Every year
54 Blue material?
55 Swiss canton
56 Campus digs

DOWN

1 Floor cleaners
2 Con
3 Judicial garb
4 Brain protectors
5 Pallid
6 — Dhabi
7 Jewels
8 Grand parties
9 Kitchen foil type
10 React in horror
11 Picnic invaders
16 Squealer
20 Mama Elliot
22 Spiced tea
23 Brahmanist
25 Standard
26 Little rascal
27 Ear membrane
29 Casual tops
31 Buddy
32 "Shark Tank" network
34 Set down
38 "The Godfather" star
40 Emulate
42 Resort
43 Small statue
44 Ticklish
45 Muppet
47 Uppity sort
48 Foolproof
49 TV trophy
52 Before
53 Tease

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. WEATHER: What is the name of the hot wind that blows from the Sahara Desert to the southern coast of Europe?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the condition of seeing human faces in random or ambiguous objects or patterns?

3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that borders the United Kingdom?

4. THEATER: Which Broadway play features a helicopter on stage?

5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude"?

6. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the ailment called epistaxis?

7. TELEVISION: Which TV comedy popularized the phrase "Yabba Dabba Do"?

8. MOVIES: What is the nickname that Steven Spielberg gave the mechanical shark in the movie "Jaws"?

9. HISTORY: When did the Boxer Rebellion take place in China?

10. MATH: Which number doesn't have a corresponding Roman numeral?

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1. Stracco; 2. Pareidolia; 3. Republic of Ireland; 4. "Miss Saigon"; 5. Gabriel Garcia Marquez; 6. Nosebleed; 7. "The Flintstones"; 8. Bruce; 9. 1900; 10. Zero.



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