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Rep. Ana Hernandez's Probate Will Seminar

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. ~ Saturday, October 11, 2025 ~ At Jacinto City's Town Center Texas House District 143 Representative Ana Hernandez sponsored a free Probate Will Seminar. The 9:30am open to the public event was well attended with over sixty participants.

Rep. Hernandez said, "Too often, families are faced with confusing and overwhelming legal processes during some of the most difficult times in their lives. Our goal with this seminar was to give residents the information and tools they need to feel more prepared and empowered when navigating probate court."

She concluded, "I'm deeply grateful to Judge Pamela Medina and the Lone Star Legal Aid attorneys for sharing their ex-



CUTLINE: Sitting L - R: from Lone Star Legal Aid - Newton Tamayo, Staff Attorney, Sapna Aiyer, Director of Houston Units and Jessie Campbell, Directing Attorney for Pro Bono- Houston Office Standing: L - R: Judge Pamela Medina - Harris County Probate Court No. 2 and State Representative Ana Hernandez, District 143. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

pertise with our community. Events like these are an important way to make

government more accessible and responsive to the people we serve."

Upon arriving guests were treated with free refreshments which included a variety of breakfast tacos, Mexican sweet breads and refreshments.

Representative Hernandez began the program by introducing Judge Pamela Medina of Harris County's Probate Court No.2 who was the keynote speaker and presenter.

Others she introduced were from Lone Star Legal Aid - Newton Tamayo, Staff Attorney, Sapna Aiyer, Director of Houston Units and Jessie Campbell, Directing Attorney for Pro Bono- Houston Office.

Judge Medina gave a presentation which included legal definitions as well as the steps on how to make a Will and have it processed in the Harris County Probate Courts according to Texas laws. It helped attendees to be able

to determine and plan what would happen to their assets at their time of their death or a family member's death.

Everyone was given a printed handout of the presentation.

Rep. Hernandez translated in Spanish after Medina made her presentation in English so everyone there was properly informed on the best way to get a Will made and then have it go through the courts without experiencing problems.

After Judge Medina concluded the presentation there was a Question & Answer period for attendees to ask questions.

Ana's staff who assisted her were Chief of Staff, Pauline Tamayo, Community Liaisons, Linda Jamail and Maria Cuevas, Volunteers Marcus and Lucy Hernandez.

North Shore Tramples Goose Creek Mustangs 76 - Patriots 15

By Allan Jamail

Baytown, TX. - October 10, 2025 ~ The North Shore Mustangs traveled to Baytown and trampled the Goose Creek Patriots 76 - 15. The number 8 state ranked East Side Boys are in first place in District 23-6A Region III with a 3-0 district record.

Head Coach Willie Gaston's East Side Boys offense and defense dominated the home team in a show of superiority unlike most high school team's ability to do.

Scoring 11 touchdowns in one game by North Shore offense is seldom if ever witnessed by football fans. Coach Gaston in the third quarter pulled his offensive and defense starters so his backup players could gain game experience.

In the Mustang's last 2 games the offense has made 147 points and their defense only allowed 22 points.

Offense scorers: Kaden Brandley 3 TD's, Dorian Barnes 2 TD's, Hezekiah Johnson 2 TD's, Jaylen Bocard 1 TD, Christopher Tolson 1 TD, Marcus Stewart 1 TD, Jemarkeus Houston 1 TD, & Kickers Jorge Campos & Jonathan Campos. Kaleb Maryland this season has



Mustang's # 25 Kaden Brandley scores on a 83 yd QB Kaleb Maryland pass play. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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North Shore Water Polo Defeats Nimitz 19 - 12 in Playoffs



Bottom row L - R: Manager Sara Martinez, Max Herran, Miguel Téllez, Manager- Patricia Trevino. Middle row L - R: Coach Mark Martinez Eduardo Gomez, Iker Blanco, Xavier Rios-Perez, Omar Quintero, Manager- Chris Jackson. Top row L - R: Sebastian Moreno, Isaac Hernandez, Captain Jeremiah Logan, Esteban Garza, Dilan Murillo. (Humberto Gutierrez, member not in photo) (Photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. ~ October 6, 2025 at the GPSD Natatorium North Shore Mustangs Head Coach Mark Martinez had his polo team ready for their 6A Region 1 & 2 Bi-District

playoff game against the Nimitz Cougars eliminating them from the playoffs 19-12.

Playing at home the Mustangs were never threatened and won all four of the seven minute periods. The officiating

was done by TASO officials (Texas Association of Sports Officials).

Martinez's 13 member team was composed of freshmen and seniors and

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Sheldon Community Fire & Rescue Celebrating a 70 Year Legacy

By David Taylor
 Managing Editor

As the Sheldon Community Fire and Rescue marks its 70th anniversary, the community reflects on its rich history and the resolute individuals who have shaped its legacy. From its humble beginnings in 1955 to becoming a cornerstone of emergency services in east Harris County, the department's journey is a testament to resilience, innovation, and community spirit.

The story begins in 1955 with the formation of the Beaumont Road Volunteer Fire Department. "Beaumont Road was the first fire department in the area, and it was led by Fire Chief Montasset," recalls current Fire Chief Sidney Webb.



A meeting of the firefighters in the early years of the volunteer fire department.

According to Kenneth Perryman, son of J. W. Perryman, who served as the second fire chief for the department, the new department organized follow-

ing a major fire at the newly built C. E. King High School.

"What triggered them to start Beaumont Road Fire Department was the new

C. E. King High School hadn't been in operation very long and somebody tried to burn it down. The fire was later discovered to have started in the blue

room where they had plastic panels for walls," he said. "There was no fire department and the nearest one to respond was from Jacinto City at the time," he added, which was miles away.

Perryman said his father served several years before stepping down to assistant chief, and then treasurer before giving it all up due to declining health. The early days were tough on the fledgling department. The first fire truck was housed in the large metal building behind Perryman's Propane company. It took quite a while to make a call down to Sheldon Road with the type of trucks they had at the time, plus, Perryman said it took time to get the volunteers to the station or to the fire.

"When they got a fire called in, the call went to three different phones at three different houses at the time. They had pre-planned to answer the third ring if they were home. They would each listen to find out what kind of call it was and when they got off, they each had a list of people to call to see who was available to respond to the call so it took a long time," he said. When Sheldon Woods, a little subdivision down the road, was formed, a lot of them didn't like it because it took too long. They had a house or two burn to the ground before it could get people down there.

"Paul Reed started became active about trying to

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ESD 12 Firefighters, EMS Join Residents for National Night Out



Firefighters brought out the prize of their apparatus in the ladder truck. The most expensive in the fleet and loaded with features to help put out fires. (Photo by David Taylor)



Harris County ESD 12 firefighters made an appearance at the Woodforest Civic Association's National Night Out event. Firefighters, from left, are Jay Larios, Harold Aguilar, David Araguz, Anthony Magnier, Daelon Johnson, Reed Godbold, and Lavell Warren. In front is Ms. Chelsea Bennett with the Woodforest Civic Association. (Photo by David Taylor)



Firefighters from ESD 12 in North Shore enjoyed showing off their fire truck for residents at the Leon Grayson / Baldrée Community Center on National Night Out. From left, Thonda Owens, Daine Grabs, Riley Dunn, Millard Williams, and Jacob Burch. (Photo by David Taylor)



Residents with firefighters and gain information on programs and benefits for working with the agency. (Photo by David Taylor)



North Channel EMS paramedics joined the fun at the Woodforest Civic Association's National Night Out event. Paramedics, from left, are M. Serna, J. Gallegos, Melissa Sears, and J. Nguyen. (Photo by David Taylor)

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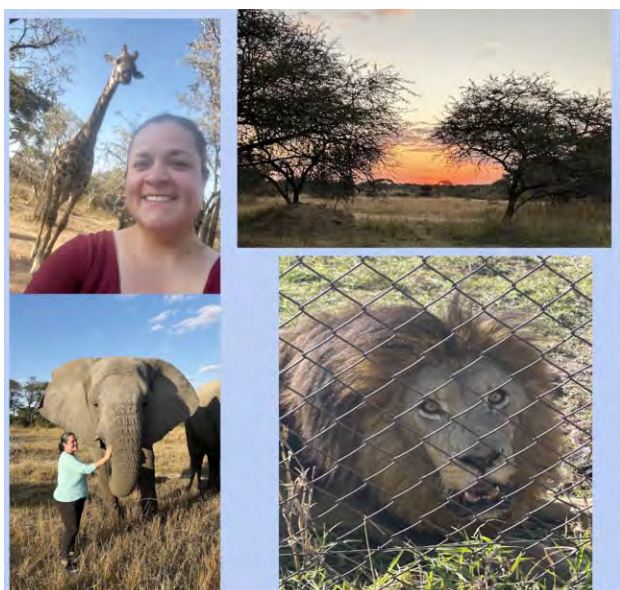
Cravens Early Childhood Academy Honors First Responders



Sheldon ISD's Cravens Early Childhood Academy celebrated First Responders Day on September 11 with a special campus event honoring local heroes. Prekindergarten students and the Cravens ECA cheerleaders greeted first responders with cheers and smiles as they arrived on campus. Students had the opportunity to meet with firefighters to learn more about their important roles in keeping the community safe. The event not only allowed students to show appreciation but also helped them gain a better understanding of the work first responders do every day.

KMS Teacher Shares Student-Centered Learning Strategies in Zimbabwe

From June 2-5, KMS STEM and U.S. History teacher Penni Farrell traveled to Amazon Christian Academy near Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, to collaborate with 19 educators, including teachers, their headmaster, and academic coordinator. During the four-day visit, Farrell led professional development sessions focused on 21st-century skills, multimodal learning strategies, and digital tools. Farrell said she was humbled and inspired by the educators' passion and commitment to transitioning toward more student-centered learning. "Although I was there to teach, I left feeling grateful for the opportunity to learn alongside them," she reflected.



The academy, a small but growing campus, is expanding its facilities and working toward building a junior college to serve the broader community. Farrell's experience highlighted the universal dedication educators share in creating meaningful learning experiences for students.

Sheldon ISD Surprises 4 Employees with Customer Service Award

Sheldon ISD administration, with the help of community partner Chick-fil-A, surprised four employees for their outstanding customer service. The CARE Award (Caught Acting and Responding with Excellence) celebrates employees who have been nominated by parents, their peers and/or the community for exemplary service to others. The following individuals received the October 2025 CARE Award:



Jonathan Bice - King High School - AP World History teacher - nominated for his positive and supportive interactions with students and families



Cynthia Galleano - Administrative Assistant to Communications - nominated for her professionalism and willingness to serve whomever and whenever she is asked

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Opportunities are Everywhere

Life can be overwhelming. Sometimes we are so busy that it seems like we meet our selves coming and going. Family events, community events, work events, church events and so many appointments in a week's time. When we go to the grocery store, we buy things that we want, but do we really need them? Let's try buying the necessities and donating some other basic items to local food pantries or a family in your circle of influence. And I still have thoughts of how many people I know who shopped online during the pandemic and most will admit they shopped out of boredom, not out of necessity. (I know too many friends who have closets filled with items they bought and do not need.)

I have other friends who will admit they sit at home and watch countless hours of television or scroll through social media hour upon hours. Could you volunteer to mentor a youth? Others are out of the golf course several days a week, could you spend time teaching a teenager how to change the tire or change the oil in the car of their single parent? Sadly, I know too many who have one doctor appointment after another. Often, these friends do not have transportation to the appointments and cannot afford a rideshare program. Perhaps you could provide transportation? Activities are valuable yet, are they beneficial in the long run? Do they build relationships or just keep you busy? I have known people who worked just to keep the bills paid and never enjoyed life while others spend so much time away from family and friends that they never learned to value relationships.

Admittedly, once October arrives, our lives tend to be a whirlwind until mid-January. Band Competitions, football and volleyball season, fundraisers, health and wellness expos, celebrations from breast cancer awareness to holiday shopping, the list goes on and on. But this year, I want to challenge you to make the most of each day. Maybe say no to an invitation and rest. Or better yet, clean out the closets and sort items to be donated. Need suggestions on where to donate what? Please reach out to the local non-profits in the area. Everything from gently used clothing to children's toys, to furniture and previously used medical equipment and books are always needed somewhere. And speaking of books, have you noticed the "little libraries" in the community? Many homeowners as well as some businesses and local parks have built the little libraries which they and others restock with used books weekly. These provide a wonderful opportunity to pass along books you no longer need, and they are picked up by others, read and returned. There are some volunteers ready to build more and keep them stocked as well. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to me at Charlotte.jackson@yahoo.com and I will connect you to someone in your area.

During the next several months, let's make time to enjoy the presence of others and not be so concerned about presents. Let's give more than we take.

NS Water Polo advances past Nimitz 19 - 12,

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played exceptionally well on both offense and defense.

"This is my 7th year coaching this team, I've been coaching for over 16 years," Martinez said.

Martinez, a North Shore Alumni attended North Shore High School where he competed in water polo and swimming. He was a co-team captain for the swim team his senior year.

Coach Martin after graduating from North Shore swam competitively

and played water polo for 4 years. He attended the University of Houston Clear Lake where he got his Bachelors Degree. He's been coaching students swimming and water polo since he graduated High school.

The Mustangs advanced to round two where lost to the Clear Creek Wildcats at the Clear Springs High School Thursday, October 9th. Linda Jamail statistician.



Diamond Jim: "What is Moissanite and what makes it different from Diamond?"

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Today's alluring Moissanite gemstones are the end result of a 110 year old geological discovery. Moissanite was first discovered in 1893 by the Nobel Prize-winning French chemist Dr. Henri Moissan at the site of a massive meteorite strike in Arizona. The tiny particles he unearthed were initially mistaken for diamond due to their hardness and brilliant reflectiveness, but after painstaking testing, were identified as naturally-occurring silicon carbide. This intriguing new stone was named Moissanite in his honor, and Moissan spent the rest of his life attempting to re-create this exceptional mineral, which is among the hardest materials on Earth.



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North Shore dominates Goose Creek,

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thrown 18 TD's with a 66% percent completion record and ran for 3 TD's. He enjoys a large stable of pass receivers and an offensive line that gives him plenty of time to hit his targets.

District 1st place North Shore travels down IH 10 to play the 7th place Channelview Falcons on Friday, October 17, 2025 @ 7pm @ the Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium.



Nshore #2 Dorian Barnes hauls in a 14 yd TD pass from QB Kaleb Maryland. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
North Shore	28	14	20	14	76
Goose Creek	0	0	7	8	15



Mustang's # 31 Jemarkeus Houston makes 40 yd TD run. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



#27 Running back Hezekiah Johnson scores a Mustang's TD on a 20 yd run. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



#41 Marcus Stewart catches a 72 yd TD pass from soph. QB #14 Jackson Davis. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORES/SCHEDULES

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Thursday, Oct. 9
C. E. King 42, Summer Creek 28

Friday, Oct. 10
Houston Waltrip 44, Galena Park 37
North Shore 76, Goose Creek Memorial 15

Saturday, Oct. 11
Kingwood 61, Channelview 21

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Thursday, Oct. 9
C. E. King at Summer Creek at 7 p.m., at Turner Stadium in Humble

Friday, Oct. 10
Galena Park at Houston Waltrip at 7 p.m., at Delmar Stadium
North Shore at Goose Creek Memorial at 7 p.m., at Stallworth Stadium in Baytown

Saturday, Oct. 11
Channelview vs. Kingwood at 6 p.m., at Turner Stadium in Humble



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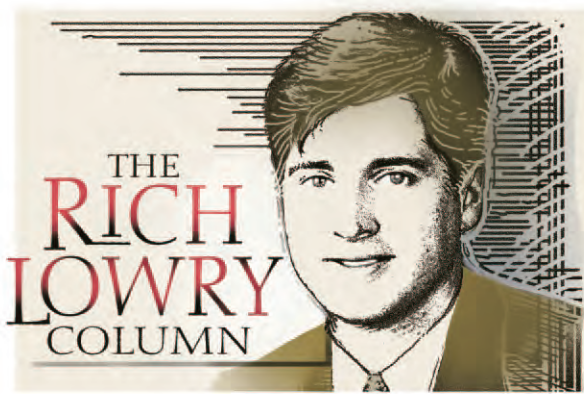


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OPINION PAGE



Concerns about physical fitness of the US Military

Doesn't Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth realize that push-ups are passe? His speech to an audience of generals he'd summoned to Washington, D.C., has mystified and outraged critics who think his obsession with physical fitness is out-of-date at best and ridiculous at worst.

"Frankly, it's tiring to look out at combat formations, or really any formation, and see fat troops," Hegseth told the assembled brass. "Likewise, it's completely unacceptable to see fat generals and admirals in the halls of the Pentagon."

"Today, at my direction, every member of the joint force, at every rank, is required to take a PT test twice a year, as well as meet height and weight requirements twice a year, every year of service," he continued.

Cue the eye-rolling.

A piece in The Atlantic observed that Hegseth's "dream world is the world of Ranger school" — an Army training program — "not the actual world of complex military operations involving land, air, sea, space and cyberspace."

He was accused of fat-shaming, and the ladies on "The View" didn't get it. Joy Behar called him out for "his very retro vision for our armed forces," and asked, "Why is he obsessed with fat?" Her colleague Sunny Hostin chimed in, "Yeah, and fitness?"

There's no doubt that physical fitness is very personal to Hegseth, who said the day of his confirmation hearing that he'd done five sets of 47 push-ups that morning. "If the secretary of war can do regular, hard PT, so can every member of our joint force," he told the generals.

But you know who'd agree with him about the centrality of fitness to the military profession? The great 20th-century statesman George C. Marshall. In a 1920 letter, Marshall called being "physically strong" one of the foundations of the military profession. As he said of military leaders in 1940 congressional testimony, they have to inspire their men "when they are hungry and exhausted and desperately uncomfortable and in great danger," and "only a man of positive characteristics of leadership, with the physical stamina that goes with it, can function under those conditions."

Needless to say, combat is an inherently physical activity. It requires incredible exertion for long stretches of time under great stress. It is necessary to carry heavy objects — a wounded comrade, artillery shells — in the worst conditions imaginable. The age of AI and drones hasn't changed this ineluctable fact of human existence.

It's simply a fact that, as any platoon leader will tell you, out-of-shape infantrymen aren't as good at their jobs.

The emphasis on fitness is especially important when the recruiting pool, reflecting an American society where 40% of people are obese, is in poorer shape than it used to be.

And troops do notice and resent it when they are meeting height and weight standards and their comrades aren't, or when their superiors are out of shape. If the colonel who is enforcing disciplinary matters is fat, it is corrosive of his credibility.

Physical fitness standards were dumbed down over the years, and for DEI reasons. The Army had been developing a fitness test that was supposed to have gender-neutral standards. When it emerged, not surprisingly, that women weren't doing as well on the test, the Biden-era Army decided to gender-norm the scores and lower the standards generally.

In a telling exchange with Sen. Tom Cotton, the secretary of the Army at the time said that the Army "didn't want to disadvantage any subgroups."

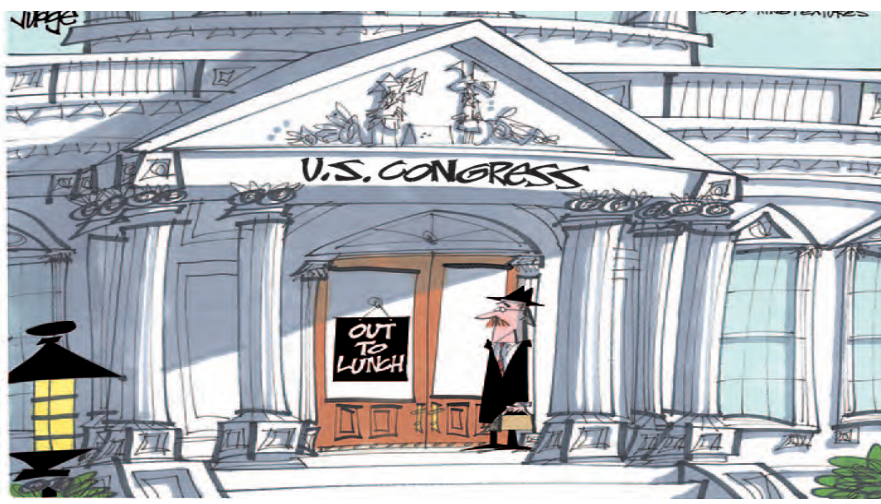
This is why it's so important that Hegseth ordered that the requirement for combat positions "returns to the highest male standard."

Obviously, having a physically fit force doesn't guarantee victory in, say, a war with China, which would require much else besides. But Hegseth was right to make it as clear as possible to our military leaders that the basics are back. Making our force more proficient doesn't begin and end with push-ups, but it does start there.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Redistricting Attracts a Spate of GOP Candidates

Redrawing the state's congressional maps, though being challenged in court, has drawn 114 Republican candidates in the state's 38 districts with nearly two months left until the filing deadline, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The Texas Legislature redrew the maps at the request of President Donald Trump in hopes of gaining five additional GOP seats. As a result, there are winnable seats for Republicans in Houston, San Antonio and Dallas that have drawn 19 GOP candidates to date.

Two Republican members of Congress are seeking statewide office instead of trying to hold on to their current seats. Chip Roy, who represents a Central Texas district, is running for Texas attorney general, while Houston Republican Wesley Hunt recently jumped into the U.S. Senate race.

In addition, Michael McCaul, R-Austin, and Morgan Luttrell, R-Houston, are not seeking reelection. Those four open seats have drawn 25 GOP candidates.

COMPANY TAPPED TO RUN SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM

A New York tech company has been picked to administer the state's new school choice program, the Texas Standard reported. The billion-dollar program passed in the regular legislative session will help parents use taxpayer money to pay for private school tuition, home-schooling expenses, and other educational expenses.

Odyssey, the company, manages education funding in several other states. It will be responsible for both processing applications and ranking families to determine who gets access to funding.

Anyone can apply as long as they have a child eligible to go to public school in K-12 as well as 4-year-olds who are eligible for pre-kindergarten.

Odyssey can receive up to 5% of the total school choice appropriation of \$1 billion, meaning it could earn up to \$50 million for administering the voucher program.

ROBERSON'S EXECUTION DATE PAUSED BY TEXAS COURT



Just a week before his scheduled execution date, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals stayed the execution of Robert Roberson in the death of his two-year-old daughter in 2002. Roberson was convicted of capital murder the following year for shaken baby syndrome, a diagnosis since discredited by most scientists. His case has drawn widespread attention and calls for his exoneration.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that the state's highest criminal court decided to send the case back to trial in Anderson County, where he was convicted. The court cited the case of Andrew Wayne Roark, a North Texas man who was exonerated in a similar "shaken baby syndrome" case.

One of the judges wrote a concurring opinion: "As identified in Roark, our scientific understanding of what has become known as Shaken Baby Syndrome has significantly advanced. Because of this deeper understanding, certain assumptions and conclusions that were once thought to be true may not be."

Roberson, now 58, claims his daughter fell out of the bed in the middle of the night in 2002. He soothed her to sleep, and upon checking on her later that night, found that she was not breathing. She was pronounced dead at an emergency room the next day, and Roberson was eventually charged and convicted of capital murder.

AGENCY RAISING AWARENESS OF SCREWWORM THREAT

The Texas Department of State Health Services is calling for increased awareness among health professionals and the public about the New World screwworm. This

parasitic fly can threaten the health of both animals and humans.

The screwworm was previously eradicated in the United States in the 1960s but remained endemic in most of Central and South America. Cases were detected in Mexico in November 2024, raising concerns that it would make its way back across the border.

Cattle have been barred from coming into the United States from Mexico since then, meaning more than a million head of cattle that normally would have headed to Texas feed lots remained south of the border. The number of cattle arriving at Texas feed lots is down 18% from a year ago.

An infected cow was reported less than 100 miles from the Texas border in September, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

CORNYN, PAXTON NECK-AND-NECK, POLL FINDS

A poll published last week shows incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton essentially tied, with new entrant U.S. Rep. Wesley Hunt not far behind, according to the Express-News. His entry suggests that no candidate is on track to win an outright majority, making a runoff likely—at least at this point.

The poll by the University of Houston and Texas Southern University, conducted the last two weeks of September, found 34% of respondents favored Paxton to 33% for Cornyn. Hunt picked up 22% of poll respondents with 11% of likely GOP voters polled still undecided.

Trump has yet to weigh in on the race, with all three candidates eager to receive his endorsement, if one is forthcoming. The poll found that half the respondents would vote for any candidate Trump endorsed.

ABBOTT DIRECTS DPS TO INCREASE HEMP ENFORCEMENT

Gov. Greg Abbott has directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to toughen enforcement against vape and smoke shops that don't comply with new state regulations that prohibit selling hemp-derived products to minors.

Abbott issued an executive order to keep shops from selling hemp-derived products to minors after attempts to either ban such products outright or impose new laws regulating sales failed in the last two special sessions. "Texas will protect children from dangerous hemp products," Abbott said.

DPS will conduct targeted operations to identify vape and smoke shops that could be selling to minors. The effort will include conducting undercover investigations.

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Loving Strangers



Traveling is inherently annoying. Even if I travel light, I have a heavy handbag, my suitcase catches on the curb, my laptop flops against my hip. Everything takes three times more energy than it seems like it should.

Once I get to the airport, there are more annoyances. People walk slowly, three abreast, oblivious to the fact that they are not moving at the prevailing speed. Everyone takes too much carry-on luggage. People talk too loudly on their cellphones. Younger people sit on the floor and spread all their possessions around them, as if they plan to take up permanent residence in the airport waiting area.

I could feel myself starting to get annoyed as I entered the airport on this trip, and I really didn't want to be that way. I didn't want to be that grouchy person. And so, I wasn't. I played a game that involved finding something to love.

This sounds a little silly. Maybe it sounds like a variation of practicing gratitude—and I suppose it is. But I made a point of looking at every stranger who caught my attention and finding something to love about that person.

The woman in front of me had gorgeous curly hair. The older woman across from me was wearing stylish jeans with buttons running up the ankles. A young woman was tenderly caring for her mother in a wheelchair on a trip that must have exhausted them both. A young father was caring for a fussy baby, bouncing him gently until the baby fell asleep in his arms. My heart hurt for the larger person who had to purchase two seats. He kept his eyes down as the passengers filed past him, and I thought how the simplest thing for me was so much more challenging for him.

And everywhere, I saw worry in the eyes of my fellow travelers. There are, after all, so many things to worry about when you travel. Where is my gate? When do I board? Will there be a place for my luggage? Have I forgotten something? Lost anything? And this is all before the meeting they are going to, the relatives they are visiting, the reason for the travel—which might very well be stressful in and of itself.

I tried to practice love for them all. I suspected the young person on the floor wearing headphones—oblivious to the people stepping over their possessions—had a rich interior life. I smiled at the round woman sitting at the bar, dressed entirely in red, drinking a cocktail. I would never tell her so, but she looked like a very happy tomato (and I really do mean that in a nice way)! I felt so bad for the server at the coffee shop who spilled the drink she was making not once, but twice.

"I hope you get a break soon," I told her.

"I go home smelling like coffee and donuts!" she told me.

"There are worse smells," I said. She smiled.

My practice continued when I got to New York, but instead of keeping these thoughts to myself, I shared a few of them aloud. An older woman was dressed in a sparkly skirt. "You are beautiful, standing in the sunshine!" I told her.

She told me she used to be a singer. I told her I could tell. Quite unexpectedly, she opened her arms and gave me a huge hug.

I stood there on the corner of 42nd Street, a total stranger hugging me in the sunshine, and I felt loved by strangers.

Till next time, Carrie

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 8: Texas look for 3rd straight win on MNF against Seattle: Texas Tech, Arizona State meet up in Big 12 showdown

Just when Houston Texans fans thought their favorite team's season was over after an 0-3 start, the team rebounded with back-to-back convincing wins, the most eye-opening a 44-10 thrashing of Baltimore two weeks ago.

That win marked the first Texans win over the Ravens since 2012 and may have saved their season. Houston enjoyed their bye week and will take on Seattle in the second game of a Monday Night Doubleheader. Texans fans might want to get in a nap on Monday considering the game starts at 9 p.m. on ESPN.

DeMeco Ryans' team has to hope the big road win over the Ravens sets the team up for a run and why not? Quarterback C.J. Stroud had one of the best games of his career throwing four touchdown passes while connecting on 23 of 27 passes. The defense looked solid, coming up with three turnovers against the Lamar Jackson-less Ravens.

They face a Seahawks team that is tough to beat at home, but the extra week to prepare and get players healthy could be a huge boon for the Texans.

The first game of the third MNF doubleheader of the season should be a good one as well as Tampa Bay and Detroit do battle in the Motor City at 6 p.m. on ABC (Channel 13, locally).

Other key games on the Week 7 schedule have a suddenly reeling Philadelphia team facing a tough road test at Minnesota, which will be coming off a bye after a two-week trek in Europe. Two weeks ago, the Eagles dropped their first game of the season, 21-17 at home to Denver, in a game where star running back Saquon Barkely had just six rushes the entire game. That makes no sense for a back who rushed for more than 2,000 yards a year ago.

There's also a big one in the NFC East as Dallas hosts Washington at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Two weeks ago, both teams picked up nice road wins as the Cowboys offense rolled to a 37-22 win over the hapless Jets, while the Commanders earned an impressive 27-10 win road win against the Chargers. Washington got a huge boost with the return of starting QB Jayden Daniels, who led his team to the victory. This will be a good test for Dallas. A win on Sunday could prove they are a legitimate playoff contender.

The college schedule also has some interesting matchups, most notably in the Big 12 where No. 9-ranked Texas Tech visits defending Big 12 champ Arizona State on Saturday afternoon. Two weeks ago, the Red Raiders looked impressive on both sides of the ball in their 35-11 win on the road against Houston.

The SEC has two big ones as No. 4 Ole Miss visits No. 10-ranked Georgia, while No.11-ranked LSU visits No. 20-ranked Vanderbilt. It might help if Vandy QB Diego Pavia keeps his mouth shut and not talk trash, as he did prior to the Alabama game, which did not end well for the smallest QB as the Tide rolled to a 30-14 victory. Pavia went on the record saying the Commodores would own 'Bama, but at the end of the day, Vandy was the one who was owned.

No. 5-ranked Texas A&M plays its first road game since its win at Notre Dame on Sept. 13 when they visit a desperate Arkansas team in the Hills. The Hogs are now under the direction of interim head coach Bobby Petrino after Sam Pittman was fired after the Hogs' 56-13 home loss to Notre Dame on Sept. 27.

In District 14-6A play, Eisenhower hosts Dekaney at Thorne Stadium, while Aldine visits Westfield in Spring on that same night. On Friday, Nimitz and Davis hook up in a key game for both teams at Thorne Stadium, while MacArthur takes on Spring in Spring.

Before we take a look at this weekend's game, let's review last week's record. Another 7-5 week (darn you Texas!) brought the season record to 41-29 (59%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

NCAA

Ole Miss at Georgia - Lane Kiffin's No. 3-ranked Rebels face a huge test on the road against No. 10 Georgia on Saturday. The Rebel offense, which is averaging 40 points a game, will face a tough Bulldogs defense (allowing 17 points per game) that knows it needs to step up the rest of the season after losing at home to Alabama on Sept. 27. Mississippi is led by QB Trinidad Chambliss (1,033 passing yards, 5 TDs/266 rushing yards, 2 TDs), running back Kewan Lacy (445 yards, 8 TDs) and big-play wideout Harrison Wallace III (17 re-



ceptions, 361 yards, 21.2 yards per catch, 2 TDs). The Dawgs have a good dual-threat QB as well in Gunner Stockton (1,047 passing yards, 6 TDs/194 rushing yards, 5 TDs). Stockton is complimented by running backs Chauncey Bowens (310 yards, 3 TDs) and Nate Frazier (253 yards, 2 TDs) and dependable wide receivers Calbie Young (18 receptions, 247 yards, 1 TD) and Zachariah Branch (18 receptions, 234 yards, 2 TDs). Look for Georgia to put it all together against the Rebs on Saturday. My pick, Georgia 31, Ole Miss 20

LSU at Vanderbilt - No.11 LSU faces No. 20 Vanderbilt on Saturday in a game both teams need to win to remain in the SEC race. The Tigers have been struggling on offense and need QB Garrett Nussmeier (1,157 yards, 7 TDs) to up his game. LSU has had trouble running the ball, which has been a bone of contention in Baton Rouge. Tiger fans are hoping running back Caden Durham (213 yards, 2 TDs) gets it going against the Commodores. Nussmeier will look to make plays downfield to wideouts Aaron Anderson (23 receptions, 305 yards) and Barion Brown (25 receptions, 239 yards, TD). Vandy will count on dual threat QB Diego Pavia (1,409 passing yards, 14 TDs/352 rushing yards, 2 TDs), speedy running back Sedrick Alexander (310 yards, 5 TDs), tight end Eli Stowers (25 receptions, 323 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Junior Sherrill (23 receptions, 274 yards, 5 TDs) to make plays against a pretty solid LSU defense. Look for the Tigers to get things going on offense as Brian Kelly's team picks up a big road win. My pick, LSU 27, Vanderbilt 23

Texas A&M at Arkansas - No. 5-ranked Texas A&M hits the road for the first time since its win at Notre Dame on Sept. 13 to take on an Arkansas team that is reeling. Three weeks ago, the Hogs were blown out at home by Notre Dame, 56-13, which cost Sam Pittman his job. Former Hog coach Bobby Petrino was elevated to interim head coach and while the Hogs have some decent players on offense, the defense is woeful. Look for Aggie QB Marcel Reed (1,256 passing yards, 11 TDs/149 rushing yards, 2 TDs), running backs Le'Veon Moss (343 yards, 5 TDs) and Rueben Owens II (276 yards) and wideouts KC Concepcion (24 receptions, 401 yards, 5 TDs) and Mario Craver (30 receptions, 557 yards, 4 TDs) to have big days against the Hogs. My pick, Texas A&M 34, Arkansas 14

Texas Tech at Arizona State - No. 11 Texas Tech hits the road for the second time in three weeks to take on No. 21 Arizona State in a key Big 12 contest. The Sun Devils are the defending Big 12 champs and are led by a very good QB in Sam Levitt (1,039 passing yards, 8 TDs/281 rushing yards, 5 TDs). ASU also has a fair runner in Raleek Brown (506 yards, 2 TDs) and a big-play wideout in Jordan Tyson (39 receptions, 483 yards, 7 TDs). This will be the Red Raiders' defense's biggest test of the season, but that unit has answered all challenges thus far allowing just 11 points per game. The Tech defense has also produced 12 sacks and forced 13 turnovers in its first five games. While the defense has been stout, the offense has been productive led by QB Behren Morton (1,410 yards, 12 TDs), and running backs Cameron Dickey (330 yards, 6 TDs) and J'koby Williams (308 rushing yards, 4 TDs/14 receptions, 228 yards, 1 TD). Morton has a boat load of weapons to throw to in wideouts Coy Eakin (24 receptions, 341 yards, 1 TD) and Caleb Douglas (19 receptions, 359 yards, 1 TD) and tight end Terrance Carter Jr. (20 receptions, 269 yards, 4 TDs). I think Tech's versatile offense will be the difference maker in this one as the Red Raiders pick up a huge road win. My pick, Texas Tech 36, Arizona State 26

NFL

Philadelphia at Minnesota - Two weeks ago, the defending Super Bowl champs lost their first game of the season when they lost at home to the Broncos. The Philly offense looked terrible in the second half as QB Jalen Hurts (889 passing yards, 7 TDs/182 rushing yards, 4 TDs) overthrew and underthrew his receivers. For some unexplained

reason, star running back Saquon Barkley (267 yards, 4 total TDs) had just six carries the entire game, while wide receivers A.J. Brown (19 receptions, 194 yards, 1 TD) and DeVonta Smith (25 receptions, 272 yards, 1 TD) have been pedestrian thus far this season. This week, they face a Minnesota team that is coming off their bye after playing two games in Europe. The Vikes will star either J.J. McCarthy (301 yards, 2 TDs) or Carson Wentz (759 yards, 5 TDs) at QB. McCarthy sustained a knee injury in Week 3 and has yet to return. Whoever is under center, will look to make plays downfield to star wide receiver Justin Jefferson (29 receptions, 449 yards, 1 TD). Look for the Minnesota defense to be the difference maker in this one as the Eagles fall again. My pick, Minnesota 26, Philadelphia 23

Washington at Dallas - Don't look now, but the Cowboys just might be a serious playoff contender. Dallas has one of the top offenses in the NFL led by QB Dak Prescott (1,356 yards, 10 TDs), running back Javonte Williams (447 yards, 6 total TDs), wide receiver George Pickens (23 receptions, 357 yards, 5 TDs) and tight end Jake Ferguson (41 receptions, 272 yards, 3 TDs). The Cowboys might get star wideout CeeDee Lamb back for this one, which would make the offense all the more formidable. Lamb injured his ankle Sept. 21 against Chicago and should be ready to return soon. The Commanders got a huge lift two weeks ago when star QB Jayden Daniels (664 passing yards, 4 TDs/124 rushing yards) returned to action after missing two weeks with a slight knee injury. He led his team to a 27-10 win over the Chargers in Los Angeles. Daniels also has some weapons in running back Jacory Croskey-Merritt (283 yards, 4 TDs) and wideouts Deebo Samuel (30 receptions, 300 yards, 3 TDs) and Terry McLaurin (10 receptions, 149 yards). The Dallas defense will need to step up if the Cowboys hope to pull off the win against Washington. It says here, they will. My pick, Dallas 33, Washington 27

Tampa Bay at Detroit - Game 1 of the Monday Night Football doubleheader could be an offensive shootout as the Buccaneers take on the Lions. This game features two of the league's top QB's, and MVP candidates, in TB's Baker Mayfield (1,283 yards, 10 TDs/144 rushing yards) and Detroit's Jared Goff (1,187 yards, 12 TDs). The Lions have the better running game with its two-headed backfield of Jahmyr Gibbs (325 rushing yards, 4 TDs/22 receptions, 112 yards, 1 TD) and David Montgomery (310 yards, 4 TDs). Both teams have star wide receivers as Tampa is led by rookie sensation Emeka Egbuka (25 receptions, 445 yards, 5 TDs) and the Lions will counter with Amon-Ra St. Brown (35 receptions, 407 yards, 6 TDs). Detroit has the edge at tight end with the productive Sam LaPorta (21 receptions, 209 yards, 1 TD). Look for Goff to outduel the Bucks in a wild one on Monday night. My pick, Detroit 38, Tampa Bay 35

Houston at Seattle - The Texans visit Seattle in the MNF night-cap and will be coming off of their bye week. This will be a good road test for C.J. Stroud (1,076 yards, 8 TDs), who threw four TD passes two weeks ago to lead Houston to a 44-10 thrashing of Baltimore. The Texans will need a big night from running back Nick Chubb (249 yards, 2 TDs) to take pressure off of Stroud. If the running game gets going, Stroud should have time to make plays downfield to star wide receiver Nico Collins (22 receptions, 312 yards, 2 TDs) and his other wideouts. Seattle has a decent defense, so the Texans offensive line will get tested. Two weeks ago, that defense gave up 38 points to Tampa Bay, but two starters in the secondary missed that game. They should be back for this one. The Seahawks have a productive offense led by QB Sam Darnold (1,246 yards, 9 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (330 yards, 3 TDs) and star wideout Jaxon Smith-Njigba (34 receptions, 534 yards, 2 TDs). The Seattle crowd will be juiced up for this one, which might be the difference maker. My pick, Seattle 26, Houston 23

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Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 21 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 21 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2025 on **November 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** at 15808 Avenue C, Channelview, Texas 77530. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Wesley Hutchins, Brian Uzhazie & Anthony Nutt
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Jimmy Ramsey & Bill Hamblen

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	2024 Last Year \$0.235/\$100 Adopted	2025 This Year \$0.22/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)		
		-\$0.015/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-6.38%
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	\$169,628	\$118,090
Average appraised residence homestead value		
General homestead exemptions available		
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	20% \$135,702	20% \$94,472
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$318.90	\$207.84
Tax on average residence homestead		
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		-\$111.06 -34.83%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.93802 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Galena Park.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.93802 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.93802 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.96620 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Galena Park from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Galena Park may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Galena Park is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON October 21, 2025 AT 5:45 PM AT Galena Park City Hall Council Chambers.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Galena Park is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Commissioners of City of Galena Park at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR the proposal: Mayor Esmeralda Moya Commissioner Jorge Flores-Pere
Commissioner Jahaira Lopez

AGAINST the proposal: N/A

PRESENT and not voting: N/A

ABSENT: Commissioner Jorge Rodriguez Commissioner Hilda Barrientos

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The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Galena Park last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Galena Park this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.91419	\$0.93802	increase of 0.02383 per \$100, or 2.61%
Average homestead taxable value	\$119,154	\$130,232	increase of 9.30%
Tax on average homestead	\$1,089.29	\$1,221.60	increase of 132.31, or 12.15%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$8,704,964	\$8,765,867	increase of 60,903, or 0.70%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Galena Park at 713-274-8000 or Tax.office@tax.hctx.net, or visit www.hctx.net for more information.

Sheldon FD honor 70-year legacy,

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The early days with refurbished propane trucks with tanks of water on the back to help put out fires.

get a department started down there. Since Beaumont Road had the charter for the area, they had to go through some legal process to release that portion to Sheldon and they drew the line. At the time it was at Carpenter's Bayou. Anything east of Carpenter's Bayou was Sheldon Volunteer Fire Department, and anything west all the way to Greens Bayou was Beaumont Road Fire Department."

There was one ambulance that was also housed at Perryman's.

"It was like an old hearse that I think they got from one of the funeral homes," he said. Beaumont Road didn't want to use it so when Sheldon chartered up, they wanted the ambulance. "I believe Chief Webb ran a few calls in it. All they could do then was load the patient up and take them to the hospital. None of them had any advanced medical training," he explained.

Perryman was 9 years old when Beaumont Road was chartered.

"It was a big deal for my brother and I because I was there and the fire phone rang. We had that old GMC fire truck and it was a converted butane truck. It had a big old heavy tank on it to hold pressure. When you put the water in that thing and it was so heavy, the brakes wouldn't work so you had to use the gear a lot," he laughed. The fire truck was also cold-natured and

so when a fire call came in, young Perryman would go out and start the truck to get it warmed up.

"When my dad got in, it would go without backfiring and dying," Perryman said. The dimmer light button on the floorboard was converted into the air siren they would use on the way to calls. Once on the scene, they might use the hoses or tow sacks.

"We would wet down the tow sacks and beat the fire down," Perryman said.

"Beaumont Road and Sheldon Volunteer Fire Departments were still working independently when we formed the fire district in '92," he said. In 1996, the two departments eventually merged into Sheldon Community Fire and Rescue. The department's evolution was not without its struggles.

"I lost my entire board of directors by merging the two fire departments," Webb recalls. Despite initial resistance, the merger ultimately strengthened the department, allowing

it to better serve the community.

Throughout its history, the Sheldon Community Fire Department has faced numerous natural disasters, including hurricanes and floods.

"We were flooded out during Tropical Storm Allison and lost three fire trucks," Webb remembers. They were likewise impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Today, the Sheldon Community Fire Department is a state-of-the-art operation with a budget of \$9 million and four fully operational stations, with a fifth station set to break ground in October.

"All our stations are state-of-the-art and hurricane-rated," Webb said proudly. The department boasts a fleet of 16 engines, a platform ladder, a 3500-gallon tanker, and four military high-water vehicles. "We started with a pole building with a dirt floor and now have state-of-the-art stations," Webb reflected.



Sheldon Community Fire and Rescue did their best to rescue residents during the unreal flooding brought by Hurricane Harvey.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating

**Galena Park I.S.D. will hold
a public hearing**

**at 5:40 PM on November 10, 2025, in the Board
Room of the Administration Building
14705 Woodforest Blvd.
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**The purpose of this hearing
is to discuss Galena Park I.S.D.'s rating
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**This hearing will be held prior to the regular
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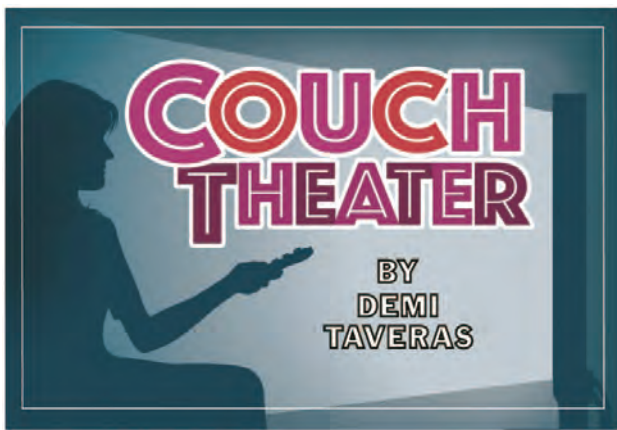
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Dakota Fanning stars in 'Vicious.'

'Vicious'

'Freakier Friday' (PG) — With the 2003 film 'Freaky Friday' being near and dear to many millennial and Gen-Z hearts, Disney knew exactly what it was doing in green-lighting a sequel to the film. It fared well, grossing \$153 million worldwide on a \$45 million budget, and brought Lindsay Lohan back to the big screen. Jamie Lee Curtis reprises her role as Anna's (Lohan) mother, Tess, in the film, which kicks off with Anna getting engaged to Londoner Eric (Manny Jacinto). Much to her daughter Harper's dismay, Anna debates uprooting them across the pond to appease Eric's daughter, Lily (Sophia Hammons). So, when

some trickery ensues where Tess swaps bodies with Lily and Anna swaps bodies with Harper, Harper and Lily plan to use the situation to their advantage and split their parents up! Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

'Vicious' (R) — Dakota Fanning is following up her last role in 'The Watchers' with yet another horror film, which gives us another example of how well the genre fits the 31-year-old actress. She plays a young woman named Polly, who receives a visitor in the dead of the night. Polly foolishly lets in her visitor, an old woman, who presents her with a mysterious box. The old woman's instructions

are simple: Place inside the box something you need, something you hate, and something you love. Failing to do so in time will result in Polly dying that very night. At first, Polly's at a complete loss as to how to proceed, but as time ticks away, she realizes she has no choice but to give the box exactly what it wants. Premieres on Oct. 10. (Paramount+)

'Mr. Scorsese' (TV-MA) — Italian-American filmmaker Martin Scorsese has been responsible for creating some of the greatest films in Hollywood history, including 'Taxi Driver' (1976), 'Goodfellas' (1990), 'The Departed' (2006), 'The Wolf of Wall Street' (2013), and 'Killers of the Flower Moon' (2023). The 82-year-old director still has more projects in the pipeline, but now is the perfect time to take a look back at Scorsese's legendary career and how he became an Academy Award and Palme d'Or winner. This five-part documentary series, directed by Rebecca Miller ('She Came to Me'), spans the life of Scorsese from when he was a student at New York University up until the present day. Some interesting names to watch for in this series are Robert De Niro, Steven Spielberg, Brian De Palma, Jodie Foster, and Daniel Day-Lewis. All five parts premiere on Oct. 17. (Apple TV+)

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HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Aaron Sorkin's sequel to 'The Social Network' (for which he won an Oscar — Best Adapted Screenplay) will be 'The Social Reckoning,' due in October 2026. Jeremy Strong will play Mark Zuckerberg, while Jeremy Allen White will play Wall Street Journal reporter Jeff Horwitz.



Jeremy Strong (Upcoming in 'The Social Reckoning')

Multiple sources say that Universal TV desperately wants to reboot the 1984-89 NBC series 'Miami Vice.' They want Glen Powell and Michael B. Jordan to respectively play Crockett (originally portrayed by Don Johnson) and Tubbs (originally portrayed by Philip Michael Thomas).

A film reboot with Colin Farrell as Crockett and Jamie Foxx as Tubbs bombed in 2006, grossing \$164 million against a \$150 million cost. It would be a counterproductive career move for Powell or Jordan (who are both major film stars) to do a TV series now, unless they wrote and/or produced it as Powell did with his six-episode Hulu series 'Chad Powers.'

After seven-and-a-half years of self-imposed retirement, three-time Best Actor Oscar winner Daniel Day-Lewis has returned to acting in films. His last film, 'Phantom Thread,' bombed in theaters, only grossing \$52.2 million against a \$35 million cost.

His comeback is in the psychological drama 'Anemone,' which he wrote with his son, Ronan Day-Lewis, who also directed the film. Did Daniel really think that after working on a script for seven years with his son, he could resist playing the lead?

I met Terence Stamp when he created the role of Alfie on Broadway in 1964, and he was dynamic and charismatic. Stamp, who died on Aug. 17 at 87, had one last dream to fulfill before he left this mortal coil. He wanted to star in the sequel of one of his favorite films 'The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert' (1994).

Stephan Elliott, who wrote and directed the original film, wanted to grant Stamp his final dream. The film wasn't

even in production yet, but Stamp spent his final months shooting scenes for the sequel. He stated that he didn't want a digital clone of himself playing Bernadette, just in case he didn't make 'the start line.'

Guy Pearce and Hugo Weaving, who respectively played Adam Whitely/Felicia Jollygoodfellow and Anthony 'Tick' Belrose/Mitzi Del Bra, are reviving their roles for the film, which will be integrated with Stamp's footage.

Pearce's Netflix psychological thriller 'The Woman in Cabin 10,' co-starring Keira Knightley and Hannah Waddingham, recently dropped on Oct. 10. He will also star in director Ridley Scott's post-apocalyptic sci-fi flick 'The Dog Stars,' with Jacob Elordi, Margaret Qualley and Josh Brolin. It'll release in March 2026. Meanwhile, Weaving's last film was the Australian drama 'How to Make Gravy.'

James Dean may have had two films that were released posthumously — 'Rebel Without a Cause' (1955) and 'Giant' (1956) — but Stamp did him one better. He shot a film before it was even in production, proving that he knew how to leave his indelible Stamp on a film!

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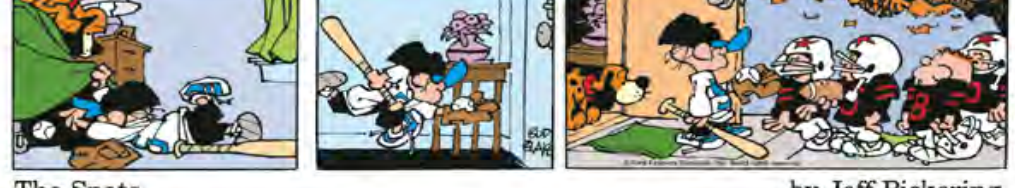
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Weekly SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers and instructions: 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: ♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels. Preferences: 1. Boy is moved; 2. Table is smaller; 3. Newspaper is longer; 4. Clock is a cat's; 5. Milk; 6. Number on shirt is smaller; 7. Chair is wider on left side.

October 13, 2025 Posting Date

King Crossword

Crossword grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Bulgaria's capital, 6 Tub toys, 11 Bacon pieces, 12 Mistakes in print, 14 Serengeti howlers, 15 Pre-Easter, 16 Swiss canton, 17 Univ. divisions, 19 Toll rd., 20 Lincoln in-law, 22 'No seats', 23 Spring, 24 Entangle, 26 Surpassed, 28 Tic-tac-toe win, 30 Roofing goo, 31 Indy 500 skid, 35 Singer Norah, 39 Marathoner's stat, 40 Recipe abbr., 42 Humorist, 43 Chang's brother, 44 Unadorned, 46 Kanga's kid, 47 Asian peninsula, 49 Designer, 51 Van Gogh's '— Night', 52 How chicken may be served, 53 Juan's farewell, 54 Puccini opera, 8 Prince, 9 Body art, 10 Intervene, 11 Closes, 13 Bracelet site, 18 Expert, 21 Unmanned plane, 23 PC drive, 25 Bathroom, to a Brit, 27 — Mahal, 29 Expenditures, 31 Rose parts, 32 Target at a fiesta, 33 'That makes me happy!', 34 Airport screening org., 36 Type of skiing, 37 Beethoven's Third, 38 Sculptor's material, 41 Loop of lace, 44 Arsonist, 45 iPod model, 48 Onassis nickname, 50 Train lines (Abbr.)

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez: 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is the only one that borders on two oceans? 2. LITERATURE: Which famous author used the pseudonym Richard Bachman early in his career? 3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the national animal of France? 4. MATH: What is the sum of the interior angles in a triangle? 5. HISTORY: Who was the first American president to win a Nobel Peace Prize? 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which ancient civilization built Machu Picchu? 7. ACRONYMS: What does the computing acronym API stand for? 8. MOVIES: What is the name of Elle Woods' Chihuahua in 'Legally Blonde'? 9. MUSIC: Which musical instrument has 88 keys? 10. TELEVISION: Which television sitcom character is famous for saying, 'Did I do that?'?

Answers to King Crossword and Trivia test. King Crossword solution time: 21 mins. Trivia Test Answers: 1. Alaska; 2. Stephen King; 3. The Gallic rooster; 4. 180 degrees; 5. Theodore Roosevelt; 6. Incan; 7. Application Programming Interface; 8. Britser; 9. Piano; 10. Steve Urkel.



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