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Mustangs Trot Past Golden Eagles 54-27

By Allan Jamail

Friday, November 28, 2025 at the neutral site at the University of Houston Cougars stadium Head Coach Willie Gaston's Eastside Boys wasted no-time in their route against Cypress Falls in the Class 6A Division I Region III semifinals. The Mustangs might be getting used to big scoring wins as they have won nine contests by 24 points or more this season. At halftime it was lopsided 35 - 7.

Only in the final 4th quarter when Gaston rested his defensive starters



Dorian Barnes hauls in a Mustang TD pass from Kaleb Maryland. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Mustang Isai Navarro gallops across goal for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

did the Eagles add to their lone 2nd quarter TD. They made 3 more TD's to no avail with Nshore having 54 points.

The Stangs dogging defense attacked the Eagles quarterback and running backs and kept them scrambling for some positive yards which seldom were made, the defeat ended their 8 game winning streak.

8 Mustang TD Scorers: Jaylen Bocard 2 TD's, Ja'Vorris Taylor 1TD, Hezekiah Johnson 1 TD,

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2025 North Shore Scarlets Dance Team

By Allan Jamail

December 3, 2025 ~ The Galena Park ISD North Shore Senior High (NSSH) Scarlet's under the direction of Head Director Melanie Mouton with assistants Kaeleigh Castillo and Monique Medina is recognized as one of Texas's top high school dance teams.

Melanie's love for dance began when her mom Leslie Mouton put her in studio classes as a young child.

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Bottom (1st) row: Ericel de los Santos, Keely Stuart, Jeimy Padilla, Vanya Islas, Ashlynn Edwards, Kalin Skinner, Hailey Gonzalez, Ja'Lynza Jackson, Ajone' Pink. 2nd Row: Guadalupe Garcia, Leslie Hernandez, Yuliana Estrada, Lisney Cabrera Hernandez, Arianna Casas, Maria Gomez, Sileas Bonilla, Mia Martinez, Emma Sharp, Kelsie Hurts, Yahira Hill, TyAsia Gardner, Brianna Hebert, Claudia Lambert, Abigail Guerrero, Azaria Galindo. 3rd Row: Emily Garcia, Gisele Reyes, Sofia Maldonado Garcia, Glenda Molina, Julieta Garcia, Maya McCollough, Isabella Rios, Sadie Pacheco, Destini Brim, Shannelle Leal, Leah Rivera. Top (4th) Row: Head Director Melanie Mouton, Hailey Astorga, Mia Ortiz, Casmryn Simmons, Arianna Lugo, Xikoa Ortiz, CeMarian Powell, Rihanna Digat, A'mani Ben, Abigail Carmona-Morales, Joycelynn Gardner, Jodie Perez, Brookelynn Hebert, Asst. Director Kaeleigh Castillo, Asst. Director Monique Medina. (Photo by Linda Jamail)

Rotary Satellite Club in Mexico Celebrates New Leadership

The Rotary Club of GP/JC has successfully installed the new board for its Satellite Club in Torreón, Mexico. The ceremony, held on October 11th, marks a continued commitment to international fellowship and service.

The satellite chapter, whose members are formally listed with the GP/JC club, operates with its own local leadership to better address community needs in the Coahuila region. The newly installed team includes President Rosario De Leon, Secretary Guadalupe Garcia, and member Wendy Alvarado. The position of Treasurer remains to be filled.

The installation



(Left to right) Wendy Alvarado, Secretary Guadalupe Garcia, Tr. No Treasurer, Rosario De Leon, President.

strengthens the bonds between the parent club and its Mexican satellite, highlighting Rotary's expansive reach and its model of empowering local leaders to drive change within their own communities.

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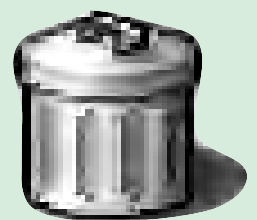
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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Support is Available

For many individuals, the holiday season is a time of one celebration after another. As I look at my own calendar, there are no dates in December without at least one special event. Everything from my grandson's mother's birthday, my oldest granddaughter's eighteenth birthday, Christmas, my oldest son's birthday, my only grandson's birthday to New Year's Eve fills my calendar. Then when I add several close friends who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and then add in various holiday parties and Open House events. My oldest friend owns Jubilee on 19th Street, which adds "Holidays in the Heights" to my calendar.

There are also community events such as State Representative Ana Hernandez' Annual Holiday Open House, the Chamber's Open House, several school fine arts performances and countless toy drives and several holiday parades and my calendar is filled before I think about shopping, addressing holiday cards or taking time to go to look at Christmas lights with my grandchildren.

If I did not have the habit of keeping a journal, a budget, and a mind open for flexibility, I might be ready to pull the covers over my head some mornings and stay in bed. Yet, I have learned to stay prepared for changes. I do keep both a paper calendar as well as an electronic calendar which I devote 10 minutes daily to check to review them.

One thing I have learned is to expect the unexpected. We can never be so set in stone that we allow a last-minute event or change of plans to disrupt our lives. I start each day with prayer as well as a Bible study to set the tone for the day. I try to keep to my schedule as much as possible. Yet during life, there are circumstances we never planned for. And with each one, we find we need a little extra support. We must realize that there is nothing wrong with asking for help.

One of the hardest circumstances we may face is the loss of a loved one, especially if it is a child. It is only natural that a parent feels that they should never have to bury their child. Yet, there are quite a few members of our community who have lost a child. While there are several grief support groups in the area as well as professional counselors, one event that is happening in December is the Annual Hearts of Parents Endure (H.O.P.E.) Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony held on December 6th at 7 p.m. on the campus of San Jacinto College North, located near the Slovacek Student Center (Building N12). As you drive on the campus, you will find the statue of an angel, located in a small area where there are several benches. If you park and walk up to the statue, you will see many names listed of children who have left us too soon. They as well as others will be remembered on December 6th. If you have lost a child, a family member or friend too soon, you are invited to join the event. At the event, you will find others who have travelled on the same journey and an instant bond is formed. For more information, please contact Glenda at 281-685-4273 or me at 832-896-1633.

2025 NS Scarlets Dance Team,

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Upon entering Cunningham Middle school, she joined the Sapphires dance team, eventually served as Captain. She went onto be a 4-Year member of the North Shore Scarlets serving as Co-Captain and Captain her senior year. She's said this was by far her most influential experience that made her grow in leadership skills, gave her lifelong memories, and inspired a career choice.

After graduating she went on to Texas State University as a Dance Education Major and Business Administration Minor. In the summer of 2019, she traveled with the Texas State University dance program to study World Dance abroad in Bedford, England. While in college she danced as a 4-year member of the World Famous Texas State Strutters serving as the lead Pom Leader her senior year. As a Strutter, she has performed at 3 NBA halftimes, the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade, Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington D.C, and opened the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

After graduating college, Mouton taught dance at Crosby Middle School and worked as the Assistant Star-Steppers Director for one school year before coming to NSHS.

Director Mouton said, "I feel extremely fortunate to be in a position to pour back into a community that has done and given me so much. With this being my 3rd year with the Scarlets and 1st as Head Director, I would like to thank this year's team for welcoming me through my journey, I look forward to all the years ahead at NSSH."

Asst. Director Kaeleigh Castillo has been a passionate dance educator for the past 15 years. She began her dance career at the age of 3 as a protégé for her mother's (Pamela Celestain) dance company. She attended Summer Creek High School and was a four year member of the Summer Creek Starlette's. While on

the inaugural dance team, she made history by becoming the first ever Captain of the Starlettes and for three consecutive years.

She continued her dance career in college at Stephen F. Austin State University where she received a Dance Scholarship to perform on the National Dance Alliance Award-Winning SFA Pom Squad.

This is Castillo's second year working in GPISD, she said, "I absolutely love working alongside the NSSH Scarlet's, Scarlet Reserves, North Shore 9th Grade Dance Department and Middle School Dance Teams."

Asst. Director Monique Medina is a dedicated professional with a passion for dance and community engagement. A proud Alumna of NSHS, she was a committed member of the Scarlets for four years, serving as Scarlet Captain her senior year and was a North Shore Alumni Scholarship Fund recipient.

In 2022, she earned her Bachelor's degree from Lamar University with a 3.8 GPA and a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration from Texas Tech University Health Science Center. In addition she's received her Dance Certification.

Medina has strong roots in community service. At the age of 5 she was involved with the East End Eagles, a non-profit youth football, drill and cheer program, eventually becoming their coach and now serves as the Assistant Director and Head Choreographer.

She was a dance team member of the University of the Incarnate Word's Spirit Team and served as a Freshman Captain.

She said, "At NSHS with the Scarlets it's allowed me to fulfill my dream of becoming a dance teacher. In my first year as a dance teacher and assistant with the Scarlets I want to express my gratitude to everyone for welcoming me on this new chapter."

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Here are a few tips that will help you along the way:

KNOW THE ANSWERYour proposal should be surprising, but it shouldn't come directly out of left field. Before you pull a ring out, have a good idea how your partner will respond. "Will you marry me?" shouldn't be your first discussion on the subject.

RULES OF THE ENGAGEMENT (RING)Here's where a little bit of effort goes a long way. The history of the diamond as an engagement ring first became popular in the 1930's, but the idea of an engagement ring has been around for centuries. If you're still deciding on a diamond engagement ring, consider doing some window shopping with your partner prior to making a purchase. If you want to keep things more secretive, talk to your partner's friends and family to get a feel for their taste.

Another option is to use a stand-in ring for the proposal. Perhaps you can use their great grandmother's diamond engagement ring, and then take your partner shopping later. (A trusted jeweler can tell you everything you need to know about how to buy a diamond and will take the time to help educate both of you).

PEACE-OF-MINDDo your homework before buying the engagement ring. Most importantly, find a jeweler you trust. And, since you're making such a big investment, make sure you insure the ring as soon as you purchase it. Your knowledgeable jeweler should be willing and able to discuss this with you. One option is that you may be able to insure it for an additional cost under your homeowner's or tenant's insurance policy.

ASK PERMISSION, NOT FORGIVENESSBefore you take a knee, take the time to speak with your partner's parents first. Asking permission is a tradition carried since the Roman times, and it's a great way to make a good impression on your future in-laws.

BE CREATIVEThis is your chance to shine. A good jeweler should have several ideas that will help you to be creative when "popping the question". You could also use modern technology for a Twitter proposal. No matter what you do, just put your heart into it. At *Diamond Jim's PINEFOREST JEWELRY Experience*, we actually have a booklet entitled 'Twenty Ways to Pop The Question' that should give you some assistance. For now, here are a few ideas to get your started:

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATIONPropose via video or in person from an extreme location - atop a mountain, while skydiving, or on the shores of a romantic and faraway beach.

SPREAD THE NEWSYour partner will most likely handle this for you, but make sure to share the big news with family and friends. You might also consider sending out an engagement announcement.

CELEBRATEYou did it! Consider toasting your engagement with a night on the town, a glass of champagne, or a celebration with friends and family.

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Mustands' dominant semifinal win sets up clash of titans in regional final,

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Defensive lineman Mustang Lynell Hunter sacks Eagle QB. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Nshore Jaylen Bocard scores on a 25 yd Kaleb Maryland pass. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Marcus Stewart 1 TD, Dorian Barnes 1 TD, Courtlen Grigsby 1 TD, Isai Navarro & Kicker Daniel Cruz 6 points. Linda Jamail statistician.

Mustang Coach Gaston said, "They're showing improvement, week in and week out. That's what we live by getting better each week, I think we're playing really good defensively. The offense is doing well too."

Nshore 11-2 has taken down 3 undefeated teams in the past 30 days; CE King, Deer Park & Ridge Point. Up next they will face the 13-0 undefeated Dickinson Gators. The well balanced Gators romped



Mustangs Team Captains L - R: #7-Kaleb Maryland, #17-Tommie Anderson, #24-Dezmon Christian and #88-Daniel Cruz. (Photo by Linda Jamail)


over the Strake Jesuit Crusaders 55-16, with 256 rushing yds and 151 passing yds.

The two 6A playoff power house teams faceoff at the neutral site at the University of Houston Cougars




stadium Friday (12-5-25) @ 7pm. Dickinson is state ranked #31 while Nshore is #37. The game is a part of the 2025 UIL Texas Football State Championships Conference 6A D1 tournament.



"Let's just buy for the kids this year."

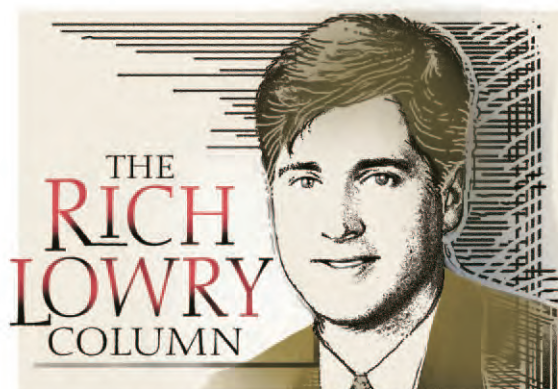


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OPINION PAGE



Yes, Ozempic for all

Americans are going to get a little healthier. President Trump cut deals with the drugmakers Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk to increase access to obesity drugs in a major benefit to American public health.

The agreements are a win-win-win — good for consumers, good for the companies and good for Trump.

One of the most irrational superstitions of our time is that Big Pharma, which has long been routinely delivering near-miraculous therapeutics to extend and improve our lives, is a public enemy. Its latest breakthrough is a class of so-called GLP-1 drugs that make it easier to lose weight and to avoid associated serious health problems, from Type 2 diabetes to heart disease.

The basic dynamic of the Trump deals is that the companies will, through lower prices, expand their market share, thus generating more revenue. The companies also get tariff relief and expedited review for select drugs.

Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the MAHA leader with a paranoid streak about modern medical advances, has been hostile to GLP-1 drugs, the most famous of which is Ozempic, sold by Novo Nordisk.

If everyone could do as many pushups and pullups as the hyper-fit 71-year-old Kennedy, perhaps we could turn our back on GLP-1s.

Certainly, RFK Jr. is correct that Americans should eat better and work out more. But our body mass index has been increasing for about 150 years, as we've made calories cheaper and more abundant over time. As it happens, the things that we like to eat or drink that are bad for us — fast food, soda, chips, cookies — are cheap, convenient and taste good.

Even if we manage to convince people that they should eat more fruit, vegetables and legumes, while taking a Peloton class every day, not everyone is going to do it as a matter of lifestyle constraints, individual preference or simple lack of willpower.

There's also the fact that once you put on weight, physiological changes make it more difficult to shed it.

About 40% of Americans are obese. Wouldn't it be great for them — and for American society at large, which spends roughly \$170 billion a year on obesity-related medical costs — if there were a safe, relatively convenient way for them to slim down?

Lo and behold, here it is. The GLP-1s started out as a treatment for diabetes and have exploded in popularity as weight-loss drugs.

Trump's reflex to make it easier for people to obtain Ozempic and the like — while, not incidentally, boosting his reputation as the nation's foremost dealmaker — is the correct one. Drug pricing is complicated, but by expanding the sale of the drugs direct to consumers, the companies can reduce prices. Meanwhile, Medicare will do more to cover the drugs, also bringing down their cost.

According to Gallup, about 12% of Americans report having used a GLP-1 drug at some point for weight loss, a stunning increase from about 6% in early 2024. Not coincidentally, Gallup is also now showing a slight dip in obesity. From 2008 — when the polling organization regularly began asking about weight — to 2022, the percentage of obese Americans increased by 14 percentage points, to nearly 40%.

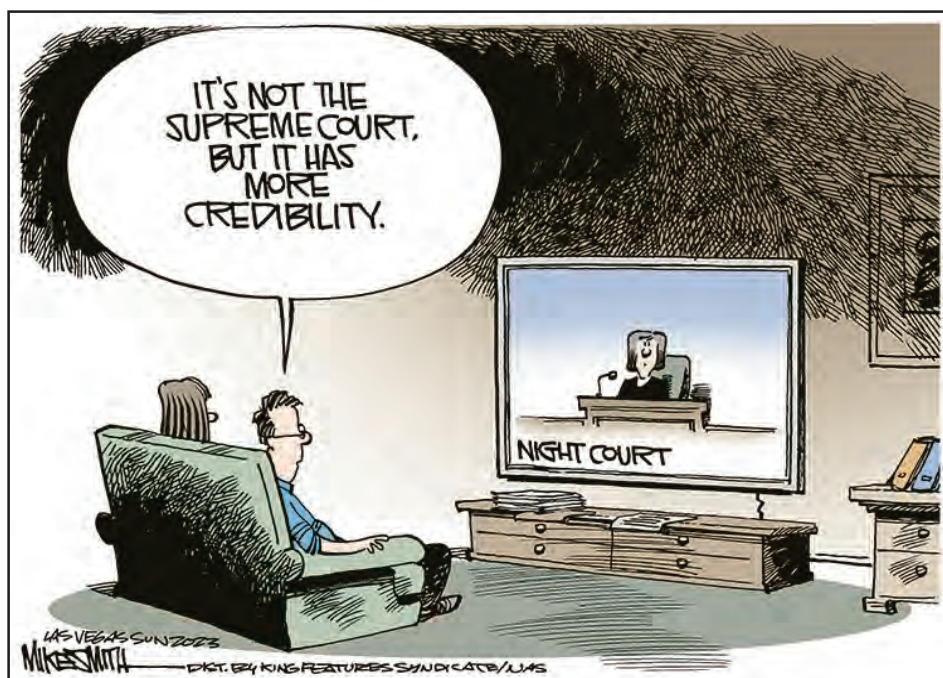
Where any number of fashionable diets and continual government exhortations for more physical exertion have failed (before RFK Jr., Michelle Obama was urging, "Let's Move!"), drugs to slow digestion and reduce the urge to eat are working.

The percentage of Americans using GLP-1s will inevitably keep growing, especially if prices continue to go down, if more oral GLP-1s come online in addition to injectables, and if other medical benefits of the drugs emerge. GLP-1s could easily match the saturation level of statins, the cholesterol-reducing drugs.

By all means, we should all eat more arugula. Until then, we have found a pharmaceutical path to alleviating an ongoing health crisis. President Trump and the drug companies are to be congratulated for their creative cooperation to make it available to more Americans.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Supreme Court Blocks Lower Court Redistricting Ruling

The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday blocked a lower court ruling that threw out the state's new congressional map, allowing the new districts to stay in place, at least for now. A federal panel, by a 2-1 vote, said a few days earlier that the new map was racially gerrymandered.

The Dallas Morning News reported Justice Samuel Alito signed the order after Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton appealed the lower court's decision, which would have forced the state to revert to the old map.

Alito asked the full court to rule by 5 p.m. on Nov. 24.

Days earlier, U.S. District Judge Jeffrey V. Brown, a Trump appointee, had granted a preliminary injunction. Brown was appointed to his position by President Donald Trump and is a former Texas Supreme Court justice who has long backed conservative policies. U.S. Circuit Judge Jerry E. Smith wrote a searing dissent.

The Texas Legislature last summer redrew the map at President Donald Trump's request, making it likely the GOP would pick up five additional congressional seats next year.

The filing deadline for a place on the primary ballot is Dec. 8. Until the issue is settled, potential congressional candidates will not know which position to file for.

JUDGE BLOCKS DISPLAY OF TEN COMMANDMENTS AT SOME SCHOOLS

A federal judge has ruled that requiring the display of the Ten Commandments in Texas classrooms interferes with the religious freedoms of the 15 Texas families who sued, issuing a temporary injunction against 11 districts across the state, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The ruling has been appealed to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which will hear arguments in both the Texas case and a similar case in Louisiana.

Meanwhile, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has sued Round Rock, Leander and Galveston school districts after their school board members voted against putting up the displays. "These rogue ISD officials and board members blatantly disregarded the will of Texas voters who expect the legal and moral heritage of our state to be



displayed in accordance with the law," Paxton said in a statement.

Another lawsuit challenging the requirement to post the Ten Commandments also resulted in a temporary blocking of posting the Ten Commandments. A total of 25 school districts are affected by the rulings.

DALLAS FED: STATE'S ECONOMY IS COOLING

The Texas economy is cooling, according to a recent analysis by researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. The News reported the analysis concludes that tariffs, inflation and uncertainty about the economy are taking a toll on the state's businesses.

"Tariffs and the surrounding uncertainty continue to impact the Texas economy," Luis Torres, a Dallas Fed economist who co-authored the analysis, said in accompanying comments. He added that nearly half of all the businesses surveyed are seeing costs go up because of tariffs, and more than a fourth are passing along those higher costs to their customers.

The survey found modest growth in the manufacturing sector while the services sector saw slight job losses.

Texas has the country's second-largest state economy, with 9% of overall U.S. gross domestic product.

NEW STATE PARKS PLANNED WITH \$1 BILLION FUND

After voters in 2023 backed a \$1 billion endowment to establish the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is planning development of several new state parks. The largest is the Silver Lake Ranch acquisition from the Moody Foundation, which will be

developed with money from the fund, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Other new parks planned include:

- Bear Creek State Park, 1,720 acres in Uvalde County.
· Post Oak Ridge State Park, 3,170 acres in Lampasas and Burnet counties.
· Enchanted Rock State Natural Area expansion, 3,700 acres in Llano County.

"This fund allows Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to address the demand for more public lands in Texas while conserving natural and cultural resources for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations," the Parks and Wildlife Department said on its website.

PAXTON ASKS COURT TO KEEP DIVORCE RECORDS SEALED

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is asking a Collin County court to seal records in his ongoing divorce case, The News reported. A hearing has been set for Dec. 19 on a lawsuit filed by several major media companies to make the records public.

"Allegations that might suggest abuse of marital assets, concealment of financial information, or personal conduct inconsistent with public responsibility are not merely private — they are of public consequence," the plaintiffs' filing reads.

In response, Paxton called the media companies' efforts an "unprecedentedly broad and intrusive request."

Paxton's wife, state Sen. Angela Paxton, R-McKinney, filed for divorce in July, citing infidelity, according to Collin County court documents. Ken Paxton is attempting to unseat U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in next March's GOP primary.

ADD A FLU SHOT TO THANKSGIVING SHOPPING LIST

The Texas Department of State Health Services is encouraging everyone to add flu shots to their Thanksgiving shopping lists. Flu vaccines are widely available at health clinics, doctors' offices, and pharmacies across Texas.

"It is especially important for older adults, very young children, people with chronic health conditions and pregnant women to get protection from the flu," said DSHS Commissioner Jennifer Shuford. "People in those higher risk groups are more likely to get seriously sick if they do get the flu, and some will inevitably need to be hospitalized and even die from their infections."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the flu caused at least 600,000 hospitalizations in the United States and tens of thousands of deaths last flu season. Cooler weather, holiday gatherings, and increased travel all increase the risk that the flu will spread. Public health officials recommend everyone six months of age and older get vaccinated.

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Warm Spots



In our household, my husband, Peter, and I have acquired nicknames which we imagine our cat, Felix, calls us by. To Felix, I am Mama and Peter is Mouse.

We came by these names because I spend more time cuddling with Felix—although he is not much of a cuddler. On the rare occasions when he decides he'd like to make biscuits (or whatever term you use for that endearing activity where a cat treats you like a loaf of bread and kneads you with his two front paws), I am the one he selects. But other than that, Mama has few redeeming qualities because it is Mouse who plays all the games, and Felix loves games.

Peter and Felix have string games and chase games and games in a box. They have surprise one another around the corner games and throw towels over Felix's head games. They have so many games in so many varieties that I do not try to keep track. Occasionally, I hear something fall to the ground (usually something that used to live on my nightstand) but, other than that, I don't pay much attention to the many games that Felix and Mouse play.

Mouse is also the one who dispenses the treats. This is because, according to Felix, Mouse knows where the treats are kept and he knows how to open a tuna can. There is no indication that Mama knows either of these things. Mama also does other things, things that Felix really does not like. Mama yells when Felix is on the table (Mouse pretends he does not see him). And—worst of all—Mama gets out the nail clippers and cuts Felix's beautiful curving claws. This is just plain awful and only barely compensated for when he then gets a special treat once the torture is complete. So Mama, it must be said, is rather useless when she is not outright annoying.

But lately, since the weather turned cold in San Miguel, Mama has demonstrated a new, unexpected skill that has come in quite handy. Mama can find the warm spots.

In reality, I have two electric back heaters that I plug in and use to keep warm since the apartment has no heating. I keep one under my desk, under a towel, and the other on my side of the bed, under the sheets. I only turn them on when I plan to use them, and these mysterious warm spots are very appealing to Felix. But he's never sure where they are and when they will be warm.

This has given Mama a little unexpected clout as she locates the warm spots in the apartment, and Felix follows her around to see if she is hogging one of them so he can move in.

If she is sleeping on one of them, he slowly works his way over until he is under Mama's armpit. If there is one under her desk, she inconsiderately puts her feet on top of it, so Felix has to stretch himself right over the top of her feet to suck up the available warmth. Then she'll get up to fetch more coffee and return, only to shove her feet under him again. It is very bothersome.

But once Mama has a fresh cup of coffee and Felix is securely on top of her wool socks, life is pretty good. Mouse goes out for his hike. Mama stays put at her desk making "tappa-tappa-tapping" noises on the computer above, and Felix decides Mama is not entirely bad after all.

Till next time, Carrie

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 15:

Texans head to KC for prime time meeting on SNF: Cowboys hope magic continues against Lions on TNF

Texas' two NFL teams will be featured in prime time this week as the Dallas Cowboys will face the Detroit Lions on Thursday Night Football in the Motor City, while the Houston Texans will head to Kansas City to take on the Chiefs on Sunday Night Football.

The Texans have had their issues beating the Chiefs, whether it's been at NRG Stadium or in Kansas City, as Houston has lost six of the last nine times they have faced the Chiefs. This is a huge game for both team's playoff chances. Two weeks ago, the Texans won their third straight game as the defense dominated Buffalo and QB Josh Allen, to lead the way to a 23-19 victory. The Texans should have starting QB C.J. Stroud back for this game, but backup Davis Mills did an outstanding job filling in for Stroud while Stroud recovered from a concussion, leading Houston to three straight victories.

The Chiefs know they will have their main man under center Patrick Mahomes, which should serve as plenty of motivation for the Texans defense, led by edge rushers Will Anderson Jr. and Danielle Hunter.

The NFL will take center stage in this week's column. While this weekend will feature conference title games in the Big 12, Big 10, SEC and ACC, the matchups were unknown heading into the final weekend of the regular season. Once the College Football Field (CFP) is set on Sunday, Dec. 7, we will take a look at those first-round games.

So, let's concentrate on the NFL this week. There's a big one in the AFC South as Indianapolis visits Jacksonville. The Texans will be very interested in the outcome of that game. Two weeks ago, the Colts fell to 8-3 with their overtime loss at KC. That left the Texans two games behind Indy for the top spot in the division.

In the AFC North, there's a big one as the Pittsburgh Steelers visit the surging Baltimore Ravens. Baltimore, which lost five of its first six games, took over first place in the North two weeks ago with its win over the Jets, while the Steelers lost at Chicago as starting QB Aaron Rodgers missed the game with a fractured left wrist. If the Steelers are to keep pace with the Ravens, they will need Rodgers back for this one and something tells me he will be ready to go on Sunday.

In other games this weekend, Seattle heads east to take on a struggling Atlanta team, while the NFL's oldest rivalries resumes as the Bears visit the Packers in a huge NFC North contest. The Bears lead the division, but the Pack is tough to beat at home, especially when it defense plays as it did two weeks ago when it stifled Minnesota, 23-6.

In the NFC West, the first-place Los Angeles Rams visit Arizona. Week 14 concludes on Monday Night football with the Eagles visiting the Los Angeles Chargers.

Before we take a look at this weekend's schedule, let's review last week's record. A 10-2 week upped the season record to 101-51 (66%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

NFL

Dallas at Detroit - This game pits two of the top offenses in the NFL, so look for a lot of points on Thursday Night Football. Two weeks ago, both teams overcame second-half deficits to pull out victories. Detroit got a huge day from running back Jahmyr Gibbs (951 rushing yards, 10 TDs/48 receptions, 379 yards, 3 TDs) as he rushed for 219 yards, scored twice on the ground and once on a reception to lead his team to a 34-27 overtime win over the Giants. Gibbs' 69-yard TD run on the first play of OT sealed the win. The Dallas defense will have its hands full of Gibbs, QB Jared Goff (2,769 yards, 23 TDs) and wideout Amon-Ra St. Brown (75 receptions, 884 yards, 9 TDs). But so will the Detroit defense when it faces the Dallas offense. Two weeks ago, the Cowboys overcame a 21-0 deficit at home to rally for a 24-21 win over Philadelphia. QB Dak Prescott (2,941 yards, 23 TDs) had another big day, and will look for help from running back Javonte Williams (896 yards, 10 total TDs) and big-play



wide receivers George Pickens (67 receptions, 1,054 yards, 8 TDs) and CeeDee Lamb (44 receptions, 611 yards, 2 TDs) and dependable tight end Jake Ferguson (65 receptions, 460 yards, 7 TDs). This one should go down to the wire, with Goff outdueling Prescott as the Lions pull out a big win to keep their playoff hopes alive. My pick, Detroit 34, Dallas 31

Indianapolis at Jacksonville - A big one for both teams in the AFC South has the Colts hitting the road for the second time in three weeks. Two weeks ago, Indy lost in OT at KC, while the Jags rallied for a win at Arizona. The Colts will need a solid performance from QB Daniel Jones (2,840 passing yards, 17 TDs/159 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and running back Jonathan Taylor (1,197 yards, 15 TDs/32 receptions, 268 yards, 2 TDs). Taylor was held to just 58 yards in the loss to KC. Jones will look to make plays in the passing game to rookie tight end Tyler Warren (55 receptions, 662 yards, 3 TDs). The Jags will need a big game from QB Trevor Lawrence (2,307 yards, 14 TDs/11 interceptions), and running back Travis Etienne (815 yards, 5 TDs). I think Indy will be more focused for this road trip and will pick up a big division win on Sunday. My pick, Indianapolis 26, Jacksonville 20

Pittsburgh at Baltimore - These two bitter AFC North rivals meet in a huge game on Sunday in Baltimore. Two weeks ago, the Steelers lost at Chicago as starting QB Aaron Rodgers was held out after he sustained a fractured wrist the week before. Rodgers (1,969 yards, 19 TDs) should play, which will benefit the Pittsburgh offense. He will need help from running back Jaylen Warren (604 yards, 4 total TDs) and wide receiver DK Metcalf (42 receptions, 573 yards, 5 TDs). After losing five of their first six games, the Ravens have gone on a run, winning five straight heading into their Thanksgiving night game against the Bengals. Baltimore has starting QB Lamar Jackson (1,595 passing yards, 15 TDs/237 rushing yards, 1 TD) back after he missed two games with a hamstring injury. Baltimore is a totally different animal with Jackson under center because it opens up things for running back Derrick Henry (871 yards, 9 TDs) and wide receiver Zay Flowers (58 receptions, 761 yards, 1 TD). This will be a physical, hard-hitting game, but look for Jackson and Henry to be the difference makers late as the Ravens continue their roll towards the AFC North title. My pick, Baltimore 23, Pittsburgh 20

Seattle at Atlanta - The Seahawks travel across the country for the second time in three weeks (they played in Nashville two weeks ago), but should have little trouble taking care of an Atlanta team that appears to be playing out the string of what has turned into a disappointing season. Seattle has an explosive offense led by QB Sam Darnold (2,785 yards, 19 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (677 yards, 4 TDs) and perhaps the best wide receiver in the league in Jaxon Smith-Njigba (80 receptions, 1,313 yards, 7 TDs). The Seattle defense will concentrate on slowing down versatile running back Bijan Robinson (853 rushing yards, 4 TDs/49 receptions, 543 yards, 2 TDs). If they accomplish that, they should tee off on QB Kirk Cousins (449 yards, 2 TDs). My pick, Seattle 34, Atlanta 16

Chicago at Green Bay - These two bitter NFC North rivals meet at Lambeau Field on Sunday with a lot on the line. Two weeks ago, the Bears won their seventh game in eight games to improve to 8-3 and sit atop the division standings, while the GB defense was dominating in its 23-6 win over the Vikings to help the team improve to 7-3-1. Both teams had tough games last week as Chicago visited Philadelphia, while the Packers visited Detroit. Bears QB Caleb Williams (2,568 yards, 16 TDs/293 rushing yards, 3 TDs) will get his toughest test taking on the GB defense. He will

need a big game from running back D'Andre Swift (649 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receivers D.J. Moore (36 receptions, 485 yards, 3 TDs) and Rome Odunze (42 receptions, 653 yards, 6 TDs). GB will look for a solid effort from QB Jordan Love (2,560 yards, 15 TDs) and hopes star running back Josh Jacobs (659 yards, 11 total TDs) is back after missing the Minnesota game with a knee injury. Look for the GB defense to force a couple of turnovers from Williams as the Packers earn a big division win. My pick, Green Bay 24, Chicago 20

Los Angeles Rams at Arizona - Don't look now, but the Rams could very well be the best team in the NFL at this point of the season. Two weeks ago, LA dominated a good Tampa Bay team, 34-7, and QB Matthew Stafford (2,830 yards, 30 TDs) is having an MVP-type season. He has a lot of weapons with running back Kyren Williams (786 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receivers Puka Nacua (80 receptions, 947 yards, 4 TDs) and Davante Williams (48 receptions, 631 yards, 12 TDs). LA has a solid defense as well, as Cardinals QB Jacoby Brissett (1,887 yards, 11 TDs) will discover come Sunday. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 33, Arizona 17

Houston at Kansas City - This is an important game for both of these teams and their playoff hopes. Two weeks ago, the Texans kept theirs alive with a 23-19 home win over the Bills, while the Chiefs may have saved their season with a 23-20 overtime win at home against Indianapolis. Houston should have starting QB C.J. Stroud (1,702 yards, 11 TDs) after he missed three games recovering from a concussion. He will need help from rookie running back Woody Marks (422 yards, 3 total TDs) and big-play wideout Nico Collins (52 receptions, 697 yards, 4 TDs). But it will be the Houston defense that will determine the outcome of this one. If Will Anderson Jr. (10.5 sacks) and Danielle Hunter (11 sacks) can get consistent pressure on KC QB Patrick Mahomes (2,977 passing yards, 18 TDs/318 rushing yards, 4 TDs), then they may have a chance. But Mahomes knows his team can't afford any more losses heading down the stretch. Look for him to get help from running back Kareem Hunt (457 yards, 7 TDs), tight end Travis Kelce (54 receptions, 674 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receivers Marquise Brown (39 receptions, 439 yards, 4 TDs) and Rashee Rice (34 receptions, 394 yards, 4 TDs in five games). The Texans struggle playing at KC, which will once again prove to be true come Sunday night. My pick, Kansas City 23, Houston 20

Philadelphia at Los Angeles Chargers - Week 14 concludes with Monday Night Football as the Eagles visit the Chargers. Two weeks ago, Philly blew a 21-0 lead at Dallas and lost, 24-21. The Eagles definitely have issues on offense. They struggle to run the ball as star running back Saquon Barkley (684 yards, 4 TDs) has been unable to get untracked all season long. That is putting more pressure on QB Jalen Hurts (2,284 passing yards, 17 TDs/298 rushing yards, 8 TDs) to make plays in the passing game. He has two solid wideouts in Devonta Smith (55 receptions, 754 yards, 3 TDs) and A.J. Brown (46 receptions, 567 yards, 4 TDs), but something is missing this year. The LA defense won't make things any easier on Monday night as they love to bring pressure. They also have a few weapons on offense led by QB Justin Herbert (2,691 passing yards, 19 TDs/345 rushing yards, 1 TD) and productive wide receivers Ladd McConkey (54 receptions, 644 yards, 4 TDs) and Keenan Allen (56 receptions, 592 yards, 4 TDs). Something tells me the Chargers continue the Eagles' frustrating season on Monday night. My pick, Los Angeles Chargers 26, Philadelphia 23

LEGAL NOTICE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



COMBINED

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT (NORI) TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

AND

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION (NAPD) FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER

RENEWAL

Permit No. WQ0004552000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Reagent Chemical & Research, LLC, 115 U.S. Highway 202, Ringoes, NJ 08551, which operates Reagent Chemical Jacintoport, a facility for the maintenance and repair of railcars and the storage and distribution of hydrochloric acid solution, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0004552000, which authorizes the discharge of trailer rinse water and stormwater at a daily average flow not to exceed 5000 gallons per day via Outfall 002, steam condensate at a daily average flow not to exceed 5000 gallons per day via Outfall 003, and trailer rinse water and stormwater at a daily average flow not to exceed 5000 gallons per day via Outfall 004. The TCEQ received this application on December 8, 2023.

The applicant is issuing this combined notice because the NORI listed Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc. as the owner of the facility. Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc. has since changed their name to Reagent Chemical & Research, LLC. The applicant is publishing a combined NORI and NAPD to communicate this name change and to comply with the NAPD requirement.

The facility is located at 2250 Appelt Drive in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas 77015. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-95.139722,29.758055&level=18>

The effluent is discharged to an unnamed drainage ditch, thence to an unnamed creek, thence to the Carpenter's Bayou portion of the Houston Ship Channel Tidal in Segment No. 1006 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed ditch and minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1006 are navigation and industrial water supply.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at North Channel Branch Library, Reference Desk, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, Texas.

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the Executive Director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be added to: (1) the permanent list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment> within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid/>. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/participation/permitting-participation>. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Reagent Chemical & Research, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jason Stanley, Director of Regulatory Affairs, at 979-417-4442.

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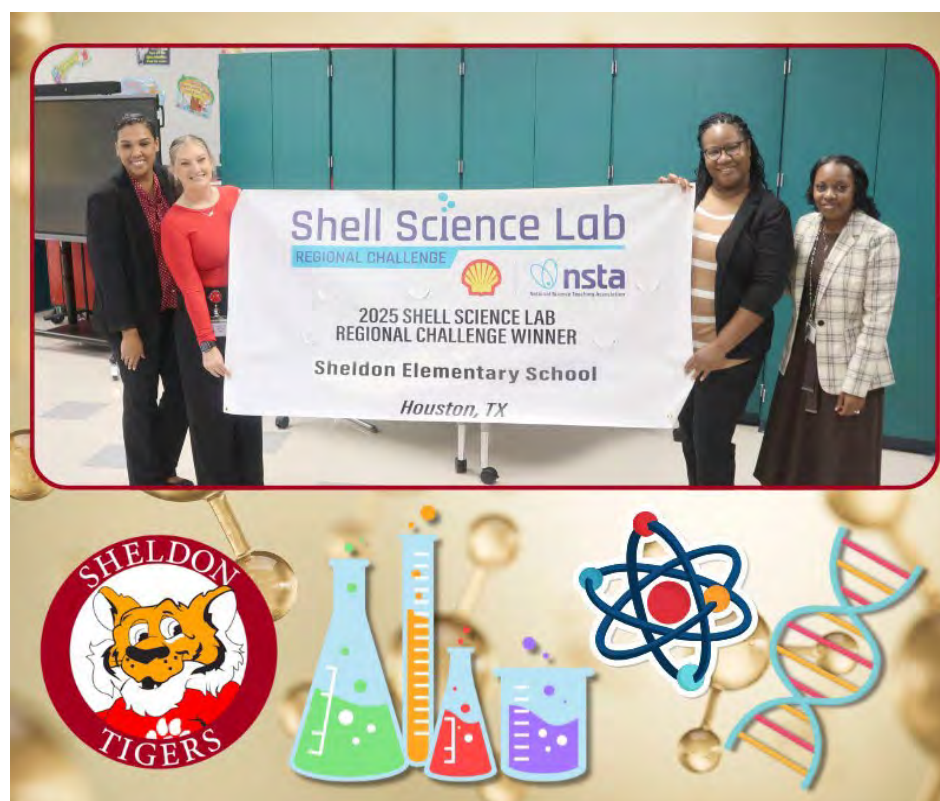
Legal Notice

The City of Jacinto City has received a Variance Hearing Application for the following address.

931 Mercury - Blanca Elvia Medrano Silva is seeking approval to Open a New Business offering the following Services: Tire Shop & Road Service Sale, New & Used Tires, Fix Tires, Balance Tires.

The Board will hear the petition on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Starting at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Annex, 10301 Market St. This Hearing is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Sheldon Elementary Wins Major Grant for Science Lab Makeover



Sheldon Elementary has been selected as a regional winner in the Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge, sponsored by Shell USA, Inc. and administered by the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA). This recognition brings a \$15,000 science lab makeover support package to the campus...

The award was earned through an innovative lab experience proposal submitted by former Sheldon Elementary science teacher Ms. Glover. After her departure to another district, Ms. West has taken the lead in bringing the winning vision to life on campus.

This recognition is a major win for Sheldon Elementary students and strengthens the school's commitment to providing rich, inquiry-driven science learning experiences for every child.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORES/SCHEDULES

LAST WEEK'S SCORES



FRIDAY C. E. King 52, Katy Jordan 0 North Shore 54, Cy Falls 27

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

6A, Division 1, Region 3

North Shore (11-2) vs. Dickinson (13-0) plays Friday, 7 p.m., at TDECU Stadium on the campus of the University of Houston, 3700 Cullen Blvd, in Houston, TX 77204.

C. E. King (11-2) vs. Summer Creek (12-1) plays Friday, 7 p.m., at Thorne Stadium, 1865 Aldine Bender Road, in Houston, TX 77032.

Advertisement for 'MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER' on Thursday, December 4, 2025. Features a reindeer mascot and the title 'The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year!!'. Tickets are \$75.

Sponsorship information for the murder mystery event, listing various tiers like 'Blitzen Sponsor' (\$2,000) and 'Prancer Sponsor' (\$250).

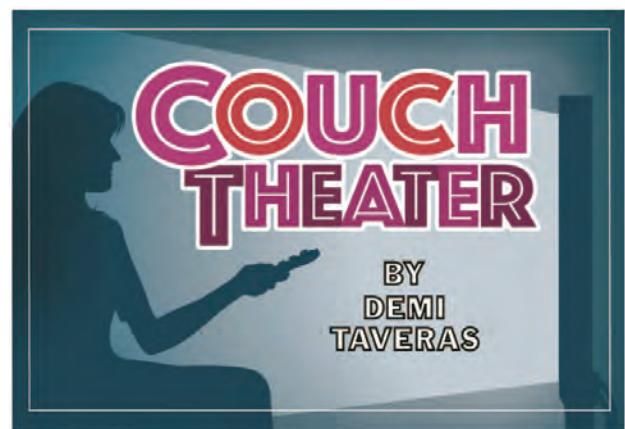
Advertisement for Carter-Conley Funeral Home, located at 13701 Corpus Christi St. Houston, TX 77015. Contact: (713) 455-5100.

Large green banner for 'CLASSIFIED ADS' with the phone number 713-266-3444 and a description of the ad reach.

Advertisement for LeafHome Water Solutions, featuring a '25% off' promotion on a custom whole-home water system.

Advertisement for SunSetter awnings, offering a \$350 discount on patio transformations.

Large green banner for the 'Business Directory' with 'SHOP LOCALLY -- Save Time & Money' and a list of local business advertisements including Henderson Garage Doors, Central Auto Inspections, Graphics Unlimited, Weston Cotten, Hill Materials, and North Channel Star.



Danielle Galligan is Lady Olivia Hedges in Netflix's "House of Guinness."

"House Of Guinness"

"The Wonderful World of Disney: Holiday Spectacular" (TV-PG) — Disney's annual TV holiday special is back right in time for the Christmas season to officially kick off. Premiering Dec. 2, the special will feature performances from several artists, some of Disney's most popular locations across the nation, and iconic Disney characters who are ready to spread Christmas cheer. You can expect to hear your favorite Christmas songs from celebrities like Gwen Stefani, Coco Jones, Trisha Yearwood and more. "Dancing With the Stars" judge Derek Hough will be hosting, so don't be surprised if you see him busting out his signature sharp moves throughout the special. (Disney+)

"The Family McMullen" (R) — This comedy-drama film premiering Dec. 5 is the sequel to the 1995 Edward

Burns film "The Brothers McMullen." This continuation builds on the same relationship themes of the original film but tells the characters' stories in a more modern way. Burns, Connie Britton ("The Life List"), and Michael McGlone ("The Bachelors") reprise their roles from the original film, while Pico Alexander ("The Honeymoon") and Halston Sage ("Neighbors") join the cast as Burns' children, who move back home with their father after a series of trials and tribulations. As their bonds get tested in ways that only family members know how to do, the McMullens learn important lessons about love and loyalty, leaving them stronger and more solid than ever. (HBO Max)

"House of Guinness" (TV-MA) — From the creator of Netflix's hit series "Peaky Blinders" comes this historical-drama se-

ries about the family behind the Guinness Brewing Company, which premiered all eight of its episodes a few months back. After the patriarch of the family, Benjamin Guinness, passes away, his four adult children are left to deal with the impact of the legacy he left behind. Add into the mix the Irish Republican Brotherhood, who riot against the Guinness' ties to the English, and you get pure action scenes that elevate the historical drama into something more exciting. Anthony Boyle ("Masters of the Air"), Louis Partridge ("Disclaimer"), Jack Gleeson ("Game of Thrones"), and James Norton ("King & Conqueror") star in the series, which might eventually premiere another season if creator Steven Knight's dreams go according to plan. (Netflix)

"Inheritance" (R) — This spy thriller film premiering Dec. 5 is led by two actors who have recently completed stellar performances in their own respective series. Phoebe Dynevor ("Bridgerton") and Rhys Ifans ("House of the Dragon") play a father-daughter duo who reconnect after Maya's (Dynevor) mother passes away. Sam (Ifans) is determined to have a relationship with his daughter and persuades her to travel with him so that they can run his "information gathering" business together. After her father suddenly disappears, and Interpol claims that Maya is in possession of stolen government property, Maya realizes she was suckered into some shady business. Now it's up to her to figure out whether she wants to inherit the role her father originated or give herself up to Interpol. (Hulu)

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Adele, at 37, is considered one of the greatest singers of our time. She has won 16 Grammys, an Oscar (for writing the 007 song "Skyfall"), a Golden Globe, and an Emmy. After her Vegas residency ended, she said, "I don't have any plans for new music at all. I want a big break after this, and I think I want to do other creative things just for a little while."

Her big break in acting has finally come, and she'll make her film debut in Tom Ford's upcoming movie "Cry to Heaven." It's set in 18th century Italy and follows two men, a Venetian nobleman and a castrated opera singer, whose lives become intertwined. Her co-stars are Nicholas Hoult, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Colin Firth and Thandiwe Newton, and it begins filming in London and Rome in January 2026.

Adele was married to Simon Konecki from 2018-2021, and they have a son who was born in 2012. She's recently become engaged to Rich Paul.

Oscar winners Matthew McConaughey and Leonardo DiCaprio, as well as Ashton Kutcher, have invested in AI companies that utilize celebrities voices (such as Liza Minnelli and Michael Caine) now and after they're gone. Talk about life after death! Caine explained, "For years, I've lent my voice to stories that moved people. ... Now I'm helping others find theirs."

McConaughey admitted, "I launched my newsletter ... as a way to share stories and ideas in my own voice with those who want to listen. Now, thanks to ElevenLabs, [my newsletter] is expanding with a Spanish language edition, allowing us to reach and connect with more people."

Caine recently announced that he is also coming out of retirement to star with Vin Diesel in "The Last Witch Hunter 2."

Recently, I told you about the sequel to "Screamboat Willie" that was in the works. (The killer in the film looks like Mickey Mouse.) Now they're reimagining the 1930s cartoon icon Betty Boop



Adele (Upcoming in Tom Ford's "Cry to Heaven")

(who just had her own Broadway musical) as a revenge-seeking murderer. "Screamboat Willie" flopped, which means that fans don't want to see iconic cartoon characters depicted as murderers!

What movies do popes like to watch? Our first American pope, LEO XIV of Chicago, invited a group of actors to watch his four favorite films. Cate Blanchett, Chris Pine, Viggo Mortensen, Alison Brie, Dave Franco, Adam Scott and Monica Belucci probably saw all four films before, as most of us have.

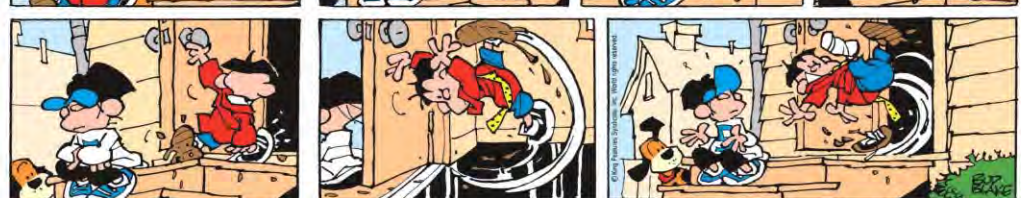
TITLE: Nonetheless, the blessed event screened "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946), which reveals how everyone's life matters; "The Sound of Music" (1965), about standing up for your beliefs, even in the face of a Nazi occupation; Robert Redford's "Ordinary People" (1980), about a disintegrating family who faces tragedy and loss; and "Life Is Beautiful" (1997), about how to survive a Nazi concentration camp through love and humor.

The only way they could lighten these screenings was with hot dogs, popcorn and pope-sicles!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hairnet is longer; 2. Treeshoe is not as wide; 3. Tree trunk is different; 4. House is wider; 5. Cap is different; 6. Hand is moved.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Roughly
- Texer's "Wow!"
- Nero's 1300
- Stead
- Museum-funding org.
- Vicinity
- In — (miffed)
- Deception
- Fawcett of '70s TV
- Goodies
- Skater's leap
- "Delicious!"
- Tobago's island neighbor
- Salon request
- A billion years
- Whiskey drinks
- Fish eggs
- Privation
- Three-panel artwork
- "Friendly skies" co.
- Chevy sub-compact
- Pulpit delivery
- Painter Hopper
- Homages
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- Forearm bone
- Depot (Abbr.)
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 - Pivot line
 - "Kinsey"
 - actress Linney
 - Aviv
 - Aussie hopper
 - Making certain
 - Tries to convey
 - Sinbad's bird
 - "Whatever"
 - Raced
 - Brazilian dances
 - Hair dryers
 - Baseball's Gehrig
 - Ticket half — Stanley Gardner
 - Fed. accident investigator
 - Opposite of "sans"
 - Gambling mecca
 - "Phooey!"
 - Summer in Paris
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features a French bulldog named Stella?
 - GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Algeria?
 - MUSIC: Which famous song starts with the line, "I read the news today, oh boy ...?"
 - MOVIES: Who wrote "Hedwig's Theme," the main music in the Harry Potter movies?
 - FOOD & DRINK: What is the origin of popcorn?
 - HISTORY: Where was Napoleon Bonaparte exiled to after his defeat in 1815?
 - LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Sound and the Fury"?
 - ANATOMY: What are the smallest blood vessels called?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In what year did the international version of TikTok launch?
 - SCIENCE: What substance makes plants green?
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Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

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