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IN THE STARS

Holiday Events



Thursday, NOV. 28
Happy Thanksgiving!

Tuesday, DEC. 3
CONCERT: The Crosby Middle School Bands present their Winter Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The Beginner Band concert begins at 6 p.m. while the Cadet, Concert, and Symphonic Bands play at 7:15 p.m. The concert will be at the Crosby Middle School Auditorium, 14703 FM 2100 in Crosby and is free to the public.

Thurs/Fri/Sat, DEC. 5, 6, 7
THEATRE: Crosby High School Theatre presents The Ice Princess Pageant at the Crosby High School Performing Arts Center, 333 Red Summit Drive, in Crosby. Tickets are \$8 and \$10 and the curtain rises at 7 p.m.

Saturday, DEC. 7
CLAUS: Join Newport Pointe Christmas on Dec. 7th from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 18018 Newport Pointe Drive in Crosby. Enjoy free hot cocoa and popcorn, cornhole, jenga, and a bounce house. There will also be a food truck and raffle prizes. Take free photos with Santa and Olaf. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be present at 3 p.m.

THEA sues Corps of Engineers over Barge dangers

Lawsuit claims that Corps illegally permitted a barge fleet near the Superfund Site

The Texas Health and Environment Alliance (THEA) is filing suit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for illegally permitting a barge fleet near a Superfund Site on the San Jacinto River in Houston.

The lawsuit alleges that the Army Corps failed to follow its own permitting process and ignored THEA and the community's requests that it assess the environmental impacts of mooring barges so close to the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site.

The lawsuit is being filed on THEA's behalf by EarthJustice.

HOUSTON—The Texas Health and Environment Alliance (THEA), represented by EarthJustice,



filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The lawsuit alleges that USACE failed to follow proper permitting procedures, which require USACE to properly assess the environmental impacts of a proposed project that would dredge and add moorings to accommodate barges near the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site and provide

proper public notice and comment.

The Army Corps skipped required permitting procedures, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approval process, and instead issued a 'Letter of Permission' approving the project without environmental review or public notice and comment, despite the project having likelihood of real and significant impacts and years of public opposition expressing con-

cerns with the proposed plans.

The project would require dredging and mooring near the San Jacinto River Waste Pits (SJRWP) Superfund site "area of concern," which creates a significant risk of contamination should the waste pits be disturbed during dredging or impacted by barges once the project is operational. The plaintiff alleges that allowing this company to cut corners and avoid environmental review is not only wrong, but also illegal.

"The Army Corps has approved dredging and operation of a barge facility within the area of concern for a federally designated toxic Superfund site in the middle of the San Jacinto

River. The government has a responsibility to protect this site so that it does not contaminate local waterways, fisheries, and communities," says Allison Brouk, senior attorney at Earthjustice. "Instead, the Army Corps is taking shortcuts, which is, frankly, reckless. They must play by their own rules and conduct a proper evaluation of all potential impacts prior to granting a permit."

The SJRWP Superfund Site has been the center of decades of research on cancer risks, and a new cancer study from the Texas Department of State Health Services is expect

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GOOSE CREEK SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

What Are You Thankful For?

When asked what we are thankful for, most of us think of our current life and share something of that nature, often mentioning family, friends, milestones, or health. I, too, have a similar reflexive response to such questions.

However, when we truly reflect on where we are and what we've done, we often think back to simpler times. Whether our youth, a significant event, a family trip, or a decision that changed everything, we contemplate the journey that led us here. We even appreciate the hard times that shaped us.

When I dive deep into those thoughts, I think of my childhood, being the old-

est of four boys, and our poor mom, as we had her outnumbered five to one. Let me just say that being "out-manned" didn't alter her high expectations. While my dad was the soft-spoken "oak" of a parent, we all knew better than to talk back or hesitate with chores. On the other hand, my mother provided spiritual guidance, modeled appropriate verbal cues, and maintained the most positive attitude, shaping us into who we are today.

Speaking of brothers, we became each other's first best friends through learning to share, fight fair, and sacrifice for the betterment of us all. Yes, to me, those



Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Randal O'Brien

were simpler times. We can all find happiness each day by choosing to wake up with a positive mindset, or at least that's what my mom taught us.

Finally, when I consider other influences, I think back to my teachers, coaches, and even a few administrators who provided constructive guidance. I am grateful for my parents and siblings, who created a genuine sense of family, as our home was filled with love and devotion. Just out of high school themselves, my parents didn't know what they didn't know. While we were loved, we were also raised in a state of survival. We managed life day by day.

As I reflect this week, what I am most thankful for goes deeper than tangible objects, feelings, or achievements. Where my family gave me honesty, persever-

ance, commitment, and grit, my education family taught me to dream of possibilities and believe I could become anything by finding the key to a brighter future.

For me, that key turned out to be education. So, the question is not what I am thankful for, but who? I am a blessed adult because of the teachers, believers, coaches, and encouragers who cared about me. Because of them, I've chosen to help open doors for students just as they opened doors for me.

Thankful indeed.
Dr. Randal O'Brien,
Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

BINGO: Chamber holds successful Fundraiser

Bingo Night — A huge congratulations to Lisa Maddox the lucky winner of the stunning diamond necklace from Robson's Diamond Jewelers of Baytown at the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce HIS or HER Bingo Fundraiser. The event was held at a private venue on Wallisville, and included dinner, an auction, and Bingo with prizes.



Highlands student hit by H&R driver at bus stop

Witness helps capture suspect in hit & run

HIGHLANDS, Texas — A 17-year-old Goose Creek CISD student was injured Tuesday morning in a hit-and-run incident while crossing the street to board a school bus in Highlands.

Authorities say 61-year-old John Wesley Williams was driving a 2007 Dodge Ram Truck in the 2800 block of North Battle-

bell Road when he disregarded the bus's flashing red lights and stop signs.

Williams drove around the bus, striking the teen with the truck's side mirror. The impact caused the student to fall, injuring his leg and knee.

A witness followed Williams to a parking lot on Wade Road and called 911 to report the incident.

Deputies arrived and detained Williams, who claimed his windows were foggy

and that he did not see the teen but could not explain why he fled the scene.

Williams was charged with failing to stop and render aid in an accident resulting in injury.

He was booked into jail and is being held on a \$20,000 bond, awaiting arraignment.

The student's injuries are not considered life-threatening, and no additional details about his condition have been released.

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GOOSE CREEK CISD NEWS

Goose Creek CISD Makes History: All Three High School Drill Teams Earn Top Honors



Goose Creek CISD made history with outstanding high school drill team performances. The day marked record-breaking achievements and set a new standard of excellence.

All three GCCISD high school drill teams—representing Robert E. Lee High School, Goose Creek Memorial High School, and Ross S. Sterling High School—earned prestigious Sweepstakes ratings at the TDEA Dance-Drill Team Assessment held in Katy, Texas. This marks the first time in GCCISD history that all three drill teams have achieved such high ratings in the same year, underscoring their dedication, teamwork, and hard work in preparing for this competitive event.

GCCISD Family Wellness Festival



This month, Goose Creek CISD hosted the 2nd Annual Family Wellness Festival, welcoming over 1,200 attendees to the Goose Creek Memorial campus for a spirited day of health education, community resources, and family-friendly fun. With participation surpassing last year's numbers, the event highlighted the district's commitment to wellness and the strength of community partnerships.

Nineteen campuses contributed to the festival's vibrant atmosphere by hosting interactive booths. Attendees from 29 campuses participated, with Harlem Elementary leading the charge at 125 participants, followed by Pumphrey Elementary (112), De Zavala Elementary (110), E. F. Green Junior School (92), Horace Mann Junior School (75), and Goose Creek Memorial (70). Booth activities ranged from engaging fitness demonstrations to health screenings and educational displays, fostering a spirit of community connection.

The festival's highlights included entertaining performances by the De Zavala Elementary Drumline and cheer teams from Alamo Elementary and Harlem Elementary,



energizing fitness demonstrations by Momo Foster, and a lively mascot dance challenge won by Ollie the Owl. Generous support from sponsors, including Be Well™ Baytown (MD Anderson), the City of Baytown Parks and Recreation, Hearts and Hands of Baytown, and Anchor Printing contributed more than \$5,000 in in-kind donations, helping to bring the event to life. Attendees enjoyed various offerings such as kite-making, food samples, prize giveaways, and access to 40 resource vendors providing valuable services. A memorable event moment was the United Way Day of Caring kite-making project, where more than 300 kites were creatively designed. Horace Mann student Alondra Alvarez's winning kite design will be featured in the event branding for 2025.

The festival's success was driven by the dedication of 196 volunteers, in-



cluding GCCISD employees and student-athletes. They worked tirelessly to ensure a seamless experience for all. The Goose Creek CISD community cultivates health, wellness, and unity culture, inspiring meaningful connections and shared goals. Student volunteer Imari Henry said, "It felt nice getting to see all the people in my community...it made me feel good inside knowing I helped my community while connecting it with health and wellness."

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CONGRATULATIONS To Angela Gedmin of Huffman, who won Free Tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival. You can win too. Just send us a photo reading this newspaper (Front Page must show in photo.) See information on Page 2, and enter the Drawing.

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ON THE HILL

Christmas Events in December

Christmas on the Hill Parade

Sunday, December 8, 2024 | Eagle Drive
One of Mont Belvieu's biggest and most beloved events is the Christmas on the Hill Parade. This "can't miss" holiday event occurs on the first Sunday in December. You'll want to bring the entire family to see amazing floats, cool cars, marching bands, and more light up the night as they stream down Eagle Drive. And, you better not pout or cry, because you never know if Santa himself will come to town!

Visit our [Parade page](#) for more info.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 14, 2024 Bring the family out and capture a special moment with Santa at our selfie station while we cater a tasty breakfast including a biscuit bar full of goodies. After breakfast, keep the kids engaged with a decorate-it-yourself ornament for your tree.

TICKETS

Purchase your breakfast tickets below! Choose from 3 time allotments: • 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. • 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tickets will go on sale Fall 2024.

Buy your tickets in advance because this will sell out! Each person in attendance will need a ticket.

Santa in the City

Santa Claus will be riding in style onboard one of the Mont Belvieu Fire Department engines through a neighborhood near you! 2024 Dates TBD.

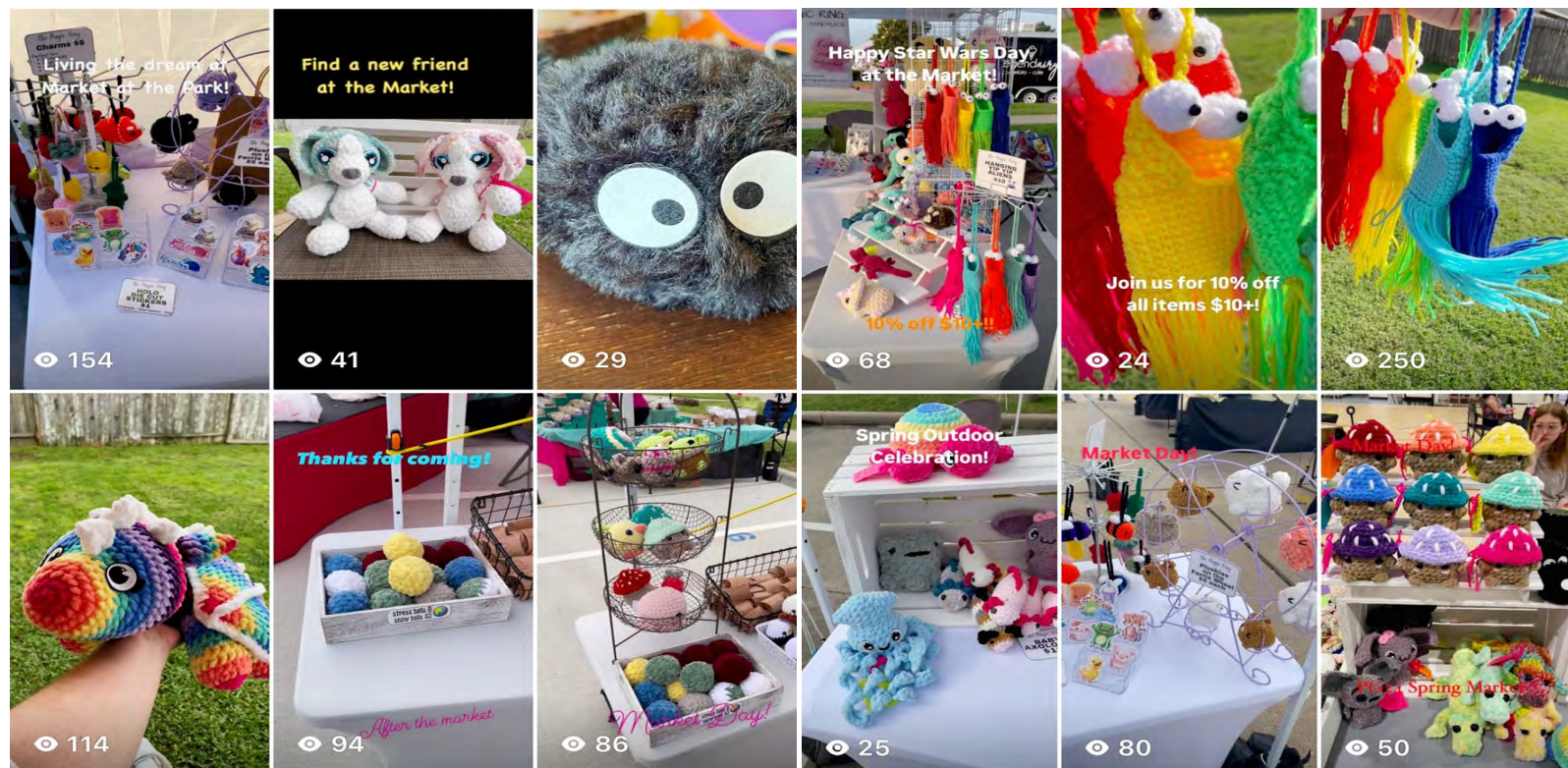
Pictures with Santa

Friday, December 13, 2023 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Santa's last stop is at Eagle Pointe for a photo op where kids can pick up some cookies & milk after their photo with Santa!

This is a free event and no membership necessary. Cookies & milk while supplies last. No tickets or pre-registration needed.

Mont Belvieu's Holiday Market at The Park is Saturday, December 7



The City of Mont Belvieu's Monthly Market at the Park takes place at City Park on the first (1st) Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy the annual holiday tradition at Market at The Park on sponsored by Mont Belvieu Parks & Recreation. Feel the Christmas spirit with a winter wonderland of local farmers, artisans, and small businesses offering unique gifts, holiday treats, and festive cheer. Bounce Houses and photo-ops for kids, a bunny hill snow play area, whimsical foam play area, and more.

The mission of the Mont Belvieu Market at the Park is to support our community by providing our residents and visitors with vendors that bring quality, fresh, locally-produced agricultural products, and delicious homemade foods to the market. The market also features merchants who sell unique custom crafts, apparel, jewelry, and more. Come out and support local small businesses and enjoy wonderful fresh food. For more information, visit <https://www.montbelvieu.net/farmersmarket>.

Dayton City Manager Fired After Video Sparks Controversy on Social Media

DAYTON, Texas — Dayton city manager loses job after video clip surfaces on social media, the city manager was terminated from her role Monday late night.

The city council voted 4-1 to end the employment of City Manager Kimberly Judge.

She was placed on leave at the end of September. A video clip surfaced on social media that appeared to show her "dancing and enjoying herself with a group of close friends," according to the PR firm that represents her.

The video showed Judge dancing against a light pole during a business trip.

A news release from the



Former Dayton City Manager Kimberly Judge

city said that Judge had filed a complaint of racial and sex-based discrimination. A third-party law firm investigated the claims and found no evidence of discrimination.

While that investigation was happening, the

video came to light and the city council launched an investigation into unprofessional conduct and insubordinate behavior, the news release said.

The third-party investigators determined that Judge was in violation of the city's policies. She was representing the City of Dayton at the TML Conference in Dallas when the video was shot. The investigation led to the council's decision on Judge's employment, according to the news release.

Derek Woods, chief of police and assistant city manager, will serve as interim city manager until another was hired.

Judge had many vocal supporters at city council meetings since the controversy. Nine citizens spoke at the council meeting supporting Judge Monday night. One person spoke out against Judge's

behavior.

"We are here because of the video and there is nothing that you can tell where it filmed and where," Dayton resident and former city councilmember Sherrial Alwson said, according to the minutes of the council meeting. "If there was an issue, why wasn't it shared then? Think there are people who ran for council that are out to fire Kimberly. Is her performance being questioned? The citizens of Dayton are here to support our city manager."

"Leaders don't do things like that," said Adam Spear, according to the council meeting minutes.

Middle School Principal in Liberty County Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

A principal at a middle school in Liberty County has been arrested for possessing child sexual abuse material.

On Thursday, Dr. Chad Dwight Barrett, 56, who serves as the principal of

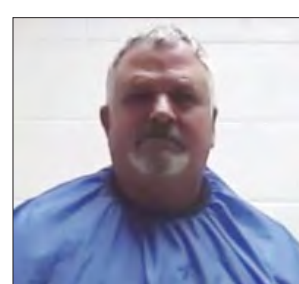
Hardin Middle School, was charged with possession and/or promotion of child pornography, a third-degree felony.

The situation was brought to the attention of Liberty County Sheriff's

Office investigators after a concerned mother reported that her child had received an inappropriate video on social media that Dr. Barrett had sent.

A press release described the child as a "student," but a LCSO source confirmed that he was not a student at the middle school. However, he was involved in Hardin ISD athletics, where Dr. Barrett also held a leadership position.

Authorities went to the school and met with Dr. Barrett, who was cooperative and provided a statement. Investigators said they found images and videos on his personal cell phone depicting child sex-



Dr. Chad Dwight Barrett, 56

ual abuse, prompting the principal's arrest.

Hardin ISD was made aware of the situation on Wednesday. The district released a statement, which was provided to Bluebonnet News.

"The District has been in direct contact with law enforcement and is assisting in an investigation. We are deeply troubled by this

report and have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior and expect all district employees to adhere to the highest standards of conduct. The employee has been removed from school grounds and placed on administrative leave." a portion of the statement read.

The Criminal Investigation Division at LCSO is asking parents who have children at Hardin Middle School to speak with their children to make sure they have not had inappropriate contact with Dr. Barrett.

Anyone with information surrounding this situation is asked to contact LCSO at 936-336-4500.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

Barbers Hill ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 16, 2024
In the J. Justin Jenson Conference Room, 9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Barbers Hill ISD's rating on the State's financial accountability system.

OPINION PAGE

OPINION By Jeff Burdett National Federation of Independent Business

This Holiday Season, Shop Small

As we head into the final stretch of 2024, a recent survey of small business owners found that our local job creators feel more uncertain than ever.

But here's the good news: you can kick off the holiday season by shopping small. November 30, the day after Black Friday, is Small Business Saturday.

That's good for our small employers, their employees, and the communities they call home. Here in Texas, small businesses are the foundation of our economy.

When we shop small, we're supporting our friends and neighbors. Roughly 67 cents of every dollar spent at a small business stays within the community where it's spent.

Becoming a loyal customer is just one of the ways we can support Main Street businesses this holiday season. With nine out of 10 small businesses facing a massive tax hike next year.

Since becoming law in 2017, this deduction has empowered small business owners to overcome a host of economic challenges we've seen these past few years.

Main Street businesses, and the communities they support, will pay the price.

Recent analysis estimates that if Congress were to make the deduction permanent, it would create 104,000 new jobs each year for the first 10 years.

Here's where you can help: tell Congress to make the expiring 20% Small Business Deduction permanent.

This holiday season, don't forget to shop small. Our local businesses keep our communities strong and our economy growing.

Jeff Burdett is the State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business in Texas.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

More Than 1,500 bills filed as session approaches

Texas lawmakers last week filed more than 1,500 bills ahead of the next legislative session, which begins Jan. 14.

Republicans have expanded their control of both chambers after flipping several seats during this year's elections.

AMONG THE BILLS ALREADY FILED:

Proposed reduction or elimination of property taxes. State Rep. Cody Vasut, R-Angleton, has filed a bill to eliminate property taxes altogether.

Austin Democrat Donna Howard filed two bills that would expand when a health care provider can legally perform an abortion.

School vouchers are certain to be considered, since they are a priority of both Gov. Greg Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.

Several House Republicans have filed measures to stop providing in-state tuition to some undocumented students living in Texas.

Lawmakers from both parties filed bills that seek to ensure faster responses from utility companies after power outages caused by storms and hurricanes.



TEA RELEASES FINAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

The Texas Education Agency has released its final 2023-2024 financial accountability ratings.

The ratings are based on annual financial reports submitted by school districts to TEA.

Charter schools receiving failing grades for financial accountability were Bexar County Academy, Prelude Preparatory Charter School, Academy of Dallas, Gateway Charter Academy, Education Center International Academy, Texas Preparatory School, Westlake Academy Charter School, Rocketship Public Schools, Texas Empowerment Academy, and Austin Discovery School.

Readers can look up how school districts in their area fared by going here: https://tinyurl.com/3x8ddmab.

ABBOTT ORDERS COLLEGE TUITION FREEZE FOR NEXT TWO YEARS

Gov. Abbott sent a letter last week to the state's public colleges and universities saying he would not support any undergraduate tuition and fee increases over the next two years.

Abbott signed a law in 2023 that stopped tuition and fee increases for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 academic years.

"Texans face significant rising costs due to inflation," Abbott wrote in the letter.

"I will ensure college affordability remains a top priority for the state as we head into the next legislative session," Abbott wrote.

WATER AGREEMENT MIGHT BRING RELIEF TO SOUTH TEXAS

A change to an 80-year-old treaty between the U.S. and Mexico could bring relief to South Texas farmers grappling with a drought and scarce water.

Under the amended treaty, Mexico now has more options to meet its required water deliveries.

Under the 1944 treaty, Mexico must deliver 1.75 million acre-feet of water to the U.S. from six tributaries every five years.

The amendment will allow Mexico to meet its delivery obligations using other tributaries not covered by the original treaty.

"What's more important is we need water transferred at Amistad and Falcon," said Sonny Hinojosa, a water advocate for Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 2.

The amendment expires in five years unless extended.

DRIEST, HOTTEST OCTOBER IN MANY DECADES

The drought is back for much of Texas after the driest October since 1952, and the hottest since at least 1895.

By the end of last month, nearly three-fourths of the state was in drought - up 40 percentage points since the end of September.

Only the northwest corner of the Panhandle and the southern tip of Texas received anywhere near normal precipitation.

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Words About Teeth



"I don't know many words about teeth," I told the dentist.

Since my husband, Peter, and I spend time in Mexico, it makes sense to get dental work done while we're here.

"Do you have the expression 'long in the tooth' in Spanish?" I asked the dentist and dental hygienist in Spanish.

I like this dentist. His name is Patricio. He is young and works quickly. He has a nice waiting room with a comfortable purple couch.

"It's what we say about horses," I continued, while Patricio prepared his tools.

"The animal?" I clarified. Sometimes even when I know a word, I panic and think I have just said "cowboy" instead of "horse."

"Yes, a horse," Patricio confirmed.

"We look at their teeth to see how old they are. If they are old, they have long teeth. And so it's how we describe something that is old. It is long in the tooth."

I knew Patricio was busy with his dental preparations, but a part of him was puzzling over why the length of horses' teeth had any relevance.

"So, I am an old horse," I concluded triumphantly. "I have long teeth!"

The dental hygienist laughed, but I'm pretty sure this was because I was a crazy gringa, not because I had managed to communicate anything meaningful.

"I'm sorry," I added. "I don't know many words about teeth."

So, as he worked, Patricio patiently taught me words about teeth. I learned saliva and resin and anesthesia (which were almost the same as in English), and gums (which was totally different), and a verb that described what he was doing with the drill (which I immediately forgot), and several other words Patricio thought I should know.

"How many teeth did you do?" I asked when he finished. "Five," he said.

"Wow! You are fast."

I told Patricio, in English, that I had meant to do this work a long time ago and was happy to have it done today.

I think he understood, but I wish I could have said it in Spanish. I haven't studied Spanish in more than a year, and I feel badly that I haven't put in a little more effort.

But I know the words I learned while sitting in Patricio's dentist chair are much more likely to be remembered than any I would learn in a classroom.

I looked at my teeth in a hand mirror shaped like a tooth and admired Patricio's work. I looked much less like a long-toothed horse, and the price was very affordable.

I will be back on Monday to get the rest of my teeth fixed. And learn a few more new words about teeth.

Till next time, Carrie

Top Ten Best States to Start a Business. 1. Texas, 2. Utah, 3. Georgia, 4. North Dakota, 5. Oklahoma, 6. Florida, 7. Arizona, 8. California, 9. Montana, 10. Colorado. Source: WalletHub

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 13: UT, A&M meet for first time since 2011, much at stake: Thanksgiving Weekend loaded with a feast of football

It's that time of year when we give thanks for our many blessings, stuff ourselves on turkey and the trimmings and feast on football!

Yes, it's Thanksgiving and while we enjoy the company of friends and family, the football schedule is loaded with four days (not counting the Monday Night Football stinker featuring the Browns and Broncos) of intriguing football games at the college and pro level.

The highlight of the weekend comes on Friday, Nov. 30 when the University of Texas and Texas A&M will renew their in-state rivalry when the Aggies host the Longhorns at Kyle Field. Not only will this be the first meeting between the state's biggest universities since 2011, but the game will have real significance in the SEC race and the College Football Playoff picture. The winner of this game could have an inside track to the SEC title game slated for Dec. 7 at Atlanta's Mercedes Benz Stadium.

Two weeks ago, UT improved to 9-1 on the season and to 5-1 in the SEC with a 20-10 road win at Arkansas. A&M also stood at 5-1 entering last weekend's game at Auburn. Texas hosted Kentucky. If both teams win those games, they will enter the big showdown in College Station with identical 6-1 league marks.

When these two met in 2011, prior to the Aggies leaving the Big 12 and heading to the SEC, Texas won, 27-25 on a last-second field goal by Justin Tucker, who is still kicking for the Baltimore Ravens. This should be one of the biggest games in the 119th meeting between the two teams (UT leads the overall series, 76-37-5).

While much attention will be on College Station on Friday, there are a number of other key matchups this holiday weekend. No. 2-ranked Ohio State will be out to end a three-year losing streak their bitter rivals, the Michigan Wolverines, when the two meet in Columbus on Saturday. This year, the Buckeyes are definitely the better team, but you had better believe the Wolverines will show up for this one and would like nothing more than to spoil OSU's Big 10 and CFP title hopes.

No. 21-ranked South Carolina takes on in-state rival No. 20 Clemson, while No. 8-ranked Notre Dame heads out to Los Angeles to take on a disappointing USC team in the renewal of one of the great intersectional rivalries in college football.

The NFL gives us a triple header on Thanksgiving Day, beginning with the Lions, perhaps the best team in the league, hosting the reeling Chicago Bears. That game will be followed by the Cowboys hosting the Giants in a game matching two struggling teams. The nightcap could be a good one with the hot Miami Dolphins visiting the Packers at Lambeau Field.

Week 13 continues on Friday with the Raiders visiting the Chiefs, who saw their undefeated season come to an end two weeks ago when they lost to the Bills, 30-21.

The Texans travel to Jacksonville on Sunday to take on the Jags, while the Chargers head to Atlanta to take on the Falcons in what should be an interesting contest. Arizona visits Minnesota in a key game for both team's playoff hopes, while the Eagles visit Baltimore in the Game of the Week in the 3:25 viewing window on Sunday. There's a good one on Sunday Night Football as the 49ers visit the surging Bills in prime time.

This is going to be quite a weekend of football viewing. Before we take a look at those games, let's review last week's record. A 10-2 week brought the season record to 93-39 (70%).

I hope all of you have a very blessed Thanksgiving. Please enjoy time with your family and enjoy the games!

NCAA

Michigan at Ohio State – The Buckeyes will be looking to end a three-year losing streak to their rivals from the North. These two teams are heading in opposite directions. After winning the national championship and finishing 15-0 a year ago, head coach Jim Harbaugh bolted Ann Arbor for the NFL and he didn't leave much left in the cupboard. The Wolverines were 5-5 heading into their Nov. 23 game against Northwestern. Michigan has struggled on offense all year long, especially at the quarter-



back position. Ohio State, on other hand, has been rolling as of late on both sides of the ball. The defense has allowed just 37 points in their last four games heading into their Nov. 23 showdown with undefeated Indiana. The offense is explosive led by QB Will Howard (2,484 yards, 24 TDs), running back Quinshon Judkins (723 yards, 8 TDs) and TreVon Henderson (662 yards, 5 TDs) and big play wideouts Jeremiah Smith (49 receptions, 865 yards, 9 TDs) and Emeka Egbuka (49 receptions, 612 yards, 8 TDs). During the three-year winning streak, Michigan has outscored OSU 117-74. Look for the Buckeyes to exercise those demons in a big way come Saturday in Columbus. My pick, Ohio State 34, Michigan 13

South Carolina at Clemson – This should be an interesting game to watch as the surging Gamecocks visit Clemson in a battle for bragging rights in the state of South Carolina. South Carolina head coach Todd Beamer has his team rolling and should enter this game with a five-game winning streak (SC played Wofford last week), while Clemson needs this game to keep its slim ACC title hopes alive. South Carolina is led by QB LaNorris Sellers (1,796 yards, 14 TDs), running back Raheim Sanders (749 yards, 10 TDs) and tight end Joshua Simons (32 receptions, 426 yards, 6 TDs). The Tigers will look for another big day from QB Kade Klubnik (2,563 passing yards, 26 TDs/341 rushing yards, 5 TDs), running back Phil Mafah (998 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Antonio Williams (52 receptions, 615 yards, 8 TDs). Clemson is tough to beat at home, which the Gamecocks will discover come Saturday. My pick, Clemson 31, South Carolina 28

Notre Dame at USC – No. 8-ranked Notre Dame heads to the West Coast to take on a disappointing USC team that entered its Nov. 23 game against crosstown rival UCLA with a 5-5 record. The powers that be at 'SC can't be happy with a .500 record for what they paid head coach Lincoln Riley. This will be the Trojans Super Bowl, so expect Riley to throw a lot of surprises at the Irish. ND has one of the best defenses in the nation as evidenced by the 104 points that unit has allowed heading into last Saturday's game against undefeated Army. The Irish are solid on offense led by dual-threat QB Riley Leonard (1,789 passing yards, 12 TDs/641 rushing yards, 13 TDs) and productive running back Jeremiah Love (720 yards, 12 TDs). Look for the ND defense to hound 'SC QB Jayden Maiva (325 yards, 3 TDs) and slow down running back Wood Marks (1,024 yards, 9 TDs) as the Irish look to have an impressive finish to the regular season and prepare for the CFP. My pick, Notre Dame 34, USC 14

Texas at Texas A&M – It's good for college football to have these two in-state rivals playing one another again. It's been way too long since the Longhorns and Aggies went after it's fitting that there is so much at stake for both teams as they meet for the first time since 2011. The winner should land a spot in the SEC title game, while the loser could still earn a CFP bid. This game will match Texas' high-powered, but inconsistent offense, against a stout A&M defense. The Aggie defense will look to rattle UT QB Quinn Ewers (1898 yards, 21 TDs) early. Ewers has a lot of weapons on the outside in wideouts Isaiah Bond (30 receptions, 483 yards, 5 TDs) and Matthew Golden (29 receptions, 417 yards, 8 TDs) and a dependable tight end in Gunner Helm (37 receptions, 493 yards, 3 TDs). Helm could be a key player come Saturday in College Station. UT also needs to be able to run the ball against the tough A&M front seven, which means Quintrevion Wisner (468 yards, 2 TDs) and Jayden Blue (459 yards, 5 TDs) will be counted on to step up their games on Saturday. The A&M offense isn't explosive, but they get the job done, led by dual-threat QB Marcel Reed (1,129 passing yards, 9 TDs/375 rushing yards, 7 TDs) and wideout Noah Thomas (26 receptions, 390 yards, 4 TDs).

While the Aggie defense is one of the best in the SEC, so is the UT defense. That unit was lights out two weeks ago in its 20-10 road win at Arkansas coming up with six sacks and a turnover. This is going to be a tightly contested game, but I think the home crowd at Kyle Field will be the difference maker as the Aggies earn their first-ever trip to the SEC title game. My pick, Texas A&M 23, Texas 20

NFL

Chicago at Detroit – The NFL's Thanksgiving Day Triple Header begins in the Motor City as the red-hot Lions host the stumbling Bears. The Bears and rookie QB Caleb Williams (2,016 yards, 9 TDs) will be entering a buzzsaw when they face the Lions on Thanksgiving Day. The Detroit offense is perhaps the most explosive unit in the NFL this year. In their last seven games, they have scored 42, 47, 31, 52, 24, 26 and 52 points. They have weapons all over the place led by QB Jared Goff (2,492 yards, 20 TDs), running back Jahmyr Gibbs (796 yards, 9 total TDs), David Montgomery (595 yards, 11 total TDs), and big-play wideouts Amon-Ra St. Brown (65 receptions, 685 yards, 9 TDs) and Jameson Williams (24 receptions, 538 yards, 4 TDs). Look for the Lions offense to continue to roll and send the Bears packing with another loss. My pick, Detroit 36, Chicago 16

New York Giants at Dallas – The second game of Thanksgiving Day should be a stinker as both the Giants and Cowboys have been major disappointments this year. Two weeks ago, the Cowboys lost their fifth straight home game of the season when they were routed by the Texans, 34-10. All five home losses have been blowouts, which can't sit well with owner and GM Jerry Jones. With Dak Prescott out for the season, the offense, if that's what you call it, is now in the hands of backup Cooper Rush (566 yards, 2 TDs). He will look to CeeDee Lamb (67 receptions, 774 yards, 4 TDs) to make some plays against a suspect NY defense. The Giants have benched starting QB Daniel Jones for fan favorite Danny DeVito. DeVito should just hand the ball to running back Tyrone Tracy (545 yards, 3 TDs) and let him run over a horrible Dallas run defense. I think the Cowboys defense will be the difference maker in this one as they finally pick up a home win. My pick, Dallas 23, New York Giants 17

Miami at Green Bay – The final game of Thanksgiving Day should be a fun one to watch as the Dolphins take on the Packers in Green Bay. The Dolphins have been a different team since QB Tua Tagovailoa (1,443. Yards, 9 TDs) has returned under center after missing four games due to a concussion. He has weapons in running back De'Von Achane (530 yards, 3 TDs) and wideout Tyreek Hill (44 receptions, 523 yards, 3 TDs). The Packers have plenty of offensive weapons as well in QB Jordan Love (2,081 yards, 16 TDs), running back Josh Jacobs (838 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Jayden Reed (38 receptions, 643 yards, 4 TDs). Look for Jacobs to be the difference maker in this one as GB remains in the NFC playoff hunt with a big win. My pick, Green Bay 31, Miami 26

Houston at Jacksonville – The Texans will look to put the clamps down on the AFC South race when they visit the reeling Jaguars on Sunday. Two weeks ago, Houston ran over and around the Cowboys, 34-10, as running back Joe Mixon (764 yards, 11 total TDs) rushed for 109 yards and three TDs. QB C.J. Stroud (2,628 yards, 12 TDs) was happy to have big-play wide receiver Nico Collins (36 receptions, 621 yards, 3 TDs) back after he missed five games recovering from a hamstring injury. Collins and fellow wideout Tank Dell (39 receptions, 448 yards, 2 TDs) should have a big day against a beat-up Jags defense, which gave up a franchise high 52 points two weeks ago to the Lions. Head coach Doug Pederson is probably out of a job after the season and the Texans will make it another long day for the head coach. My pick, Houston

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ed to be released soon. A 2015 cancer study found higher than expected levels of several different types of cancers in east Harris County near the SJRWP Superfund site.

"This toxic site has a long history of impacting local communities and the environment. The Army Corps should not ignore the clear and present risks in the area of concern," says Jackie Medcalf, executive director of Texas

Health and Environment Alliance.

For example, during Tropical Storm Imelda in 2019 a barge carrying lubricating oil to become grounded on one of the waste pits at the same Superfund site. Increasing barge traffic in the area could result in further collisions with the toxic pits.

"If someone wants to dredge near a toxic waste site and bring barges into a vulnerable area, the

Army Corps must ensure thorough environmental testing is done to prevent disturbing old contamination and redistributing it into our environment," Mrs. Medcalf continued. "Not to mention the impacts that could result from dumping potentially toxic sludge on another community. This needs further review to assess environmental and public health impacts at every level."

Holiday Calendar

Monday, DEC. 9
SHOWCASE: The Sheldon FFA invites the public to their Exhibitor and Project Meet and Greet Winter Project Showcase. The event is on Monday, Dec. 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. See student projects that will be shown later at the Sheldon Livestock Show. The event is at the Sheldon Agriculture Center, 17522 Beaumont Hwy. in Houston. Food items will be available while supplies last.

Tuesday, DEC. 10
OPEN HOUSE: The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce invites the public to their annual Holiday Open House at the chamber office, 13301 East Freeway, Suite 100, in Houston from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Please RSVP to 713-450-3600 or email to info@ncachamber.com.

Saturday, DEC. 14
FUNDRAISER: Second Baptist Church at 1913 18th Street in

Galena Park will host a Winter/Christmas Picture Fundraising Event from 1 to 6 p.m. at the church. There will be three scenes available (outdoor winter scene, a fireplace scene and a kids scene). A photographer will take your photos and send the digital files to customers via email or text. Cost is \$5 per three images and can be paid by cash, Venmo or Cashapp. They will be serving hot chocolate, icer and cookies to those attending. The youth will be singing Christmas carols and selling homemade craft items. The picture-taking is planned for outside but will be moved inside if there's inclement weather. For more information, text Gwen DiStefano at 832-419-5863.

Saturday, DEC. 14
SANTA: The city of Jacinto City invites all residents to be on the lookout for Santa and his helpers on Dec. 14, beginning at 8 a.m. as he

rides through every street in the city visiting children on the fire truck. It's a tradition that has been going on for 63 years. Each year they give out between 4,500 and 5,000 bags of candy. Want to help? Donate cash or individually wrapped candy. Checks can be made payable to "Santa On The Fire Truck" and mailed to 1301 Mercury Dr., in Jacinto City or drop off donations at Jacinto City Hall, 1301 Mercury Drive in Jacinto City.

Sunday, DEC. 15
MUSIC: Enjoy the talented students from the Studio of C. David Taylor for their annual Christmas recital at Church of the Resurrection, 5202 First Street, in Crosby. The recital begins at 2:30 p.m. and the public is invited to a reception for the students in the Parish Hall immediately following the recital. Free to the public.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES

La Porte 55, Barbers Hill 28
North Shore 44, Fort Bend Ridge Point 28

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

NORTH SHORE
PLAYOFFS INFO: The No. 2 state-ranked North Shore Mustangs (12-0, 7-0) play No. 13 Katy (11-1, 8-0) in the Region III semifinals at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29 at NRG Stadium.

34, Jacksonville 18

Los Angeles Chargers at Atlanta – This will be an interesting game as the Chargers head cross country to take on a Falcons team that has been up and down thus far in 2024. Two weeks ago, the Falcons were blown out at Denver, 38-6, while the Chargers defeated Cincinnati in overtime, 34-27. LA will look for another big day from QB Justin Herbert (2,186 yards, 13 TDs), running back J.K. Dobbins (726 yards, 8 TDs) and wideouts Ladd McConkey (43 receptions, 615 yards, 4 TDs) and Quentin Johnson (22 receptions, 354 yards, 6 TDs). The Falcons need QB Kirk Cousins (2,807 yards, 17 TDs) to have a big day against a tough LA defense. Cousins will look to running back Bijan Robinson (783 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Drake London (61 receptions, 710 yards, 6 TDs) to make plays to slow down the Chargers defense. My pick, Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Chargers 23

Arizona at Minnesota – A big one for both teams and the NFC playoff hopes. Arizona has been one of the surprise teams in the NFC this year led by QB Kyler Murray (2,058 passing yards, 12 TDs/371 rushing yards, 4 TDs), running back James Conner (697 yards, 5 TDs), rookie wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr. (33

receptions, 499 yards, 6 TDs) and tight end Trey McBride (49 receptions, 552 yards, 2 TDs). The Vikings have gotten solid play from QB Sam Darnold (2,387 yards, 19 TDs), running back Aaron Jones (692 yards, 2 TDs) and big play wideout Justin Jefferson (59 receptions, 912 yards, 5 TDs). Look for the ball hawking Minnesota defense to force Murray into a key turnover or two as the Vikings pick up a big home win. My pick, Minnesota 26, Arizona 22

Philadelphia at Baltimore – A good one in the late viewing window on Sunday as the hot Eagles visit the dangerous Ravens in Baltimore. Philly entered last Sunday night's game against the Rams riding a six-game winning streak. The Eagles are loaded on offense led by QB Jalen Hurts (2,197 passing yards, 12 TDs/417 rushing yards, 11 TDs), running back Saquon Barkley (1,137 yards, 10 total TDs) and wide receivers A.J. Brown (33 receptions, 618 yards, 3 TDs) and DeVonta Smith (41 receptions, 516 yards, 4 TDs). The Eagles defense will get a real test against the Ravens Lamar Jackson (2,876 passing yards, 25 TDs/584 rushing yards, 2 TDs), running back Derrick Henry (1,185 yards, 15 total TDs) and speedy wide receiver Zay Flowers (52 receptions, 727 yards, 4 TDs).

The Baltimore defense, which has been suspect thus far, needs to step up its game and something tells me it will come Sunday. My pick, Baltimore 30, Philadelphia 23

San Francisco at Buffalo – The 49ers head to Western New York to take on the surging Bills on Sunday Night Football. Two weeks ago, the Bills and QB Josh Allen (2,543 passing yards, 18 TDs/316 rushing yards, 5 TDs) led the Bills to a win over the Chiefs to end their undefeated season. While the Bills were winning a big home game, the 49ers lost at home to Seattle, 20-17. SF has been hammered with injuries this year and aren't the same team that has dominated the NFC for the last three years. SF needs a big night from running back Christian McCaffrey (118 rushing yards/95 receiving yards in two games), but that might not be enough to put them over the top against a very solid Buffalo team. While Allen is definitely the star of the team, he has plenty of help in running back James Cook (597 yards, 11 total TDs), wide receiver Khalil Shakir (56 receptions, 599 yards 2 TDs) and tight end Dalton Kincaid (34 receptions, 356 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the Bills to be rude guest to SF QB Brock Purdy (2,613 yards, 13 TDs) and the 49ers come Sunday night on national TV. My pick, Buffalo 31, San Francisco 20

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Barbers Hill Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Data Control Codes	199	599	699	Total	98
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
5700	Local and intermediate revenues	\$ 109,101,001	\$ 47,010,254	\$ 5,263,092	\$ 5,804,311
5800	State program revenues	12,443,068	1,820,682	39,946	1,076,828
5900	Federal program revenues	496,928	-	-	3,657,590
5020	Total revenues	122,040,997	48,830,936	5,303,038	10,538,729
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	63,762,056	-	868,010	3,372,056
0012	Instructional resources and media services	825,463	-	67,560	53,141
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development	2,194,715	-	-	226,021
0021	Instructional leadership	786,615	-	14,636	-
0023	School leadership	5,292,690	-	4,573	-
0031	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	4,331,760	-	6,343	-
0032	Social work services	610,319	-	-	4,441
0033	Health services	1,294,052	-	16,008	-
0034	Student transportation	3,986,563	-	1,283,378	-
0035	Food services	-	-	-	4,723,292
0036	Extracurricular activities	3,265,048	-	633,170	822,658
0041	General administration	4,119,388	110	16,704	-
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	11,038,798	-	1,547,497	-
0052	Security and monitoring services	1,474,278	-	90,729	61,753
0053	Data processing services	1,785,507	-	325,329	31,434
0061	Community services	137,728	-	-	7,123
Debt service:					
0071	Principal on long-term debt	122,320	22,705,000	-	68,409
0072	Interest on long-term debt	5,364	18,417,498	-	-
0073	Issuance costs and fees	-	10,076	-	-
Capital outlay:					
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	44,856,783	-
Intergovernmental:					
0091	Contracted instructional services between schools	10,278,175	-	-	-
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	926,780	-	-	-
6030	Total expenditures	116,237,619	41,132,684	49,730,720	9,840,106
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	5,803,378	7,698,252	(44,427,682)	698,623
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
7913	Proceeds from leased subscription assets	12,365	-	-	116,151
7915	Transfers in	-	-	-	76,331
8911	Transfers out	(76,331)	-	-	-
8948	Tax refund pursuant to Texas Tax Code 313	(2,363,542)	-	-	-
8989	Nonoperating loss	-	(551,700)	-	-
7080	Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,427,508)	(551,700)	-	192,482
1200	Net change in fund balances	3,375,870	7,146,552	(44,427,682)	891,105
0100	Fund balances - beginning	37,212,322	28,542,491	128,095,275	2,052,269
3000	FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 40,588,192	\$ 35,689,043	\$ 83,667,593	\$ 2,943,374

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Nathalie Emmanuel and Giancarlo Esposito star in "Megalopolis."

of our dear Pogues won't be returning. (Netflix)

"MEGALOPOLIS" (R) — The latest film from legendary Francis Ford Coppola ("The Godfather" trilogy) has quite a lore behind its creation. While Coppola originally conceptualized the idea for the film in 1977, the film spent decades in development hell and was only brought out of it when Coppola was able to put \$120 million of his own money toward the film.

He also shot the film in an experimental style with lots of last-minute add-ins that cost him several of his crew members, including the art department and visual effects team.

In the film, Adam Driver ("Ferrari") portrays Cesar Catilina, a genius architect in the futuristic city of New Rome who can stop time. However, Cesar has made many enemies throughout his time in New Rome, including new mayor Franklyn Cicero (Giancarlo Esposito). So, when a romantic connection ensues between Cesar and the mayor's daughter, Cesar's enemies triple, and his vision for the future of New Rome hangs in the balance. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

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Professional boxer and YouTuber Jake Paul

Q: I watched the boxing match with Jake Paul and Mike Tyson. I didn't know that Jake and Logan Paul were two different people. Did they both start out on YouTube? — D.E.

A: Yes, Jake and Logan Paul are two blonde brothers who grew up in Ohio and became social media stars. They can be hard to tell apart. Logan started up his YouTube channel 11 years ago and grew it to more than 23 million subscribers. He's also a professional wrestler for the WWE and the owner of an extremely successful beverage company, Prime. Like his brother, Jake, he's also headlined boxing events, including an exhibition match against Floyd Mayweather Jr. in 2021.

Logan's younger brother by two years, Jake, recently beat Mike Tyson in a boxing match on Netflix. Many feel it was staged, but both Paul and Tyson came out winners monetarily when they each took home a seven-figure payday. Jake originally was a child actor on the Disney Channel series "Bizaardvark," then became a YouTube star like his brother. In the years before facing Tyson, Jake won boxing matches against several MMA fighters, but lost to British pro boxer Tommy Fury.

Q: What is the new "Bridget Jones" project coming up on Peacock? Is it a TV series? — S.G.

A: "Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy" is a film based on the fourth book in the series by author Helen Fielding. Renée Zellweger returns as the hilarious and relatable heroine, Bridget, who is newly widowed with two young children. The film also stars Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Sally Phillips and Isla Fisher.

Look for the movie in theaters and on Peacock just in time for Valentine's Day, with a release date of Feb. 14, 2025.

Q: Who is the actress with the long brown hair featured in the commercials for the new Bob Dylan movie? She looks very familiar. Also, does Timothy Chalamet do his own singing in the movie? — K.E.

A: You're probably thinking of Monica Barbaro, who is best recognized as Lt.

Natasha "Phoenix" Trace in "Top Gun: Maverick." She also co-starred in the Netflix series "FUBAR" opposite Arnold Schwarzenegger and, prior to that, the ABC series "Splitting Up Together" and Lifetime's "Unreal." In "A Complete Unknown," Barbaro plays folk singer and political activist Joan Baez, who was instrumental in the success of Bob Dylan early in his career.

You could also be thinking of Elle Fanning, who sports reddish-brown tresses in "A Complete Unknown." She plays a character named Sylvie, who is loosely based on Dylan's girlfriend at the time, Suze Rotolo.

"A Complete Unknown" is directed by the same person who directed the Johnny Cash biopic "Walk the Line." Both of those stars did their own singing and learned to play instruments for their roles. Timothy Chalamet can definitely sing, as witnessed in the motion-picture musical "Wonka," and he's said to have done his own vocals in the Dylan film.

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"Saturday Night"

"SATURDAY NIGHT" (R) — Director Jason Reitman ("Ghostbusters: Afterlife") takes on this biographical-drama film that centers around the premiere night of NBC's "Saturday Night Live." The film's ensemble cast is hefty, full of names like Willem Dafoe, Finn Wolfhard, Dylan O'Brien, and Kaia Gerber, but Gabriel LaBelle leads the film as none other than the creator of "SNL" himself, Lorne Michaels. Viewers get to watch as Michaels nervously attempts to rally his dysfunctional cast together for the pilot, while merciless executives wait in the wings and expect the show to flop majorly. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

"OUTER BANKS: SEASON 4, PART 2" (TV-MA) — The second part of the latest season of "Outer Banks" is out now, completing the fourth season since the show's inception in 2020. During the first half of the season, our favorite group of Pogues managed to spend all of the earnings they spent three seasons trying to locate, while simultaneously diving headfirst into a new treasure hunt.

JJ received some seriously shocking news, and Rafe, of course, is still up to no good trying to get his hands on some money.

What awaits in the second half of the season will leave you on the edge of your seat, as the Pogues try to track the mysterious Blue Crown all the way to Morocco. This time, though, one

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty indicators.

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Includes a comic strip and a list of differences between panels.

Trivia Test Answers: 1. Cambodia; 2. Vitamin K; 3. Prince ("Love Symbol #2"); 4. "The Drew Carey Show"; 5. Wyoming; 6. A hea; 7. "The Shawshank Redemption"; 8. State Farm; 9. 2.5 miles; 10. Specialized cells in the pancreas that produce insulin.

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Crossword puzzle grid with ACROSS and DOWN clues. Includes a list of 61 clues and the answer 'Novelists'.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. Includes 10 questions and answers related to geography, science, music, television, U.S. states, animal kingdom, movies, ad slogans, general knowledge, and anatomy.



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