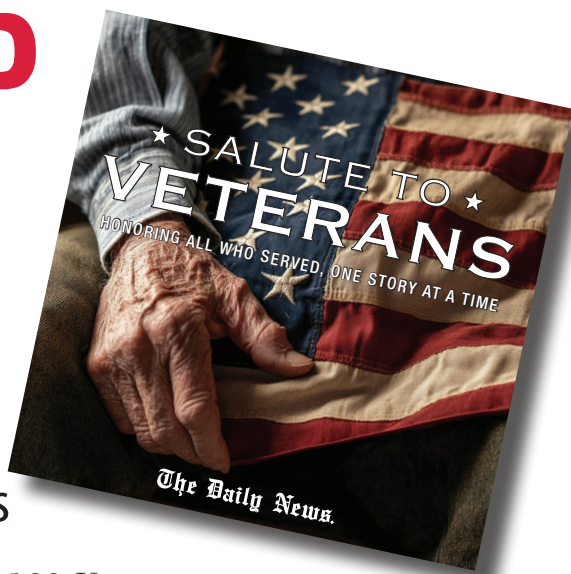


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LAWSUIT | TEN COMMANDMENTS

Paxton sues GLSD over 10 Commandments

By COREY GREINEISEN
The Daily News

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Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has filed a lawsuit against the Galveston Independent School District after it voted to delay hanging the Ten Commandments in classrooms until courts decide whether a state law



KEN PAXTON

mandates that each public school

requiring their display is constitutional.

In a statement Friday, Paxton accused the district of violating Senate Bill 10, enacted earlier this year, which

classroom prominently feature a framed copy of the Ten Commandments.

"America is a Christian nation, and it is imperative that we display the very values and timeless truths that have historically guided the success of our country," Paxton said. "By refusing to follow the law, Galveston ISD chose to both blatantly ignore the

Legislature and also ignore the legal and moral heritage of our nation."

The lawsuit follows a recent Galveston ISD board meeting where trustees voted not to comply with SB 10. The measure, signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott, was one of several faith-related bills passed by Texas lawmakers this year to expand

religious expression in public schools.

Trustee Elizabeth Beeton, educated as an attorney, had placed the item on the meeting agenda about a week after state Sen. Mayes Middleton donated Ten Commandments posters for each classroom in more than a

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MARITIME | CRUISE SHIP INDUSTRY

MSC Seascapes first cruise sets sail Sunday



STUART VILLANUEVA/The Daily News

Twin, mirrored stairways lead to a raised bar and casino area aboard the MSC Seascapes moored at the Port of Galveston's Cruise Terminal 16 on Friday.

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The Port of Galveston welcomed the MSC Seascapes on Friday morning as the massive ship arrived to begin MSC Cruises' first-ever

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sailings from Texas. The vessel's arrival marks a major milestone for the company's expansion in

the U.S. market and the opening of the port's new \$156 million Cruise Terminal 16.

Starting Sunday, MSC Seascapes will embark on year-round seven-night Western Caribbean cruises, departing every

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A rider cruises along The Strand at the 2025 Lone Star Rally in Galveston on Friday.

COURT | CAPITAL MURDER TRIAL

Teen faces life in prison after jury finds him guilty

By COREY GREINEISEN
The Daily News

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A Galveston County jury on Friday found Uriah Lee Urick Jr., 18, guilty of capital murder in the February killing of his girlfriend's grandmother, Tammy King, following a week of testimony that revealed text messages, digital evidence, and a detailed plan to rob and kill the 61-year-old woman.

After deliberating for about three and a half hours, the jury of nine women and three men returned the guilty verdict, ending five days of emotional and often graphic testimony. The conviction carries an automatic life sentence without the possibility of

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Uriah Urick Jr. enters Judge Patricia Grady's 212th District Court in Galveston on Tuesday, for the second day of his capital murder trial in connection to the February shooting death of Tammy King in Bacliff.

ENVIRONMENT | BEACH CLEANUP

Turtle Island Restoration Network holds nurdle cleanup

By DAVID MERCADO
The Daily News

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The Turtle Island Restoration Network held a beach cleanup Friday to highlight environmental harm from small plastic pellets, called nurdles, and to urge Texas' representatives to pass regulations to reduce nurdle pollution.

About 30 volunteers gathered below the piers of Murdochs on 2215 Seawall Blvd. to hunt for

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A volunteer holds a nurdle, a tiny plastic pellet, found under Murdochs in Galveston on Friday during the Texas Statewide Nurdle Hunt.

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