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Womens' History Month Honoree: Captain Le Conn

Womens' History Month (3rd of series)
H.H. "Le" Conn, 1ST Female Asian Captain By Allan Jamail

March, 18, 2025 ~ The Houston Police Department has as their first female Asian Captain H. H. "Le" Conn a Vietnamese American immigrant who immigrated to the US in 1987 at age 13. Because of her hard work and the determination of her parents for her to excel in her education she's most deserving of my recognition as an honoree for Womens' History Month.

My interview with Captain Conn makes me proud to know that someone with all the hardships and difficulties she's had to overcome can put together the drive and determination she's displayed in order to achieve such high accomplishments in law enforcement as she does.

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North Shore Rotary Fish Fry April 26

North Shore Rotary Club will hold its 50th Annual Catfish Fry/Crawfish Boil on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

The event will be held at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion, behind the Courthouse at 14350 Wallisville Road, Houston 77049.

There will be a Live and Silent Auction, and a Raffle Drawing to award a new vehicle, either a 2025 Toyota Tacoma Double Cab pickup truck, or a 2025 Toyota Rav4 XLE SUV.

Raffle Tickets are on sale from any Rotarian, and at many local businesses. Raffle tickets are \$100 donation to the NSRC Charitable Foundation, Inc. and Food Tickets are \$15. Raffle tickets include 2 meals. Meals are served from 11:00am to 3:00pm, or until food runs out.

Contact Rotary at 713-410-5352 or danna@phase3servicesllc.com for ticket information or sponsorship opportunities.

Jenning's Legacy Memorialized with renaming CVISD Athletic Complex

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

It didn't take long for Channelview ISD and the community to find a way to remember a longtime employee for the school district by naming the athletic complex after William E. Jennings. Jennings passed away July 29, 2024, and served the district for 30 years as athletic director, and a total of 43 years as an employee.

"Coach Jennings was a merchant of hope to many, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of countless students, educators, athletes, coaches, and colleagues," said Superintendent Dr. Tory C. Hill at a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil



The community and school officials join with the Jennings family for a ribbon cutting celebrating the naming of the athletic complex in Jennings' name.

the new sign bearing Jennings' name.

The event assembled district leaders, board members, local officials, students, staff, and the Jennings family to celebrate the impact of a man

who dedicated over four decades to Channelview ISD.

Born in Carbondale, Texas, at an early age, he became a Christian and united with Mt. Obie Baptist Church. He played

prep-school ball at New Boston High School and then went on to Southern Arkansas University where he played defensive back and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in physical education and bi-

ology.

He began his career in education at Dumas High School in August of 1974 as an assistant varsity high school coach, eighth-grade basketball coach, and study hall keeper. In 1975, he met the love of his life, Zeleandor Johnson Jennings, on a blind date. He said his first words to her were "I'm going to marry you," and she just chuckled. They were later married and had a son, Brandon Conrad Jennings, in 1978.

In 1980, he was a graduate assistant in charge of the defensive ends at Henderson State University where he earned his

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Galena Park Student shot, Teen Charged with Murder

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. ~ Monday, March 17, 2025 ~ What was to be an enjoyable beginning of school break for Galena Park High School students for some it'll forever be remembered as a tragedy.

At 1300 Keene Street in GP adjacent to the Alvin D. Baggett Community Center there's a large basketball court, adjoining it is a volleyball court where on any given day or night they'll be large groups of teenagers using both courts.

As a former resident of Galena Park (GP) having grown up there and attended the same school as the shooting victim 16 year old Jayden Solis my heart weighed heavy as I visited the spot where at about 6:45pm Sunday evening March 16th the evening before Jayden laid dead hours earlier.

Jayden, and some of his classmates who were with him moments before he was gunned



Law enforcement responds to shooting in GP, Harris County Precinct 4 Constable block the road at a crime scene on Keene Street in Galena Park

down and shot multiple times by the alleged shooter Angel Elizalde, 17, of Houston had came to the GP basketball court to shoot baskets as they regularly do.

As an investigative reporter at about noon and while I was doing this story for the North Channel Star the day after the shooting I talked to GP residences Adam Escalante and his mother Jennifer Hernandez. They too were also visiting the deadly scene where Jayden was killed.

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Photo of Jayden Solis & mother Maria Palomo placed at the memorial site near the shooting scene that took teen Jayden's life.

Marathon Hearing on Voucher Bill

Education Committee hears 300 speakers in 23 Hours; Most opposed

State Representative Brad Buckley, Republican House public education committee chair and author of the chamber's voucher proposal, opened the hearing on House Bill 3 Tuesday morning, stating: "My intent is to provide families with the opportunity to choose the best possible educational setting for their child, and I believe House Bill 3 provides this choice while prioritizing Texas' most high



needs and vulnerable students."

After hearing testimony over the next 23 hours—more than 300 registered to speak—the committee left the bill pending without an immediate vote. The bill's numerous opponents who testified often echoed Democratic Representative James Talarico's statement, that "There is

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Silo Art Studios offer a unique interaction with the Artists

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

From young families shopping for art to decorate their new home, to investors seeking out that special promising artist, The Silos at Sawyer Yards maximizes the 80,000 square foot space of private art studios and creative flex space to attract even the occasional art enthusiast.

What could be more creative than a developer turning the once Riviana Rice packaging plant and silos into divided space to house more than 100 established and emerging artists, arts groups, and creative entrepreneurs.

The gem of the space comes every Second and Third Saturday of the month, when resident art-



Studio #214 — For 50 years, Grace Phillips has been creating her abstract art, even while she lived in Dubai in the Middle East. While in Dubai, she served as the director of a gallery at the Dubai International Art Center before returning to Houston. For a private viewing, please call Grace at 832-703-8650, or email her at grace.phillips1015@aol.com. Her work is on display at www.gracephillipsart.com.

ists open their studios to welcome the public. The notion that artists are willing to spend valuable time discussing their feelings, thoughts, and inspiration behind their work is not novel, but rare.

Last Second Saturday, as shoppers awakened from



Studio #113 — Mei-ing Hoffman is an artist and Associate Publisher for Grafikpress newspapers. Her email is meihoffmanart@gmail.com, and can be reached at 713-906-4585. These beautiful paintings were done by Mei-ing Hoffman. She can be reached at her Studio on the Second and Third Saturday of each month from 12 noon to 5 p.m. You can also see her work online at paintingsbymei.com.

their winter slumber, foot traffic at The Silos was particularly busy.

When the front doors swing open for first-time visitors and novice art enthusiasts, they are greeted by an impressive array of art displays, akin to a museum exhibi-

tion, showcasing various genres of fine arts. Visual art includes realism, impressionism, surrealism, pop art, expressionism, minimalism, abstract expressionism, rococo, dada, conceptual art, portraiture, still life, landscape, and historical painting, to name a few.

Before running to a dictionary to refresh your memory on all those terms, ask the artist. They are happy to explain their art and in doing so, give depth to the meaning and purpose of the work.

In studio #209, Patricia Blackwell makes an interesting use of oval canvas.

"It's figurative artwork that's acrylic and pan pas

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Small Plane Makes Emergency Landing in East Houston



The Cessna aircraft landed on Fidelity Street and Yuma Street near the Clinton Park area.

GALENA PARK, Texas — A small plane was forced to make an emergency landing in east Houston Wednesday night, according to police. The Cessna aircraft landed on Fidelity Street and Yuma Street near the Clinton Park area shortly before 9 p.m.

HPD Lt. Raska said a pilot and trainee came out of west Houston on a training flight and were on the way back from a loop through Galveston when the plane lost power. The plane landed safely and the two people inside were not injured. HPD Lt. Larry Crowson said there were no cars on

the road and the plane managed to avoid any power lines. A mechanic and flatbed truck were called to the scene to get the plane off the roadway. The Coast Guard, Houston police and Galena Park police responded to the scene.

Women's History Month,

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At the age of 13 when she came to the United States and speaking no English at the time she said when asked if she played sports while in school she said, "I was placed in the 7th grade in ESL class (English as a Second Language). Learning English and keeping up with school to get good grades were a priority for me and I was pushed by my parents. Therefore, sports and extracurricular activities were not an option."

"As a young college student, my plan was to go to college and major in Accounting and become a CPA. However, life led to me to a career in law enforcement instead. My new goal in life now is to finish out my career at HPD, have a good retirement plan to be able to support my elderly parents, and enjoy life with my family," Conn said.

She recommends for people to be forward thinking, plan your future, and set goals for yourself as she's done.

She received a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from the University of Houston – Downtown and a Master degree in Criminology from the University of Houston – Clearlake.

Captain Conn has been with HPD 27 years and was 23 years old when she decided to join HPD.

Conn is a huge fan of the Houston Texans and she uses music to unwind and relax, so I love all types of music except for heavy metal. She and her husband who's also in law enforcement enjoy traveling in their off time from work.

As a captain in HPD she said, "I have worked in patrol and investigative assignments.

My current assignment is in Recruiting, where I oversee the personnel and operations of the division including attending recruiting events, marketing and advertisement, and background investigations."

"Most importantly, I review all application files that come through the recruiting division and approve qualified candidates before the files are forwarded to the Chief of Police via the chain of command for final approval," Captain Conn said.

The Captain said, "The best skill set I learned is leadership through my 15 years of serving in a supervisory role. I learned to mentor, coach and support those around me who may need to be helped. I learned that I can be strong and persevere through tough times, and I benefited from friends in HPD who supported me through those tough times."

"From my career in HPD, I was able to obtain a Master's degree and opportunities to promote through the ranks. The salary from my job enables me to support my family and save for my future. Another notable benefit is making some lifelong friends over the years."

She said she's attained the highest ranking position she can test into, the Assistant Chief position is the next rank and it's an appointed position. Other appointed positions are Assistant Chiefs, Executive Assistant Chiefs, Executive Chief, and Chief of Police.

There are 44 captains out of the current 5238 HPD officers, 18% are female and 82% are males.

HPD academy graduating cadets in order to increase their

rank they must take a promotional exam, for a Sergeant rank, an officer needs have 4.5 years of service from their sworn date.

For Lieutenant, a sergeant needs to have 2 years in their current rank and an associate's degree or 65 hours of an accredited college. For Captain, a lieutenant needs 2 years in their current rank and a bachelor's degree.

Cadet starts at \$52000. When a cadet graduates from the Academy, they get a \$5000 one time incentive pay. After 1 year from the academy start date, the salary of 1st year officer \$62,574, plus some incentive pay.

Captain Conn said the number of new cadet classes depends on the budget for the year. On average, HPD is approved for 75 cadets per class X 5 classes per year; the training is for 30 weeks.

There are two HPD recruiting events coming up for those interested in law enforcement.

1. All Women Career Fair in honor of Women History Month in March, on March 29, 2025 from 11 am to 2 pm at the HPD Midwest Station at 7277 Rectenzy Square Blvd.

2. 2025 Spring Hiring Expo, on April 12, 2025, from 10 am to 2 pm at the HPD Training Academy, at 17000 Aldine Westfield.

For anyone interested in joining HPD, but are not able to attend one of these events, please visit us at hpdcareer.com or call the HPD Recruiting Division at 713-308-1300 for more information.

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tels on canvas," she said. "I just needed to do something, and to draw, so I did that every day."

Blackwell's process begins with the canvased oval on the floor of her studio. "All you do is throw paint on the canvas first," she said, and then she paints the photo-like object she calls "realism" on top. She's no novice, and the work can be done in as short a period as an hour. The detail in the painting is exquisite and comedic at times.

At the end of another hallway is delightful Grace Phillips, whose studio #214 is just as artfully decorated as her abstract art.

"No images, and I do use a lot of black," she said. For 50 years, she has been creating art, even while she lived in Dubai in the Middle East. "I was really involved in the art scene in Dubai and served as director of a gallery at the Dubai International Art Center," she said.

She lived there for 20 years before returning to Houston and has since delved back into art locally. Her husband has a PhD as a geophysicist, the left brain in the family, and she has an art degree, the right brain, she joked. "We've had a lot of life experiences, and we retired and came back to Houston," she said.

Elaine Rose Lanoue at studio 218 is a self-avowed contemporary acrylic semi-representational and abstract painter who works together with her husband, Guiteau Lanoue, in their studio at The Silos.

Some of her work is post-impressionism with a little more abstract angle, whereas her husband's works are more cubist, and he likes Picasso. Lanoue has been painting for 60 years. "I've been making a living at this since 1970 and I will be 82 at the end of the month," she said proudly.

Lanoue starts her works very abstract, "then I start to see it," she said. "French Impressionists were more squares of color where mine are not. They're loose." "The reason the movement was so popular — and controversial, too — was they used to do very tight, like Rembrandt, detailed paintings. Then these guys come



Studio #118 – This beautiful and colorful work of art hangs in the Ongrounds Art Gallery and was composed by Oluseyi Soyeye. He can be contacted at The Silos inside Studio #118 or by calling him at 281-760-7679 or by email at ongrounds2000@gmail.com. His work is also viewable at www.oluseyisoyeye.com.



Studio #218 – Elaine Rose Lanoue is a self-avowed contemporary acrylic semi-representational and abstract painter who works together with her husband, Guiteau Lanoue in their studio at The Silos. Her impressionism with a hint of the abstract comes from an incredible 60-year career with a brush in her hands. Her Studio is loaded with beautiful art to take home. She can be reached at 832-541-5058 or by email at elaine.lanoue@yahoo.com.



Studio #209 – Patricia Blackwell has been creating art from just about anything including a unique shaped oval canvas. Her figurative artwork that's acrylic and pan pastels on canvas draws attention. Visit Blackwell in her Studio #209, or email her at pblackwellart@gmail.com, or phone her at 713-855-5499.



Studio #122 – There's nothing like working with your friends. Artists Mary Rogas, Cora Salvino, and Suzanne Buckland share a corner studio. Cora does glass work, and Mary does abstract, floral and figurative work, while Suzanne does oil, acrylic, and mixed media collage.

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out and it's much different," she said.

Van Gogh, she said would walk up to the canvas and use the tube of paint, turn it, and leave its mark. The style is different today.

Mary Rogas, Cora Salvino, and Suzanne Buckland share a corner studio. Cora does glass work, and Mary does abstract, floral and figurative work, while Suzanne does oil, acrylic, and mixed media collage.

Mei-ing Hoffman at studio #113 is a part-time artist and full-time Associate Publisher for Grafikpress newspapers, which publishes several community newspapers reaching most of the North and East Harris County area. She has only been in The Silos since last September.

"I did my first painting six years ago, because my best friend wanted to have a bird, so I painted a bird," she said. When she finished, she looked at it and realized she might be able to paint professionally.

She is often inspired by the movement of nature, light, shadow, four seasons, and water. She has a great eye for composition, although she has never been officially trained. "I've been running a commercial printing company, so I do know color and color schemes," she said.

She tries a lot of different styles, although one of her favorites is impressionism. She has also done small sculptures using recycled wire and other found objects, as well as free-hand pencil sketches that burst with feeling, despite their simplicity.

Besides sharing her own art with a wider audience, one of the things Mei appreciates most about being part of The Silos at Sawyer Yards is the sense of community. The artists there encourage her and share painting techniques with her.

Most of the artists are available on the Second and Third Saturday of the month from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Others are also available during the week by appointment.

Drop by and visit them at their studios. The Silos at Sawyer Yards are at 1502 Sawyer Street, off I-10 at the Taylor Street exit near downtown Houston.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



When Doors Open

When doors open, you need to be bold enough to step forward and not look back. The late Congressman Sylvester Turner and I were talking in early December and he shared with me an opportunity to travel to Washington, DC. There was a three day conference happening to bring together patients, caregivers and survivors of Colorectal Cancer. I questioned why he was sharing the information with me. He reminded me that in the years he had known me that I was one of those who was ready to take a stand, especially if it would bring awareness to the needs of others. We laughed and he named off some of the causes that I had been involved in over the years as well as the people whose lives had crossed my path.

I did some research and filled out paperwork to attend the event. Several weeks later, I received confirmation that I had been accepted to participate. And once again, I had friends who questioned what in the world I volunteered for now. As we all know, Congressman Turner passed away on March 4, 2025. This was two days after I lost my Best Friend and just five days until I was leaving for Washington, DC. I will admit there were days that I wanted to back out of the trip. I came up with so many reasons not to go, but then I was reminded of a song which another dearly departed friend had shared with me years ago. Former City Councilmember, Ada Edwards had introduced me to "Send Me" by Hugh Maskela around 2008. Just so that you will not take my word for it, I invite you to look up the lyrics and then listen to the song as well.

The words to the song touched my heart and of course the music was intriguing. I shared the song with Dr Randy Snyder who at the time was the Band Director and Fine Arts Chair at San Jacinto College. Instantly a smile broke out and he loved the beat. Just mentioning him makes me realize how God has placed so many gifted and talented people in my life.

While attending the conference this last week in DC, I met some brave individuals and heard sad stories of those who had been diagnosed and even though they fought hard, lost their battles to Colorectal Cancer. I met some who are still fighting the battle as well as many survivors. I learned many facts and those of you who know me, know that what I learned not only will be shared but hopefully together we can fight for earlier screenings as well as research to end the disease.

It has occurred to me that we have to be bold. We have to stand up for what we believe in and we must take an active part in solving the concerns of other to make this world a better place. Where is your passion focused? Do you need help getting motivated? Reach out and let me know how I can help you. Life is so much better when we journey with friends.

Galena Park ISD: The 3rd Annual Super Star Buddy Relays



By Dr. Tommie L. Smith,

On a bright and beautiful Friday, March 7, 2025, the Galena Park ISD Stadium was alive with laughter, cheers, and sunshine for the 3rd Annual Super Star Buddy Relays. This heartwarming event brought together students with diverse learning needs and their general education peers for a day filled with fun, camaraderie, and spirited challenges.

The stadium buzzed with excitement as students, families, and community members gathered to celebrate inclusivity and teamwork. The event, skillfully organized by the dedicated Student Support Services team, was a shining example of the District's commitment to fostering a supportive and dynamic environment for all students. Volunteers from across the District joined forces to ensure the day ran smoothly, each contributing to the joyous atmosphere.

As the relays kicked off, pairs of students took to the field, ready to tackle a variety of fun-filled activities and challenges. From obstacle courses to team-building games, each event was designed to emphasize teamwork and highlight the unique abilities of every participant. The delightful squeals of joy and high-fives exchanged between buddies were a testament to the strong bonds formed throughout the day.

The smiles of all who participated were illuminated. The stu-

dents' energy was contagious as they reveled in the opportunity to showcase their talents and enjoy the company of their peers. Each activity was met with enthusiasm, and the spirit of sportsmanship was evident as students encouraged and supported one another.

The community's support was palpable, with parents and friends enthusiastically cheering from the stands. Among the attendees were members of the School Board of Trustees, who were thrilled to witness firsthand the positive impact of such an inclusive event. They mingled with students and families, sharing in the joy and pride that filled the air.

As the event drew to a close, the sense of community and unity was stronger than ever. The 3rd Annual Super Star Buddy Relay was more than just a day of fun; it celebrated the power of inclusion and the strength of diversity. Thanks to the efforts of the Student Services Department and the unwavering support of volunteers and attendees, the day was a resounding success. Participants left the stadium with memories of friendship and triumph, anticipating next year's relays. The Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services, Dr. Mechelle Epps, ended with, "The Galena Park ISD community once again demonstrated that when we come together, we can create an environment where everyone shines like a superstar!"

ASK DIAMOND JIM



Diamond Jim: "What can you tell us about pearls?"

Pearl Education

Welcome to the world of pearls. With the tremendous variety of pearls on the market today, pearls are considered the least understood of all gemstones. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the different types of pearls, pearl grading, their history, and recommendations for care before your make a new pearl purchase.

Types of Pearls:



Akoya Pearls

For nearly 100 years, akoya pearls grown off the coast of Japan have been the classic pearl of choice. When one pictures a round strand of white pearls, they are usually thinking of akoya.

Although rare baroque shapes and natural colors like silver-blue and gold do exist, akoya pearls are best known for their perfectly round shape and sharp, reflective luster.

While exceptions do exist, most akoya pearls produced today range in sizes from 4 to 10 mm.

If you are looking for a classic strand of round, white pearls, you are probably looking for a strand of akoya pearls.

Freshwater Pearls

The most affordable pearls sold today, freshwater pearls are known for baroque shapes, white and pastel body colors and softer luster than akoya (except in the case of rare metallics).

With natural pastel colors and shapes that range from perfectly round to free-form baroque, freshwater pearls offer a widest range of options.

Common sizes range from 5 mm to 12 mm, but recent advances have led to the development of round and baroque pearls as large as 20 mm.

If you are looking for an affordable piece or something more fashion-forward with unique combinations of colors and shapes, shop freshwater pearls.

Tahitian Pearls

Tahitian pearls grown in French Polynesia are the only naturally dark pearls. Although often referred to as black, Tahitian pearls come in a rainbow of exotic colors. Round Tahitian pearls are quite rare but other fun shapes like drops, baroques and ovals are highly-sought and still considered very valuable. If you are looking for a naturally dark pearls that go well with almost any style, Tahitian pearls may be your best choice.

Pearl Care

Pearls are the world's only organic gemstone, and therefore, tend to be quite delicate. Proper care of your pearl jewelry is essential to ensure your investment will last a lifetime. Personal care products, such as perfume or hairspray, can severely damage the luster and beauty of a pearl.

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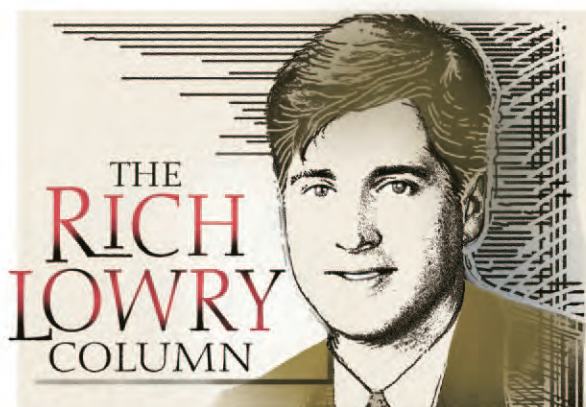
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OPINION PAGE



Canada is not the enemy

Canada is not the enemy. Canada has always been an inoffensive country, and how is that working out for it? President Trump has made more threatening sounds about Canada than about Russia.

The madman theory has much to recommend it ... when dealing with Hamas or the Houthis. No one heretofore has thought it has similar benefits when handling relations with Ottawa.

It's important to realize the magnitude of the threat Trump is making. About three-quarters of Canadian exports go to the United States, accounting for 20% of Canadian GDP.

This is the kind of thing a much larger country does to a miscreant nation when it is punishing it for pursuing an illicit nuclear weapon, invading a neighbor or engaging in human rights abuses.

Canada's sin is to be party to a free-trade agreement — the USMCA — that it negotiated in good faith with the same U.S. president now browbeating it.

Defenders of Trump's approach to trade tend to cite China as an example of how pure free-trade theory doesn't work in the real world — China is an authoritarian society, engages in massive intellectual theft and other unfair practices, and can't be trusted not to cut off supply chains on a crisis.

None of this applies to Canada, a friendly, English-speaking country that shares our values and fights wars alongside us, not against us.

That doesn't mean there aren't legitimate complaints about Canada. But the fentanyl trade and illegal border crossings aren't really among them (Canada is not Mexico). It is true that Canada protects politically sensitive sectors of its economy, most notably dairy and lumber.

These matters have long been the subject of U.S.-Canadian negotiations. Whatever else you think of Canada's dairy policy, it isn't an emergency as contemplated under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act that Trump is using as the legal basis for his tariff threats.

If nothing else, President Trump is succeeding in deranging Canadian politics. It's not just the possibility of ruinous tariffs, but the talk of Canada as the 51st state, a somewhat amusing joke that — as Trump keeps talking about it — now has to be considered half-serious.

This is disrespectful at best and threatening at worst. Why should we care? Well, it is a boost to Justin Trudeau's party in impending elections and a drag on the conservative populist Pierre Poilievre.

Trump has suggested that he believes he can use economic coercion to induce Canada to submit to annexation. The opposite is likely true; the more we troll Canada and disrupt its economy, the greater the anti-U.S. reaction.

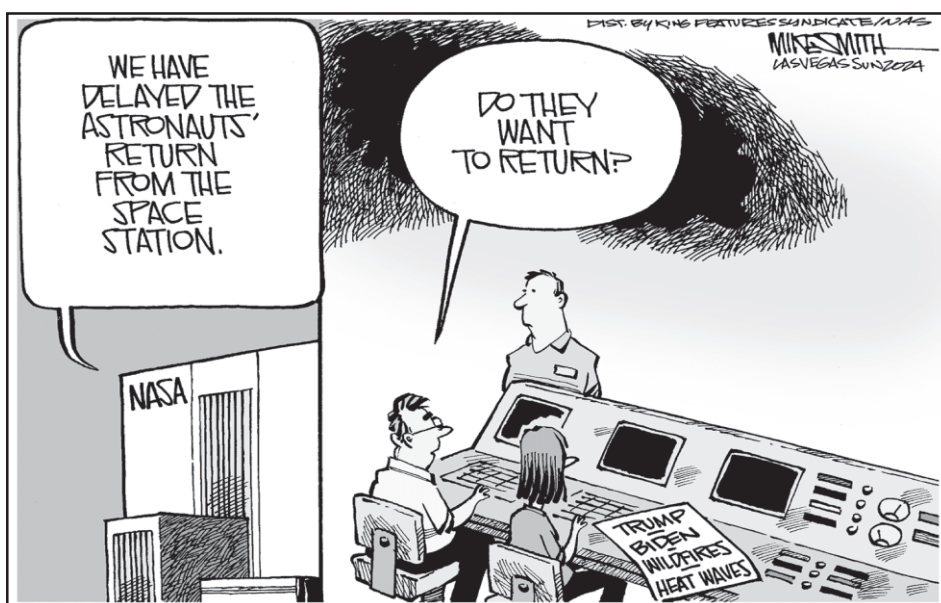
Trump should take as a win greater Canadian efforts against fentanyl and on the border (although these aren't hugely consequential), while kicking complaints about Canada trade practices to next year when the USMCA is scheduled to come up for review anyway.

At the top of our list with Canada should be pushing it to spend more on its military. As part of that, we should seek to deepen what is already an incredibly close defense relationship — with a particular focus on securing our interests in the Arctic — rather than foundering on gratuitous enmity.

John F. Kennedy said of Canada: "Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners. And necessity has made us allies. Those whom nature hath so joined together, let no man put asunder."

The man in the Oval Office, unfortunately, has a different idea.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

House Proposes \$7.5B in New School Funding

Critics say a House bill proposing \$7.5 billion in new funding for public education doesn't go far enough, The Dallas Morning News reported. House Bill 2 would raise the per-student allotment by \$220, to \$6,360 a year.

The bill by Rep. Brad Buckley, R-Salado, would increase the amount of allotment used to raise salaries for non-administrative staff from the current 30% to 40%. Some testifying against the bill said the proposed raises for teachers is inadequate.

"The pay teachers receive demonstrates the level of respect afforded to our children," said Megan Holden, a 10th-grade English teacher at an Austin-area high school. "They are getting the message that Texas doesn't value them or their future."

The basic allotment would need to increase by \$1,300 to keep up with inflation since 2019, according to The News. That's the last time the allotment was increased.

The Texas Senate has already passed its version of a public education bill: a measure that would give \$10,000 raises to teachers with at least five years working in districts with fewer than 5,000 students, with teachers in larger districts getting \$5,500 raises.

The average teacher in Texas made \$62,500 last year, according to the Texas Education Agency, up from \$54,000 in 2019. According to the federal Consumer Price Index, cumulative inflation over that period is about 20%, meaning teacher salaries have not quite kept up with inflation.

STATE WORKERS MUST RETURN IN PERSON TO OFFICES

Gov. Greg Abbott has directed heads of state agencies to phase out remote work "as soon as practicable," the Texas Standard reported. That follows a similar mandate for federal workers issued by President Trump last week.

"Texans expect their public servants to be present and engaged in the work on their behalf," Andrew Mahaleris, the governor's press secretary, said in a statement. "With remote federal workers returning to the office where possible, it's important that state agencies ensure they do the same."

No written policy has been



given to department heads, but they were directed to transition to in-person work "as soon as practicable."

RISK OF WILDFIRES INCREASING; FEDS PROVIDE FUNDING

Wildfire season is underway in the state with burn bans in place in 111 counties, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. The Welder Complex fire in Sinton was the only active fire as of Sunday. It had burned 803 acres and was 95% contained.

Abbott's office announced last week that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved the state's request for federal assistance for the Welder Fire in San Patricio County and the Duke Fire in Bexar County. The approval from FEMA makes the state eligible to be reimbursed for 75% of the costs associated with fighting the two fires.

On a single day last week, state emergency responders battled 41 new wildfires that burned more than 4,400 acres.

TEXAS SENATE OKS PLAN FOR \$3 BILLION DEMENTIA RESEARCH

Creation of a multibillion-dollar dementia research center is a step closer to fruition after the Texas Senate overwhelmingly passed a measure authored by state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston. The Austin American-Statesman reported the bill would create the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. If the measure is ultimately passed and signed into law, it still must be approved by voters as a constitutional amendment.

"Dementia is a disease of particular concern because it robs a person of their thoughts and memories — the very essence of that person," Huffman said. "It leads to a loss of quality of life and independent function that

places an immense burden on families and loved ones, and our overall health care system."

The institute would be modeled after the state's cancer prevention institute. It would distribute grants to universities and other research organizations to fund studies on dementia prevention and treatment.

SUPREME COURT TO HEAR NUCLEAR DISPOSAL CASE

The Supreme Court this week will hear longstanding arguments in a case that could result in Texas hosting the nation's first independent disposal facility for spent nuclear fuel, Inside Climate News reported. The state government and a Texas oil company sued the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 2021 over its licensing of a temporary storage site in Andrews County for up to 11 million pounds of spent uranium fuel.

Thousands of tons of high-level radioactive waste are now stored at nuclear power plants across the country. For decades federal authorities have tried to develop a national, permanent site in the face of considerable opposition.

In August 2023, the Fifth Circuit of Appeals canceled a site license to Waste Control Specialists, writing that U.S. law dictates construction of a permanent repository, not a temporary one as proposed by the NRC.

"It plainly contemplates that, until there's a permanent repository, spent nuclear fuel is to be stored onsite at-the-reactor or in a federal facility," Judge James Ho wrote. "The Atomic Energy Act doesn't authorize the Commission to license a private, away-from-reactor storage facility for spent nuclear fuel."

MEASLES CASES IN SOUTH PLAINS NEAR 200

The number of measles cases reported in the South Plains region of the state reached 198 as of last Friday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Twenty-three people have been hospitalized and one unvaccinated school-aged child has died.

More than two-thirds of the cases have been in Gaines County, southwest of Lubbock. An unvaccinated New Mexico adult in Lea County, just over the border from Gaines County, died last week.

Measles is highly contagious, and DSHS has said additional cases are likely to occur "in the outbreak area and the surrounding areas."

SPRING BREAK DRUNK DRIVING PREVENTION CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Many college students are celebrating spring break this week, and the Texas Department of Transportation has launched a campaign to prevent drunk driving accidents as part of its "Drive Sober. No Regrets" initiative.

During the 2023 spring break period, TxDOT said there were 375 alcohol-related crashes resulting in nine deaths in Texas involving drivers between the ages of 17 and 30.

Students can save lives by designating a sober driver, using ride shares, taxis and mass transit, or simply staying put after drinking.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Perfect for the Day



I had not planned on a party; that was the trouble.

There is something ridiculous about a woman who has collected so many dresses that they barely fit in her adequately sized closet, showing up at her own anniversary party with nothing to wear. But that is the position I was about to find myself in.

Every time I've come to Mexico, I've brought one especially nice dress. Every time, it has hung in my small closet in Mexico, untouched. The restaurants we go to just don't require a serious dress. A nice pair of capris or a casual summer dress is much more appropriate for anywhere my husband, Peter, and I go.

But we hadn't even thought about an anniversary party when we packed to leave for this trip. I distinctly remember looking at a lovely dress that takes up no space at all and thinking, "Is there any point in schlepping this all the way to Mexico?"

No, I decided. Wasted space, I decided. Then, a couple of weeks before our 10th anniversary, I suggested to Peter that maybe we should have a party. It was at night, so Peter was mostly asleep. I have found this is a good time to spring new ideas on Peter. "A party?"

"Yes! An anniversary party!" "Hmmm." This might have sounded as if Peter was thinking it over, but I knew he was falling asleep. However, now that the subject had been broached, I could say the next morning:

"So! What do you think about the party we were talking about last night?"

Perhaps Peter's subconscious had been at work, because he didn't seem opposed to the idea in the morning. "No presents!" he said.

"No presents," I agreed. "I don't like it being all about me," he added.

"I don't think it will be. We have a lot of friends here now, and a lot of them don't know each other. I think it could be fun to introduce them. Plus, I think the hotel would enjoy throwing a party."

This part, Peter knew, was true. Our chef, Daniel, is a very good cook. He loves to try new things out on us. But most days, he's busy making hamburgers and enchiladas and french fries. Getting a chance to make something a little fancier for an invited party is exactly the kind of thing that gets him excited.

So Peter mentioned the still hypothetical party to a couple of people on his walk that day, and they said they'd love to come, and before we knew it, we had a plan. Then we started a list with everyone we'd like to invite.

"Maybe 16 people," I told Chef Daniel.

"It could be up to 20," I said a little later.

"No more than 25." "We have 25 confirmed. There might be a couple more."

At that point, the entire indoor part of the restaurant was reserved for us and the menu was planned, and I ordered a very large chocolate cake. It looked as if the party was on.

And I still had nothing to wear.

Peter, who knows I own more dresses than any sensible person should, was not taking this mini clothing crisis seriously. So I decided to follow suit.

I went to the store that sold Indian imports, and I bought a very long, very bright, very unserious skirt. I will wear it with a string of shiny beads, and it will be perfect for the day — a day that is not especially serious and was not expected, but came together exactly as it should.

Till next time, Carrie

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Marathon Hearing on Voucher Bill,

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a disconnect between the rhetoric and what the bill actually says.”

HB 3 is a universal voucher program that would provide an estimated \$10,330 to students (and more for those with disabilities) who attend private schools and \$2,000 for homeschooled students in the program. The amount for private school students is set at 85 percent of the average local and state funding public schools receive per student statewide; it is estimated to grow to \$10,889 by 2030 in the bill’s fiscal note. Lawmakers have initially set aside \$1 billion for the program for 2027, while the Legislative Budget Board estimates the program’s net cost at nearly \$4 billion by 2030.

Proponents of the bill touted that HB 3 prioritizes low-income students and students with disabilities. If applicants exceed capacity, the bill lays out a priority order favoring kids with disabilities and in households at or below 200 or 500 percent of the federal poverty line. Despite that language, critics argue there are barriers for such families.

“Prioritization in a lot of states is window dressing because what matters is who actually gets the funds; who actually gets admitted; or who’s already been admitted,” Talarico said.

Democratic Representative Harold Dutton argued

high tuition rates made private schools cost-prohibitive for low-income students, citing an average private school tuition of around \$27,000 in the Houston area. “If you get \$10,000, you’re still \$17,000 short. And for most of these families that are poor families, that creates, you know, a mirage that they can now access it.”

Representatives of the Texas Private Schools Association and the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops spoke of financial assistance that private schools could offer to some families.

Talarico called for a hard cap on income for eligible families and a provision that would give current public school students priority over current private school students to be added to the bill. “What we’re talking about is we are sending our limited, precious taxpayer dollars to the wealthiest families in the state who are already sending their kids to private school. And if you say that’s not the purpose, then put it in your bill.”

Democratic Representative Diego Bernal recommended adding a mandate for private schools to waive the difference between the tuition and the voucher amount for low-income applicants.

“That would be an inappropriate regulation into the private school and an inappropriate interven-



Demonstration by the Texas American Federation of Teachers on the Capitol steps, opposing the Voucher bill.

tion into that process with the parent,” responded Jennifer Allmon, executive director of the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops.

Matthew Ladner, a senior policy adviser with the right-wing Heritage Foundation, testified that “private schools wouldn’t participate” if that mandate was included in the proposal.

Voucher opponents expressed concerns that it would mostly be current private school students who would ultimately take advantage of the program. Josh Cowen, a professor of education policy at Michigan State University, testified that only a quarter of voucher program participants nationwide came from public schools. The bill’s fiscal note estimates that of 350,000 students currently attending private schools statewide, “50 percent would apply to participate in the program in the first year, increas-

ing 5 percent each subsequent year.”

HB 3’s per-student funding formula, along with details of its student prioritization and some provisions related to kids with disabilities, distinguish it from its counterpart Senate Bill 2, which the Texas Senate has already passed.

Under HB 3, students with disabilities in private school could receive up to \$30,000 a year—but private schools do not have to offer special education services, as public schools are required to under federal special education laws, said Steven Aleman, a policy specialist with Disability Rights Texas. “There is no state law or federal law for that matter that requires an IEP [Individualized Education Program for students with disabilities] be developed by a private school for a student with a disability. The rights that a student gets

pursuant to IDEA [the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act], you forgo those rights when you go to a private school.”

Laura Colangelo, executive director of the Texas Private Schools Association testified that 19 percent of private school students currently enrolled have “special needs” and that services students can receive are dependent on the student’s contract with the private school.

Others testified that private schools did not admit or accommodate the needs of students with disabilities. “My name is Phil Lee, sixth grade, and I use a power walker because I have cerebral palsy,” a student testified. “My mom has tried and looked at private schools for me, but they turned me away because I’m in a wheelchair.”

Liz Piñon, a mother of kids with disabilities and education associate with the pro-public ed Intercultural Development Research Association, testified, “We’ve explored the possibility of private schools all over DFW, but the outcome was always the same. As soon as they learned about our children’s disabilities, the doors were closed.”

“If we truly want to support students with disabilities, we must strengthen, not abandon, our public schools instead of draining money from our public schools. Why not fix our system, fully fund our spe-

cial ed schools, reduce those class sizes, hire and train more special ed teachers, and expand access to transition programs to prepare students for life after high school?” Piñon said.

Criticism of the bill came from both sides of the political aisle, with conservatives denouncing the program’s high cost to taxpayers. “I’m coming to you as a Texas retired teacher and as a conservative from Harris County. I’m a Republican precinct lead, and I wanted to remind you to please represent your Texas constituents. ... My input for you today is to kill this bill,” Mary Ann Jackson said.

Mary Lowe, who testified as a member of the conservative public education group Families Engaged, said the debate around vouchers was “ripping the party apart.” She added, “This bill has an open-ended check for the taxpayer.”

Last week, the education committee heard testimony on House Bill 2, what Buckley has called “a historic school funding bill.” While applauding the bill’s investment in special education funding, school district leaders and teachers criticized the bill for insufficient increases to the state’s basic allotment and to teacher pay.

Teen fatally shot at Galena Park Basketball court; Suspect charged with murder,

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Adam a close friend and classmate of Jayden said, “I and Jayden and some friends had been shooting hoops the evening before when some of us decided we’d walk down the street to the GP soccer field (Dement Field).”

“Shortly after we had left where Jayden and others were still at the basketball court I heard what sounded like gun shots in the direction of the basketball court. I hurriedly began my way back to the court and while walking there in my mind I was praying the shots I heard wasn’t Jayden getting shot.”

“He (Jayden) had told me some weeks earlier there was someone out to get him who had some kind of a grudge against him. At the time I told Jayden not to worry he had lots of friends who would defend him.”

Adam continued, “As I arrived back at the basketball court I could see someone lying on the court. I prayed it wasn’t Jayden but as I got closer I saw it was him. I dropped down and began crying, it hurt me to see him like that.”

Adam concluded, “Jayden and I were in the tenth grade together and we were looking forward to moving up to the eleventh grade next year, I will miss him.”

Jennifer Hernandez, Adam’s mother tearfully told me, “While our kids are here at the basketball court there needs to be police here and coming by often, but they’re not, it’s hardly ever you see a police car come by here.”

Lolita Dixon of GP another teen’s mother I talked to at the scene had brought her son there to see where his friend Jayden was killed. I could see and tell her son was moved by what had happened. His mother and I cautioned him to be careful when he’s out with his friends because you never know when someone appears with a gun and starts shooting.

Ms. Dixon too agreed with the other parents assembled there that GP doesn’t have enough police patrolling the area while kids are at the basketball court. Both she and Ms. Hernandez said they’ll be at the next GP council meeting to voice their concern for the need of more police at the courts.

While at the scene, teens Maya, Miguel and Jose some of Jayden’s cousins and friends mourning his death made a memorial scene nearby placing flowers, candles, a toy basketball, soccer ball and football (see photo). While I spoke to them they were visibly shaken by the tragedy of their love one.

Before I left the shooting scene at about 3pm Jayden’s mother Maria Palomo and a large group of family and friends arrived mourning their love one’s death. Ms. Palomo was naturally in a state of extreme emotional distress. She sat down and placed her hands on the spot where hours before her son Jayden laid dead.

Ms. Palomo approached me and after paying my respects to her and offering my condolences I asked her if she’d like to make a comment which could help some other parent from enduring a loss of their child to such a tragedy.

Jayden’s mom Ms. Palomo said, “Yes I want to tell parents to lead their kids to Christ, have them walk close to Christ in their life.”

I asked Maria did Jayden know Christ. She replied yes he knew Christ, he wasn’t perfect in his walk with Christ but he tried to be.” I replied to her, none of us are sinless according to the Bible, she agreed. She and I hugged tightly as I parted.

The Harris County Sheriff’s Department was called to investigate the shooting of Jayden Alexander Solis and afterwards charged 17-year-old Angel Elizalde of Houston with murder according to Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez. Jayden was pronounced dead at the scene. Details on what happened leading up to the teen being shot are limited.

Harris County District Attorney’s office’s prosecutors say three eyewitnesses identified Elizalde as the shooter. The defendant did not appear in his initial court setting Monday (3-17-25) afternoon. The magistrate said he was told Elizalde was being combative in custody. Elizalde’s next court setting is set to appear Tuesday (3-18-25) in the 337th District Court; his bond is set at \$500,000.



Grieving mother Maria Palomo sitting at the location of where her son Jayden Solis’ laid dying after being shot. (Allan Jamail Photo)

Channelview ISD Renames Athletic Complex to Honor Coach William E. Jennings,

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Superintendent Dr. Tory C. Hill, Zelaendor Johnson Jennings, and Brandon Jennings are joined by Roger Bridgwater, director of community involvement from Harris County Precinct 3 Commissioner Tom Ramsey’s office to present a resolution in memory of former athletic director William E. Jennings.

master’s in physical education. He was hired as an assistant coach at Channelview High School in August of 1981. He served as an assistant coach for eight years before being named athletic director for Channelview ISD in 1995. He held that position until his passing in July 2024.

His family hosted a celebration of life at the Bill Neal Center (CISD’s gymnasium) where hundreds were able to pay their respects.

“I am grateful that our trustees have chosen to honor Coach Jennings by naming the complex after

him. Coach Jennings was deeply dedicated to our student-athletes and the CISD athletics program,” Hill said at the ceremony.

The Channelview ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the renaming of the district’s sports complex on August 20, 2024, in recognition of Coach Jennings’ 30-year tenure as Athletic Director and 43 years of service to the district. The official dedication ceremony featured remarks from Superintendent Dr. Tory C. Hill, Board President Alex Ybarra, New Athletic Director Damion Hopkins, and

members of the Jennings family, who shared heartfelt reflections on Coach Jennings’ unwavering commitment to student-athletes and the Channelview community.

“His legacy will live on in every athlete who steps onto the field, every coach who leads with integrity, and every student who strives for excellence,” Hill told the community gathered at the complex.

Following the ceremony, attendees gathered for the official ribbon-cutting, symbolizing the continuation of Coach Jennings’ lasting influence on Channelview athletics.



Two days after Jayden Solis’ death his aunt lies down sobbing and grieving next to his memorial while being comforted by a family friend. (Allan Jamail Photo)

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Examine documents at the East Houston office of LJA Engineering, Inc, Amtek Plan Room, Dodge Data & Analytics, AGC of Texas, Construct Connect and the City.

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A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. at the City of Jacinto City Wastewater Treatment Plant, 12202 Market Street, Houston, Texas 77015, and virtually through Microsoft Teams. To join virtually, the link is: <https://rb.gy/dtct0k> or join by phone by calling +1 346-202-6170 and entering Conference ID: 903 989 169#.

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"The Residence"

"The Residence" (TV-MA) — This whodunnit series hails from the production company Shondaland...

Family" (TV-MA) — This limited drama series has two heavy hitters in television — Ellen Pompeo of "Grey's Anatomy" fame and Mark Duplass from shows like "The Mindy Project" and "The Morning Show."

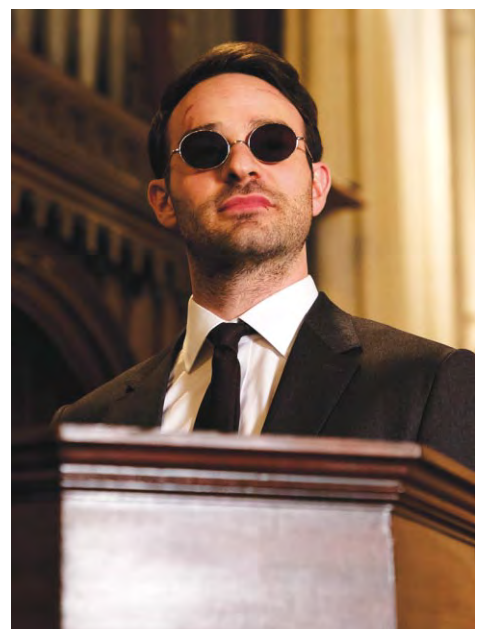
"Happy Face" (TV-MA) — This true-crime drama series was adapted from Melissa Moore's real-life story as the daughter of the "Happy Face" killer Keith Hunter Jespersen.

"Picture This" (PG-13) — For their latest original film out now, Amazon Prime enlisted the help of two actors who were sure to bring this rom-com to life: "Bridgerton's" Simone Ashley and "After's" Hero Fiennes Tiffin.



Q: Who is the actor playing "Daredevil" in the new series on Disney+? What else has he been in? — E.O.

A: Charlie Cox was born in London and studied drama there before landing his first on-screen role in 2001 in the BBC series "Judge John Deed."



Charlie Cox as Matt Murdock/Daredevil.

Q: I read that Jen Shah from "The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City" will be getting out of prison early. Have there been any other "Real Housewives" besides Shah and Teresa Giudice who have gone to prison? — L.S.

A: Jen Shah and Teresa Giudice (of "The Real Housewives of New Jersey") are the only two Bravo network Housewives to serve time in federal prison, but several others have been to jail.

Luann de Lesseps was arrested for battery and disorderly intoxication in 2017 in Florida while she was a cast member of "The Real Housewives of New York City."

sentencing is Karen Huger of "The Real Housewives of the Potomac," who wrecked her car and was charged with a DUI in 2024.

Q: I thought the new revival of "Frasier" had been canceled, but now I'm reading that Kelsey Grammer says it will be back. Is this true? — R.R.

A: Yes, the "Frasier" reboot was recently canceled after two seasons by Paramount+. I think the obvious reason it never caught on like the original series was that it was missing three very familiar faces:

Star Kelsey Grammer is hopeful that another streamer or network will pick it up. In fact, he's confident that "Cheers" star Ted Danson will also co-star or at least appear on the series.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU grid and instructions. Difficulty: Moderate. HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS comic strip by Henry Boltinoff. Find at least six differences in details between panels.

King Crossword puzzle grid and clues. Includes Across and Down sections.

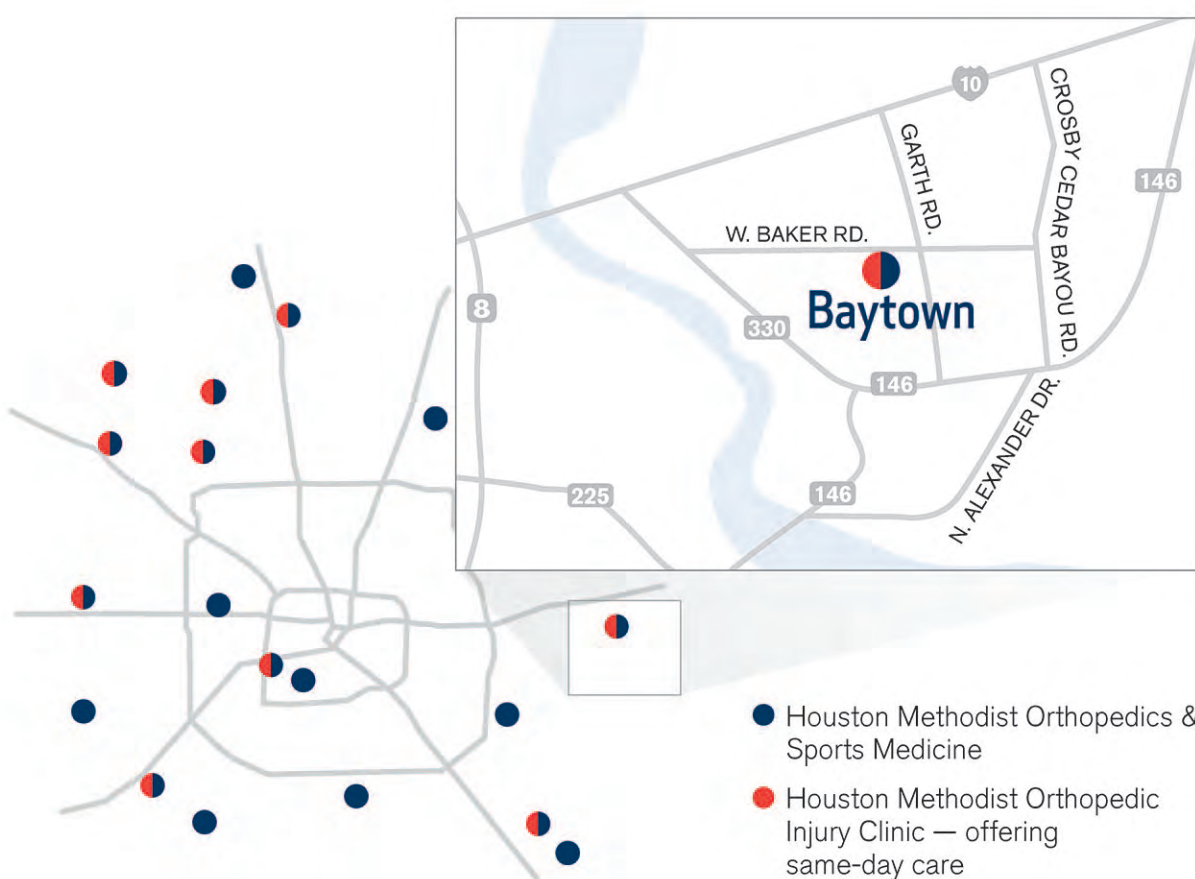
Trivia Test section with 10 questions and answers. Topics include General Knowledge, Movies, Literature, Language, Television, History, Geography, Medicine, U.S. Presidents, and Math.



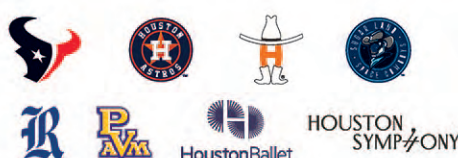
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