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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### Let's Get Ready to "Relay For Life"

Mark your calendars and save the date for this year's North Channel Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society. This year's event is scheduled for Friday April 25 from 6pm to midnight at the North Shore High School 9th grade track. Cancer Survivors and Caretakers will be recognized and luminaria remembrances will light up the track. There will of course be food, games and prizes along with live entertainment as the community raises funds in the fight against Cancer.

### 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 clanna@phase3servicesllc.com for ticket information or sponsorship opportunities.

## Community to Meet About San Jacinto River Cancer Cluster Discovery April 8 & 21

Two community meetings are planned to discuss a recent assessment by the State of Texas that residents in a 250 square mile area of the San Jacinto River floodplain suffer from higher than expected rates of cancer. The meetings are being organized by Texas Health and Environment Alliance (THEA), which had requested the state cancer study. They are scheduled for: **Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00pm** San Jacinto Community Center 604 Highland Woods Dr, Highlands, TX 77562 **Monday, April 21 at 6:00pm**

Crosby Community Center 409 Hare Rd, Crosby, TX 77532 The state report covers a large area, 65 census tracts in all, surrounding the San Jacinto from just below the Lake Houston Dam in Atascocita to the point where the river flows into Galveston Bay. It identified four types of cancer that were found at rates that are higher than expected: Cervix Uteri Cancer, Leukemia, Lung and Bronchus Cancer, and Lymphoma According to THEA CEO Jackie Medcalf, "Residents have suspected for a long time that the high



incidence of cancer in the area isn't normal. The state report confirms that most of east Harris County is a cancer cluster. It's important to remember that the study area includes the San Jacinto River Waste Pits and four other Superfund Sites. For the last 35 years, the state has advised people to not eat fish and shellfish from

the river because of dioxin releases." "Keep in mind that the cancer cluster area is the source of much of the drinking water for Houston and the surrounding region," Mrs. Medcalf said, "the purpose of the meetings is to come together as a community and talk about what this means to local residents."

This isn't the first cancer assessment the state has done in this area. In 2015, the state broke down its review by individual census tracts and found 14 different types of cancer, including several childhood cancers, that were above the expected rates. The new state assessment doesn't address those cancer clusters or offer any explanation of what has changed. In addition to the meetings, THEA has launched an online campaign to ask the state to provide more information. You can find more information at www.TXHEA.org.

## Channelview ISD Students Visit Texas Capitol to Advocate for Education and Policy Change

By Allan Jamail

Austin, Tx. ~ February 21st 2025 is a day students will remember which could possibly lead them to become future legislators/elected officials thanks to the forward thinking of the CVISD trustees and administrators. This valuable experience I'd hope all school districts if not already will adopt a similar venture for their students. As a former union official representing over seventy Building Trade unions my Austin lobbying trips did not afford me this type of a lobbying education beforehand. While I was effective on getting some legislation passed for worker's rights and safety, no doubt if I'd been educated beforehand as these students my trips would have been more productive. The students who took the trip were members of the Channelview High School's, (CHS) *The Voice*. This is a committee of students who speak to the



Channelview ISD students, parents, teachers, and district administrators at the Texas State Capitol on February 21st 2025. (Photo by Linda Jamail)

trustees and administration through *The Voice's* communications links. According to Lila Hollin, Executive Director of Communications to be a member of *The Voice* students must have an acceptable grade average and then be evaluated by the Board of Trustees and school administrators. This an excellent program for developing students future career paths. *The Voice* also gives the entire stu-

dent body a source to express themselves as to what they feel is needed and or what can be improved upon. *The Voice* said its mission is to promote positive transformation through CVISD through the pillars of community, honesty, communication, inclusivity, collaboration, and peer empowerment. *The Voice* continued saying, we aim to be a strong voice that promotes

student advocacy empowering all students and striving to enhance the educational experiences within our district, making them more enjoyable and rewarding. This dedicated group of Channelview ISD students, parents, teachers, and district administrators traveled to Austin, where they engaged in meaningful discussions with local elected officials about the future of public

education. For students, this trip was a unique opportunity to gain firsthand experience in the legislative process. They presented their own bill ideas (see below), learning how policies are shaped and how their voices can impact the future of education in Texas. Through this experience, students deepened their understanding of civic engagement while developing critical advocacy and leadership skills. For parents, teachers, and district administrators, the trip represented a commitment to championing public education. As part of an advocacy group, they met with legislators to discuss key issues affecting schools and students, ensuring that the needs of Channelview ISD and public education remained at the forefront of state discussions. Continued. See CVISD STUDENTS LEARN LEGISLATION'S, Page 2

## Homeowner's Quick Action Prevents Burglary

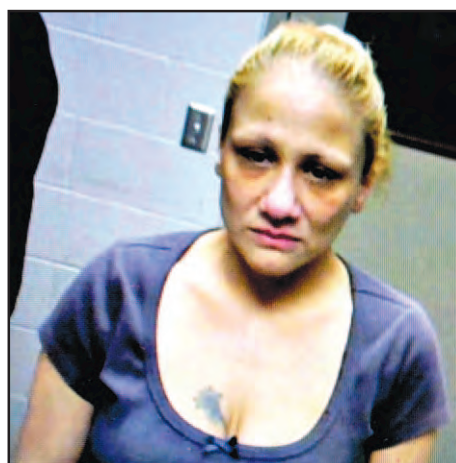
### Escape Route Blocked

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. ~ February 22, 2025 on a Saturday afternoon a Jacinto City resident left her home in the 10500 block of Oswego Street for her usual shopping trip. After being gone awhile when she returned home she pulled into her driveway and noticed an unknown male and unknown female going in and out of her home's back door. They were carrying out her personal belongings and putting them into a car parked towards the back of her driveway next to her backdoor. The smart homeowner quickly exited her vehicle letting it block her driveway to prevent the suspects from driving away. She called 911 and ran to her front yard, the sus-



Nicolaus A. Villalobos. (Photo by JCPD)



Maria Salinas. (Photo by JCPD)

pects chased after her yelling for her to remove her car so they could get away. The homeowner ran down the street to get away from the suspects until the police could arrive. Jacinto City police officers J. Reyes, S. Mendez, and Detective R. Barker arrived at the scene within minutes... upon learning the suspect's description from the home-

owner and by which she also pointed to a house to the officers she saw the suspects go into on her same street. While officers were talking to the complainant the male suspect later identified as Nicolaus Anthony Villalobos ran from the house he had entered after the burglary. A foot chase began with Officer J. Reyes in pursuit, after running

several blocks away from the crime scene the suspect ran into a place of business on Market Street Road. Officer Reyes located the hiding suspect and arrested him. The officers then went to the house the suspects had entered and upon making their presence known the female suspect later identified as Maria Salinas came outside the

house. Salinas and Villalobos were identified at the scene for breaking into the home. The suspects were transported to the JCPD and processed; afterwards the Harris County District Attorney's Office charged them with Felony Burglary of a Habitation. The quick action of the JCPD and the homeowner solved the crime within an hour. The suspects were transferred to the Harris County Jail where a \$20,000 bond was set pending their burglary trial. Villalobos burglary trial is set for 4-1-25... he's also charged with violation of a previous bond/protective order; that trial is set for 4-8-25. Salinas has been released after posting her bond, her trial is set for 4-16-25. Villalobos remains in custody of the HCSO, both suspects have past criminal records.

### Commentary on Law Enforcement in Jacinto City

By Allan Jamail

The North Channel Star is an asset to its readers by allowing me to use their paper as they have as an investigative photojournalist reporting crimes. As a Crime Prevention Specialist I can declare that the reporting of crimes to the public is a valuable tool in crime prevention. As a former police chief and city marshal I was a graduate of the Texas Department of Public Safety Academy and the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield, Illinois in courses vital to the Criminal Justice Program. Even though retired I still adhere to my code of ethics for protecting those in law enforcement. I've been able to be trusted by law enforcement. Continued. See JC LAW ENFORCEMENT, Page 3

# SHELDON ISD NEWS

## Regional results lead to state eligibility for 32 high school singers

We are proud to announce that 32 students from C.E. King High School choir programs have earned Division 1 Ratings at Region Solo and Ensemble and are eligible to compete in State Solo and Ensemble in Austin. Students in grades 9-12 demonstrated exceptional talent and hard work, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. Best of luck to all the students advancing to State and choir conductors Tay-

lor Surratt and Cryselle Cruz—we can't wait to see you shine on that stage!

**Ensemble Students:**  
Sofia de la Fuente, Natalie Ruiz, Cesilia Ramirez, Layla Trevino, Valetina Cantu Charles, De'shawnika Telfor, John Adams, Franklin Richardson, Luis Perez, Thomas Reyes, Kira Monuma-Antoine, Florencia Donan, and Amairany Avila.

**Soloist:**  
Zion Stephen, Kyle Wilson, Jonathan Pachuca,

Miguel Barriga, Sofia de la Fuente, John Adams, Everardo Saldana, Secret Fletcher, Haleigh Gipson, Lauren Roman, Julie Ngo, Arielle Monuma-Antoine, Kira Monuma-Antoine, Gabriella Trevino, Giovanni Silva, Thomas Reyes, Aiden Rodriguez, Torrey Barlow, Luis Perez, Jose Lopez, Donovan Davis, Kaliyah Blount, Kimora Dunkentel, Layla Trevino, Cesilia Ramirez, Aaralyn Munoz, Yamilla Todriguez, and Florencia Donan.

## Two 2023 C. E. King Graduates Step into Nursing



Sheldon ISD proudly hosted the San Jacinto College North- Associate Degree in Nursing Pinning Ceremony in the Performing Arts Center on March 6. Among the 19 college graduates were two of our very own 2023 C.E. King High School KNIT (King Nurses in Training) graduates, Ciarra Scott and Jazmin Lucas, both distinguished top 10% students

in their class. We celebrate their dedication to healthcare and wish them the best as they prepare for the NCLEX exam to become fully certified registered nurses. With San Jacinto College North boasting a 100% NCLEX pass rate, we are confident in their success and look forward to seeing them thrive in their careers! The KNIT (King

Nurses in Training) program, an accelerated nursing program of study, was developed by Sheldon ISD in partnership with San Jacinto College North. Through this partnership, KNIT students benefit from mentorship by professionals and nursing students, along with practical learning opportunities.

## Sheldon ISD Artwork goes to State at Texas Elementary Art Meet Contest

Sheldon ISD is proud to announce the following results from the 2025 Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) Texas Elementary Art Meet (TEAM) art contest for Region 4N. Student artworks are evaluated for Personal Expression/Purpose, Technique, Craftsmanship, and Elements of Art/Principles of Design on a TEKS-based rubric in which the top score of a 3 (III) is Excellent, for which the student receives a medal. Then, from those Excellent artworks, the top 10% overall are named Top of Team, earn an additional medal, and are selected for display on the State TEAM website.

- Congratulations to:**
- \*Shamarke Ahmed, Grade 4, of Sheldon Elementary (Ms. Christopher, Art Teacher) for "Skyline," **Rating III Medal**
  - \*Alessandro Chicas, PreK, of Sheldon ECA (Ms. York, Art Teacher) for "Mud Roll," **Rating III Medal**
  - \*Matthew Garcia, Grade 5, of Royalwood Elementary (Ms. Barron, Art Teacher) for "The Staircase to Heaven," **Rating III Medal**
  - \*Julian Jasso, Grade 4, of Royalwood Elementary (Ms. Barron, Art Teacher) for "Superhero Dog on the Way," **Rating III Medal**
  - \*Elijah Malveaux-Jones, Grade 4, of Royalwood Elementary (Ms. Barron, Art Teacher) for "The Whisper," **Rating III Medal**
  - \*Jennifer Vasquez, Grade 4, of Royalwood Elementary (Ms. Barron, Art Teacher) for "The Dad Brand Truck," **Rating III Medal**
  - \*Josiah Williams, PreK, of Sheldon ECA (Ms. York, Art Teacher) for "No Bath," **Rating III Medal**
  - \*Lilly Williamson, Grade 5, of Sheldon Elementary (Ms. Christopher, Art Teacher) for "Walrus," **Rating III Medal**
  - \*Nelson Cole, Grade 5, of Sheldon Elementary (Ms. Christopher, Art Teacher) for "This is Me," **Rating III and Top of TEAM Medals!**
  - \*Alexander Puluc, Kindergarten, of Sheldon ECA (Ms. York, Art Teacher) for "Cactus Crossing," **Rating III and Top of TEAM Medals!**
  - \*Layla Rape, Grade 5, of Sheldon Elementary (Ms. Christopher, Art Teacher) for "One Summer," **Rating III and Top of TEAM Medals!**
- These students will be recognized at the Sheldon Spotlight Awards Night on May 6 in the Performing Arts Center at C.E. King High School.

## Channelview students learn legislation's path in Austin,

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The group departed Channelview at 5:30 a.m. and spent the entire day at the Capitol, meeting with lawmakers, touring the historic building, and witnessing the legislative process in action.

"Providing our students with a front-row seat to the legislative process empowers them to be active participants in shaping their future," said Superintendent Dr. Tory C. Hill. "In tandem, our parents, teachers, and leaders are committed to advocating for policies that support and strengthen our schools. There are so many great things happening in public education, and it's important to share that message—especially at such a crucial time for the future of our schools."

This initiative underscores Channelview ISD's dedication to fostering student engagement, supporting educators, and ensuring a strong future for public education.

The students presented three bill ideas before a mockup committee consisting of legislators and State Representative Ana Hernandez and her staff. Those on the committee said afterwards they were amazed at how well the students presented their pieces of suggested legislation.

Linda Jamail, the Community Liaison for Rep. Hernandez boarded the 5:30am bus departure from Channelview, she said, "These students are to be commended by how well they behaved and by their professional way of lobbying for their three bills."

Their three suggested mock bills was one on a MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT ACT, that'd provided extended knowledge of mental health issues to parents and staff about health mental health is-



Photo file photo State Representative Ana Hernandez introduced a Health & Safety bill (HB3771) prohibiting the selling tobacco near a school.

sues among teens.

Another was the RISE ACT-RESOURCES & INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS, that'd promote equality in learning environments by ensuring all students have access to the resources they need to succeed.

Lastly suggested was the CARE ACT (COMBATING ABUSE & REDUCING EXPOSURE). It would establish preventative measures to reduce student exposure to alcohol, marijuana and cannabis on school campuses.

State Representative Ana Hernandez has introduced in this 89th Legislature a bill (HB # 3771) under the Health & Safety Code relating to the operation near a public school of a retail establishment selling cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or tobacco products providing a civil penalty for noncompliance of the Act not to exceed \$5,000. As of this writing the bill has been referred to the Public Health Committee; 4-2-25.

**Rep. Hernandez stated:** I had the honor hosting students from Channelview ISD at the Capitol as

they presented their legislative proposals in a mock committee hearing. Their thoughtful and well-researched presentations focused on mental health, academics, safety, and the importance of public education. I am extremely proud of their efforts and applaud them, the teachers, principals, and administrators for their civic engagement in the legislative process. Very impressive work! Thank you for visiting your State Capitol!

This bill would prohibit a retailer to operate tobacco establishment within one mile from a public primary or secondary school campus.

My thanks to CVISD's Lila Hollin, Executive Director of Communications, Teresa Gomez, Communications Specialist and Community Liaison for Rep. Hernandez for the providing information/photos for this article. Lila said this trip was made possible with funds by donations/sponsors and the district. Anyone desiring to help with future events such as this can contact 281-452-8080.

## Garcia testifies in Washington on FEMA Disaster responses



Commissioner Garcia urges improved disaster response

HOUSTON – With Hurricane season two months away, recent disasters have highlighted how critical FEMA is in helping Harris County recover.

This week, Commissioner Garcia was on Capitol Hill representing counties nationwide as Chair of the

Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee and Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Disaster Reform Task Force for the National Association of Counties (NACo).

In his role as an advocate of NACo, Commissioner Garcia represents

counties large and small, rural and urban, any of which might be impacted by a disaster. He testified before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Emergency Management to advocate for faster, more efficient FEMA funding.

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**CHARLOTTE'S WEB**  
By Charlotte Jackson 

**Expect a Blessing**

When you wake up each morning, how do you react? Are you someone who says "Yes! I am excited about what today is going to hold!" or are you like my younger friend who drags into work with the attitude of "Is it Friday yet?" If you are at least twenty years old, you have undoubtedly seen life have some difficulties, as well as some great celebrations and some disappointments.

Life is too short to be full of gloom and doom. I have a friend who not only is a survivor of extreme domestic violence but has been raising her two sons alone for the past twenty-one years. In addition, her niece who was raised as her own child, was killed five years ago when an attacker chased her into traffic on Interstate 10, in the middle of the night and she was killed. Once her niece died, she began to raise her great-nephew as her own son. After a few weeks, the little boy lost his father to cancer. Not once in five years have, I heard her complain about the hand she has been dealt. Did I mention that her youngest son has several diagnoses, including Autism, Bipolar Disorder and more? And her great-nephew is non-verbal Autism. Between the two boys, she has at least eight medical appointments monthly, not to mention not receiving any respite care. She has other appointments monthly for social services that she relies upon.

I know an amazing community member who lost their spouse within days of a diagnosis of a health condition. Not once in the years after losing their spouse, have they slowed down. They continue to put one foot forward and not only help their children and their grandchildren but also volunteer with two major non-profit organizations in leadership positions.

There is an older gentleman in the Channel-view community who has no spouse, no children and he is retired. He could easily sit in front of the television or read another book or visit one of the many senior adult programs in the area. Yet he chooses to get his daily exercise while cleaning up the roads in the area. And as the sun goes down, you can find him at any one of several community events sharing the importance of keeping the area clean. He believes that if your area is clean, others will be less likely to throw trash in the area. He attends events where he can share knowledge, he has learned about everything from improving your health, maintaining your mental health, and how to help raise awareness of the dangers of pollution in the area.

While there are many individuals who complain about what is wrong, these three individuals wake up expecting a blessing. They are never looking for a blessing for themselves yet instead looking to be a blessing to others. I challenge you this week to take on their attitudes and expect a blessing.

**JC Law Enforcement,**

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ment to help them solve crimes and provide citizenry with crimes having been committed and or solved to alert them so to be more aware of what's happening in their neighborhoods so they can become less vulnerable.

Health code crimes is a crime in JC too that's become neglected, it's needing the city to become more active filing on the violators to force compliance. In 1973 as the founder of the Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee (KJCCC) I have maintained a good relationship with many citizens. The committee in recent years has reported over 350 crimes against the public's health, some from habitual violators, without KJCCC's help the city would be in much worse condition.

Many of those violations came to KJCCC from citizens who want a cleaner city. Today we're seeing a rapid deterioration city-wide from untold amounts of building code violations and an excessive amount of high grass/weed violations which become rat infested and mosquito breeding places.

The city needs a better active code enforcement program; currently the violations are outpacing enforcement by leaps and bounds. Some of the violators are habitual violators; they're making a mockery out of the city's code enforcement program.

Recently I met with City Manager Lon Squyres, he admitted the city's code enforcement needs to be beefed up and become more actively involved with violations than it is. We discussed amending the current ordinance for habitual health code violators where after so many violations in a year it

would call for an increased penalty.

An amendment that Mayor Ana Diaz's dad Javier Gonzalez said he supports too because he said the same habitual violators year after year won't cleanup their yards of high grass/weeds or fix their rotten houses, he suggested habitual violators should pay a triple fine. Javier and his wife Baldramina keeps their property in excellent condition as many other citizens do. More reporting on this to come.

Crimes of all types can be reduced/solved with a citizenry and their law enforcement agency working together.

As mayor forty years ago JCPD Chief Ayala served in the JCPD under my administration and was one I could rely on to be efficient with his law enforcement duties/responsibilities.

Chief Joe Ayala is to be commended and is one of the many police administrators who trust me to do accurate and fair reporting and to always protect confidential sources and witnesses' information. He wants the public to be aware of crimes in their neighborhoods so they can take preventative steps.

A police agency that's transparent is fulfilling its obligation to the community they serve by reporting crimes to the public regardless if the crimes committed have been solved or not.

Public awareness of criminal activity is a valuable tool which smart police administrations can use. Transparency helps solves unsolved crimes too. Law enforcement agencies always keep their sources of tips about crimes protected/confidential.

**ASK DIAMOND JIM**



**Diamond Jim: "What Exactly is "White Gold" and How's it Made?"**

White gold is inherently warm in color, and not dead white like platinum. White gold is not found in nature, since the element from the earth is pure yellow gold (referred to as 24k). In order to achieve a whiter hue, other metals are added to the pure yellow gold. This combination of metals is called an "alloy." By definition, 14k gold means that 14 parts of the alloy out of the total 24 parts are gold. The remaining 10 parts in the alloy are other metals. The other metals depend upon the final color you're trying to achieve. For example, 14k yellow gold may have copper, silver, and zinc added so that the yellow color is lightened, but still maintained. Rose gold will have more copper so that the coppery hue is achieved. And white gold will have a white metal, such as nickel or palladium added so that the resulting alloy is whiter.

Although the final color of 14k white gold is whiter than pure yellow gold, 14 parts out of its total 24 parts are still yellow gold. I like to compare it to a bucket paint: It's like adding as much white paint to a bucket of yellow paint as you can. The resulting color will look much whiter, but that yellow paint in the bucket still remains. The same is true of white gold; It will appear whiter but its undertone is still yellow gold.



**Why is it that sometimes a white gold ring will turn warmer in color over time?**

Sometimes that original warmer color is harder to see since our eyes are distracted by shiny things! Rings often start out polished, and the reflective surface makes subtleties in color hard to see. But as it's worn, the ring's surface becomes scuffed up, and that reflective surface dulls. White gold's inherent color is easier for us to see due to the duller, less distracting surface. Additionally, although most of the metals in the white gold alloy do not tarnish (turn colors due to exposure to oxygen), there are tiny amounts of metals which can oxidize. This means white gold can "turn" a slightly warmer color with time. Having the ring professionally polished can make it shiny again. But something to keep in mind is that professional polishing removes a layer of metal each time. You wouldn't want to get your ring polished too frequently since it would wear away the gold too quickly. If you prefer a whiter appearance I'd recommend going with **rhodium plating** rather than frequent professional polishing. That way the ring isn't thinned too early in its life, and the fine texture isn't polished away prematurely.

Rhodium is a metal in the platinum family, so it has that same grey/white color. Many commercially made jewelry will be rhodium plated to look like platinum. One downside to plating is that it requires upkeep by re-plating every so often. Some people prefer not to plate their white gold for a few reasons. The main reason is that they like the warmer color of white gold, and don't find it to be inferior to platinum's color. Many people prefer a whiter color in their white gold jewelry and would like to rhodium plate their rings. Rhodium plating can be done at Pineforest Jewelry in our repair shop and, unlike most jewelers who plate to a 1 micron of thickness, we prefer to plate to about 2 microns thick. This usually offers a longer lasting plating .of your beautiful jewelry. So, if you love that bright white hue, rhodium plating is a great option for you. Come see us at Pineforest Jewelry and ask Gary about Rhodium plating

Thank you for reading the "Ask Diamond Jim" column and for supporting the North Channel Star Newspaper!

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OPINION

By BILL KING



With No Immigration, U.S. Population could fall 30% by Year 2100

The US Census Bureau makes projections of the US population based on various immigration scenarios.

In its main case, which the Census Bureau considers the most likely scenario, the US population is projected to increase slowly from its current level of about 338 million to 369 million by 2080, with an average annual growth rate of 0.0163%.

In the high case, which assumes approximately 1.5 million new immigrants each year, the population continues to grow for the remainder of the century, reaching 435 million by 2100.

In the low case, which assumes about 500,000 new immigrants each year, the population peaks in 2043 at just under 346 million, representing a 2.8% increase from the current population.

But the scenario that really caught my attention was the zero-immigration projection. In this scenario, the US population is projected to have already peaked and will decline by over 30% by 2100, reaching approximately 225 million.

If you look at the components of the zero-immigration projection, you will see that net immigration is a negative number for all years. This is because, contrary to what many believe and what is trumpeted incessantly on social media, many immigrants leave the country every year.

Many leave voluntarily. A good example is when young people come here on educational visas and then return to their country after completing their education.

There is a heavy emphasis on immigration in these projections because it is the most impactful factor on population and the most difficult to predict. When making a population projection, three key variables must be taken into account: the birth rate, the death rate, and immigration.

However, the country can regulate the number of people who enter the country. The rate of immigration, therefore, depends on the public's attitude toward immigration and how their feelings will be reflected in public policy.

I think the US will have significantly lower immigration rates in the near term. That is what the American people want, and it was the animating issue in the 2024 election.

However, I am not sure that will be a good predictor of this cycle. The country has never experienced an anti-immigrant cycle with this demographic setup or with information moving at the speed it does today, or with two dysfunctional parties representing the extremes in the country.

But the attitudes will change. Because this kind of population loss, or even a stagnate population, is going to create economic hardships for a wide swath of the country. When businesses' growth stagnates, and people see their favorite restaurant close because the owner cannot find enough help to keep it open, or they cannot find anyone to do their yard work, attitudes toward immigration will soften.

For those of you who engage in the fantasy that native Americans will backfill these jobs, let me assure that it is exactly that - a fantasy. In the zero-immigration scenario, there will only be about 9 million Americans between the ages of 14 and 24 would in 2100.

The American ship of state has a massive ballast. It will eventually right itself and we will not have a net zero immigration policy, at least, not for long. But in the meantime, the country is about to experience demographics unlike anything in its history.

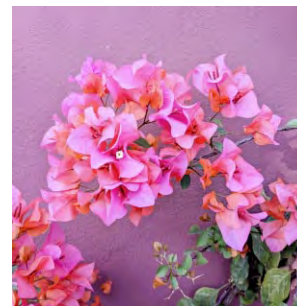
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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Bougainvillea Poetry



After a while, no one wants to look like a tourist.

Experienced travelers will buy a hat in a local store, convinced that having the same head covering will somehow make them less conspicuous.

If the tourists who don't want to appear to be tourists take photos, they only take a picture of themselves and their traveling partners.

I was at a poetry reading the other day. I go to very few poetry readings. Because I write, I have writer friends, and some of them write poetry.

I sit among a group of people, listening to poetry, while consciously thinking to myself, "I have no idea what that means."

As I puzzle over what it might mean, the poet keeps on reading. Then I realize I have missed the last line. Now I really don't understand what is being talked about.

But at this poetry reading, I heard something that I understood—although it was not from the poet who was reading, but from another poet.

Everyone around the poet laughed, and I actually knew what she meant—and I was kind of sorry that I did.

Much of Mexico is filled with bougainvillea, which bloom for most of the year, and San Miguel is no exception. It is stunning, especially blooming against a brightly painted wall.

Everyone photographs the bougainvillea when they first arrive. Then they realize it is everywhere, and in time, they usually stop noticing it altogether.

If having more refined tastes means I stop noticing bougainvillea, I'd be happy with the tastes I have, even if I never understand much poetry. Because it seems to me the ability to notice the beautiful in the ordinary is more important than recognizing the unusual.

My friend read her poetry, which I was delighted to discover I not only understood but found very funny. And I left, thinking about her poetry, and poetry in general, and bougainvillea in particular.

It is ordinary beauty that stuns me, time after time.

Seeing something that has no business being so beautiful—in a setting where no one even notices—seems like a miracle. Having the luxury to stop and enjoy it—perhaps even take a picture—feels to me like an act of worship.

It is not a bad thing to be a tourist. It is not terrible to stop in the middle of the sidewalk, blocking foot traffic, overwhelmed by the beauty of an ordinary thing.

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Senate Backs Prayer Time, Ten Commandments in Classrooms

The Texas Senate last week passed a bill to allow school districts to set aside time for in-school prayer and gave initial approval to requiring all schools to post a copy of the Ten Commandments in every classroom.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

and fishing. DPS would manage all law enforcement duties, such as game wardens. Employees of TPWD would be transferred to the agencies overseeing the new duties.

PAXTON MULLING RUN AGAINST CORNYN IN 2026

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is raising money for a possible primary challenge against U.S. Sen. John Cornyn next year, the Chronicle reported.

BILL SEEKS TO IMPROVE STATE'S WILDFIRE RESPONSE

A Panhandle legislator

BILL FILED TO ABOLISH TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

A Waco lawmaker has filed a bill to abolish the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and transfer its duties to the Texas General Land Office, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Public Safety, the Houston Chronicle reported.

whose district and his own property were affected by last year's wildfire that burned more than 1 million acres has filed a bill to create a statewide system connecting all first responders and government agencies to the same network.

MEASLES CASES NOW TOP 300 IN STATE

The number of confirmed measles cases in Texas now totals 309 as of Friday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services, with 40 hospitalizations and one fatality.

The U.S. Justice Department has dropped its lawsuit against a 2023 state law that allowed local and state law enforcement to arrest and deport undocumented migrants.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION**  
**GALENA PARK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**May 3, 2025**

The Galena Park Independent School District hereby gives notice that Galena Park ISD. will hold an election on May 3, 2025, between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing two (2) trustees for three-year terms in Position 3 and Position 4.

**EARLY VOTING**

**Early Voting Times**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 – Friday, April 25, 2025 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Monday, April 28, 2025 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Main Early Voting Location**

Galena Park ISD Administration Building – Q106,  
 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

**Branch Early Voting Location**

Galena Park Middle School – Front Hallway  
 400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547

Any qualified voter may vote in person at the main early voting polling place or at the early voting branch location during designated times.

**ELECTION DAY**

Election Day is Saturday, May 3, 2025. Voting will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2025, at the following locations:

GPISD Elect. Pet. ID	Precinct No.	Polling Place
#2	81, 164, 208	Galena Park Middle School – Front Hallway, 400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547
#3	266, 354, 824	Green Valley Elementary – Front Hallway, 13350 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015
#4	353, 376, 1017, 1023	Kenneth J. Tice Elementary – Cafeteria, 14120 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX 77049
#5	368, 413, 460, 725	North Shore Elementary – Room 1502, 14310 Duncannon, Houston, TX 77015
#6	375, 827, 831, 872	Cloverleaf Elementary – Room 1402, 1035 Frankie St., Houston, TX 77015
#7	162, 163	Jacinto City Town Center – Meeting Room, 1025 Oates Rd., Houston, TX 77029

**VOTING BY MAIL**

Applications for ballots by mail (ABBM) shall be mailed to: Belinda Mendoza, Early Voting Clerk, 14705 Woodforest Blvd. Houston, TX 77015, [bmendoza@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:bmendoza@galenaparkisd.com), 832-386-1167, [www.galenaparkisd.com/domain/98](http://www.galenaparkisd.com/domain/98). Applications for ballots by mail and Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received by the Early Voting Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on April 22, 2025.

**THÔNG BÁO VỀ CUỘC BẦU CỬ ỦY VIÊN QUẢN TRỊ**  
**KHU HỌC CHÁNH ĐỘC LẬP GALENA PARK**  
**NGÀY 3 THÁNG NĂM, 2025**

Khu Học Chánh Độc Lập Galena Park theo đây thông báo Galena Park ISD sẽ tổ chức một cuộc bầu cử từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối, ngày 3 tháng Năm, 2025, để bỏ phiếu bầu hai (2) ủy viên quản trị trong các nhiệm kỳ ba năm cho Vị Trí Số 3 và 4.

**BỘ PHIẾU SỚM**

**Giờ Bỏ Phiếu Sớm**

Thứ Ba, ngày 22 tháng Tư, 2025, tới thứ Sáu, ngày 25 tháng Tư, 2025 – 8 giờ sáng tới 5 giờ chiều.  
 Thứ Hai, ngày 28 tháng Tư, 2025 – 8 giờ sáng tới 5 giờ chiều  
 Thứ Ba, ngày 29 tháng Tư, 2025 – 8 giờ sáng tới 7 giờ tối

**Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu Sớm Chính**

Tòa Nhà Hành Chính Galena Park ISD - Q106,  
 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

**Địa Điểm Bỏ Phiếu Sớm Chi Nhánh**

Galena Park Middle School – Hội Trường Phía Trước  
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**NGÀY BẦU CỬ**

Ngày Bầu Cử là thứ Bảy, 3 tháng Năm, 2025. Tiến trình bỏ phiếu sẽ được tổ chức từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối ngày 3 tháng Năm, 2025 tại các địa điểm sau đây:

Số ID Phân Khu Bầu Cử GPISD	Phân Khu Bầu Cử Số	Địa Điểm Phòng Phiếu
#2	81, 164, 208	Galena Park Middle School – Hội Trường Phía Trước, 400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547
#3	266, 354, 824	Green Valley Elementary – Hội Trường Phía Trước, 13350 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015
#4	353, 376, 1017, 1023	Kenneth J. Tice Elementary – Phòng Ăn, 14120 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX 77049
#5	368, 413, 460, 725	North Shore Elementary – Phòng 1502, 14310 Duncannon, Houston, TX 77015
#6	375, 827, 831, 872	Cloverleaf Elementary – Phòng 1402, 1035 Frankie St., Houston, TX 77015
#7	162, 163	Jacinto City Town Center – Phòng Họp, 1025 Oates Rd., Houston, TX 77029

**BỘ PHIẾU QUA THƯ**

Địa chỉ nhận đơn xin lá phiếu bầu qua thư (ABBM): Belinda Mendoza, Early Voting Clerk, 14705 Woodforest Blvd. Houston, TX 77015, [bmendoza@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:bmendoza@galenaparkisd.com), 832-386-1167, [www.galenaparkisd.com/domain/98](http://www.galenaparkisd.com/domain/98). Các đơn xin lá phiếu bầu qua thư và Đơn xin Thẻ Bầu cử Liên bang (FPCAs) phải được gửi đến Thư ký Phụ Trách Bộ Phiếu Sớm trước 5 giờ chiều ngày 22 tháng Tư, 2025.

**AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE SÍNDICOS**  
**DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GALENA PARK**  
**3 DE MAYO DE 2025**

Por el presente, el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Galena Park informa que Galena Park ISD celebrará una elección el 3 de mayo de 2025 de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. para el propósito de elegir dos (2) síndicos para términos de tres años en posición número 3 y posición número 4:

**VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA**

**Horarios de Votación Anticipada**

Del martes 22 de abril de 2025 al viernes 25 de abril de 2025 de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.  
 Lunes 28 de abril de 2025 de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.  
 Martes 29 de abril de 2025 de 8:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

**Principal lugar de votación anticipada**

Galena Park ISD Administration Building – Q106,  
 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

**Sucursal de votación anticipada**

Galena Park Middle School – Corredor delantero  
 400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547

Cualquier votante que cumpla con los requisitos puede votar en persona en el lugar principal de votación anticipada o en la sucursal de votación anticipada durante los horarios designados.

**DÍA DE ELECCIÓN**

El Día de Elección es el sábado 3 de mayo de 2025. La votación se llevará a cabo de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 3 de mayo de 2025 en los siguientes lugares:

ID de Pcto. de Elect. de GPISD	Precinto Nro.	Lugar de votación
#2	81, 164, 208	Galena Park Middle School – Corredor delantero, 400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547
#3	266, 354, 824	Green Valley Elementary – Corredor delantero, 13350 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015
#4	353, 376, 1017, 1023	Kenneth J. Tice Elementary – Cafetería, 14120 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX 77049
#5	368, 413, 460, 725	North Shore Elementary – Sala 1502, 14310 Duncannon, Houston, TX 77015
#6	375, 827, 831, 872	Cloverleaf Elementary – Sala 1402, 1035 Frankie St., Houston, TX 77015
#7	162, 163	Jacinto City Town Center – Sala de juntas, 1025 Oates Rd., Houston, TX 77029

**VOTACIÓN POR CORREO**

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo postal (ABBM) deben ser enviadas por correo postal a: Belinda Mendoza, Early Voting Clerk, 14705 Woodforest Blvd. Houston, TX 77015, [bmendoza@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:bmendoza@galenaparkisd.com), 832-386-1167, [www.galenaparkisd.com/domain/98](http://www.galenaparkisd.com/domain/98). Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo postal y las solicitudes de tarjeta postal federal (FPCA) deben ser recibidas por la Oficial de Votación Anticipada antes de las 5:00 p.m. del 22 de abril de 2025.

**理事選舉通知**  
**GALENA PARK獨立學區**  
**2025年5月3日**

Galena Park獨立學區特此通知，Galena Park獨立學區將於2025年5月3日上午7:00至晚上7:00舉行一項選舉，藉此為第3和第4號席位選出兩（2）位任期為三年的理事。

**提前投票**

**提前投票時間**

2025年4月22日（週二）至2025年4月25日（週五），上午8:00至下午5:00  
 2025年4月28日（週一），上午8:00至下午5:00  
 2025年4月29日（週二），上午8:00至晚上7:00

**主要提前投票地點**

Galena Park ISD Administration Building - Q106,  
 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015

**分部提前投票地點**

Galena Park Middle School - 前走廊  
 400 Keene St., Galena Park, TX 77547

凡合資格選民，皆可於指定時間親自前往主要提前投票地點或分部提前投票地點進行投票。

**選舉日**

選舉日是2025年5月3日（週六）。投票將於2025年5月3日上午7:00至晚上7:00在以下地點舉行：

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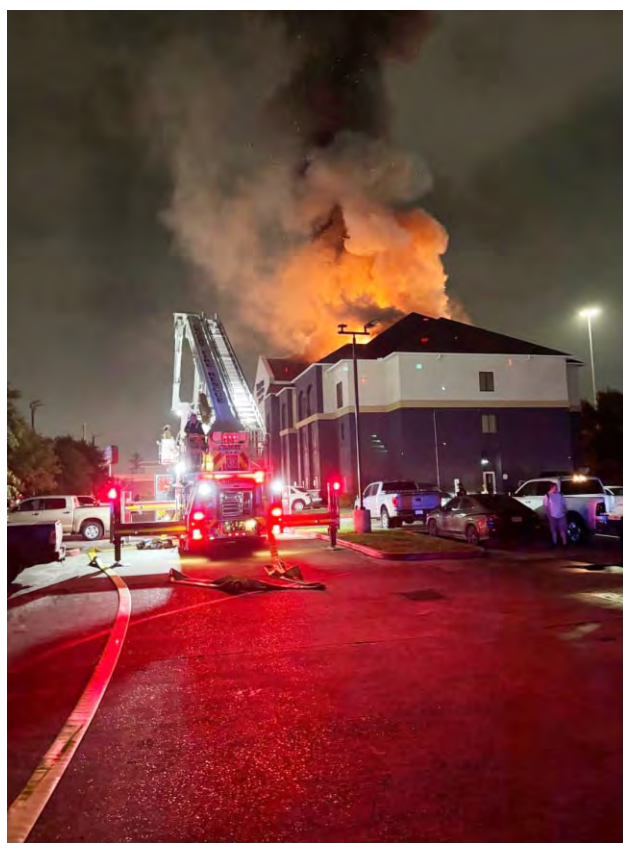
# Fire Breaks Out at Fairfield Inn & Suites in Channelview; All Guests Safely Evacuated



CHANNELVIEW - On March 28, 2025, around 11 p.m., a fire broke out at the Fairfield Inn & Suites located at 15822 East Freeway Service Road in Channelview, Texas. At the time, 32 rooms were occupied, but all guests and employees were safely evacuated, and no injuries were reported. The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office determined that the fire was accidental, originating from the advertising signage on the east side of the building.

Firefighters from the Channelview Fire Department, with assistance from the Crosby Volunteer Fire Department, responded promptly to the scene. Management coordinated with neighboring hotels to accommodate displaced guests.

The Fairfield Inn & Suites is a three-story hotel offering amenities such as free Wi-Fi, mini-fridges, microwaves, and coffee makers in each room.



## LEGAL NOTICE      LEGAL NOTICE      LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees Election held on May 3, 2025, will be tested on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Galena Park ISD Administration Building Room Q106 located at 14705 Woodforest Blvd. Houston, TX 77015 to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

### AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección de la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Galena Park que se llevará a cabo el 3 de mayo de 2025 se probará el miércoles, 16 de abril de 2025 a la 10:00 a.m. en la Sala Q106 del Edificio de Administración de Galena Park ISD para determinar si el equipo contará con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

### THÔNG BÁO CÔNG KHAI VỀ VIỆC KIỂM TRA THIẾT BỊ KIỂM PHIẾU TỰ ĐỘNG

Theo đây xin thông báo về việc thiết bị kiểm phiếu tự động sẽ được sử dụng trong Cuộc Bầu Cử Hội Đồng Quản Trị của Galena Park ISD diễn ra vào ngày 3 tháng Năm, 2025, sẽ được kiểm tra vào lúc 10 giờ sáng thứ Tư, ngày 16 tháng Tư, 2025, tại Phòng Q106 Tòa Nhà Hành Chánh của Galena Park ISD nằm tại 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, Texas 77015 để bảo đảm chắc chắn chiếc máy đó sẽ đếm chính xác số lá phiếu bầu cho tất cả các chức vụ và tất cả các dự luật.

### 自動列表顯示設備測試之公告

特此通告，用於2025年5月3日Galena Park ISD理事會選舉的自動列表顯示設備將於週三，2025年4月16日上午10:00，在Galena Park ISD行政大樓Q106室，14705 Woodforest Blvd. Houston, TX 77015 進行測試，以確定該設備能準確地計算針對所有職位和措施的投票結果。

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From left, Rachel Zegler and Jaeden Martell star in 'Y2K.'

'Y2K'

'Y2K' (R) — In his directorial debut, Kyle Mooney ('Saturday Night Live') brings back 2000s-style comedy in full force. This film deemed an 'apocalyptic sci-fi comedy horror' follows a group of high school students in 1999 who crash a New Year's Eve party. Expecting a night full of the usual teenage angst and antics, these kids receive the shock of their lives when the power goes out at midnight and technological chaos ensues! As pieces of technology from VCRs to Tamagotchis to microwaves begin to murder the partygoers, our group of unsuspecting high schoolers must fight to make it through the night. Jaeden Martell ('Mr. Harrigan's Phone'), Rachel Zegler ('The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes'), and even The Kid LAROI co-star in 'Y2K,' out on

April 4. (Max) \*\*\*

'PULSE' (TV-MA) — Fans of 'Grey's Anatomy' and medical dramas, look no further than this new series set to premiere on April 3. Taking place in a trauma center in Miami-Dade County, the show centers around Danny Simms, a third-year resident in emergency medicine. When her personal relationship with the chief resident gets him suspended, Danny receives a promotion so that she can prove herself. With a hurricane on its way to Miami and new responsibilities on her shoulders, Danny faces the biggest challenge of her entire career. Luckily, she has the help of a great staff, played by Colin Woodell ('The Flight Attendant'), Justina Machado ('The Horror of Dolores Roach'), and Jessie T. Usher ('Smile').

(Netflix) 'The Bondsman' (TV-MA) — Kevin Bacon ('Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F') has been enjoying thrilling roles as of late, and his latest role as the titular character in this eight-episode miniseries continues to add to his repertoire in the horror genre. Premiering April 3, 'The Bondsman' stars Bacon as Fred Herbert, a bounty hunter whose last mission didn't go too well and resulted in a gruesome death. However, Fred eventually wakes up and realizes that he's been resurrected ... with just a small catch. Lucifer only let Fred escape from hell on the condition that he continues his bounty-hunting job — but this time, he'll be catching demons. (Amazon Prime Video)

'CLASSIFIED' (R) — Most notably known for his role as Harvey Dent/Two-Face in Christopher Nolan's 'The Dark Knight,' Aaron Eckhart leads this action thriller out on April 4. Eckhart plays Evan, a hitman who has been getting his mission instructions from the CIA through the classified section of newspapers. His MI6 analyst daughter, Kacey (Abigail Breslin), tracks him down to tell him that these coded instructions haven't been coming from the CIA and that his boss has been dead for years. Desperate to find out who he's been killing for, Evan pairs his combat skills with his daughter's analyst skills to follow this lead. Tim Roth ('Poison') co-stars. (Hulu)

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HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

Q: Is it true that Meryl Streep is dating Martin Short? I thought they were just friends, but apparently they're in love? — S.J.

A: Yes, the two stars became an item after their on-screen love on the Hulu series 'Only Murders in the Building' turned into an off-screen courtship. Short was left heartbroken after losing his wife Nancy to ovarian cancer in 2010, while Streep has been separated from her husband, Don, since 2017.

Since their 'OMITB' characters, Loretta and Oliver, tied the knot last season, Streep will likely be featured in the upcoming fifth season of the hit whodunit series. Streep joined the show in season 3 as a recurring character. The new season, which is currently in production, will feature guest stars TV's Leoni ('Madame Secretary,' Keegan-Michael Key ('Wonka') and two-time Oscar winner Christoph Waltz.

Q: I read that Gwyneth Paltrow is going to be in something with Timothy Chalamet. I thought she retired from acting to focus on her lifestyle website. What happened? — J.A.

A: In 2017, Gwyneth Paltrow announced that she was taking a break from acting to focus on her business, Goop, but she didn't close the door completely. Her last major role was in the Netflix series 'The Politician,' which starred Ben Platt ('Dear Evan Hansen') and was co-produced by her husband, Brad Falchuk. That was back in 2020.

She's been selective about her next projects, which she has the luxury of doing. She's back on the set in 2025 with not one but two films, both comedies. First up is 'The Miracle on 74th Street' with Drew Barrymore and Christine Taylor, and then 'Marty Supreme,' which she's currently filming with Timothy Chalamet and Sandra Bernhard.

Q: I know that Donnie Wahlberg is an actor on a successful TV series, but whatever happened to his fellow boy band member Joey McIntyre? Is he still acting? — K.W.

A: Yes, Donnie Wahlberg and Joey McIntyre have both made a successful transition into acting since their days of singing and dancing with New Kids on the Block, a wildly successful boy band from the '90s. Wahl-



Actress Meryl Streep is dating on-screen love interest.

berg made the leap to film and TV with small roles in 'The Sixth Sense' and 'The Practice' before landing his big break, the critically acclaimed HBO miniseries 'Band of Brothers.'

He later appeared in the horror movie 'Saw II' and two of its sequels before being cast in the hit CBS police drama 'Blue Bloods,' which ended last year after 14 seasons. The network has a lot of faith in him and his character, Danny Reagan, because they're building a spinoff series around his character. 'Boston Blue' will launch during the 2025 fall TV season.

As for McIntyre, he starred in the short-lived CBS sitcom 'The McCarthys' a decade ago and has worked steadily ever since, mostly in TV movies like 'V.C. Andrews' Dawn' and the recent Roku Christmas movie 'Jingle Bell Love.'

Don't write off New Kids on the Block, however. Four of the five original band members, including McIntyre, will be performing in their very own Las Vegas residency called 'The Right Stuff' beginning this June. Visit NKOTB.com for more info.

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Weekly SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers 5, 9, 6, 8, 3, 8, 1, 7, 3, 4, 9, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 4, 7, 8, 4, 6, 5, 1, 2, 7

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Difficulty this week: Moderate, Challenging, HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Plink is missing; 2. Panel is missing; 3. Paper is added; 4. Screwdriver is longer; 5. Fan is smaller; 6. Box is missing.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Li'l Abner" creator
5 Yellowstone grazer
8 Cymbal's kin
12 Petri dish gel
13 Sturgeon product
14 Ancient Dead Sea land
15 Fierceness
17 Milan money, once
18 PC alternative
19 Sheryl Sandberg best seller
21 Grating
24 Harangue
25 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
26 With passion
30 Monk's title
31 Piquant
32 Tic-tac-toe win
33 Hit song by ABBA
35 Curved
36 Furred lines
37 Jiggly dessert
38 Rum cocktail
41 Pear-shaped fruit
42 Spumante source
43 Agitates
48 Actor Schreiber

King Crossword grid with numbers 1-53

DOWN

- 1 Half- (latte option)
2 Candle count
3 Standard
4 On time
5 Idle or Bana
6 Parcel of land
7 Bogart/Bacall classic
8 Trattoria deserts
9 Valhalla VIP
10 Sushi wrapper
11 Fed. agents
16 Low isle
20 Jealousy
21 Jazz phrase
22 Estate measure
23 Burn something
24 Tears apart
26 Imaginary
27 Toy store buy
28 Lounge
29 Cellist Ma

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. TELEVISION: In the sitcom 'Modern Family,' Gloria is from which country?
2. LITERATURE: Which author wrote 'Kite Thief' and 'A Thousand Splendid Suns'?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the deepest lake in the world?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which first lady's name was Lady Bird?
5. ASTRONOMY: How many stars make the Big Dipper?
6. MOVIES: Which famous Hollywood actor played lead roles in the film version of 'Wuthering Heights' and 'The Wolf of Wall Street'?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of kangaroos called?
8. GEOMETRY: How many sides does a dodecahedron have?
9. ART: Which American artist focused on women and children in her paintings?
10. ANATOMY: What substance gives skin its color?

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Answers for King Crossword: 1. Li'l Abner, 5. Yellowstone, 8. Cymbal's kin, 12. Petri dish gel, 13. Sturgeon product, 14. Ancient Dead Sea land, 15. Fierceness, 17. Milan money, once, 18. PC alternative, 19. Sheryl Sandberg best seller, 21. Grating, 24. Harangue, 25. "Rhyme Pays" rapper, 26. With passion, 30. Monk's title, 31. Piquant, 32. Tic-tac-toe win, 33. Hit song by ABBA, 35. Curved, 36. Furred lines, 37. Jiggly dessert, 38. Rum cocktail, 41. Pear-shaped fruit, 42. Spumante source, 43. Agitates, 48. Actor Schreiber

Answers for Trivia test: 1. Mexico, 2. Khaled Hosseini, 3. Lake Baikal, Russia, 4. Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson, 5. Seven, 6. Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor, 7. A surfite, 8. 10, 9. Mary Cassatt, 10. Melanin



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