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Coffee with the Commissioner a Popular Event

JACINTO CITY – Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia held one of his “Café With The Commissioner” events last Saturday morning, June 7 at the Taqueria Arcos de Jalisco on Holland Avenue in Jacinto City.

Garcia has held several of these informal listening sessions throughout his district, giving his constituents an opportunity to speak about issues that are important to them.

The commissioner listens and discusses ideas and concerns of those who attend, and along with his staff makes notes to follow up on questions that need answers or action.

Here are some comments from those who attended:



FROM CHARLOTTE JACKSON

What an amazing way to spend a Saturday morning. Getting to spend time with Heritage Hall Director Elizabeth Flores, Pct. Chair LaGloria Sephus, Harris County PCT 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, and Dr Chara Bowie. Together, we can continue to make differences in East Harris County by continuing to build connections and listen to the needs of each other.

— at Taqueria Arcos De Jalisco.



FROM LON SQUIYRES

City Manager for Jacinto City, Lon Squyres, makes a point and gestures emphatically in a discussion with Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, at the Coffee with the Commissioner event last Saturday morning, June 7 at the Taqueria Arcos de Jalisco on Holland Avenue.

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CHANNEL CURRENTS

C.H.I.C. Meeting: Port Houston's Listening Tour Thursday June 26

Port Houston is currently on a Listening Tour and wants to hear from Channelview and other surrounding Port community residents.

To learn from and engage with the communities they serve, Port Houston's Manager of Community Relations, Garrett Berg will be at C.H.I.C.'s meeting this month to hear directly from community members about our concerns and improvements we would like to see happen.

June 26, 2025
Time: 6:30 p.m.
A social time will be held 5:30-6:20 pm

Place: Channelview Fire Department Station 3
1210 Dell Dale
Channelview, TX 77530

Police search for Hit & Run trucker in fatal I-10 accident



The overturned vehicle had been struck in the rear by an 18 wheeler truck on IH 10 according to witnesses. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. ~ Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at approximately 10 am according to witnesses an 18 wheeler truck traveling east in the 10900 block of IH 10 struck the rear of a white vehicle also traveling east. The impact caused the white vehicle to spin and leave the freeway from the outside

lane and flip upside down into trees on the embankment.

Witnesses said the truck driver did not stop and continued traveling eastbound.

The accident location was in the city of Houston. Anyone with information on the hit & run accident should call Houston Police at 713-884-3131

Jacinto City Fire & Rescue members arrived on the scene and began rescue operations to free the driver from the wreckage. They used a special hydraulic tool

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Jacinto City's New Hi-Tech Water Meters

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, Tx. ~ June 16, 2025 Jacinto City residents' water consumption will soon be recorded in real time and monitored by the city's water department using a hi-tech water meter. This new system will revolutionize water meter usage record keeping and can drastically reduce a city's cost by eliminating meter reading personnel out in the field.

According to Supervisor Francisco Hernandez with Accurate Meter & Supply in Katy, Texas the Badger brand meters they're installing are very accurate and will record water usage as small as a single drip of water.

Hernandez said after all the meters are installed the city will be able to make the metering software's app available to residents so they can monitor their own water consumption via the internet with a

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Francisco Hernandez of Accurate Metering LLC is installing the Badger meter with BEACON transmitter and antenna to North Channel Star writer Allan Jamail's water line. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Walle, Alvarado Concrete Plant Regulation Bill Passed

AUSTIN – Senate Bill 2351 by Sen. Carol Alvarado (companion to House Bill 1768 by Rep. Armando Walle) finally passed the Texas House and is on its way to the Governor for final approval. The legislation directly addresses issues related to concrete batch plants across the state.

SB 2351 is the product of collaboration between legislators, community interests and industry representatives. Currently, a prospective concrete batch plant operator may be granted a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that gives them 18 months to begin construction on the plant. If they do not

meet that deadline, they can request up to two additional 18-month extensions from TCEQ.

With this legislation, if a concrete plant operator wishes to extend their initial permit, TCEQ may require them to update the plant's construction plans in accordance with the most recent amendment of the standard air permit.

Rep. Armando Walle (HD 140) released the following statement:

“I am grateful to all of the folks who came together from all sides of this issue to support this good public policy that helps our constituents, the industry and the overseeing agency. We've seen firsthand how this issue affects plants in our district, and we're proud to have helped craft a bal-

anced solution. Sen. Alvarado and I are steadfast champions on this issue, and will continue to fight for clean air, fair business practices, and supportive agency oversight to protect the Texans we serve.”

Sen. Carol Alvarado (SD 10) issued the following statement:

“I was proud to partner with Representative Walle to create policy that brings long-needed accountability to the operators of these plants. Aldine, and every community beset by concrete batch plants, knows that more needs to be done. Next session, and every session, I am committed to advancing legislation to ensure that every neighborhood breathes clean air.”

THEA Pushes for greater Transparency on Toxic Waste Pits Cleanup, Cancer Clusters

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

The Texas Health and Environment Alliance (THEA), a nonprofit focused on protecting public health and the environment, has ramped up its advocacy for addressing critical health and environmental concerns in communities near the San Jacinto River. During a recent meeting, Jackie Medcalf, founder and executive director of THEA, addressed the organization's ongoing efforts and frustrations.

In 2015, a study conducted by the Texas Department of State Health Services identified elevated rates of several types of cancer, including leukemia and lymphoma, in a 257-square-mile area. An updated report, released in 2024, confirmed these find-



THEA founder Jackie Medcalf discusses the latest difficulties in a long list of challenges with the EPA cleanup of the San Jacinto River Superfund Waste Pits.

ings but lacked detailed data breakdowns by census tract and omitted next-step recommendations.

Medcalf expressed disappointment over the state health department's handling of the study.

“They have the data. They have all this information. They're just withhold-

ing it from the community and the public, and that's a problem,” she said. “We firmly believe that data of the community should live with the community.”

THEA has made formal requests for more detailed information from the health department, but as of May, the group received a terse response: “At this time, we do not have any additional information as it relates to your request.” Medcalf criticized the lack of community engagement in the study process, saying, “Epidemiologists tell me it is best practices for the state to come to town and say, ‘Hey, this is what we're doing, and we'll be back when we have the results.’”

The meeting also shed light on the environmental

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NORTH SHORE ROTARY CLUB NEWS



INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS & BOARD

The Rotary Club of North Shore gathered for the 68th Annual Installation Banquet and Awards Ceremony. We praised our outgoing 2024-2025 President, Mrs. Danna Urbantke Nino, for her incredible leadership, servants heart, and for meeting and exceeding all of her goals. We then welcomed in our newly installed 2025-2026 President, Mrs. Minelia Izaguirre. We were joined by Rotary District 5890 Past District Governor, Ms. Heather Rimato, Governor Mrs. Nancy Anderson, District Governor Elect, Mr. Tom Kelchner, Past District Governors Mr. John Painter, and Mr. Bill Palko. We were also joined by Assistant Governor, Ms. Edie Houlden, Ms. Dona Ficker Burke, and many others. Our master of ceremonies, was our own Wayne Oquin, who did an excellent job.



Incoming President Mini Izaguirre is sworn in to office by District 5890 Governor Heather Rimato.



District 5890 Governor Heather Rimato swears in the Officers and Board for the new year.



District Governor-Elect Tom Kelchner poses with other distinguished guests.



Outgoing president Danna Niño passes the gavel of authority to the new President Mini Izaguirre.

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Dr. Donald Niño receives the Rotarian of the Year award from the outgoing president, Danna Niño, his wife.



Distinguished guests included Past District Governors John Painter and Bill Palko.

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to and renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 4759, which would authorize modification to and continued operation of an existing Channelview Facility at 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Love Others

Think about when you were young. What is the first memory that you have? It is usually being held by a parent or other relative. When you reflect on your earliest friends, you typically think about a sibling or perhaps a cousin. Do you remember how good it felt to be loved and accepted?

As we grow up, we move into a larger group of contacts. Perhaps it is memories of attending church, day care or maybe you did not meet others until you entered school. And even if that was a difficult transition, from being at home with your family to adjusting to new people in your day, it was usually a fun time. We learned that being with others brought challenges and yet, so many opportunities. We suddenly had to learn to remember names, share crayons and follow a few more rules.

As life moved on, your circle of influence grew. Eventually you met people who were a little less like you. How did you react? Were you afraid of the unknown? Did you perhaps fear the differences? Or did you willingly accept the challenge of learning more about them? Were you a child who retreated to your bedroom or were you the one who wanted to fit in by becoming involved in group activities such as sports, scouting or finding a few close friends?

Somehow as you aged, you ventured out and began meeting new people. You had the opportunity to learn about the similarities and the differences of your previous paths. And even more exciting, you had the opportunity to build some sort of bond.

I remember that people who were different skin tones, who spoke other languages, who were more athletic or more beautiful than me, yet I never let that stop me from being me. I learned early on that people would not all think like me, act like me or love like me. Some people felt they were better in some way than me because of where they lived. Some were embarrassed by where they lived. Some shared a bedroom with siblings, others lived with multiple generations in the home. Many attended the same two churches and then there were a few of us who attended two smaller churches. Somehow, we found those tins out and bonds were built. As we grew older, there were more opportunities to build relationships and one thing we came to realize was that there were more similarities than differences.

At the end of the day, we all want to be appreciated. We want to know we matter. Being a part of a community matters. Kindness matters. Being able to contribute in some way, financially, volunteering or praying for someone are some examples of how we give to those around us. Life is too short to put expectations on others. Let's try something new. Let's just freely love others. Let this be a week of recognizing differences and accepting people for who they are. Let's not try to change others to fit into the box we desire for them.

East Houston Democrats Host Fish Fry Fundraiser to Support Future Graduates

East Houston Democrats are organizing a Fish Fry Fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, June 28th. The event aims to raise funds for scholarships benefiting the 2026 graduating classes of Channelview High School, Galeana Park High School, CE King High School, and North Shore Senior High School.

Fish plates are priced at \$12 and **require pre-ordering and advance payment.** Orders of four or more can be picked up at the Pine Trails Community Center, located at 6003 Woodbend Dr. Houston 77049, or delivered. For further details, interested individuals can text 281-783-4079.

Macaria Cuevas: A Double Dose of Red Apple Recognition!



Yes, Macaria Cuevas, the beloved teacher at North Shore Senior High School, was honored with January 2025's Randalls Red Apple Award. But the excitement didn't stop there! On the bright mid-morning of May 16th, Cuevas was once again in the spotlight, as she was crowned with the prestigious Red Apple Award Teacher of the Year!

The atmosphere was electric as colleagues and students alike speculated about the Debra Duncan of KHOU 11's second surprise appearance. A silent yet crowded march through the hallway was followed by cheers for Cuevas, known for her infectious enthusiasm and dedication to her students. Her beaming smile said it all—she is truly a star in the classroom and beyond!

This recognition is a testament to Cuevas's unwavering commitment to inspiring and nurturing her students. Her creative teaching methods and genuine care for her students in her Spanish classes have made a lasting impact on countless young minds. As she stood proudly holding her award, it was clear that Cuevas's passion for education continues to shine brightly, making her a true beacon of excellence at North Shore Senior High School. Congratulations, Macaria Cuevas, on this well-deserved honor!

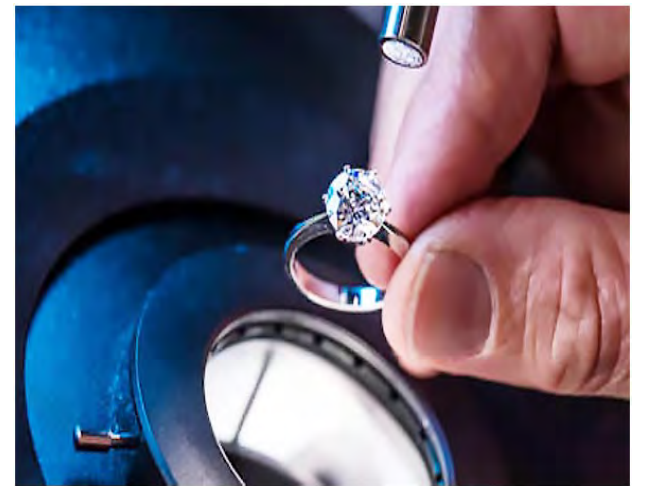
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ASK DIAMOND JIM



Diamond Jim: "What is an Appraisal?"

An appraisal is an opinion as to the authenticity, quality, design, and value of a piece of jewelry. Since it is an opinion, backed and supported by training, equipment, and experience, it is important to understand that there can be honest variations between competent appraisals.



Most people commonly believe that the declared price evaluation is the most important aspect of an appraisal. This is not true! Actually, the most important part (and the most protective to the customer) is an explicit description of the jewelry item, accurately depicting the design, the metal, the stones (if any), and other relevant data.

You Should Have Your Jewelry Appraised

When purchasing new piece of jewelry, an appraisal will assist you in the insurance process making sure you're properly covered for replacement in case of loss or theft.

In view of continuing inflation and the recent rise in precious metal spot prices, it is a good idea to have **all** of your jewelry appraised every two or three years.

Remember that the most reliable appraisal in an opinion based on knowledge gained through education and special training, backed up by technical equipment and reinforced by experience.

To give yourself the benefits of the most accurate appraisal possible, heed these points:

Don't try to save money on an appraisal. For a professional evaluation, expect to pay a fair fee, usually based on an hourly or flat rate. The more intricate the jewelry is, the more time needed to examine it.

Don't rush your appraiser. Give him/her adequate time to carefully examine every aspect of your jewelry.

Appraisals do not represent an offer to purchase or replace your jewelry. If you're thinking of selling your jewelry, an appraisal is probably not what you need. At Pineforest Jewelry, we perform exceptional appraisal services at fair and honest prices. We can also make an offer to purchase your jewelry based on several criteria.

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If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.

Margaret was born on December 29, 1936 in Carroll County, Ohio to Beulah Lucas and James Lerch. She died on June 10th, 2025 in a local nursing facility.

Margaret retired from Exxon Corporation after 20 years of service. She was a very talented musician and was known for her skills with the piano, organ, and accordion. For numerous years Margaret shared her musical gift with her church family at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Her and her husband were long-time members of First Baptist Church Jacinto City and made it a point in their lives to attend Sunday school, Worship, and serve wherever they could.

She and Russell were active at the Senior Citizens Center where they participated in the Meals on Wheels program and they were also active in the North Shore Rotary Club. The pastor who married Margaret and Russell baptized Margaret and married her on the same day - a first for him in his ministry.

OBITUARY

MARGARET MCDONALD



Margaret was a busy person until her health prevented her from participating. In more recent years, she had been employed by the school system where she served in the kitchen and made friends with her co-workers. Margaret loved music and watched many TV shows. She also loved to dance. She left

behind many fun and happy memories. Margaret was a strong person who was able to navigate some very hard times in her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, David Lerch and Robert Lerch; daughter, Janet Mackenzie of Denver, Colorado; the father of her four children, Bennet Jay Pittman;

and her husband Russell McDonald.

Her survivors include her son, Roger Pittman and his wife Trang Tong of Houston; daughter, Charlotte Patterson and her husband Andy of Morton, Texas; daughter, Phyllis Rousey and her husband Bo; sister, Rose Sherrard of Pollok, Texas. She will also forever remain in the hearts of her numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, other extended relatives and friends forever.

The family invites you to join them for a time of remembrance and fellowship at Carter-Conley Funeral Home on Saturday, June 21st, 2025.

Memorial services for Margaret will begin at 11:00 A.M. and will be officiated by Pastor Francisco Flores.

Special thanks to Roger and Trang for their faithful care of his mother.

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OPINION PAGE

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
By Lt. Governor Dan Patrick



Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick Adjourns the Texas Senate Sine Die, Touts the Senate's Most Conservative and Successful Legislative Session
"Texans are the real winners this legislative session."

AUSTIN – Upon adjourning the Texas Senate *Sine Die*, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement:

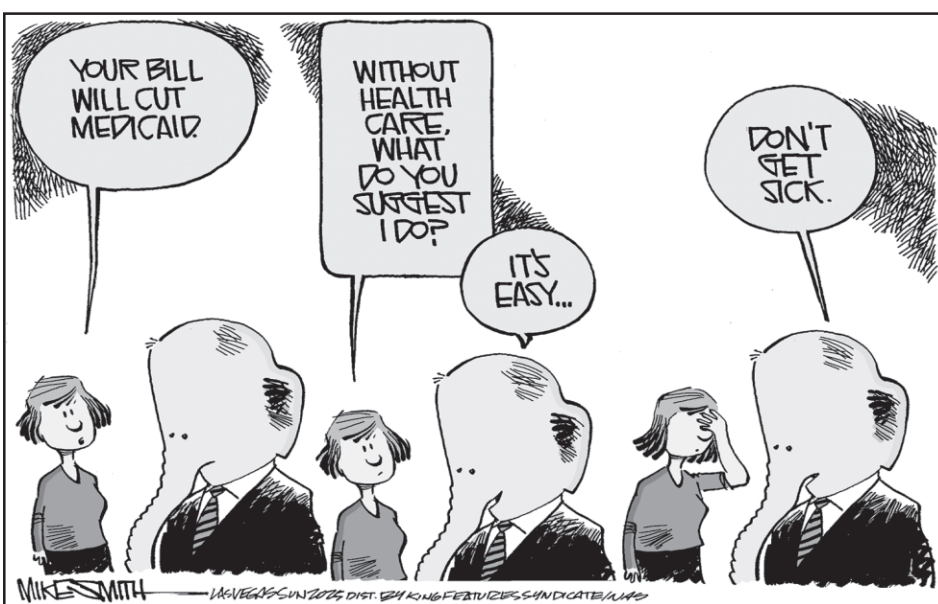
"Today, I adjourned the Texas Senate *Sine Die* for the 89th Regular Legislative Session. This session, the Texas Senate achieved victory after victory for Texans, passing many key bills that died in the Texas House during the 88th legislature.

"The Texas Senate passed all 40 of its priority bills to the House by April 29, setting a bold, conservative agenda to keep our state strong. Some key Senate victories include:

- Eliminating school property taxes for the average senior homeowner with a \$200,000 senior homestead exemption (\$140,000 homestead exemption for homeowners under age 65) and dedicating nearly 1 out of every 4 state dollars in our budget toward property tax relief (Senate Bill 1, SB 4, SB 23, Senate Joint Resolution 2, SJR 85)
- Launching the largest school choice program in American history (SB 2)
- Reforming bail to keep dangerous criminals behind bars (SB 9, SB 40, SJR 5)
- Investing billions of dollars to ensure Texas meets its future water needs (SB 7)
- Providing the largest teacher pay raise in Texas history
- Investing \$5 billion in strengthening Texas' electric grid (SB 1)
- Placing the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms (SB 10)
- Protecting the freedom to pray in public schools (SB 11)
- Requiring county law enforcement to comply with the federal government's deportation efforts, and establishing a homeland security division within the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) (SB 8, SB 36)
- Stopping taxpayer-funded abortion travel (SB 33)
- Providing significant business personal property tax relief
- Banning poisonous unregulated drugs sold near our schools (SB 3)
- Stopping foreign enemies from buying land in Texas (SB 17)
- Stopping AI-generated child pornography (SB 20)
- Guarding our children against inappropriate books in public schools (SB 13)
- Reforming liberal faculty control over universities (SB 37)
- Creating the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT) (SB 5, SJR 3)
- Establishing Texas as the #1 faith-based and family film producer in America (SB 22)
- Record-setting investments in children with disabilities (SB 568)
- Protecting Texas' true treasure, the Alamo (SB 3059)
- Ending the corrupt Texas Lottery Commission and moving the lottery to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) (SB 3070)
- Renaming the Gulf of Mexico the 'Gulf of America'
- Renaming the New York Strip the 'Texas Strip' – don't mess with Texas beef (New York only has dairy cattle)

"This session was a team effort. I want to thank all 31 senators and staff for their hard work and perseverance. None of these major victories would be possible without their dedication over the interim and session. I also want to thank Gov. Abbott and Speaker Burrows for their partnership

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Abbott has Until June 22 to Sign or Veto Bills

Texas legislators wrapped up the 89th session last week, passing more than 1,200 bills — 800 of which were sent to Gov. Greg Abbott in the last 10 days of the session, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Abbott has until June 22 to approve those that have not been signed, including the next two-year state budget. While the governor does not have the power to veto the entire \$338-billion budget, he does have line-item veto power over individual portions of it.

The Texas Constitution allows the governor to veto legislation, sign it, or allow it to go into law without his signature. All bills that passed with at least two-thirds of both chambers' approval cannot be vetoed. That means that all proposed constitutional amendments, which lawmakers passed by at least that margin, will go before voters in November. That includes proposed property tax relief for homeowners by raising the homestead exemption.

Abbott has not indicated which, if any, bills he will veto. He is facing considerable pressure from several groups, including veterans' organizations, to veto Senate Bill 3, which would ban all consumable hemp products containing tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. Abbott also faces pressure from Republican state leaders, especially Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who led the charge to ban THC products, and law enforcement to sign it.

RURAL TEXANS SCORED BIG WINS IN SESSION

More than 3 million Texans live in rural areas across the state, The Texas Tribune reported, and the last session increased funding for them in several areas, including health care, agriculture, education, and emergency management.

Texas schools will receive \$8.5 billion in additional public education funding, with teachers in smaller districts receiving an \$8,000 raise if they have five or more years of teaching experience. Those with less than five years in the profession will get a \$4,000 raise.

A sweeping water bill will provide more money for rural Texas to address water and



wastewater projects. In addition, several bills address health care issues, including more money for rural hospitals. One measure creates a way to evaluate the financial health of rural hospitals and allows for updating reimbursement rates every two years.

"Because these things are now in statute, rural hospitals can count on it," John Henderson, CEO of the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals, said, "rather than worry about uncertainty related to renewals or budget cycles."

A grant program for rural counties to purchase ambulances was also passed.

Another measure expands a grant program that previously was limited to young farmers. The age restrictions have been lifted, and the amount available has increased from \$20,000 to \$500,000 with farmers paying a 10% match.

Finally, lawmakers passed a bill to establish a disaster recovery program for counties with fewer than 100,000 residents who have not received reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

IN-STATE TUITION FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT LEGAL STATUS ENDS

Texas has ended its policy of giving in-state tuition to college students who do not have legal status, the Texas Standard reported. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced last week that the state had filed a joint motion with the federal Department of Justice to end the practice. The judge granted the motion.

"Ending this discriminatory and un-American provision is a major victory for Texas," Pax-

ton said in a statement.

The Justice Department had filed a complaint to stop the practice, which began in 2001 with the support of then-Gov. Rick Perry, claiming it discriminated against U.S. citizens not afforded the same privileges. At the time it began, Texas was the first state to do so, with 24 states now having similar policies.

A report from the President's Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration concluded there were about 57,000 students without legal status enrolled in Texas colleges and universities in 2022. The Austin American-Statesman reported that tuition costs would quadruple for students having to pay international student prices, citing tuition costs at the University of Texas and Austin Community College as examples.

JUDGES' PAY, LAWMAKER PENSIONS GET BOOST

One of the final bills passed in the recently concluded session would give a 25% raise to Texas judges, with base pay rising to \$175,000, The Tribune reported. If signed by Abbott, that also means legislative pensions, which are tied to judges' pay, would also rise.

A last-minute disagreement resulted in this being the final time the pensions are coupled with judicial pay. After that, the Texas Ethics Commission would take over assessing lawmaker pensions, as it does for per diem pay and other lawmaker benefits.

Texas judges' pay has been among the lowest in the nation. In the past, lawmakers have been reluctant to give a raise to judges since it was tied to their own pension, fearing voter blowback.

"Let's break this stalemate, support our judiciary and face the consequences together," state Rep. Brent Money, R-Greenville, said.

SAHARAN DUST RETURNS TO TEXAS

Saharan dust made its way into Texas late last week, bringing hazy skies to the eastern half of the state, the Statesman reported. The annual event likely won't be as intense as previous summers, but it can still affect people who have respiratory issues.

The dust is carried by winds across the Atlantic from the Saharan Desert. Besides sparking allergy symptoms, it provides colorful sunrises and sunsets, and poor air quality. It can also keep temperatures higher and the skies drier by trapping heat closer to the ground.

TEXANS URGED TO PREPARE FOR 2025 HURRICANE SEASON

Texans are being urged to be prepared and stay informed during the current hurricane season by the Public Utility Commission.

"Every Texan should take time to create or review their severe weather plans and prepare their families and property for a potential storm," PUC Chairman Thomas Gleeson said.

Potential power outages outages and restoration times can be tracked through the PUC's storm resources webpage: puc.texas.gov/storm.

Hurricane season began June 1 and ends on Nov. 30.

THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

A Smaller Life



My space is smaller than usual these days.

When my husband, Peter, and I bought a condo and moved to the city, Peter said we needed a little more room.

"I want two bathrooms!" Peter said. I'd never had two bathrooms in my home as an adult, but I was certainly fine with the idea in principle. Peter wanted a study where, in the mornings, he could do what he calls his "brooding." This is when Peter comes up with his finest ideas, I believe, although I can't confirm this because it is also the time of day when he prefers to be left alone to drink his coffee.

I also have a little office where I write. It has two doors which I keep wide open, because I like to know what both Peter and my cat, Felix, are up to.

But when we got back from Mexico this past spring, our bedroom was flooded, and it has taken this long to get a contractor to begin work. So, two days ago, we moved our bed into my office.

Peter thought we'd move into his den, but he already has a hide-a-bed sofa, and he rolls his bike in there to put it away and, of course, there is the morning brooding to work around. So I thought it would be easier if we just moved the bed into my office. I measured the old bed that Peter had inherited from his parents and determined I had 4 inches to spare between the footboard and the back of my office chair.

It has not been terrible, all in all.

Felix thinks that lounging in bed right behind me while I type is a great place to be. While I used to have a morning commute to work that was more than 20 feet, I have now reduced it to less than a foot, which naturally saves some time.

But more importantly, it's given me a new look at my house. I now wake looking up at the art that usually hangs over my reading chair. There are masks collected from around the world hanging on the wall, and looking at them from the underside in the morning sun is a new experience. The morning light is now coming in from the side, but the moonlight is more direct.

And it all reminds me of other rooms and smaller places I have lived in the past. It reminds me of being in my childhood bedroom, where I also had a desk and a bed in close proximity. It reminds me of when, at 50, I packed everything into the back of a pickup truck and went to grad school. I lived in a converted garage with hardwood floors and had a very similar setup—a private bath and a desk, a chair, a dog, a cat and a bed, all in one room. It was everything I needed.

That's how I feel now. I have everything I need within easy reach.

And I wonder, as I lie in this small room, if at the end of my life I'll again end up with everything I own in one small room. As I was thinking about it yesterday, it didn't seem like it would be so terrible to be permanently downsized to the point where all my possessions were within easy reach.

I started out with a smaller life. My life will probably end up smaller again. So right now, for a little while in between, I am enjoying having everything I need within easy reach.

Till next time,
Carrie

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



CONSOLIDATED AMENDED NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AND NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL OF AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: 4759

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Southwest Shipyard, L.P., 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530-3858, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to and renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 4759, which would authorize modification to and continued operation of a Channelview Facility at 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 22, 2024. **AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO.** El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/newsourcereview/airpermits-pendingpermit-apps>. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminants: *Ammonia, hazardous air pollutants, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, organic non-VOCs, inorganic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, and sulfur dioxide.*

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas. The application, including any updates, is available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/airpermit-applications-notices>.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. You may request a contested case hearing if you are a person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, and daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. If a request is timely filed, the deadline for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after the mailing of the response to comments.

If a hearing request is timely filed, following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. If no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners Integrated Database (CID).**

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Further information may also be obtained from Southwest Shipyard, L.P. at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Natasha Halageri, Senior Project Manager at (601) 323-7775.

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THEA urges transparency,

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hazards posed by the abandoned San Jacinto River Waste Superfund site. Listed as a federal priority for cleanup in 2008, the site contains dangerous toxins, including dioxins and heavy metals, that are dispersed throughout water, sediment, and seafood in the region. THEA has been monitoring EPA's progress in removing the contaminants.

Medcalf highlighted the urgency of the cleanup efforts.

"The EPA estimated that if the waste were to remain in the river, it would stay toxic for upwards of 750 more years," she noted. "Removing this waste from the river is something that we can do, not only to improve this area for our lifetime but for many generations to come."

After Hurricane Harvey in 2017, the EPA committed to fully removing waste at the northern site to levels safe for public recreation and remediating the southern site to standards suitable for industrial workers. However, delays and disputes between the EPA and responsible parties over cleanup designs have plagued progress. The responsible parties have submitted multiple designs, each criticized for including plans to cap portions of the site, a method that Medcalf argues is unsuitable for the dynamic environment.

"Containment simply isn't going to work in this setting. It doesn't fit the EPA policies or their practices," she explained, referencing internal communications from Waste Management that allegedly show predetermined plans to push containment as the final remedy.

Despite the challenges, Medcalf commended the EPA's responsiveness to community concerns during the latest design review process.

"Our team was pleasantly surprised at how well the EPA was replicating the concerns many of you in the room discussed with us," she said. The EPA is now preparing to host a community meeting in late summer or early fall to present updates.

Medcalf's message to the community was clear: "You can create change, but slowly. If we combine strategic science, regulatory expertise, and grassroots community outreach, we can really get things moving—even within a slow government process."

For residents of the affected area, the stakes remain high. THEA continues to advocate for transparency, accountability, and expedited action to protect the health and well-being of the community and its environment.

Tragic hit & run on I-10 leaves driver dead, JC to implement advanced water metering system with real-time monitoring and resident app access,

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called the Jaws of Life to reach the victim (see arrow in photo). The unidentified driver of the overturned vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene.

Rescuers had to cut and remove trees and limbs (see arrow in photo) in order for the victim's vehicle to be able to be pulled out by the wrecker.

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Supervisor Francisco Hernandez of Accurate Metering LLC is holding a Badger meter in his left hand and holding the BEACON® transmitter with antenna in his right hand.(Photo by Allan Jamail)

sand, suspended particles and pressure fluctuations.

Lon Squyres, Jacinto City's City Manager said the meter cost is about \$575 each for a residential meter up to \$16,500 for the larger meters for busi-

nesses which use large volumes of water.

Squyres says the meter's monitoring app will be free to citizens and enable them or the city to identify leaks quickly before causing them to get a high water bill.

The \$2.5 million dollar project's cost will come from funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Squyres said.

Former President Joe Biden was able to get the APRA \$ 1.9 trillion dollar funding legislation passed with bi-partisan support through congress in 2021.

The city has roughly 2,700 meters, Hernandez said they have about 1,100 more to install and hopefully they'll be completed about October 2025.

Accurate Metering Supervisor Gabriel Guillen said installers like Accurate's Miguel Santana can average installing the new meters in about 30 minutes per house.

Coffee with the Commissioner,

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FROM BETTY FLORES
 I couldn't start my weekend better than having breakfast with Adrian Garcia; he's a great listener. He answered all my questions about the budget taken away from me at my previous job, where I served seniors. Great things are coming up as we work together. God listens to my prayers. I got a lot out of our conversation and I'm very satisfied. God Bless him. His smile during our conversation was priceless. (great to hear people saying " the famous Betty Flores.



FROM PRECINCT 2
 The "C" in Commissioner stands for Café! This past weekend, our office hosted Café with Commissioner. Commissioner Garcia and our team connected directly with residents to hear their questions and concerns. He truly values spending time with residents in their communities. Stay tuned details about the next one!



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Julianne Moore, left, and Sydney Sweeney stars in "Echo Valley."

"Echo Valley"

"The 78th Annual Tony Awards" (TV-PG) — Cynthia Erivo, who stunned everyone with her moving performance as Elphaba in "Wicked" (2024), is this year's host of the annual Tony Awards! Held at the legendary Radio City Music Hall in New York City, the ceremony can now be streamed if you missed the live broadcast on CBS. "Buena Vista Social Club," "Death Becomes Her," and "Maybe Happy Ending" lead with the most nominations (10 for each) and are, of course, included in the ceremony's performances. Meanwhile, George Clooney landed a nomination for his work in "Good Night, and Good Luck." Audra McDonald, who recently received Patti LuPone's deepest apologies due to LuPone's controversial statements, is nominated for her work as Rose in

"Gypsy." (Paramount+) "Deep Cover" (R) — Bryce Dallas Howard ("Argylle") leads this ridiculously hilarious action comedy, co-starring Orlando Bloom ("The Cut") and Nick Mohammed ("Ted Lasso"). The trio plays a group of aspiring actors who've landed at an improv club for the time being. Although their acting careers remain stagnant, a detective approaches them with a dire need for their help. A criminal gang in London runs rampant, and the detective is convinced that these three humble improvisers can pull off the undercover mission of infiltrating the gang. Premiering June 12, this film reunites several "Game of Thrones" and "House of the Dragon" actors such as Ian McShane, Paddy Considine and Sonoya Mizuno. (Amazon Prime Video)

"Echo Valley" (R) — The drama is intense with this next release on June 13, a thriller film led by the incredible duo of Julianne Moore and Sydney Sweeney. Following mother Kate (Moore) and daughter Claire (Sweeney), the film kicks off when Claire shows up at her mother's farm in Pennsylvania frightened and covered in her boyfriend's blood. Wanting to be there for her child, Kate tries to help Claire recover from a situation that resulted in an accidental death. But as time passes, their secret is threatened to be exposed, and Kate must decide how far she's willing to go to protect her kin. (Apple TV+)

"Love Island USA: Season 7" (TV-MA) — It's time to grab your pink suitcase, throw on your favorite swimsuit, and get your bevvies ready for another chaotic season of "Love Island USA." Ariana Madix is back to host her second season of the reality show, where 10 singles enter a villa in Fiji to find the loves of their lives (or lots of clout). Since the show's premiere on June 3, episodes release basically every day until mid-July, with a reunion episode following the finale about a month later in August. Time will tell if this season brings as much drama as last year's season with Leah Kateb and Andrea Carmona, but we'll definitely be rooting for a few of the Florida locals - Chelley from Orlando, Nicolas from Jacksonville, and Yulissa from Miami! (Peacock)

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Q: Is Garcelle Beauvais going to return to acting now that she's leaving "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills," or will she get her own reality show instead? — T.O.

A: Garcelle Beauvais recently extended her partnership with the Lifetime network to produce and star in more projects with them. Her "Black Girl Missing" franchise of TV movies with the network has been a huge success. Next up for her is "Taken at a Truck Stop: A Black Girl Missing Movie," where she'll play Kai — a truck driver who launches her own investigation after her neurodivergent niece is abducted by an online predator.

She's also starring and producing in the next Terry McMillan project, titled "Tempted 2 Love," a sequel to last year's hit movie "Tempted By Love." Beauvais will once again play a star chef, but this time she's traveling to Ireland with her new flame only to bump into her much younger ex.

"I'm thrilled to continue telling stories that resonate deeply with audiences and put women — especially Black women — at the center," said Beauvais. "Working with Lifetime has given me the opportunity to expand narratives that are heartfelt, suspenseful, and full of purpose. Both of these films are incredibly special to me, and I can't wait for audiences to experience them."

"Garcelle is an undeniable creative force whose passion for telling authentic, impactful stories continues to inspire our audiences," said Elaine Frontain Bryant, EVP and head of programming at A&E, Lifetime and LMN. "These new films not only deepen the emotional and cultural resonance of our programming but also reaffirm our shared commitment to championing diverse voices and stories that matter."

Q: What is Tara Reid doing since she made a comeback with the "Sharknado" movies? Does she have any other movies coming out? — N.C.

A: Tara Reid's career has unfortunately taken a dive since the 1990s, when she shot to stardom in movies like "American Pie," "Cruel Intentions," and "The Big Lebowski." She became tabloid fodder



Garcelle Beauvais ("The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills")

soon after for partying with Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan. Her career fell into a slump until the campy TV movie "Sharknado" came out in 2013, which was followed by several sequels.

She told Variety that she's now producing her own projects and currently has 12(!) titles in the works on her IMDb page, including "Hollywood Heist" with Alec Baldwin and Mickey Rourke.

Q: What's the latest on a third season of "Big Little Lies" being filmed? Is it hard to get the A-list cast together again? — K.S.

A: According to "Big Little Lies" creator David E. Kelley, "everyone" wants to do a new season of the HBO series, which is based on the novel by Liane Moriarty. Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon, Laura Dern, Zoe Kravitz and Shailene Woodley are all eager to reprise their roles, and Morarity is in the midst of writing the novel on which the script will be based. I wouldn't expect to see the finished product on-screen until mid to late 2026 or perhaps early 2027.

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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



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

HOCUS-FOCUS comic strip with a 'GARDEN SUPPLIES' sign and a 'GARDEN SUPPLIER' sign. Find at least six differences in details between panels.

King Crossword puzzle grid and clues. June 16, 2025 Posting Date. Includes ACROSS and DOWN clues.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. 10 questions on movies, general knowledge, television, literature, games, science, mythology, food & drink, and astronomy.

King Crossword Answers: 1. Dr. No; 2. Orange; 3. "Those Were the Days"; 4. The Burrow; 5. Five; 6. The amount of chemical substance; 7. Erebus; 8. Gin; 9. 274; 10. Au

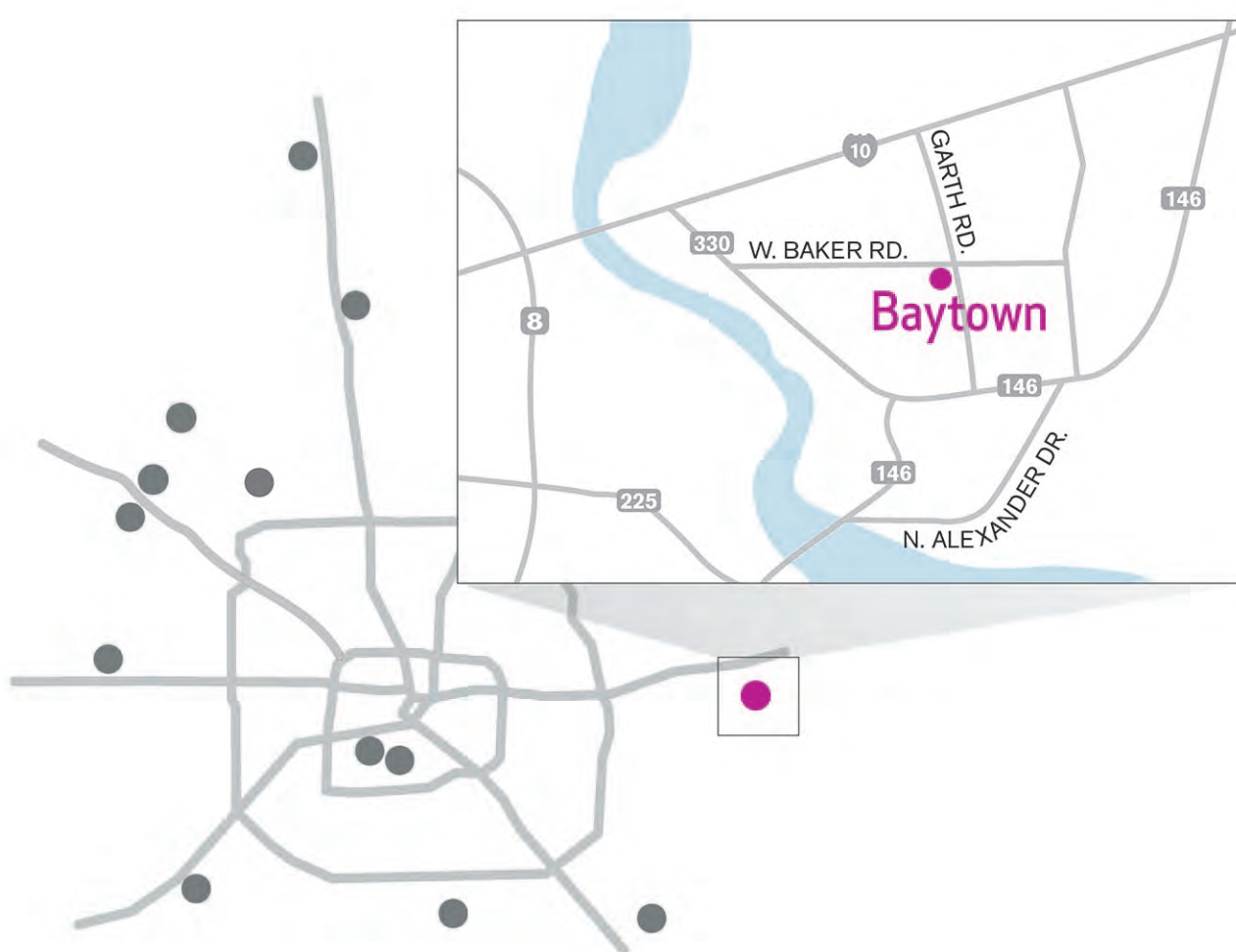


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