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State District 143 Candidates Public Education Forum

By Allan Jamail

Channelview, Tx. ~ February 25, 2026 at the Holiday Inn East, Democrat State Representative Ana Hernandez and her Republican opponent Frank Salazar participated in the RAISE YOUR HAND TEXAS public education forum.

Hernandez was first elected as District 143 State Representative in 2005 and has successfully been re-elected ever since. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Houston and a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from the University Of Texas School Of Law. She's a practicing attorney with 21 years experience.

Frank Salazar said he retired from Diamond Offshore Drilling as a structural engineer and his educational background is a structural degree from the University of Houston. Salazar ran in the 2012

Republican Primary Election for Texas House of Representatives, District 143. Salazar was defeated by Doug Weiskopf in the May 29 primary election. Weiskopf got 61.2% of the votes to Salazar's 38.8%.

In the 2012 General Election Hernandez defeated Weiskopf with 72.9% of the votes to Weiskopf's 21.2%.

Although the General Election isn't until November 3, 2026 advocacy groups are getting an early start in order to provide Texas voters sufficient information about candidates so they'll be well informed.

Raise Your Hand Texas is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to strengthening public education through advocacy, policy research, and school leader training. It operates as a 501(c) (4) organization, which focuses on lobbying for legislative change and supporting



District 143 State Representative Ana Hernandez & Frank Salazar at the Raise Your Hand Texas Educational Forum. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

public schools.

They work to improve public schools through increased funding, better assessment methods, and improved, research-backed policies. Their efforts include advocacy for public school funding, supporting

public charter schools, and improving teacher development.

Natalia Gomez Ramback, Senior Regional Advocacy Director (Houston) of the Raise Your Hand Texas was the forum organizer.

Ramback earned a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with a Specialization in Bilingual Education from Texas AM University-Corpus Christi and a master's degree in educational leadership from Concordia University.

Max Romano was the Moderator; he serves as the Legislative Director at Raise Your Hand Texas, where he supports the development of the organization's policy priorities, manages bill tracking, and collaborates with legislative staff on pro-public education legislation.

Romano holds a Bachelor of Arts in government from The University of Texas at Austin, and earned his Master of Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin.

Moderator Romano began the forum by explaining the rules to the

candidates where he said after he asked them a question then each one would be given an equal amount of time to provide their answers.

GENERAL EDUCATION POLICY ISSUES QUESTIONS:

Q. #1. Texas lawmakers consider over a thousand education bills each session. In your view, what are the most important public education policy issues we need to address following the 89th Legislative Session, and how would tackling these issues help the schools and students in your district?

Rep. Ana Hernandez answer:

-Fully funding neighborhood public schools — not just one-time boosts, but sustainable funding tied to enrollment and inflation.

-Addressing teacher re

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Advocates Honor Carolyn Stone for Her Leadership



Erica Villarreal, Channelview High School teacher, Susan Scott, external affairs advisor and media relations for LyondellBasell Channelview, and Kate Unger of the National Wildlife Foundation presented a vase of beautiful flowers and a plaque to honoree CHIC's Carolyn Stone at the meeting last Thursday.

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Mustang's Playoff Season Ends

By Allan Jamail,

Houston, Tx. ~ March 6, 2026 at Aldine's Campbell Center the Humble ISD Atascocita Eagles ended the GPISD North Shore Mustangs season defeating them 68 - 60 in the UIL 6A D1 Basketball Regional Finals.

Head Coach Stephen Woods' led the Eastside Boys in a successful season with a 0.81% win record having a 30 - 7 record.

In a game before a packed attendance that saw the two powerhouses have numerous tied scores throughout the game provided them with lots of excitement.

At one point in the second period it appeared the Mustangs with a 13 point lead was on the way to the state championship semi-finals. As the Eagles defense tightened up on the Mustangs offense by halftime the score was tied 28 - 28.

After halftime both teams

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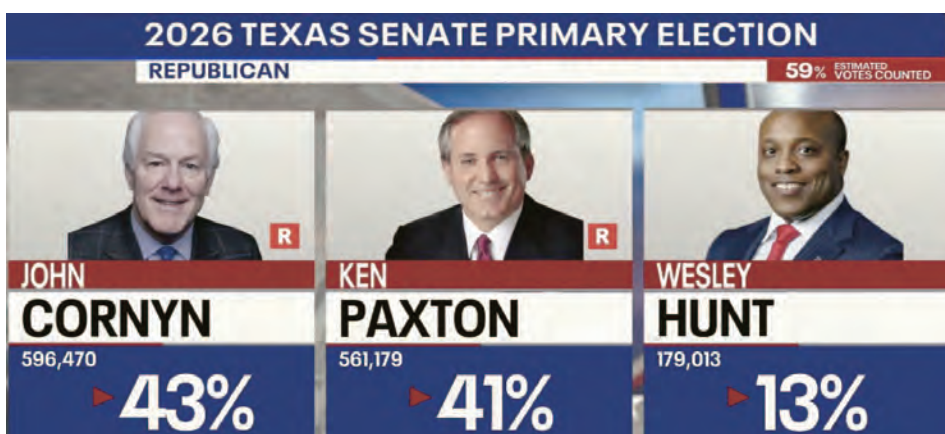


Mustangs #21 Sean Mayberry holds rim after slam dunk. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Mustangs leading scorer #32 Christian Gibson makes basket. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Texas Primary Elections Set up Key Runoffs



By David Taylor Managing Editor

HOUSTON — Texas primary voters produced several high-profile runoffs Tuesday, including a closely watched congressional contest in the Houston area and competitive races for statewide offices.

In the newly redrawn 18th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Al Green

and former Harris County District Attorney Chris Menefee advanced to a May runoff after finishing as the top two vote-getters. Green finished first in the multi-candidate field.

"We came in first. Now we finish in the job," Green said in a social media post following the results.

Menefee, who was elected earlier this year to complete the remainder of the

late Sylvester Turner's term, had about a month to introduce himself to voters following redistricting.

"The people of Harris County and Fort Bend County showed up for us and put our campaign in first place," Menefee said. "We have the momentum, and we are not taking any

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AI Demystified for Chamber Members at Luncheon

By David Taylor Managing Editor

Members of the North Channel Chamber of Commerce were encouraged to embrace — not fear — artificial intelligence during a lively and hands-on presentation by Terry Tribble last Friday at Houston City College.

Tribble, an MBA, certified AI consultant and founder of Brand It Local, addressed business owners, educators and community leaders during the chamber's luncheon, focusing on practical ways artificial intelligence can be used to grow businesses, improve efficiency and enhance communication.

"Do not be afraid of AI. It's here. It's not going anywhere," Tribble told attendees early in the presentation. "It's been here, but now we have ac-



Terry Tribble of Brand It Local spoke to chamber membership about how to engage with AI for their businesses. (Photo by David Taylor)

cess to it."

Using an interactive, conversational style, Tribble walked the audience through real-world examples of AI already embedded in daily life, from grocery store scanners to banking systems and car sales platforms. Her goal,

she said, was to help demystify AI and show how accessible the technology has become for small businesses and educators alike.

Tribble invited attend

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Rep. Hernandez & Salazar debate public school funding at education forum,

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tention and support staff shortages in working-class districts like ours.

-Ensuring implementation of new laws doesn't create unfunded mandates.

-Supporting bilingual education and special education services, especially critical in HD 143.

-Protecting local decision-making so parents, educators, and school boards have a real voice.

-Schools in HD 143 serve predominantly working families, many first-generation college-bound students.

-Stable funding and strong neighborhood schools mean opportunity, workforce development, and economic mobility.

Frank Salazar answer: Have school districts implement the public education policy issues by the State Education Board. Help them learn better ways to achieve higher grades.

Q. #2. The last few legislative sessions saw intense debates over school choice. Lawmakers ultimately approved a new \$1 billion Education Savings Account program set to take effect next school year (a program that could potentially reach an estimated \$8 billion in just a few years). How do you believe the program will impact public schools, and how will you monitor its implementation?

Rep. Ana Hernandez answer:

-I opposed diverting public dollars away from neighborhood public schools.

-Public schools educate the overwhelming majority of Texas children and should remain our top priority.

Monitoring implementation of vouchers should include:

- *Strict transparency and reporting requirements.
- *Clear accountability standards for participating vendors and schools.
- *Oversight to ensure funds are not misused.
- *Close monitoring of fiscal

cal impact on school districts

Frank Salazar answer: This program will put a heavy strain on tax payers. Students to receive public funds for private school. Very closely eye the resources it takes away from public schools.

SCHOOL FUNDING AND STATE BUDGET QUESTIONS:

Q. #3. The Legislature approved an \$8.5 billion public education funding package last session, including teacher pay raises, changes to special education funding, and some funding for school districts' basic costs due to inflation. What have you heard from school leaders in your district about whether these funding increases were adequate, and what needs remain unmet?

Rep. Ana Hernandez answer: HB 2 (Buckley) became the Legislature's primary vehicle for school finance, compensation, and staffing changes. While Texas AFT argues it fell short of the scale of need, it includes several provisions that directly affect working conditions and wages:

Teacher Retention Allotment: Experience-based recurring pay increases.

Districts 5,000 students: \$4,000 for teachers with 3-4 years' experience; \$8,000 for 5+ years.

Larger districts: \$2,500 (3-4 years) and \$5,000 (5+ years).

Support Staff Retention Allotment: \$45 per student to increase pay for paraprofessionals, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and other non-administrative staff; districts must maintain these raises moving forward.

Targeted investments in high-need areas such as special education and early literacy.

Free full-day pre-K for the children of teachers.

Fee waivers for special education and bilingual certification exams.

Grow Your Own programs allowing districts



Max Romano Moderator of the Educational Forum and is the Legislative Director at Raise Your Hand Texas.(Photo by Allan Jamail)

to partner with educator preparation programs to address staffing shortages.

Frank Salazar answer: The responses are mixed. They are not approving or disapproving the funding increases.

Q. #4. Texas ended the session with the projected Economic Stabilization Fund or Rainy Day Fund totaling over \$28 billion (capping out what can be in the fund). Do you believe the state should use the Rainy Day Fund or other revenue to provide additional support for public schools, and if so, what specific investments would you prioritize?

Rep. Ana Hernandez answer:

Yes, I believe investing in public education is one of the smartest long-term investments we can make in Texas' workforce, economy, and future competitiveness, especially when the state has a historic balance in the Economic Stabilization Fund.

We should have a serious conversation about responsibly using available revenue — including the Rainy Day Fund — to strengthen public schools after years of rising costs and increasing student needs.

Frank Salazar answer: I think the rainy day

fund, should be invested in the district, to help smaller companies grow, and employ more workers raise the economy, and stability to the district instead of funding already funded programs that is wasteful spending.

Assessment and Accountability

Q. #5. The Legislature approved changes to the assessment system with House Bill 8 beginning in the 2027-28 school year, including the provisions for multiple, shorter tests throughout the year. But school A-F accountability ratings will still ultimately rely on a single end-of-year exam. What is your perspective on continuing to base campus ratings primarily on one final test, and do you believe this approach accurately reflects student learning and school performance?

Rep. Ana Hernandez answer: My perspective is that Texas should not allow the fate of our public schools and communities to hinge on a single metric, especially one like the STAAR test score taken on a single day. While accountability is important, our students and educators are more than one test on one day, and our schools do far more than what a

single assessment can capture.

Frank Salazar answer: No.

Q. #6. The Texas Education Agency continues to intervene in school districts and campuses that meet the criteria for state oversight due to A-F accountability ratings. What is your perspective on the state's role in district takeovers, and how should Texas balance state accountability requirements with local control?

Rep. Ana Hernandez answer: When decisions like district takeovers are triggered based on these grades, especially when a series of low scores on one test can lead to the removal of locally elected leadership, that undermines the value of local control and community voice in public education. Instead of using a single standardized score as the sole basis for state intervention, Texas should expand accountability systems to include multiple meaningful measures of student learning and school quality, not just standardized test results.

Frank Salazar answer: It is the best interest of the district, that the Texas Education Agency intervene, so there is accountability for the oversight. A 60 state / 40 local.

Additional Questions:

Q. #7. Recent laws expanded state involvement in curriculum and instructional materials, including incentives for districts to adopt the state created curriculum, Bluebonnet Learning. How do you view the state's evolving role in curriculum decisions, and what balance should exist between state directives and local control when shaping what students learn?

Rep. Ana Hernandez answer: As a strong supporter of public education, I believe the state has an important role in setting clear academic standards and ensuring every child has access to a high-quality education. In Texas, that means establishing statewide learning stan-

dards through the TEKS and providing resources districts can use to meet them. The state can and should offer support, including instructional materials like Bluebonnet Learning, particularly to districts that may not have the capacity to build curriculum in-house.

I believe curriculum decisions are best made at the local level by elected school boards, educators, and families who know their students and communities' best. When the state moves from setting standards to strongly incentivizing or steering districts toward one specific curriculum, we risk undermining the principle of local control that has long guided Texas public education.

Frank Salazar answer: Bluebonnet materials are designed to be high quality, suitable and grade-level prorated, a 60 state / 40 local.

Q. #8. With artificial intelligence becoming more prevalent in classrooms, what role do you believe the state should play in helping schools integrate AI responsibly, and how should teachers and students be prepared to use these tools effectively?

Rep. Ana Hernandez answer:

Artificial intelligence is not something we can ignore — it's already shaping higher education and the workforce our students are entering.

The state should play a supportive role by developing clear guidelines and guardrails, especially around data privacy, cyber security, and ethical use.

Ultimately, our goal should be to prepare students to use emerging technology responsibly, creatively, and ethically, while still prioritizing foundational skills like literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking.

Frank Salazar answer: It should be used as an elective and not as part of curriculum. It serves no purpose. How would it be used in a hands on job?

Texas Primaries Produce Multiple Runoffs in Key Races,

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thing for granted."

In another Houston-area contest, U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia avoided a runoff by securing 58.23% of the vote against former state Rep. and Houston City Council member Jarvis Johnson.

"I was faced with a challenge when Texas Republicans bent their knees to Trump's mid-decade redistricting scheme," Garcia said in a Facebook post. "Houstonians know that I am a fighter and that I fight for them daily in Congress."

In the newly created 9th Congressional District, state Rep. Briscoe Cain advanced to a runoff with Alex Mealer. Cain, who received backing from Gov. Greg Abbott, finished second in the closely contested race.

"Washington insiders and California-led special interests spent millions on dishonest attacks against me to try and buy this seat, but they failed," Cain said after the vote.

2026 TEXAS PRIMARY ELECTION

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY		
	99% of results in	
CANDIDATE	PERCENT	VOTES
James Talarico ✓	52.5%	1,212,571
Jasmine Crockett	46.2%	1,068,387
Ahmad Hassan	1.3%	31,010

TEXAS REPUBLICAN PRIMARY		
	99% of results in	
CANDIDATE	PERCENT	VOTES
John Cornyn • - runoff	41.9%	907,239
Ken Paxton - runoff	40.7%	881,141
Wesley Hunt	13.5%	292,663

In statewide races, Abbott easily won the Republican primary for governor and will face Democrat Gina Hinojosa, who secured 58.5% of the Democratic vote.

Republican Dan Patrick advanced in the lieutenant governor's race and will face Democrat Vikki Goodwin in the general election.

The U.S. Senate race will feature a Republican runoff between Sen. John Cornyn and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton. On the Democratic side, James Talarico defeated U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett with 52.4% of the vote and will advance to the general election.

In the Republican attorney general's contest, state Rep. Mayes Middleton and U.S. Rep. Chip Roy advanced to a runoff. Middleton led the field with 39.1% of the vote. Democrats Nathan Johnson and Joe Jaworski will also meet in a runoff after no candidate surpassed 50%.

Republican Don Huff-

ines won the comptroller's race outright with 57.4% of the vote and will face Democrat Sarah Eckhardt in November.

In the Republican primary for Harris County judge, former county treasurer and ex-Houston City Council member Orlando Sanchez led a six-candidate field with 26.5%. Warren Howell and Houston firefighters' union leader Marty Lancton followed closely.

On the Democratic side, former Houston Mayor Annise Parker and Houston City Council member Letitia Plummer advanced to a May runoff after Parker led the field with 46.62% of the vote.

To see all of the results from the March election, visit: <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Election-Results/Democratic-Primary-Election-for-Democratic-candidates> and <https://www.harrisvotes.com/Election-Results/Republican-Primary-Election>.

Elementary AVID Readers Competition 2026

Over 430 Sheldon students took to the books to compete as top AVID readers! Congratulations to our campus winners and all those who participated.

Sheldon ISD hosted its annual AVID Reader program this week. All six elementary campuses and both early childhood academy campuses took part in the competition. The contest is designed to foster

the love of literacy, while challenging students to think critically to answer the question about the book. Students are responsible for reading 30 award winning books. Over 430 Sheldon students took to the books to compete as top AVID readers! Congratulations to our campus winners and all those who participated.

Early Childhood Acade-



mies: Cravens Early Childhood Academy
Elementary School Winner: Garrett Elementary



CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Thankful for Thorns

We often wonder if life will get better while we are in the storms of life. You know, on those days that the alarm fails to wake you up and there is a heavy police presence, and you must decide if you stop to get breakfast or if you will just listen to your stomach growl until it is time for your lunch break. Maybe you dropped out of high school and faced one obstacle after another. Perhaps life has presented another challenge, and you are ready to give up. Today, I want to encourage you to not only hang on, but to be thankful for the thorns.

Life gets complicated and, in this world, we live in, it seems like some days we are living in a whirlwind.

There are days that you dare not to turn on the news as you do not know if there will be a major sinkhole on your route to work or if a loved one has been killed on the freeway. Too often, we see on social media at least five negative news reports before we eat breakfast. Depending on where you live, you may hear sirens so often that you learn to tune them out. The world we live in can truly upset your attitude. As we look around, we see many challenges and changes that would be enough to make us just stay in bed, with eh covers pulled over our heads. Yet, life is for living and we must make the best of each day.

I have so much to be grateful for that I find myself smiling more often. I have been told lately that I am a lucky woman. I have had to stop and remind those who speak those words, that no, I am a blessed woman. I have seen many trials and situations where I could have given up.

Because of the situations I have faced, I have looked for resources, hit some brick walls, cried some tears and learned to ask for help. I learned to reach out and swallow my pride. I have also learned to share those resources and continually connect others with the resources which I have found.

Along the journey, I have seen those who wanted to use their position to attempt to get respect and yet let people "fall through the cracks" or they only did what they did to bring attention to themselves. As time progresses, the truth always comes out and, in the process, we learn to be thankful for the thorns. We must stop, ask God for guidance and know that in the storms come yet there is always a brighter day on the way.

Mustang's playoff season ends,

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Atascocita's swarming defense shuts down Mustangs offense. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Mustangs	17	11	17	15	60
Eagles	9	19	15	25	68

played tough keeping the score close and having it tied several times. The third period came to a close with the Mustangs ahead two points, 45 - 43.

Neither team scored for the first two minutes of the fourth period, with 7:44 remaining in the fourth period and the game tied 45 - 45 it was unpredictable who would win.

With 5:57 remaining the Eagles took the lead 51 - 50 and then their #11 junior Carter Savoy got wide-open three times and sunk three 3 point shots to give the Eagles a comfortable lead until game's end.

To aid the Eagles winning game the Mustangs offense committed numerous traveling penalties causing the ball to be

turned over to the Eagles offense. They also missed crucial free throws in the final minutes.

Mustang Scorers: Christian Gibson 16 (leading scorer), Da'Marcus Sloan 14, Sean Mayberry 10, Rashaad Williams 11, Samuel Walker 5 & Dillon Colbert 4. Licensed Athletic Trainer Kennedy Harris, Student Trainer Nadia Arazia and Linda Jamail statistician.

Atascocita 30-6 and undefeated in district 14-0 advances to the state championship semi-finals against the San Antonio Brennan Bears 32-3 and undefeated in district 16-0 on March 9-10. The winner will play the state semi-final winner of the Duncanville and North Crowley game.

ASK DIAMOND JIM



Diamond Jim: "What are Ethical Diamonds?"

Diamonds have been a symbol of love, commitment, and wealth for centuries, but not all diamonds are created equal. Ethical diamonds, also known as "conflict-free" or "fair trade" diamonds, have been mined, cut, and processed in a socially and environmentally responsible way. These diamonds are a responsible and sustainable alternative to traditional diamonds that are often associated with human rights abuses and environmental destruction.

What makes a diamond ethical?

An ethical diamond is one that has been mined, cut, and processed in a way that supports fair labor practices and responsible environmental management, and that does not contribute to human rights abuses. This includes ensuring that the diamond is not a product of conflict, or "blood diamond", and that the diamond trade does not support illegal or unethical practices.

Conflict-free diamonds

Conflict diamonds, also known as "blood diamonds," are diamonds that are mined in war zones and sold to finance armed conflict against governments. These diamonds have been responsible for fueling brutal wars in Africa and other parts of the world, causing widespread human suffering and environmental destruction. By choosing ethical diamonds, you can be sure that the diamond you purchase is not a product of conflict and does not contribute to human rights abuses.

Responsible environmental management

Diamond mining can have a significant impact on the environment, especially in fragile ecosystems like the rainforest. Ethical diamonds are sourced from mines that adhere to strict environmental standards and practices to minimize their environmental impact. This includes responsible waste management, reforestation, and habitat restoration programs.

Fair labor practices

The diamond industry has a long history of exploitation and abuse of workers, particularly in developing countries. Ethical diamonds are sourced from mines that support fair labor practices and adhere to strict health and safety standards. What are ethical diamond mining practices? When workers are paid a fair wage and have access to safe working conditions and benefits.

Due diligence

Pineforest Jewelry always has and always will go to great lengths to ensure that our diamond suppliers are in full compliance with the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) or the Responsible Jewelry Council (RJC). These organizations have strict standards for ethical diamond production, including conflict-free certification, environmental responsibility, and fair labor practices.

Conclusion

What are ethical diamonds? Ethical diamonds offer consumers a responsible and sustainable alternative to traditional diamonds. By choosing ethical diamonds, you can be sure that the diamond you purchase is not a product of conflict, does not contribute to human rights abuses, and is mined, cut, and processed in a way that supports responsible environmental management and fair labor practices. If you are committed to ensuring that your diamonds are ethically and responsibly sourced, then you're in the right place. Shop our diamonds or jewelry pieces today!

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by Matilda Charles

Scams on your phone

No, the IRS isn't going to send you a text message asking you to pay with a gift card.

No, your water company isn't going to send a message to your phone demanding that you immediately pay the next year's usage in advance because of "a new state law."

And no, you can't be sure the voice on the panic phone call you receive about needing money is really your grandchild.

Don't get taken in by a scam. The IRS doesn't want gift cards. They want real money. And they'll let you know via letter, not on your phone.

The water company's demand for a year's payment in advance because of a state law you've never heard of ... fake.

And that pitiful voice on the phone that you believe is your grandchild asking for money, not so fast. One of the worst steps AI (artificial intelligence) has taken lately is the ability to mimic voices.

Some basic rules for this brave, new world:

* Don't be so quick to hand out your cellphone number to just anyone who asks for it. Once it's out there, you have no control over how far (and to whom) it will go. Pause before you give the number out. Feel free to lie: "I don't have a cellphone." Or even just say, "I don't give that number out."

* Create a family code word and use it to ensure who's really on the other end of the phone asking for money.


If you've had your phone for a long time, you have your phone cut out for you to battle against those who would try to scam you using that number. Be on guard each time the phone rings or a text message comes through.

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OPINION PAGE

OPINION
By **BILL KING**



Primary Election Results

There are many important takeaways from yesterday's primary election results. Perhaps the most telling is that about 100,000 more people voted in the Democratic primary than in the Republican primary in Texas. The last time this happened was in 2008, when Obama and Clinton competed. Obama went on to lose the general election to John McCain by 12 points. So, primary turnout is not an automatic predictor of general election success, but when taken with polling showing that every statewide Republican is underwater, and a spattering of local and special elections where Democrats have overperformed, it is a clear warning sign for Republicans.

In Harris County, the relative turnout in the two primaries was even more lopsided, with about 335,000 voting in the Democratic primary and only 192,000 in the Republican primary. This is much more consequential for predicting outcomes in the November election, as this year appears to be shaping up much like the 2018 midterms, when Democrats swept countywide elections.

Texas' marquee U.S. Senate race, currently held by John Cornyn, tracked with recent polling. Cornyn and Paxton ended up in a virtual tie and will head to a run-off, and Talarico easily defeated Crockett (53-46). This sets up the worst possible scenario for Republicans with scandal-plagued Paxton facing Talarico. The best case for Republicans in that scenario is that they will have to spend many millions to defend the seat. The worst case is that Talarico wins and perhaps shifts control of the Senate. The big question here is whether Trump will come off the sidelines and endorse Cornyn in the run-off.

Probably the biggest shocker last night was that Texas House Representative Steve Toth upset Dan Crenshaw by 16 points. This race was dominated by conspiracy theories propagated by right-wing influencers and the Byzantine politics of Montgomery County. The loss of Crenshaw on the Energy and Commerce and Select Intelligence Committees will be acutely felt in Texas. Also, he had developed a deep understanding of and contacts in the U.S. efforts to dismantle the cartels. Unfortunately, these considerations carry little weight among Republican primary voters.

Congressman Al Green defied the polling and ended up in a virtual tie with newcomer Congressman Christian Menefee. They will face off in a run-off where turnout will be very low. Green got off to a slow start but closed strong. My sense is that Green has the momentum going into the run-off. One bizarre aspect of this race was that the crypto industry poured millions into supporting Menefee. That is something that deserves more scrutiny.

There will be run-offs in both parties for County Judge. Annise Parker easily outdistanced Letita Plummer (47-37) but fell short of closing out the race. Anything can happen in a run-off, but Parker should have a leg up. However, the run-off in CD18 will be a tailwind for Plummer.

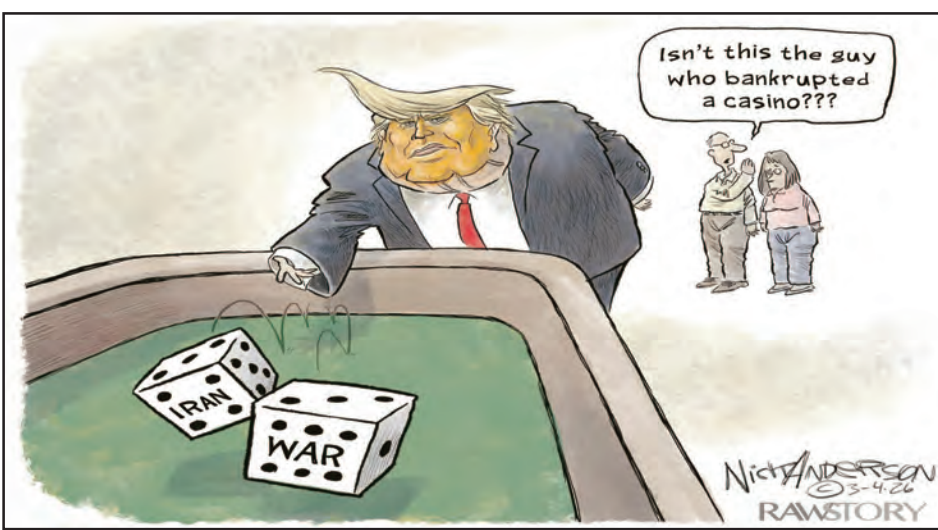
On the Republican side, Orlando Sanchez made the run-off as expected. But in another shocker, firefighter union chief Marty Lancton did not make the run-off, despite a string of high-profile endorsements, including Gregg Abbott. Instead of Lancton, long-time Republican activist Warren Howell made the run-off.

Lots of other interesting details from last night's results. I will be writing more on this and, of course, we will be digging into the details at our Readers Conference on March 28.

Hope to see you all on March 28!

Register for the March 28 Bill King Blog Readers' Conference

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By **Carrie Classon**

Still Family



I've always known I was lucky when it came to family. I saw classmates who had impossible siblings, and I knew my curly-headed younger sister was a catch. I knew people who really hated spending time with their parents, and I always had fun with mine—and I still do.

I grew up with 36 cousins, 34 of whom were on my mother's side. It was a lot easier to keep track of my father's side of the family, but I always felt somehow rich, having so many cousins spread over so much of the country.

When I married, I acquired another family, a boisterous Catholic family who laughed and drank and cussed more than my own. I immediately loved my mother-in-law who stayed up well past midnight with me, discussing big ideas, and my father-in-law who would listen in for a few minutes, shake his head and say, "I'm going to bed!"

When I divorced, one of the hardest things to accept was that I was going to lose this family I had been given in marriage, a family I had grown steadily closer to for more than 22 years. But that turned out not to be the case.

I've now been divorced and remarried for many years, and those former in-laws are still my family. It was their choice, of course, and possibly not an easy one—to remain close to a former daughter-in-law or sister-in-law. But my former mother-in-law, who has since passed, set the tone and let me know I'd always have a place in her heart, and her children followed suit. And I know I am enormously lucky.

Last week, I got to spend time with a couple of them. My former brother- and sister-in-law, Jason and Mandy, came to visit and celebrate their birthdays, and once again, I was reminded of how fortunate I was. My husband, Peter, went hiking with Jason and, as usual, met some friends on the way.

"Was it awkward, introducing Jason to friends?" I asked.

"No, he just introduced himself as your former brother-in-law," Peter said. It was not a big deal—not to Peter, not to Jason, not to anyone.

But it is a big deal. It is a very big deal for me to still have a strong relationship with these people I love, after the loss of a marriage changed the landscape. I have lost some good friends in the past, and I still feel those losses. To lose an entire family would be terrible. And I have not.

We did not spend much time together. I was busy with a writers' conference and had less time than I would have liked. But when we were together, we shared funny stories of things we had done years ago, stories of things we are doing today, and stories from our childhoods, before we even knew one another. Of course, my ex-husband was woven into many of these stories, but so were people who had died—Mandy's wonderful husband, my father- and mother-in-law. Circumstances constantly change. But love survives.

More than ever, I realize how lucky I am when it comes to family. And I also realize how little biology or legalities have to do with what makes a family. We need people in our lives who know our stories from the past and are interested in our stories today. We need people who share our old jokes that other people won't ever fully understand. We need people who can accept us, along with the changes that are always a part of life—and remain family.

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By **Gary Borders**



Four Texas Counties Report Measles Cases

Measles cases have been reported recently in four Texas counties: Frio, Bandera, Kendall and Lubbock. With five reported cases, Bandera had the most, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Lubbock was the center of last year's outbreak when people from surrounding counties with measles came there for hospital care.

The current outbreak of measles has been centered around South Carolina. Last year, Texas led the nation with more than 800 cases, mostly in West Texas.

Measles is highly contagious, spread by airborne particles. It has a 90% infection rate among unvaccinated people who are exposed to someone with measles. It can cause people to also lose their immune protection against other diseases.

PATRICK SEEKS TO BLOCK CAMP MYSTIC'S REOPENING

Texas should not renew the license for Camp Mystic this summer until necessary changes are made to ensure more lives aren't lost in a flood, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick wrote in a letter to the state health commissioner, according to the Texas Standard.

"It would be naive to allow Camp Mystic to return to normal operations before all of the facts are known," Patrick wrote to Department of State Health Services Commissioner Jennifer Shuford. "Camp Mystic should have decided on their own to suspend operations this coming summer, but it appears they are planning for camp in 2026 and will likely be seeking your approval to operate with a renewed license."

Flooding last July 4 killed 25 campers, two counselors and the camp's executive director.

Parents of some of the campers who died have sued Shuford and other DSHS officials, claiming the state failed to follow Texas law when licensing the camp without ensuring it had adequate evacuation plans.



In the months following the flood, Camp Mystic has announced plans to reopen its Cypress Lake property, which it says is independent from the older Guadalupe River location where the girls died.

WILDFIRES POPPING UP ACROSS THE STATE

Dry conditions and brisk winds are fueling a rise in wildfires across the state. The Texas A&M Forest Service reported that forecast rain could lessen the wildfire risk in early March.

As of Sunday, the service reported two active wildfires: one in Orange County, in Southeast Texas, and the other in Schleicher County, in Central Texas. Most of the wildfires reported last week and now contained were in East Texas. Burn bans are in place in 184 of the state's 254 counties.

EDUCATION BOARD APPROVES 4,200 CURRICULUM CORRECTIONS

The State Board of Education last week approved roughly 4,200 corrections and revisions to its elementary and secondary school curriculum, The Texas Tribune reported. The cost of making the corrections and changes has not been determined, but it will come at taxpayer expense, since the Texas Education Agency developed the materials using state funding. A TEA official said the agency planned to determine the costs now that the changes and corrections have been approved.

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proved. The vote was delayed in January.

The state has been using the Bluebonnet Learning curriculum since November 2024. When unveiled, it attracted national attention for its references to the Bible and Christianity.

Approximately 1 in 4 school districts have indicated that they are using at least some portions of the reading curriculum, covering about 400,000 students. The materials come with a \$60 per-student incentive for districts.

TEA spokesperson Jake Kobersky said not all the changes to Bluebonnet are to fix errors.

"Some updates are simply improvements based on teacher feedback," Kobersky said. "Every change and/or edit made to the product must be submitted individually for SBOE approval, regardless of the nature of the change, hence the large number."

NEW STATE PARK OPEN AFTER YEARS OF DELAYS

The gates to the state's newest park are now open. Palo Pinto Mountains State Park, located about 75 miles west of Fort Worth, consists of 4,871 acres of former ranchland, according to The Dallas Morning News. It marks the first time in more than 25 years that a new state park has opened in North Texas.

"I am proud of the dedication of our [Texas Parks and Wildlife Department] team but also the unwavering support of the Texas Legislature and the voters of Texas that have brought us to this moment," Rodney Franklin, director of Texas state parks, said in a news release. "State park staff stand ready to welcome families far and wide to begin making memories at Texas' newest state park."

The park's planned opening in 2023 was postponed by safety concerns during construction. It has more than 16 miles of trails, a 90-acre lake and both recreational vehicle and tent-camping sites.

The site was purchased by the parks department in 2011. Funding for its construction came from a combination of legislative appropriation, the Sporting Goods Sales Tax, federal funding, and \$10 million in private philanthropy.

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AI demystified for chamber members at luncheon,

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ees to follow along on their laptops or smartphones as she demonstrated popular large language models, including ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Perplexity and Claude, explaining how each tool can serve a different purpose. “Perplexity is for deep research,” she said, while noting that other platforms can generate marketing content, images, videos and even simple applications.

A key focus of the presentation was customization. Tribble stressed that many users fail to get value from AI tools because they do not personalize them.

“If it’s not personalized, it does not speak like you want it to speak. It doesn’t know your business,” she said. “Today, I’m going to teach you.”

She also emphasized the importance of security and data control, urging attendees to turn off unnecessary data sharing and enable two-factor authentication.

“Your business is very important to you,” Tribble said. “This allows the naughty people not to get into your account and take away all your goodies.”

Throughout the session, Tribble encouraged participants to think strategically about how they communicate with AI systems. She explained the concept of prompts as clear instructions that include a role, a task, an audience and specific details.

“Trash in, trash out,” she said. “If you do not provide it with more information, it’s not going to help



Tribble asked chamber members to follow along with their laptops, tablets, or phones as she showed them how to personalize their own ChatGPT accounts. (Photo by David Taylor)

your business grow.” Marketing and communication were recurring themes, particularly the importance of capturing attention quickly in a crowded digital space.

“You have three seconds,” Tribble told the audience. “If you’re not grabbing attention in those three seconds, you’ve lost them.”

She highlighted the value of strong calls to action in social media and advertising, reminding attendees that audiences need to be clearly told what to do next.

“If you do not tell people what to do, what are they going to do? Nothing,” she said.

Tribble also spoke about the continued importance of authenticity, cautioning against overreliance on AI-generated content without human oversight.

“AI is powerful, but it requires a human in the loop,” she said. “We control

AI. AI does not control you.”

The presentation concluded with a demonstration of conversational AI, including live translations and voice interaction, drawing audible reactions from the audience.

“Did you guys know that was possible?” Tribble asked, as attendees responded with applause and laughter.

Chamber leaders thanked Tribble for the informative session and hinted at future opportunities for continued learning.

“We are definitely going to have to invite you back or do a part two,” said board chair Dr. Alexander Okwonna.

The luncheon wrapped up with door prizes and a request for member feedback, but for many in attendance, the takeaway was clear: artificial intelligence is no longer a distant concept, but a practical tool ready to be used today.

Women’s History Month Honoree - (2nd of a series)

Celebrating Jeannette Pickering Rankin

By Allan Jamail

March 10, 2026 ~ Jeannette Pickering Rankin (June 11, 1880 – May 18, 1973) was an American politician and women’s rights advocate who became the first woman to hold federal office in the United States. She was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican from Montana in 1916 for one term, and then was elected again in 1940. Rankin remains the only woman ever elected to Congress from Montana.

Each of Rankin’s congressional terms coincided with the initiation of U.S. military intervention in both world wars. She was steadfast against U.S. involvement in wars and emphasized the moral impossibility of justifying war.

Rankin’s anti-war quotes:

“We have to get it into our heads once and for all that we cannot settle disputes by eliminating human beings.”

“The greatest threat to peace is the barrage of rightist propaganda portraying war as decent, honorable, and patriotic.” She warned against the manipulation of public opinion to glorify conflict.

“There can be no compromise with war; it cannot be reformed or controlled; cannot be disciplined into decency or codified into common sense; for war is the slaughter of human beings, temporarily regarded as enemies, on as large a scale as possible.”

As a trailblazer for women in politics while in congress Rankin organized and lobbied for legislation increasing women’s Rights. She introduced legislation that eventually became the 19th Constitutional Amendment, granting unrestricted voting rights to women nationwide.

She envisioned widespread political empowerment for women and emphasized a woman’s personal integrity and moral courage.

She championed a multitude of diverse women’s rights and civil rights causes throughout a career that spanned more than six decades. In 1920, she helped found the American Civil Liberties Union and served as a vice president.

Rankin’s women’s right quotes:

“I may be the first woman member of Congress, but I won’t be the last.”

“I want to be remembered as the only woman who ever voted to give women the right to vote.”

“If I had my way, every woman in this country would carry a ballot in her purse.”



Jeannette Pickering Rankin, history’s first woman in congress.

“The individual woman is required . . . a thousand times a day to choose either to accept her appointed role and thereby rescue her good disposition out of the wreckage of her self-respect, or else follow an independent line of behavior and rescue her self-respect out of the wreckage of her good disposition.”

Rankin was born on June 11, 1880, near Missoula in Montana Territory, nine years before the territory became a state, to school teacher Olive (née Pickering) and Scottish-Canadian immigrant John Rankin, a wealthy mill owner.

She was the eldest of seven children, including five sisters (one of whom died in childhood) and a brother, Wellington, who became Montana’s attorney general and later, a justice on the Montana Supreme Court. One of her sisters, Edna Rankin McKinnon, became the first Montana-born woman to pass the bar exam in Montana and was an early social activist for access to birth control.

Rankin died on May 18, 1973, at age 92, in Carmel, California. She willed her estate, including the property in Watkinsville, Georgia, to help “mature, unemployed women workers”.

Her Montana residence, known as the Rankin Ranch, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. The Jeannette Rankin Women’s Scholarship Fund, a nonprofit organization, awards annual educational scholarships to low-income women.

Channelview prairie garden project celebrates milestone,

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By David Taylor
Managing Editor

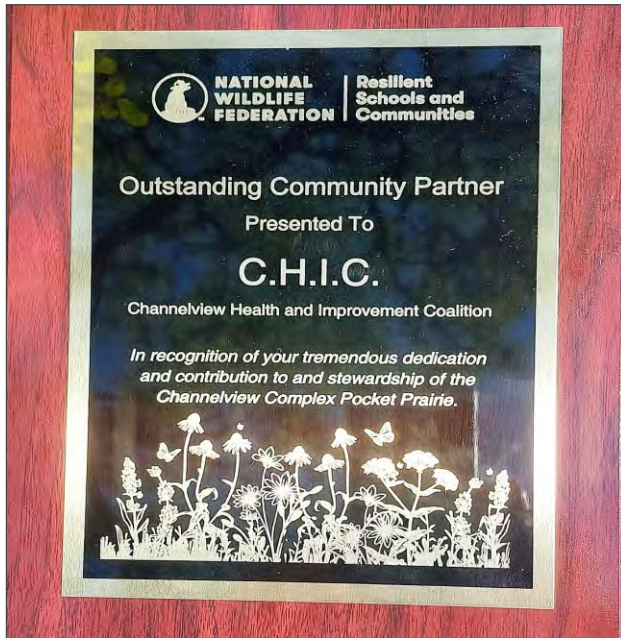
CHANNELVIEW — Community leaders, students and environmental advocates gathered this week to celebrate major updates to the Channelview Prairie Garden project and to honor long-time community advocate Carolyn Stone for her leadership and dedication in helping bring the project to life.

The prairie garden, located at the Channelview Sports Complex, represents a collaborative effort between residents, students, local organizations and Precinct 3 to create a native plant space that supports wildlife habitat, stormwater management and environmental education.

During the meeting, representatives from the National Wildlife Federation provided a detailed update on the project’s progress, highlighting months of planning, community engagement and hands-on work that transformed a former sod-covered area into a thriving native prairie.

“This project started with listening,” said Kate Unger, a project coordinator with the National Wildlife Federation. “We held multiple community meetings over the past two school years to ask residents what they wanted to see here. The result was a space that reflects both environmental goals and community priorities.”

The prairie installation began in April with the removal of existing sod, followed by soil enrichment and planting efforts involving Channelview High School students, community volunteers and corporate partners. More than 400 native plants were installed, along with seed plantings, compost and mulch designed to improve soil health and support deep root systems.



The plaque presented to Stone for her contribution to the success of the prairie garden.

“These native plants don’t just look beautiful,” Unger said. “Their roots go much deeper than turf grass, which helps retain water, filter pollutants and make this area more resilient during heavy rains and freezes.”

Despite challenges — including accidental mowing and invasive grass species — organizers said continued coordination with Precinct 3 and community volunteers helped address setbacks. New “Prairie in Progress” signage in both English and Spanish has now been installed, and a permanent educational sign was placed along the sidewalk earlier this month.

The meeting concluded with a special presentation recognizing Carolyn Stone, president of Channelview Health Improvement Coalition (CHIC), for her instrumental role in supporting the project from its earliest stages.

“None of this would have happened without Carolyn,” Unger told attendees. “She opened the door for these conversations, supported student involvement, provided equipment and water during planting days, and showed up again and again

to make sure this project succeeded.”

Stone was presented with flowers in appreciation of her leadership and longstanding advocacy for environmental health in Channelview.

“This is my job, but it’s also my passion,” Stone said. “I’ve lived in this community for decades, and seeing students, neighbors and organizations come together to build something positive — something that protects our health and our environment — makes all the work worth it.”

Community members noted that the prairie garden has already begun attracting butterflies and other pollinators, even after recent hard freezes.

“I sat there one afternoon just watching the butterflies,” Stone said. “That’s when you know it’s working.”

Organizers encouraged residents to visit the site, learn from the new signage and consider volunteering with future maintenance and educational events.

“This prairie is more than a garden,” Unger said. “It’s a symbol of what’s possible when communities lead and partners listen.”



Signage in English and Spanish denotes the prairie garden as marked and mowing should be avoided.



A new monument board has been installed that explains to visitors the history of the prairie garden and how it evolved.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Quala Systems, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 18447, which would authorize modification to a Tank Container Cleaning Facility located at 2700 Appelt Drive, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77015. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

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Scope of Work: The work proposed in this project includes the rehabilitation of Water Plants No. 1 and 2. The project includes the rehabilitation of the existing Ground Storage Tank, booster pumps, chemical disinfection and feed system, MCC, an operations building, yard piping, on-site paving, associated site work, and controls.

Accompany Bids with acceptable Cashier's or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount bid, payable without recourse to the City, or a Bid Bond of like amount from an approved surety company, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents for the project are available at https://bids.lja.com. For each set issued a non-refundable charge of \$50.00 for an electronic copy / \$100.00 for a hard copy. The hard copy may be obtained at LJA Engineering, Inc., East Houston Office, 11821 East Freeway, Suite 360, Houston TX 77029.

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

All contractors/subcontractors must not be debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). An Active SAM Registration is required to be submitted with this bid to be considered eligible to work on this project.

A Non Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 10 A.M. at the LJA Engineering, Inc., East Houston Office, 11821 East Freeway, Suite 360, Houston, Texas 77029.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: 18447

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Quala Systems, Inc., 2700 Appelt Dr, Houston, TX 77015-6558, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 18447, which would authorize modification to a Tank Container Cleaning Facility located at 2700 Appelt Drive, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77015. AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/newsourcesreview/airpermits-pendingpermit-apps. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 14, 2025. The existing facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, exempt solvents, hazardous air pollutants, hydrogen bromide, hydrogen chloride, hydrogen fluoride, inorganic chemicals, nitrogen oxides, organic 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, and at the North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77049, 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.

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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. Because 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 Quala Systems, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Philip Evans, Senior Vice President, Technical Services at (281) 446-7070.

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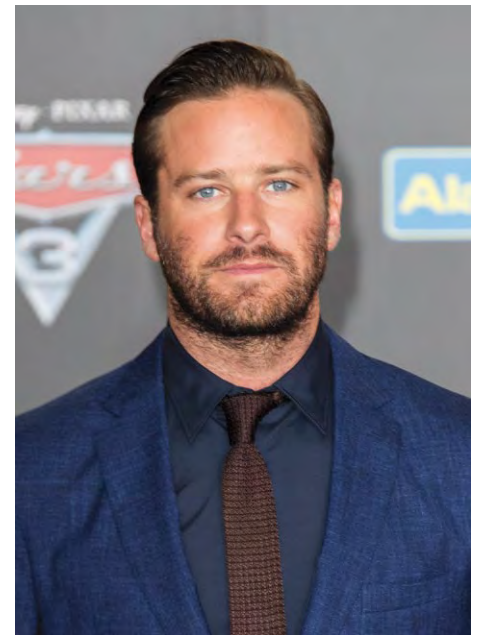
Michelle Pfeiffer, left, and Beau Garrett star in 'The Madison.'

'The Madison.'

'Scarpetta' (TV-MA) — AMC Theaters spokesperson Nicole Kidman is back in a leading role for television with this new mystery series premiering on March 11. She plays Dr. Kay Scarpetta, a forensic pathologist who signs on to be a chief medical examiner again after the job had previously left her in shambles. Working alongside detective Pete Marino (Bobby Cannavale), Scarpetta starts investigating a murder case with similar ties to her very first case as an examiner and begins to wonder if both cases are connected. Jamie Lee Curtis ('Freakier Friday') plays Scarpetta's older sister, Dorothy, while Ariana DeBose ('Love Hurts') plays Dorothy's daughter. Look out for the following eight episodes to drop every Wednesday. (Amazon

Prime Video) 'Nuremberg' (PG-13) — This historical drama is led by the unlikely but talented duo of Russell Crowe ('Kraven the Hunter') and Rami Malek ('The Amateur'). The film follows U.S. Army psychiatrist Douglas Kelley (Malek), who is assigned to inspect and ensure the mental health of high-ranking Nazi prisoners as they await the Nuremberg trials. Hermann Goring (Crowe) intrigues Dr. Kelley the most; not only is Goring the highest-ranking military officer of all time, but he is also a charming narcissist who is ready to lay out an intellectual trap so that he can escape the hangman's noose. Other talented actors in the cast included LEO Woodall ('Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy'), Colin Hanks ('Nobody 2'), and

Michael Shannon ('The Bikeriders'). Out now to stream. (Netflix) 'The Madison' (TV-MA) — This six-episode neo-Western series hails from none other than 'Yellowstone' creator Taylor Sheridan. Starring Michelle Pfeiffer ('Oh, What, Fun.') and Kurt Russell ('Smurfs'), the series follows the Clyburns - a family that is originally from New York City but relocates to southwest Montana after tragedy strikes. Set against a beautiful landscape of the Madison River valley, the show mostly focuses on Stacy Clyburn's (Pfeiffer) grief as the matriarch of the family. The family's success truly hinges on whether Stacy is able to take her sorrow and turn it into something worthwhile. The first three episodes release on March 14, and the last three release the week after. (Paramount+) 'It's Dorothy!' (TV-PG) — The 'Wicked' films opened up what feels like a giant wormhole where fans want to go back in time and travel to different points of the 'Wizard of Oz' universe. This documentary film explores the many iterations/adaptations that Dorothy Gale has been featured in since her debut in L. Frank Baum's 1900 novel. Of course, Judy Garland's 1939 portrayal of Dorothy is highlighted in the doc, along with Diana Ross' in 'The Wiz' and more! There are also interviews included of former Dorothys like Ashanti, who played her in 'The Muppets' Wizard of Oz' (2005), as well as Fairuza Balk, who played her in 'Return to Oz' (1985). Premieres March 13. (Peacock) (c) 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.



Armie Hammer (Upcoming in 'Citizen Vigilante')

Q: Has Armie Hammer acted in anything since he was canceled by Hollywood? Could he ever make a comeback? — P.A. A: Actor Armie Hammer, descendent of oil tycoon Armand Hammer (and not, as many believe, the founder of the Arm & Hammer baking soda brand), continues to work in the film industry. However, his career has fallen considerably since he starred in the Oscar-nominated 2017 film 'Call Me by Your Name,' opposite Timothee Chalamet. Without going into specifics, Hammer was dropped by his talent agency and essentially blacklisted by Hollywood after multiple allegations of sexual abuse. Since his fall from grace, he's acted in lower-budget independent movies, but a fairly recent credit was from a major studio. Kenneth Branagh's 'Death on the Nile' was filmed in 2019 before his scandal became public, but it was released in 2022. Hammer also has three upcoming projects on his IMDb page, including two starring roles. *** Q: How old is journalist Kaitlan Collins? She seems so young, but she's very good at her job. I enjoy her show on CNN. — J.U. A: Kaitlan Collins is 33 years old and began her career writing for 'The Daily Caller,' which was founded by Tucker Carlson. Shortly thereafter, she joined CNN and was promoted to the role of chief White House correspondent in 2021. In between President Trump's two terms, she co-hosted 'CNN This Morning' before moving back to this correspondent role in 2024. She has hosted her own primetime show called 'The Source,' which has been on CNN since 2023. Collins grew up in the small town of Prattville, Alabama, to parents whom she said never really discussed politics. She switched her major from chemistry to journalism and political science at the University of Alabama, where she graduated from in 2014. While she has been a recipient of President Trump's verbal wrath, she seems to have earned the respect of his press secretary Karoline Leavitt, who defended her presence to the Saudi Royal Guard when they tried to prohibit her from attending a press event.

Some folks online question how Collins has risen to the top of the national news circuit at such a young age, but the late Peter Jennings was only 26 when he anchored ABC's 'Peter Jennings with the News.' By the age of 45, he was behind the desk every night at 6:30 p.m. ET to host 'ABC World News Tonight.' *** Q: When is the series based on 'Legally Blonde' coming out? I heard about it a while ago. I hope it's still happening. — C.C. A: The premiere of 'Elle,' a prequel series based on the hit 'Legally Blonde' movies starring Reese Witherspoon, is set for July 1 on Amazon Prime Video. Lexi Minetree ('The Murdaugh Murders') will star as a teenage Elle Woods in all her pretty-pink princess glory, alongside actors like Jessica Belkin ('Just Add Magic'), Sophie Thom ('The Hunting Party'), and June Diane Raphael ('The Morning Show'). The series is written and produced by Laura Kittrell ('Insecure'), as well as Witherspoon's production company Hello Sunshine. Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com. (c) 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

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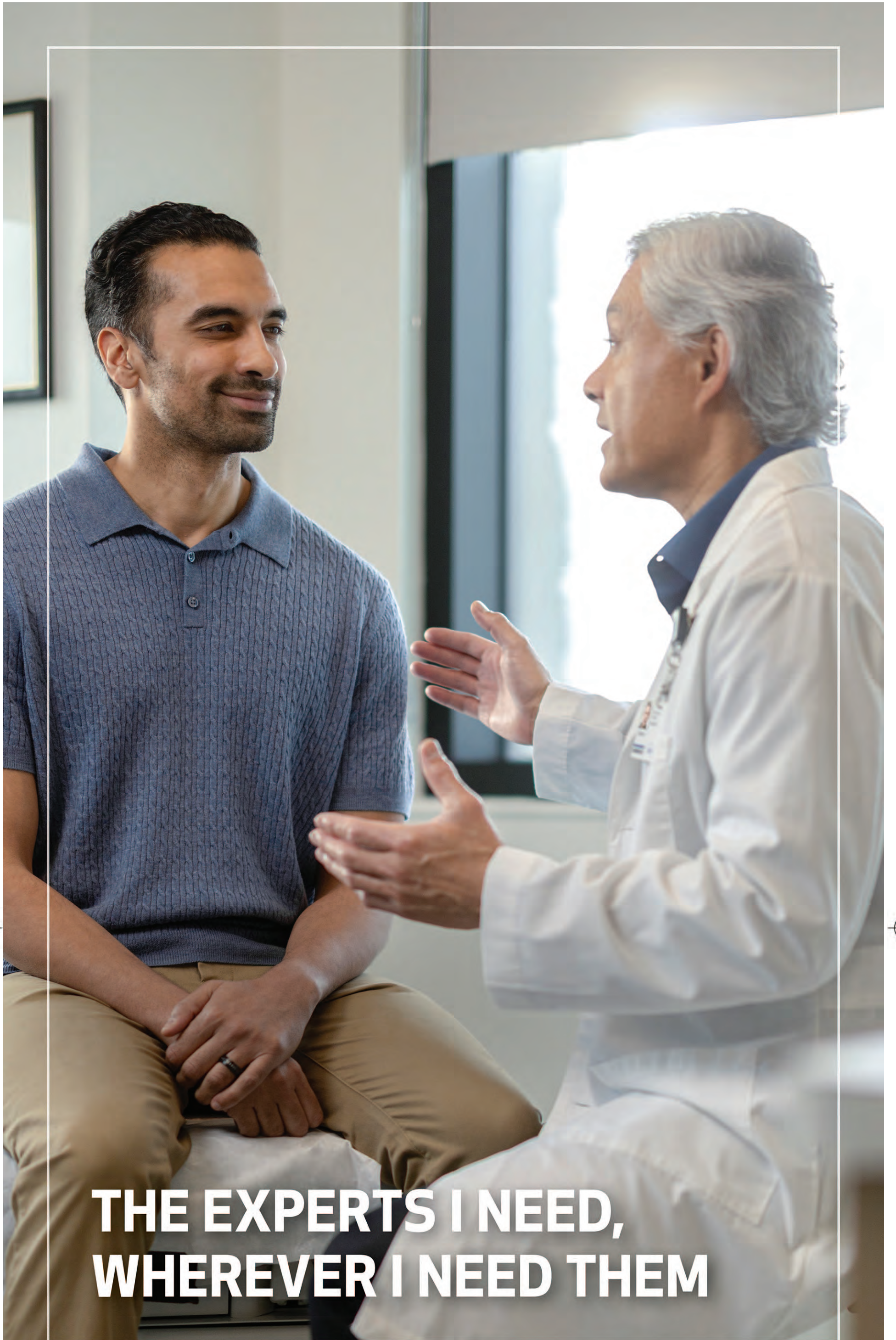
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