

Officers from all over the county participated in a ALERRT training incident at Royalwood Elementary in Sheldon ISD last week. Story by David Taylor.

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Community Meeting by PHW Focuses on Barges in San Jacinto River, and associated Pollution

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

EAST HARRIS COUNTY — According to a group of environmentalists, an ever-growing fleet of petrochemical barges on the San Jacinto River is releasing millions of pounds of air pollution each year, alarming residents, scientists and environmental advocates who allege the largely unregulated industry is quietly worsening health risks in an already overburdened region.

At a recent town hall in Channelview, journalists, researchers and former industry insiders described how barges — which account for roughly 90 percent of vessel traffic on the Houston Ship Channel — have expanded dramatically over the past three decades, particularly along the San Jacinto River,

where homes, parks and schools sit just yards from industrial activity.

“There used to be about 100 barges on the San Jacinto River,” said Selena Arredondo, a staff writer at Public Health Watch. “Now there are at least 600. And they used to be away from homes and parks — that’s no longer the case.”

Millions of pounds of invisible pollution

According to a 2023 analysis by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), barges operating in Harris County emit an estimated 5.1 million pounds of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) each year — more than the reported emissions from the massive ExxonMobil Baytown refinery.

VOCs include chemicals



A town hall at the Flukinger Center in Channelview involved a panel discussion on the barge traffic on the San Jacinto River and associated pollution.

such as benzene and 1,3-butadiene, which are known carcinogens linked to leukemia and other cancers.

“That’s a lot,” said Dr. Garrett Sansom, an environmental epidemiologist at Texas A&M University. “And the most concerning

part is the types of VOCs typically associated with petrochemical activity in this area — many are directly tied to serious human health outcomes.”

Unlike factories on land, barges do not require federal air permits, routine environmental inspections

or continuous emissions monitoring. Regulators generally account for barge pollution only when vessels are docked and loading or unloading — meaning emissions released while barges are idling or moored on the river are largely untracked.

“These numbers are an undercount,” Arredondo said. “There is nobody tracking how much they’re emitting when they’re on the water.”

How barges pollute

Former barge industry consultant Frank Parker, who spent decades advising companies on environmental safety, explained that pollution is often released in small but frequent bursts — leaking seals, open hatches and vapor releases during loading, unloading and tank cleaning.

“It’s death by a thousand cuts,” Parker said. “Anytime you expose gasoline or crude oil to the atmosphere, vapors come off.”

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By Allan Jamail

March 16, 2026 ~ Erica Shelwyn Lee was born in Houston on February 2, 1980, to Sheila Jackson Lee, a lawyer and politician, and Elwyn Lee, a law professor. She has a brother, Jason Cornelius Bennett Lee. She graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with an undergraduate degree and later earned a Master of Public Policy from Duke University.

On February 12, 2026 Harris County Commissioners Court appointed Erica Lee Carter as the new County Administrator (OCA). The office was created in 2021; she took office March 9th and will be the first African American woman to hold this position.

Erica’s a lifelong resident of Harris County, and is well suited for the OCA. She knows the county’s needs and if the funding resources are provided she’ll make sure they’ll be



Harris County Administrator Erica Lee Carter.

allocated fairly as the Commissioners’ priorities were established in the budgeting process.

Carter said, “As the Harris County Administrator, I am honored to work for the Commissioner’s Court to serve the people of our county.” “Our government should be responsive to every resident. And, I look forward to strengthening county operations, leading a transpar-

ent budget process, and ensuring we deliver effective government services to all communities.”

“It is my commitment to work each day to make progress towards your 2050 vision and ensure the county is safe and fair, thriving, resilient, connected, healthy and secure. “I will never forget who you serve and why we must work relentlessly to succeed,” I truly am a daughter, sister and mother of this county,” Carter said.

Before assuming the Administrator’s position some of her work included launching the county’s first dedicated funding for afterschool programs through County Connections, helping establish the CROWN Act as a county-wide policy, and contributing to the development of an \$18 million loan pro-



Administrator Carter (3-11-26) at the H. C. Institute for Forensic Sciences at certificate wall of staff certifications.

gram for minority and woman-owned businesses.

As a friend of Lee Carter it gives me great satisfaction in providing the North Channel Star print media readers and their other media outlets their first glance into one of Harris County’s Rising Stars. She was “Erica Lee” when we first met 2004, some twenty-two years ago.

Since then we’ve developed a mutual trust and respectable friendship where we’re able to comfortably share our feelings on various subjects.

She invited my wife Linda and I to her wedding (November 2012) with Dr. Roy L. Carter Jr., her husband and father to their twins, Ellison Bennett Carter and Roy Lee Cart-

er III, and also to the twins Christening Ceremony.

I cannot write this without recognizing Erica’s mother my dear friend a true national legend the late U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (S JL).

Erica’s been gifted with many of “the Congresswoman’s” passions, one in particular is the real love to help others who’re less fortunate. She’s displayed a genuine openness by caring from her heart to help others without regard of one’s stature whether it is prominence in the political or financial community.

Administrator Carter is a dynamic public servant and policy leader with a distinguished record of advancing innovative initiatives and shaping legislative priorities at local, state, and federal levels.

In this role, Carter leads the Office of County Administration in executing the Commissioners Court’s

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Celebrating Galena Park Middle School’s 75th Anniversary!



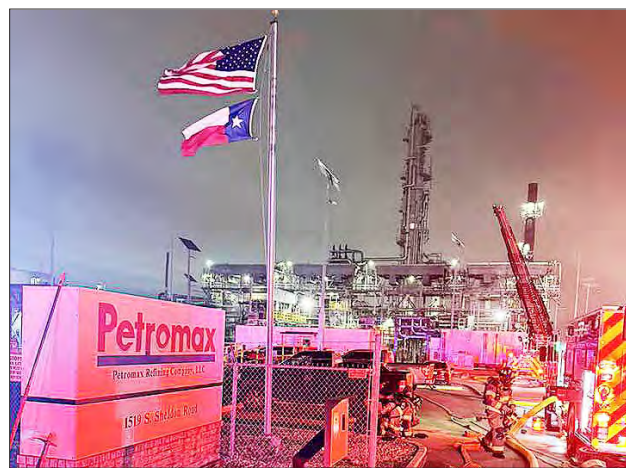
From its humble beginnings in serving the expanding community to its current status as a vibrant campus, the school has played a pivotal role in shaping generations of students, families, and leaders in Galena Park.

The institution express-

es gratitude to the educators, administrators, staff, students, alumni, and community members who continue to uphold the proud Yellow Jackets legacy.

Here’s to many more years of learning, leadership, and community engagement.

Fire at Petromax in Channelview Quickly Extinguished After Flare-Up



The front of the plant was awash in flashing red lights as the Channelview Fire Department and Harris County Hazmat responded to the fire at Petromax on Sheldon Road.

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

A flare-up at a chemical company in Channelview was quickly extinguished by members of the plant fire brigade and the Chan-

nelview Fire Department last Wednesday.

The incident, according to Brandi Dumas at the Harris County Fire Marshal’s Office, was reported at 7:50 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.



Firefighters from both the Channelview Fire Department and the Harris County Hazmat team fought the fire alongside of the fire brigade from Petromax and extinguished the blaze quickly.

“We received a report of a fire at a facility identified as Petromax Refining, located at 1519 South Sheldon Road in Channelview,”

she said.

Dumas confirmed that

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GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Student Artist Selected for 2026 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Auction

Galena Park ISD proudly recognizes Alma Villegas, a senior at Galena Park High School, for earning a place in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's 2026 School Art Auction. Her artwork, "Saddled Up and Ready to Ride," was selected from thousands of student entries across the Houston area, highlighting Alma's exceptional artistic talent and commitment to excellence.

Alma was formally recognized by the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees on March 2, 2026, during the monthly board meeting. She was also honored at the School Art Awards on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the NRG Center. Her artwork will be featured in



the prestigious School Art Auction on Sunday, March 15, 2026, held during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The annual auction showcases outstanding student artists and raises scholarship

funds to support their future educational goals. Galena Park ISD congratulates Alma Villegas on this impressive accomplishment and celebrates her artistic achievements.

CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS


Students' Artwork Earns Special Merit at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Houston, TX – Students from Channelview ISD have been honored with Special Merit recognition for their exceptional artwork at the prestigious Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Their remarkable pieces are currently on display in the Hayloft Gallery, offering a testament to their creativity, dedication, and artistic excellence.

Rodeo attendees are encouraged to visit the Hayloft Gallery to witness the outstanding talent of these young artists. The recognition not only highlights their skills but also provides them with a significant platform to showcase their work. The community is filled with pride for these accomplished students.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo | Channelview ISD


BEST OF SHOW Winner



Under the Brim | Aubrey Davis
Art Teacher: D. Goodman
Anthony Aguirre JH

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GOLD MEDAL Winner



The Morning Rush | Ava Gonzales
Art Teacher: D. Goodman
Anthony Aguirre JH

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SPECIAL MERIT Winner



The Tractor | Italy Avalos
Art Teacher: C. Locke
Channelview High School

North Shore Students Selected for 2026 TMEA All-State Ensembles



Galena Park ISD (GPISD) proudly recognized North Shore Senior High School band students Gabriel Marquez, Diego Palacios, and Justin Sandoval for earning positions in the 2026 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) AllState Band and Orchestra. Their achievements were celebrated at the March 2, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting, where the district honored their dedication, talent, and outstanding representation of GPISD. Being selected for an AllState ensemble is one of the highest distinctions available to Texas high school musicians. Senior trumpet player

Justin Sandoval earned a place in the 6A Symphonic Band, an accomplishment that reflects his exceptional musicianship and strong commitment to excellence. The TMEA audition process is rigorous and highly competitive, requiring students to progress through multiple audition rounds. Senior French horn player Gabriel Marquez was selected for the All-State Philharmonic Orchestra. His recognition showcases the discipline, technical mastery, and artistic skill required to perform at such a high level. Junior trumpet player Diego Palacios earned a

position in the AllState Symphony Orchestra, a remarkable achievement that highlights both his natural ability and his dedication to developing as a young musician. Earning this honor as a junior speaks to his promising future in the performing arts. Each year, only about 1,700 students statewide advance to AllState, making this a significant milestone. Galena Park ISD proudly congratulates Gabriel, Diego, and Justin for their exceptional accomplishments and for demonstrating why it is Great to Be in GPISD.

GP ISD Honors Principal Kenneth Bryant as HAABSE Principal of the Year



Galena Park ISD (GPISD) honored Mr. Kenneth Bryant, Principal of the North Shore Senior High School 10th Grade Center, at the March 2, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting for being named the 2025-2026 Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators (HAABSE) Principal of the Year. This distinction reflects his exceptional leadership, commitment to academic excellence, and the positive and lasting influence he continues to have on students, staff, and the North Shore community. The HAABSE Principal of

the Year award is one of the most respected honors in the region. It recognizes school leaders who demonstrate excellence in service, dedication to student achievement, and a strong commitment to creating meaningful learning opportunities. Recipients are selected by their peers—administrators who witness their leadership in action and the impact they make on their campuses each day. Mr. Bryant's work exemplifies the core values of Galena Park ISD, including high expectations, continuous im-

provement, and strong support systems for all learners. He was also formally recognized by the Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators on February 12, 2026, during the organization's annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony. GPISD congratulates Mr. Bryant on this well-deserved achievement and expresses its appreciation for his outstanding service and leadership. His work continues to elevate North Shore Senior High School and exemplifies why it is Great to Be in GPISD.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



When Change is Needed

Often people voice concerns about issues, yet they do not get involved in finding solutions. They see a crime happening and they will not report it. They see trash along side of the road, but they will not volunteer to be a part of the many clean-up events in the community. They recognize the need for a full-service hospital in the community, yet they do not attend meetings with elected officials where they can voice their concerns.

Too often, their children are having difficulty with their schoolwork and yet they do not try to help or to get help for their children. Many educators share that often the only time they meet parents or guardians is for Open House with the elementary schools and that by the time the students reach middle school, they are doing good to get a return phone call from a parent. And sadly, the only time teachers see parents once the child is in high school is if the child participates in Friday night football activities.

Several of the Homeowner Associations and Civic Clubs report having a tough time, even recruiting others to serve on the Boards. Local service organizations report a downward trend in membership, as members are often stretched thin from work obligations, church commitments, and family commitments that they have no time for community commitments. Yet, despite that we have growing needs within the community. Who is going to step up and take ownership of the issues?

When nobody steps up to run for the positions of trustees for local school districts or for community colleges, this results in the same mindset as in the past. Too often people complain about the number of employees within a District who have family ties to administrators or educators in the district, but if nobody else files an application to run, guess what? Changes do not happen. Too often it is heard "I work 40 hours a week and I am entitled to time off." True enough, but if everyone has that attitude, will the work in the community that is desperately needed ever happen? If someone feels their employment position is above volunteering time in the community, they need an attitude adjustment. We have all known educators who not only put in twenty to thirty extra hours weekly but often spend their personal resources on their students. Why should some employers expect their employees to contribute extra unpaid hours as well as resources to be effective, when others barely put in the effort to do a day's work?

What if each one of us volunteered 10 hours a month in our community? Mowing yards for older neighbors, providing childcare for a neighbor, or offering to drive a neighbor to a medical appointment. Our schools are always grateful to have volunteers in a variety of positions as well as there are many meetings held to listen to the concerns of residents. Please take some time this week, to see how YOU can get involved,

East Houston Democrats Host Neil Aquino at March 19 Membership Meeting; Community Events and Election Dates Announced

Thursday, March 19

East Houston Democrats welcome Neil Aquino as their guest speaker of the March 19 Membership Meeting. Aquino is founder of the Houston Democracy Project and a co-organizer of the John Cornyn Houston Office Protest. Each week Neil co-hosts the Houston Democracy Project Hour on the Egberto Willies' Politics Done Right broadcast on KPFT. Neil closely follows Houston City Council, has an active and extensive social media presence and has been the featured speaker at many Democratic clubs and Indivisible chapters across the Houston-region. Neil has a political science degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati and has lived in Houston for 27 years.

The Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Pine Trails Community Improvement Association office located at 6003 Wood Bend, Houston 77049.

Saturday, March 21 at 11 a.m.

Looking to make new friends and enjoy a free lunch? Join others for the Third Saturday Community Meal at 11 a.m. at Channelview First Assembly of God located at 330 Sheldon Road.

Saturday, March 28 at 3 p.m.

North Shore Little League's Third Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 355 N. Castlegory with three special hunts, including the Challenger League for differently abled children. Arrive by 2:40 p.m., with your own basket and a smile.

Upcoming Runoff Election Important Dates

April 27 last day to register to vote.

May 13 - 22 Early Voting.

May 26 Election Day

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Recall: rice products might contain glass

A recent food recall for one manufacturer includes a list of fried rice, ramen and dumpling products that is 23 pages long. The list covers lot numbers and production dates going back many months. With 50 items per page, that comes to 1,100 items. The problem? They all might have glass in them.

The additional concern? They

were sold under several brand names, including as the house brand for two big chains. One of those alone has a recall for over 30 million pounds of the rice products.

But there's more. We also have a BBQ sauce with undeclared allergens, the cat food without enough vitamin B1, dog treats with salmonella and cottage cheese that contains milk that wasn't pasteurized.

It's not only food items that are currently on recall lists. We have baby monitors that can catch fire while charging, the bath foam that can forcefully eject pieces (three injuries so far) when opened and the metal wire grill brushes that can break off and attach to the grill or food.

Vehicles aren't being left out. Ford is recalling transit vehicles because the brake pedal can come apart and fail. (Free inspection and repair, however.) Certain 2025-2026 Subaru vehicles are being recalled due to fuel leak, which can cause a fire. (Again, there's a free repair.) BMW has damaged air conditioning wire harnesses, which can cause a fire. Kia Telluride, which has power front seats, are recalled because they might not restrain occupants in a crash.

To find the list of rice products that might contain glass, go to www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls. At this writing, there is a banner across the top of the page, and it's classified as a Class 1 (High) recall.

Make it a weekly habit to take a look at recall sites, such as www.fsis.usda.gov (food), fda.gov (food and drugs), www.cpsc.gov/recalls (consumer products) and www.recalls.gov (a variety of products, food and medicine). Keep an eye on vehicle recalls at www.nhtsa.gov/recalls (you'll need your VIN).

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ASK DIAMOND JIM



Diamond Jim: "What is the birthstone for March?"

MARCH BIRTHSTONE

For the lucky individuals born in March the traditional birthstone is aquamarine.



AQUAMARINE

The serenely colored aquamarine invokes the tranquility of its namesake, the sea. In fact, the name *aquamarine* is derived from the Latin word *aqua*, meaning water, and *marina*, meaning *the sea*.

Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones, and darker blue stones are very valuable. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique. Not only is aquamarine one of the March birthstones, it's also used to celebrate 19th wedding anniversaries. It's a beautiful stone with little or no yellow in it, so it looks great in many settings with different colored metals and gemstones.

The stone is also considered to be a great addition to mental health and is used widely as a symbol in Tarot as well as a meditation aid and is said to help one cultivate more inner tranquility. It is also considered by some to be a great aligner of the spiritual and the physical, for those who feel out of harmony or alignment with oneself. No matter how you use aquamarine, either as a piece of jewelry or as an aid in a spiritual journey, its cool, tranquil color is the perfect complement to any skin tone or setting.

If you are looking for a birthstone, look no further than *Diamond Jim's Pineforest Jewelry Experience*. [Contact us](#) if you need assistance deciding on the right gemstone to buy.

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

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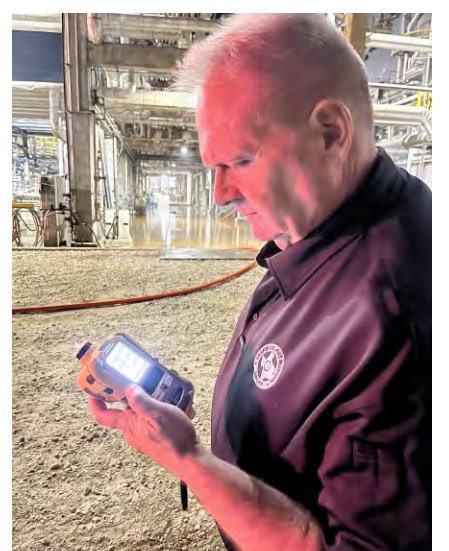
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"Hydrocarbon vapors associated with the product came into contact with a competent ignition source during the upset, igniting the product at a pump.

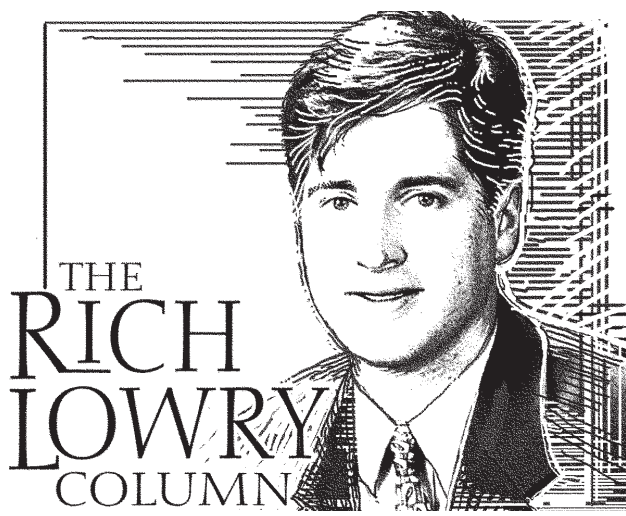
Dumas said the fire was quickly contained by the Petromax Fire Brigade in coordination with the Channelview Fire Department.

Offsite impact from the incident was minimal.

A Harris County Fire Marshal investigator works the scene at the Petromax on Sheldon Road following a fire at the location.



★ OPINION PAGE ★



Kristi Noem rides off into the Sunset

Kristi Noem rides off into the sunset
At times, you could be forgiven for having thought that Kristi Noem wanted to be a uniformed DHS officer rather than the secretary of the department.

Now, the cabinet member most inclined to glamour shots out in the field is going to have to go back to wearing civilian clothes.

For all his trademark firings during “The Apprentice” and the rapid turnover of his first term, President Trump has been loath to oust top officials this time around. Kristi Noem is the exception, and she’s earned the dubious distinction. Incompetent and preposterously self-promoting, Noem took a serious role and made it like something out of the HBO political spoof “Veep.”

The Wall Street Journal recently published a devastating report on her time at the department, which she ran in close partnership with the man she’s been rumored to be having an affair with, former Trump consultant Corey Lewandowski (she dismisses such reports as tabloid trash). It was a little like Antony and Cleopatra on the Potomac, except the empire was a sprawling bureaucracy and as farce rather than tragedy.

According to the Journal, Lewandowski fired a Coast Guard pilot who left Noem’s blanket behind on another plane, and then, when they reached their destination, reinstated him because there wasn’t anyone else to fly them home.

Reportedly, Noem tracked how often Tom Homan, the border czar who supplanted her in Minneapolis, was on TV and sought to outpace him.

The Journal related that Lewandowski was desperate to get a federally issued gun and badge and exacted retribution against those who didn’t cooperate (he failed to get the gun, but apparently got the badge).

DHS officials denied much of the Journal story, but even if a fraction of it was true, it was still damning.

The two were turfy, sharp-elbowed bureaucratic players, not a new or unusual offense in Washington. But their enemies tended to be people who knew what they were doing, with Tom Homan high on the list.

Noem and Lewandowski raised eyebrows by taking an unusual amount of control over the department’s spending. Self-dealing played a direct role in Noem’s defenestration. The department approved a \$220 million contract — funneled in part through firms run by Noem and Lewandowski allies — for an ad campaign encouraging illegal immigrants to go home.

The ad starred — who else? — Kristi Noem. She was on horseback and in chaps. The implicit message was that if illegal immigrants didn’t leave on their own, she’d immediately form a posse and run them over the border. It was a production worthy of a spaghetti western, or — more to the point, given her political ambitions — a commercial for a 2028 presidential campaign.

Noem couldn’t defend the sketchy spending decisions, or the blatantly self-glorifying ad, or much of anything else, in brutal back-to-back House and Senate congressional hearings that precipitated her doom. She’d already been taken down a notch after the Minneapolis ICE operation went sideways. Not working with copious supplies of credibility to begin with, she tossed away whatever she had by instantly labeling both agitators shot by DHS agents “domestic terrorists.”

All of this said, it was Trump who hired Noem despite her manifest deficiencies, including no notable experience in immigration enforcement. She was camera-ready and loyal, so why not? Her designated replacement, Oklahoma senator Markwayne Mullin, also doesn’t have a background in immigration policy. One hopes, though, that he won’t interfere with the professionals and will continue the Homan-backed approach of focusing on apprehending illegal immigrants who have committed other criminal offenses and received final orders of removal, and ramping up worksite enforcement.

The French World War I-era statesman Georges Clemenceau once said, “War is too important to be left to the generals.” By the same token, immigration enforcement is too important to be left to self-serving glory hounds who are focused more on the main chance than the underlying mission.

Trump’s first firing was the right one.
Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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★ STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Primary Turnout Smashes Recent Midterm Records

Nearly 4.5 million Texans voted in the Democratic and Republican primaries, according to The Texas Tribune, surpassing recent turnout numbers. A total of 2.3 million ballots were cast in the Democratic primary and 2.2 million in the Republican primary, marking the first time Democratic turnout was higher since 2020. Texas has approximately 18.7 million registered voters, so turnout was just under 25%.

Voters in both parties can return to the polls in May to decide primary winners in several runoff elections where no candidate garnered a majority:

- U.S. Sen. John Cornyn faces challenger Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton. Cornyn received 41.9% of the GOP vote to 40.7% for Paxton in the March 3 primary.
- State Sen. Mayes Middleton, R-Galveston faces U.S. Rep. Chip Roy, R-Austin for the Republican nomination for Texas Attorney General. Middleton led in the primary with 39.1%, while Roy had 31.6%.

- On the Democratic side for attorney general, state Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, faces former Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski. Johnson fell just short of winning a majority with 48.1% in the primary, while Jaworski earned 26.4% of the vote.
- Two Democrats are headed for a runoff for lieutenant governor. State Rep. Vikki Goodwin, D-Austin, finished well ahead of Marcos Velez, a Houston labor leader, with 48% of the vote. Velez received 31.5% of the primary vote. The winner will face incumbent GOP Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.

There are also several runoffs slated in congressional and state house races. The runoffs will be held May 26, with early voting running from May 18-22. Voters cannot cross over to vote in a runoff, meaning if they voted in the Democratic primary, they cannot vote in a GOP runoff, and vice versa. Voters who didn’t cast ballots in either March primary can participate in the runoff of either party.

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GAS PRICES SPIKE SHARPLY IN WAKE OF IRAN WAR
The price of gasoline rose



nearly a dollar per gallon in some cities after the joint U.S.-Israeli attack on Iran last week. The Dallas Morning News reported gas prices are now at their highest level since President Trump took office in January 2025. Oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz have been largely stalled, greatly reducing production by Asian refiners.

U.S. crude oil prices topped \$89 late last week. Since the Friday before the attacks, Brent crude oil, the global benchmark for oil prices, has increased by 24%.

Trump said Friday there will not be a deal to end the U.S.-Iran war without an “unconditional surrender” by Iran.

HUFFINES SAYS HE WOULD NOT CHANGE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Former state Sen. Don Huffines, who handily beat Gov. Greg Abbott’s hand-picked candidate for state comptroller in the GOP primary, said he does not intend to change the state’s \$1 billion voucher program if he wins election in November. Huffines, who challenged Abbott for the governorship in 2022, praised the current handling of the program, according to the Houston Chronicle.

“We’re not here to be disruptive,” Huffines said. “I don’t see a big disruption in the process that’s already started, as long as it’s going smoothly and being run effectively and managed.”

Huffines will face State Sen. Sarah Eckhardt, D-Austin, in the fall. The comptroller’s office has been tasked with overseeing the voucher program, which is in its first year.

GONZALES ENDS REELECTION BID AFTER ADMITTING AFFAIR

U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzales, R-San Antonio, withdrew from his re-election race after admitting to an extramarital affair with an aide who later died by suicide, The News reported.

“After deep reflection and with the support of my loving family, I have decided not to seek re-election while serving out the rest of this Congress with the same commitment I’ve always had to my district,” Gonzales said in a statement posted on social media.

The House Ethics Committee announced a probe into his conduct after the primary ended. Gonzales finished second to challenger Brandon Herrera in the Republican primary for the state’s 23rd congressional district, but the race was headed to a runoff until Gonzales withdrew.

Herrera will face Democrat Katy Padilla Stout, an attorney, in the general election.

SPACEX BEACH CLOSURE FIGHT REACHES TEXAS SUPREME COURT

The Texas Supreme Court heard oral arguments last week in a fight over whether counties can temporarily close a beach for a space flight, The Tribune reported. Rio Grande Valley environmentalists and indigenous groups have sued over a 2013 law that allows some counties to close a beach.

The dispute primarily concerns SpaceX, which operates a launch site near Boca Chica Beach in Cameron County. The Federal Aviation Administration has authorized the company to launch rockets up to 25 times a year, prompting the closure of roughly eight miles of beach adjacent to the launch pad.

Attorneys representing the plaintiffs argued the Open Beaches Amendment to the state constitution grants the public an unrestricted right to use public beaches. The state contended that the amendment does not guarantee unlimited, unfettered access.

“It is a more limited right,” said Beth Klusmann, deputy solicitor general for the Texas Attorney General’s Office. “The question, of course, then is what are those limits.”

DRUNK DRIVING CRASHES SPIKE IN SPRING

Spring break is upon us, and the Texas Department of Transportation is supporting community efforts across the state to stop impaired driving. The state last year saw a spike of drunk driving crashes in March, more than any other month.

There were 700 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes in the state during the 2025 spring break period, leading to 36 fatalities and 63 serious injuries. During that time, 51% of all alcohol-related crashes in Texas involved young drivers aged 17–30.

Drivers are urged to never drive after consuming any amount of alcohol or drugs and to arrange for a sober ride beforehand.

★ THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Sensible Shoes



Yesterday, I saw a woman trip on the pavement. She immediately turned to her husband and started to complain.

I couldn’t hear all she was saying, but I was thinking there was really no point in complaining to your husband when you trip on the pavement. It might be your fault, or the fault of the pavement, or the fault of your shoes, but it almost certainly has nothing to do with your husband, and the odds are he is wearing sensible shoes.

San Miguel de Allende, where my husband, Peter, and I spend much of the winter, is a city that requires sensible shoes. The entire town is a World Heritage Site, which means that the things you see outside must look pretty much exactly as they did in the mid-1700s, unless there is some life-threatening reason to change them. Tripping on the pavement does not qualify as life-threatening.

Peter loudly lobbies for hiking poles. He says every person should be using at least one at all times and two if taking a hike of any length. Peter probably has a good point, but he is not going to win this argument with most women, who are going out to dinner and carrying a purse and taking photos with a phone and possibly holding an ice-cream cone or a churro. Adding hiking poles to the ensemble is not going to be an option for most—in spite of Peter’s well-intentioned entreaties.

I have noticed that footwear varies greatly by age. Young women will wear chunky, practical sneakers with dresses and pull it off with ease and charm. Slightly older women will wear more fashionable footwear and risk falling on the slippery, uneven, (but historically accurate) pavement. Women who are older yet will revert to chunky sneakers very similar to the ones their young counterparts are wearing. I can see a convincing argument for skipping the fashionable shoe phase and jumping right to the chunky sneaker phase, but I’m not there yet. And neither, apparently, was the woman complaining to her husband.

Perhaps we are in no hurry to reach the “I’m wearing chunky sneakers for the rest of my life” phase. Or perhaps we somehow relish the challenge of navigating the rounded, irregular stones beneath our feet and making a triumphant entry into the restaurant, unscathed. Or perhaps we are slightly jealous of the women who come in from Mexico City who wear not just impractical shoes but shoes with towering narrow heels, and traipse about the city with a small dog under their arm as if there was no skill involved at all.

My suspicion is that there are women in parts of the world trained from a very early age to manage high-altitude heels and, like learning a foreign language, one will never master it effortlessly unless they begin young. This is surely true of women in Paris. My dearest girlfriend used to live in Paris, and I would fret over what to wear when I went to visit her. She told me before a visit in July, “Don’t worry about what to wear. The streets are filled with tourists in ugly shoes.”

Meanwhile, the men wear pretty much whatever they feel like wearing and manage the cobblestones much better. I agree it makes no sense. I believe my health and safety should come before anything as frivolous as fashion. I can imagine how effortless it would feel to walk after dark on slippery stones with a heavy rubber cushion beneath my feet.

But this does not mean that I’m ready for sensible shoes. Yet.

Till next time,
Carrie

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PHW Meeting on Barges and Pollution,

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The Channelview town hall on barges and pollution was hosted by Public Health Watch, an environmental organization based in Austin. Panelists include moderator David Leffler, Editor and Senior Staff Writer at PHW; Frank Parker, a former barge industry consultant; Salina Arredondo, staff writer and audio producer for PHW; and Dr. Garrett Sansom, an environmental epidemiologist at Texas A&M University.

Cleaning operations can be especially polluting. “You go in there with a fire hose and blast away,” Parker said. “All these vapors are released, and the hatches are open — they just go out into the air.”

Health risks in a vulnerable corridor

The San Jacinto River corridor already faces heavy environmental burdens, including the long-contaminated San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site and frequent flooding. Dr. Sansom warned that layering barge emissions on top of existing pollution increases cumulative health risks, particularly for children, the elderly and people with chronic illnesses.

“We don’t have good models that tell us what happens when communities are exposed to dozens of chemicals at low levels, all at once, over long periods of time,” Sansom said. “That’s the real concern.”

Residents echoed those fears during the public

question-and-answer session, describing cancer diagnoses, respiratory problems and chemical odors that intensify at night.

“This is not new to us,” said one resident and cancer survivor. “People have been getting sick here for decades.”

A regulatory gray zone

One reason barges have escaped scrutiny is jurisdictional confusion. The TCEQ regulates emissions on land, while the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency oversees federal waterways. The Port of Houston Authority, which owns the submerged land beneath the ship channel and the San Jacinto River, controls barge leases but does not regulate pollution.

“Everybody points to someone else,” Arredondo said. “And in the end, barges fall through the cracks.”

The Port of Houston has the power to approve or deny long-term barge moor-

ing leases, making it one of the few entities capable of slowing barge growth, speakers said.

Community push-back and calls for data

Advocates urged residents to attend Port of Houston commission meetings, submit public comments and host independent air monitors to document pollution.

“It’s hard to argue with data,” Parker told the crowd. “Right now, we don’t have enough of it — especially at three in the morning, when people are smelling things.”

Local groups, including Air Alliance Houston, announced plans to deploy high-quality air monitors in Channelview, aiming to capture real-time VOC readings near homes.

For residents, the issue is not opposition to industry, but accountability.

“This is your community,” moderator David Leffler said. “And this is information people are entitled to.”

Precinct 3 Hosts Active Shooter Rapid Response Training at Royalwood Elem.

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

While students were away on spring break, the Harris County Precinct 3 Constable’s Office used the quiet halls of Royalwood Elementary in Sheldon ISD last Tuesday and Wednesday to host an intensive Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) course designed to prepare first responders for active attack situations.

The hands-on training brought law enforcement officers together for realistic scenario-based exercises focused on rapid response, medical aid and coordinated tactics in school environments. Holding the training while students were out of class allowed officers to work in an authentic setting without disrupting instruction. “This isn’t about sitting around in a classroom,” said Bobby Risch, a deputy constable with Precinct 3 and an ALERRT instructor. “You go through an introduction, and the rest of it is pretty much hands-on training.”

According to Risch, the training emphasizes decision-making under stress using controlled, realistic scenarios. Officers rotate through roles as responders and victims, while instructors manage the scenarios to ensure safety and specific learning outcomes.

“Everything is under control, and we want to teach certain lessons,” he said. “We don’t let it get outside the guidelines that a learner has set for us.”

The course also reflects how law enforcement responses to active shooter situations have evolved over the past several decades. Traditional tactics once focused on containing a scene and waiting for specialized units, but incidents such as the 1999 Columbine shooting changed that approach.

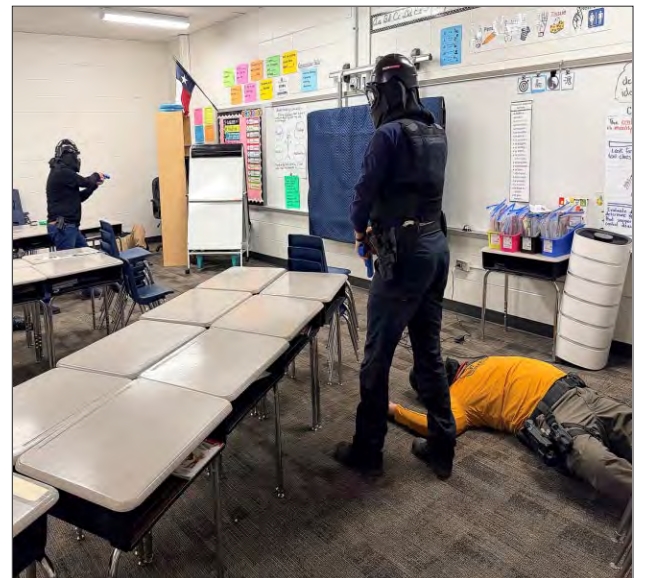
“That was typically the tactic prior to 1999, and Columbine changed that,” Risch explained, noting the shift toward immediate engagement to stop the threat and provide aid to the injured.

ALERRT training originated in Texas at Texas State University and is now recognized nationwide. The program is endorsed by the FBI and serves as the national standard for how federal agents are trained to respond to active attacks. More than 146,000 first responders across the country have completed ALERRT courses, which are delivered year-round in communities nationwide and at the ALERRT training facility in San Marcos, Texas. The classes are 16 hours for Level 1 and are required by the state of Texas for every peace officer every two years.

Many of the courses are funded through state and federal grants, including the U.S. Department of Justice and the State of



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Texas, allowing agencies to participate at little or no cost.

For Risch, who has more than three decades of law enforcement experience and has already retired from the state patrol, the mission behind the training is personal.

“I’m on a mission to make our children safe and our communities safe,” he said. “We don’t have time to retire.”

During the live training, the officers are exposed to simulation, “a specialized, non-lethal, reduced-energy training ammunition and conversion kits designed for realistic force-on-force military, law enforcement, and tactical training.” According to the website, the marking cartridges are fired from modified, real weapons, allowing for safe, close-range engagement and immediate feedback on hits via color-coded soap-based paint.

“Everyone’s geared up. The adrenaline’s flowing like a real incident. When those things hit you, you know it,” he said.

Using volunteers and switching roles around, officers see every side of a scenario.

“We also focus on medical and life-saving skills as well,” he said. With two dozen officers on hand for the training, the cap for any class, running through each scenario requires planning but is critical for each officer’s training. No grades or pass/fail, every officer must learn the techniques.

There is also a CRASE program (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) that is offered to teachers and the general public by contacting the

constable’s office.

By hosting the ALERRT program at Royalwood Elementary during spring break, Precinct 3 officials say they were able to maximize training value while keeping student safety and normal school operations intact—preparing officers now so they are ready when it matters most.

For more information, including how citizens should respond, visit our website.

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When encountering an active shooter incident, ALERRT professionals teach avoid, deny, and defend. Here’s bullet points on each:

AVOID starts with your state of mind

Pay attention to your surroundings.

Have an exit plan. Move away from the source of the threat as quickly as possible.

The more distance and barriers between you and the threat, the better.

DENY when getting away is difficult or maybe impossible

Keep distance between you and the source.

Create barriers to prevent or slow down a threat from getting to you.

Turn the lights off.

Remain out of sight and quiet by hiding behind large objects and silence your phone.

DEFEND because you have the right to protect yourself

If you cannot Avoid or Deny be prepared to defend yourself.

Be aggressive and committed to your actions.

Do not fight fairly.

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OCA plays a central role in advancing Harris County’s long-term goals by supporting strategic planning, performance management, budgeting, and cross-department collaboration. The office works to align County operations with Commissioners Court priorities and the Harris County Strategic Plan, translating policy decisions into measurable outcomes for residents.

Through coordination, oversight, and operational support, OCA helps ensure that County departments are equipped to deliver services that are effective, equitable, and responsive to the needs of Harris County’s diverse communities. I remember when Erica



A 2013 photo of the late Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and daughter Erica Lee Carter. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Administrator Carter (3-11-26) tours the Institute for Forensic Sciences funded by Harris County and led by Dr. Luis Sanchez (in white coat) that provide crime lab, data and autopsy services to law enforcement agencies throughout Harris County.

was elected as a Board Trustee for the Harris County Department of Education from 2013 to 2019 her record proved she believed by working together without regard to partisan politics all students would receive equal learning opportunities.

One of her slogans when working with others is: WE’RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

Her policy expertise extends to the nonprofit sector, where she served with the Nurse-Family Partnership® as Business Development Manager for Texas and Regional Quality Coordinator for the Western Region.

She directed statewide and regional expansion

strategies, secured \$5.4 million in state funding, obtained \$100,000 in sustainability grants, developed a statewide expansion plan across 22 programs and 30 counties, and co-developed national quality standards, delivering federally funded training to more than 300 nurses.

A Bible scripture she’s been known to quote is; Isaiah 40:31: “But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.”

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Caddo Fire Declared Contained as Crews Demobilize

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

The Caddo fire that burned in northeast Harris County and impacted the Sheldon community has officially been brought to a close, with all Houston and Sheldon fire department resources demobilized and the affected area secured.

According to a final update, all fire units assigned to the incident were released as of noon last Tuesday, and the Harris County Flood Control District has secured the property where the fire occurred. Fire officials reported the blaze reached full containment after burning 236 acres. Air monitoring conducted by Harris County Public Health found no elevated health concerns in the area.

Although the fire ultimately fell within Sheldon's fire district, the initial emergency call originated from within Houston city limits, prompting Houston Fire Department's Wildland Division to take the lead early in the response.

"It came from a resident within the city limits of Houston, and that's how Houston got involved," said Daniel Grabill, deputy



Firemen attack the fire ahead of the fire breaks created to help stop the aggressive fire that burned some 200-plus acres of land. Courtesy of the Houston Fire Department



Map of the affected area. Courtesy of the Houston Fire Department

ty fire chief with Sheldon Volunteer Fire Department. "Once it was determined it was technically in Sheldon's district, we developed a unified com-

mand, and Houston continued operations because they have the expertise in wildland firefighting."

Grabill described the incident as a rare and chal-

lenging response for the area, noting that the fire behaved more like large-scale wildland fires typically seen in other parts of the country.

"This was an actual wildland fire like you would see in California," Grabill said. "It wasn't thousands of acres, but it was heavily wooded and required specialized tactics like back burns and fire lines. That takes experience and training."

Changing wind conditions complicated containment efforts during the incident. Fire crews initially benefited from northern winds, which allowed heavy equipment to establish fire breaks. However, forecasts later showed winds shifting from the south, raising concerns that the fire could cross natural barriers.

"When the wind shifted, there was no way to get equipment on the other side of the creek to build fire lines," Grabill explained. "The creek ended up doing its job, but we had contingency plans in place, including aircraft on standby, in case the fire jumped."

The property affected by the fire is owned by the Harris County Flood Control District, whose crews played a key role by providing equipment and access in otherwise inaccessible terrain.

"They were able to get their equipment out there

fairly quickly, and their employees did a lot of work to help mitigate the situation," Grabill said.

Despite early concerns, no evacuations were ultimately required. Officials had prepared for worst-case scenarios involving nearby schools and businesses, but the fire remained within established containment lines.

"A possible evacuation was mentioned out of an abundance of caution," Grabill said. "But we never had to actually evacuate residents, and that was a very good outcome."

Grabill emphasized that the success of the response came from cooperation among numerous agencies.

"All the stakeholders — city, county, fire marshal, flood control, emergency management — everybody worked well together," he said. "The collaboration between Harris County and the City of Houston really stood out, and that's probably worth noting."

While some smoldering stumps may remain within the containment area for several days, officials say this is typical following a wildland fire. Residents who see smoke or renewed fire activity are urged to call 911 immediately.

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Elizabeth Moss, Left, and Kerry Washington star in "Imperfect Women."

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"The 98th Academy Awards" (TV-PG) — Award season has come to an end for the time being, and the race to the Oscars this year was one of the more interesting ones we've had in past years. With Jessie Buckley ("Hamnet") being the only obvious shoo-in for her respective category, the other categories have swung in every which way depending on the award show. What is certain is that Ryan Coogler's "Sinners," at 16 nominations, now holds the record of having the most noms in Oscar history, surpassing films like "Titanic" (1997) and "La La Land" (2016). Best Casting was a new category this year, and Conan O'Brien came back to host the ceremony for the second consecutive time. Stream the ceremony at your leisure now! (Hulu)

— Cillian Murphy is back in the breakout role that led him to stardom for this crime-drama film that premieres on March 20. Taking place in 1940, approximately seven years after where the series leaves off, the sequel picks up as the order of the Peaky Blinders is up and running again under the leadership of Thomas Shelby's (Murphy) chaos-loving son, Duke (Barry Keoghan). Although Thomas himself is living in "self-imposed exile" in the countryside, he returns to Birmingham after it's been bombed by the Nazis during World War II. Simultaneously, he's drawn back into the past he left behind for the sake of the war. Rebecca Ferguson ("Mercy") and Tim Roth ("260 Days") co-star. (Netflix)

"Imperfect Women" (TV-MA) — This new psychological thriller series premiering March 18

"Peaky Blinders: The Immortal Man" (R)

is led by three actresses who have each been in iconic TV shows throughout their careers: Elisabeth Moss ("The Handmaid's Tale"), Kerry Washington ("Scandal"), and Kate Mara ("House of Cards"). They play a trio of friends whose dynamic completely shifts when one of the women, Nancy (Mara), is found dead. With Nancy's mysterious and sudden death comes secrets from all parties that bubble up to the surface, including a not-so-platonic connection between her husband, Robert (Joel Kinnaman), and friend Eleanor (Washington). This is definitely not a girls' night you'd want to be a part of! The first two episodes are out now, with the following six releasing every Wednesday. (Apple TV+) "Young Sherlock" (TV-14) — Hero Fiennes Tiffin, most notably known for starring in the "After" romance films, takes on the role of the English detective we all know and love - but as the 19-year-old version of him. Not quite the seasoned detective we've seen Robert Downey Jr. or Henry Cavill play, this Sherlock Holmes is at Oxford University and swears that his days of larceny and stealing are truly behind him. Although Sherlock promises his mother that he'll stay out of trouble, it naturally finds him when he's found at the crime scene of a murder at his very university. So, he's forced to figure out a way to prove his innocence, which will undoubtedly sharpen his ingenious sleuthing skills. All eight episodes are available to stream now. (Amazon Prime Video)

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Photo Caption: Nikki Crawford ("Days of Our Lives")

Q: Is the actress playing Lexie on "Days of Our Lives" the same one who played her years ago? I know the character was killed off, but I'm thinking this is a different actress, too. — K.B.

A: Renee Jones played Lexie Carver on the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" from 1993-2012 until she decided to retire from acting. The character was killed off until now, 24 years later, when Lexie was resurrected by Dr. Rolf (William Utay) for what is sure to be nefarious purposes. Her husband, Abe (James Reynolds), will be in for a big surprise whenever she does reveal herself, especially since he's now married to the town's mayor Paulina, who's played by Jackee Harry.

Nikki Crawford, a Tony-nominated actress who's had numerous guest-starring television credits over the years, has been cast in the role. She told TV Insider that the character's identity was kept secret when she auditioned for the role. Like many seasoned actors who take on their first daytime soap role, Crawford was impressed with the fast pace of filming but did find it daunting at first.

"Days" is now exclusively found on the streaming service Peacock after spending an impressive 57 years on NBC.

Q: I saw that Timothee Chalamet has upset artists and fans of ballet and opera with his lack of appreciation for it. They said that it will probably cost him the Oscar this year, but hadn't voting already ended at this point? — V.D.

A: The ballot deadline for this year's Academy Award nominees ended on March 5. The remarks that you're referring to aired on CNN during a town hall that was held at the University of Texas on Feb. 21, with special guests Matthew McConaughey and Timothee Chalamet. It definitely could have affected voters' opinions.

His remarks? Well, he shot himself in the foot when he said, "I don't want to be working in ballet or opera or things where it's like, 'Hey, keep this thing alive, even though like no one cares about this anymore.'"



Nikki Crawford ("Days of Our Lives")

Chalamet is a huge basketball and WWE wrestling fan, and these art forms just aren't his jam. He's allowed to have his opinion, but people are also allowed to not vote for him should they so choose.

Q: What ever happened to the "Community" movie? I thought it would have been out by now. — S.S.

A: The cult classic NBC comedy series "Community" ended a decade ago. Danny Pudi's character, Abed, famously once predicted that his favorite show, "The Cape," would have "six seasons and a movie." When "Community" itself ended after six seasons, this quote became the rallying cry of fans of the show, who wanted more after their beloved series was canceled.

According to Entertainment Weekly, in 2024, Peacock greenlit a "Community" movie. The writers' and actors' strikes that originally stalled the project are now over, too, but one of the actors' projects got in the way. This is likely to keep happening with such a talented cast that includes Joel McHale, Alison Brie and Donald Glover.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com.

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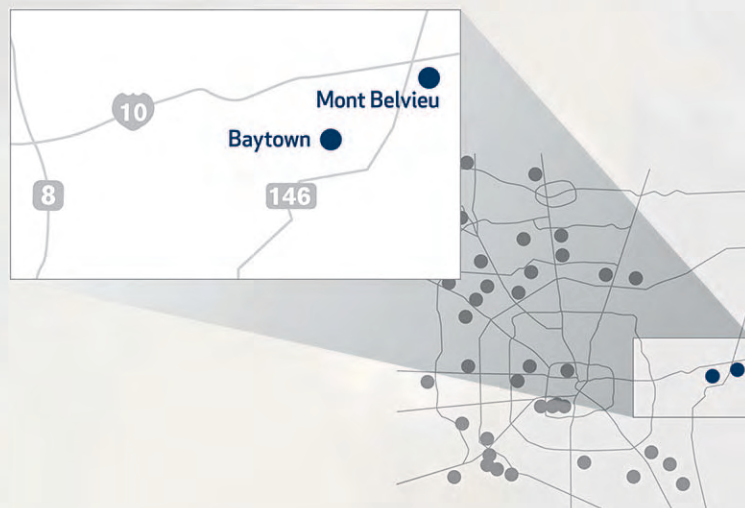
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