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Gov. Abbott Tours Crosby Training Facility (IUOE)

Highlights New Texas Jobs Council and Workforce Investments

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

CROSBY — Gov. Greg Abbott visited Crosby Thursday to spotlight the new Texas Jobs Council and tour the International Training & Education Center, the flagship facility of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) that trains operating and stationary engineers from across North America.



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott was in Crosby, Texas touring the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) facility that trains operating and stationary engineers from across North America.



The governor boasted the nation's top facility of its kind in the nation and said Texas should replicate what's being done, potentially on a different scale, to promote more trades jobs.

"The training and skills learned by workers like those behind me are helping ensure Texas has the best workforce in the nation," Abbott said. "The Texas Jobs Council is delivering on that by equipping our current workforce with the resources they

need to enhance their skills and develop premier job training at high schools, colleges, and apprenticeship programs."

During remarks at the training center, Abbott emphasized aligning ca-

reer training with the needs of Texas employers and preparing Texans to fill high-demand roles. He also credited the state's

business climate and workforce pipeline as drivers of continued job growth.

"I consider this to be the

premier facility of this kind in the country," Abbott said after touring the campus. "Components of this can be — and I would

say must be — replicated across the state."

Abbott said the facility demonstrates "the resources that are going into making sure that we provide a well-trained, skilled workforce," adding that efforts like the Jobs Council are intended to help Texas "continue to have the best workforce in the United States."

Abbott noted that Texas has invested more than \$7 billion over the past two years in career training programs statewide. He also cited House Bill 20 and House Bill 120, signed into law last year, which expands career and technical education oppor-

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CHANNEL CURRENTS

San Jacinto Pilot Club to Host Bunco Fundraiser April 24

The San Jacinto Pilot Club will host a Bunco Fundraiser on Friday, April 24, 2026, at the Hampton Inn & Suites Houston East Beltway 8. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with games beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Location:
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Tickets are \$35 per person in advance or \$40 at the door. A table for 12 is available for \$500, which includes wine, a server, and additional special items.

For tickets or more information, contact any San Jacinto Pilot Club member or email SanJacintoPilotClub@gmail.com.

San Jacinto Reenactment Draws Crowds, Highlights Texas' Fight for Independence

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

LA PORTE — Musket fire cracked across the grounds near the San Jacinto Monument on Saturday as cannons boomed and reenactors surged through drifting smoke, shouting "Remember the Alamo!" and "Remember La Bahía!" Thousands of visitors watched the annual Battle of San Jacinto reenactment, a two-day event presented by the San Jacinto Museum and the Texas Historical Commission to mark the decisive clash that helped secure Texas' independence.

Beyond the battlefield spectacle, organizers and volunteers said the week-



Michael Sproat, the curator at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Republic of Texas Presidential Library in Huntsville, prepares to shoot during the Battle of San Jacinto. He played the doctor who tends to Gen. Sam Houston during the reenactment.

end is meant to function as a living-history classroom. Families and school groups moved between campsites where reenactors demonstrated period tools, clothing and daily routines, helping visitors

understand the weeks leading up to April 21, 1836, when Gen. Sam Houston's outnumbered army surprised Mexican forces near present-day La Porte.

Among those returning



Heidie Hardin, left, warms the coffee by the fire while Leslie Sproat checks the potatoes being cooked over the open fire.

year after year is John Luna, a retired reenactor originally from San Antonio who now lives in Arlington. Luna said he has made the drive annually since 2015.

For much of the past de-

cade, Luna has portrayed Juan Seguin, the Tejano leader and soldier who fought alongside Anglo Texans during the revolu-

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NS Rotary's Fish Fry this Saturday April 25, as Rotarians prepare Auction, Raffle and Food

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

The countdown is on for the 51st annual North Shore Rotary Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil, and fundraiser chair David Proctor says the event's biggest challenge isn't the fish, the tents or the auction—its making sure enough people show up at the right times to keep the day moving. "Today is basically making sure everybody feels comfortable, everybody's healthy, everybody knows what their job is," he said. "Nobody has any last-minute things that they're panicked about. We've done very well."

The annual fundraiser, held at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville Road this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., draws crowds for catfish plates and crawfish, along with live and silent auc-



A Live Auction is an exciting part of the Fish Fry event, seen last year.

tions that help fund the club's community projects throughout the year. Proctor, who is expected to be installed as club president this summer, said the behind-the-scenes work stretches across months—but the pressure spikes in the final week as the club shifts from planning to ex-

ecution. A key lesson from recent years, Proctor said, is that volunteer turnout is strong early and then thins out when the event is still in full swing. "We learned that volunteers show up at

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Kenneth Bryant Principal of The Year North Shore High School

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX — April 14, 2026 Kenneth W. Bryant Jr. the GPISD North Shore tenth grade campus principal was recognized as the 39th Annual Principal of the Year by the Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators, an honor recognizing his leadership, service, and commitment to educational excellence.

Last year I did an article about Bryant when he created as a first for the North Shore Campus an art project where students competed by designing a graphics to best represent the promotion of unity amongst the student body. The winning design was imprinted on tee shirts and worn throughout the campus by students and the faculty on Unity Day.

Principal Bryant said, "Being selected as Principal of the Year is truly humbling. This recognition is not about one person—it reflects the collective



Kenneth W. Bryant Jr. principal of the year. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

work of dedicated educators, supportive families, and a community that believes in our students. I remain committed to standing in the gap and ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed."

Bryant can most always be seen at athletic events where he's congratulating

the students for their talent and encouraging them as they compete.

He's known for leading with purpose, faith, and a deep commitment to student success. Under his leadership, the campus continues to build a cul-

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Kenneth Bryant principal of the year North Shore HS,

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ture grounded in high expectations, strong relationships, and meaningful engagement with students, families, and the community.

His journey in education is rooted in service and growth. He began as a substitute teacher, where he quickly discovered a passion for working with students. He later served as

an in-school suspension (ISS) monitor, using that role to build relationships and positively influence campus culture.

His commitment to students led him into the classroom as a teacher, where he developed his instructional practice and deepened his impact. From there, he transitioned into administration, serving as

an assistant principal before ultimately being named campus principal.

Each step along the way has shaped his belief that education is both a calling and a responsibility to serve others. His leadership centers on ensuring every student is seen, supported, and prepared for success beyond high school.

Brittney Griner to join Conn. Sun, then Relocate to Houston

HOUSTON - Ten-time WNBA All-Star Brittney Griner is finalizing a seven-figure deal to join the Connecticut Sun, sources confirmed to ESPN on Friday.

The move comes as the Sun prepare for their final season in Connecticut before the franchise's relocation to Houston in 2027. Griner, 35, is a Houston native and played collegiately at Baylor.

The terms of the agreement are unknown. Sun sideline reporter Terrika Foster-Brasby first reported the deal.

Griner will join a team that is building around a young core, including Connecticut draftees Leila Lacan, Saniya Rivers and Aneesah Morrow, as well as recently acquired players Diamond Miller and Aaliyah Edwards.

Griner, a 6-foot-9 center, is a six-time All-WNBA and seven-time All-Defensive team selection, two-time Defensive Player of the Year, eight-time blocks leader and two-time scoring champion.

Prior to last season, she had spent her entire career with the Phoenix Mercury, who drafted her No. 1 in 2013. She helped them win a championship the following year.

Last year was the start of a new era for Griner as she left Phoenix to join the Atlanta Dream. She registered a career low in minutes (20.8), points (9.8), rebounds (5.2) and blocks (1.2) and was two-time scoring champion.

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Brittney Griner during a women's basketball quarterfinal round game against Australia at 2020 olympics

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Griner has also had an illustrious international career, including as a three-time gold medalist with USA Basketball.

She missed the 2022 campaign after being wrongfully detained in Russia for nearly 10 months.

GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Board of Trustees Recognized Galena Park HS Swimmers



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On April 13, 2026, the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees recognized three outstanding

Galena Park High School students for achieving a historic milestone in the district's athletic program. Colton Baldwin, Cesar Martinez, and Sara Martinez earned qualification to the 2026 UIL State Swimming and Diving

Championships.

Colton Baldwin qualified in the 200 Individual Medley, a highly demanding event requiring proficiency across all four competitive swimming strokes. Cesar Martinez secured his place at the state meet in the 500 Freestyle, one of the most challenging distance events in high school swimming. Sara Martinez qualified in the 100-meter Butterfly, showcasing ex-

ceptional speed and technical skill.

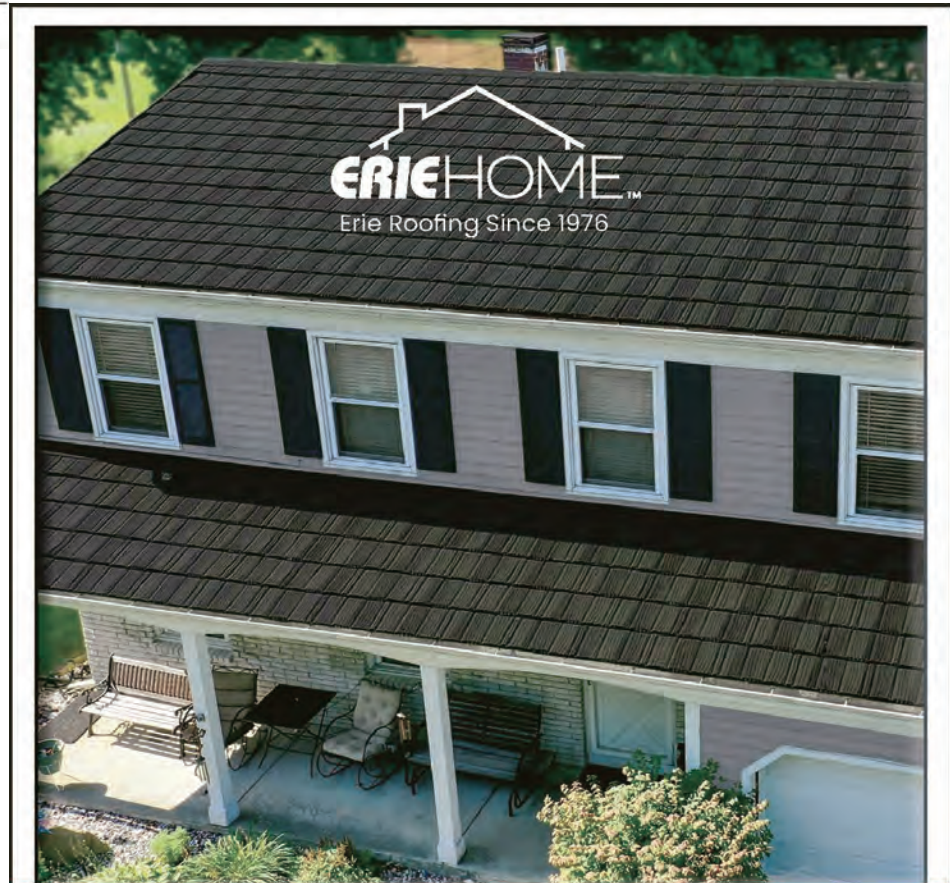
On behalf of the Galena Park ISD Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John Moore, each student was presented with a certificate and medal in recognition of their exceptional achievement. Galena Park ISD congratulates these student-athletes on their dedication, discipline, and success, and wishes them continued excellence.

CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

Channelview ISD Honors Volunteers During National Volunteer Week



Channelview ISD is celebrating National Volunteer Week by recognizing the invaluable contributions of its dedicated volunteers. These individuals generously offer their time, talent, and heart to support students and schools, playing a crucial role in strengthening the community. The district extends its heartfelt thanks to all volunteers for their unwavering commitment and service.



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OPINION PAGE



Sheriff Ed Gonzalez comments on Justice Served in Almendarez murder trial

By Sheriff Ed Gonzalez

Today, justice was served.

A Harris County jury has returned a guilty verdict on capital murder charges in the 2022 shooting death of our brother, Harris County Sheriff's Office Deputy Darren Almendarez.

Deputy Almendarez was off-duty, leaving the store with his wife Flor, when he courageously confronted three individuals attempting to steal the catalytic converter from his truck. He paid the ultimate price for stepping up to protect what was his—and what belongs to all of us.



To the jury members who listened carefully and delivered this verdict: thank you. Your service helped ensure accountability for a senseless act of violence that took one of our own.

To the prosecutors, detectives, witnesses, and every member of law enforcement and the justice system who worked tirelessly on this case over the past four years—thank you. Your dedication honors Deputy Almendarez and the badge he wore with pride.

Darren, we remember you. We miss you. And today, we stand a little taller knowing your sacrifice was not forgotten.



Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of April 27, 2026.

- ON NOW: "Bugonia" (R) — Netflix
ON NOW: "My Brother the Minotaur" (Season 1) — Apple TV
ON NOW: "The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants" (PG) — MGM+
27-April: "Disney Animation's Songs in Sign Language" (Special Event) — Disney+
28-April: "My Killer Father: The Green Hollow Murders" (Docuseries) — Paramount+
29-April: "Widow's Bay" (Season 1) — Apple TV
30-April: "Man on Fire" (Season 1) — Netflix
30-April: "Surviving My Father: The Rachel Jeffs Story" (TV-14) — Hulu
30-April: "Spirit Untamed" (PG) — Peacock
1-May: "La Brea" (Seasons 1-4) — Netflix

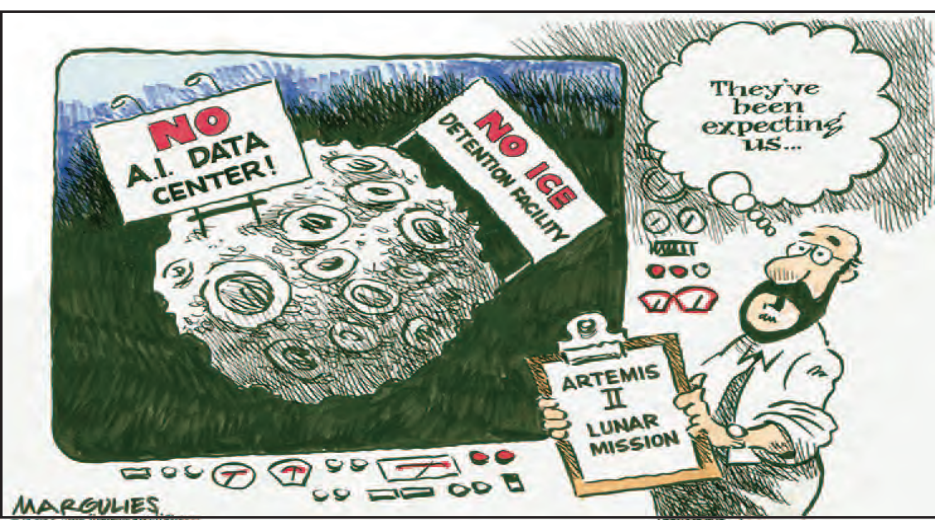
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Data Centers Set to Get Billions in Tax Breaks

An exemption for the state's booming data center industry means Texas will lose \$3.2 billion in sales tax revenue over the next two years, The Texas Tribune reported.

Lawmakers say they will consider proposals to either limit the tax break or eliminate it altogether when they meet in January for the next legislative session.

"These new numbers are extremely concerning, and I will say they're unsustainable," said state Sen. Joan Huffman, chair of the Senate Committee on Finance. "I plan to look at filing legislation to either repeal the exemption or take a very close look at it and see."

The tax break was approved by lawmakers in 2014, when there were far fewer data centers and they were much smaller. If nothing changes, exemptions could reach \$1.75 billion annually by 2030.

The state already has more than 300 active data centers, with more than 100 additional projects either under development or planned.

PATRICK WARNS GOP COULD LOSE STATE HOUSE MAJORITY

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick warned last week that the GOP risks losing its majority in the state House this November and urged party unity behind the winner of the May runoff between U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Attorney General Ken Paxton.

Without that unity, Patrick said that state Rep. James Talarico, the Democratic nominee, could win, The Dallas Morning News reported.

House Speaker Justin Burrows said he believes the GOP will keep its majority in the chamber but agreed unity is critical.

"We've got to be on the same page," Burrows said. "We've got to be working and rowing in the same direction."

Democrats, who have not held a majority in either chamber in more than 20 years, would have to flip 14 Republican seats to achieve a majority in the 150-member House.

TEXAS COULD FACE \$700 MILLION IN SNAP PENALTIES

New federal rules de-



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

signed to cut waste in the nation's food stamp program means Texas taxpayers will have to pay \$700 million more each year to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, The Texas Tribune reported. Officials with Texas Health and Human Services disclosed this to lawmakers at a recent committee hearing.

Almost 9% of the state's SNAP payments had an error, slightly better than the national rate of 11%. Texas has until October 2027 to bring the error rate down below 6%. The error rate is based on unintentional mistakes by either the agency or the client receiving the benefits that result in an overpayment or underpayment.

Nearly one-fourth of the state's population gets some type of assistance from Texas Health and Human Services.

"We are dealing today with a health care epidemic, but not from a disease or virus," said Sen Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, the committee chair. "With scandals in places like Minnesota and California drawing national attention, we, as Texans, must examine our own system and see how we measure up to other states."

COURT PAUSES SMOKABLE CANNABIS BAN, HIGHER FEES

A Travis County district judge has temporarily lifted a statewide ban on the sale of smokeable hemp products, The Texas Tribune reported. The temporary restraining order is in effect until at least April 23, when another hearing is scheduled.

Texas hemp companies sued to block new state rules that have wiped out a huge

portion of the legal cannabis market, the Texas Standard reported. The rules took effect March 31 and prevented stores from selling smokable hemp products and vastly increased licensing fees. Smokable products make up the vast majority of hemp sales in the state.

"I estimated that flower is about half the market and smokable products put together including vapes are about two-thirds of the market," said Robin Goldstein, a University of California economist who researches cannabis markets. He said the Texas market had about \$4 billion in retail sales annually.

The plaintiffs are also suing over a jump in annual licensing fees for manufacturers from \$250 to \$10,000. Retailers must now pay \$5,000 per store, up from \$150.

"These provisions function not merely as regulatory tools, but as significant economic barriers not authorized by statute," the lawsuit contends.

The suit was filed by the Texas Hemp Business Council, the Hemp Industry and Farmers of America, and eight Texas-based hemp companies.

STATE TO LAUNCH STATEWIDE FOOD PERMIT JULY 1

The Department of State Health Services will begin offering statewide operating permits for food trucks in Texas beginning July 1, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Food truck owners currently must pay each city's permitting fees to operate there, which discourages them from traveling to other places to sell their food.

"It's a hassle to take time off to go and do that where we have to stop what we're doing and lose money that day," food truck owner Eloisa Schessler, of Dallas, said.

Some cities opposed the new law, fearing they may lose control of how mobile food trucks operate in their jurisdictions. They will still be able to control where and when food trucks operate, but they will not be able to collect permit and inspection fees.

TEXAS' JOB GROWTH CONTINUES TO OUTPACE NATIONAL RATE

Texas added 40,100 non-farm jobs in January to reach 14,379,500 positions, outpacing the national growth rate by 0.6 percentage points, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

"Texas employers continue to spur our state's economic momentum, adding more than 40,000 jobs across a wide range of major industries," said TWC Chairman Joe Esparza. "TWC remains committed to supporting Texas' pro-growth policies and world-class talent pipeline that make Texas the best place to do business."

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the state remained at 4.3%, which is below the national jobless rate of 4.7%.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

I Love Librarians



I spent yesterday with more than 5,000 librarians.

A few were library aides, and some were library trustees. But the thing they all had in common was libraries.

I never thought much about how libraries work, probably because they work so well. No matter where I am, if I walk through the door of a library, I know more or less what to expect. The staff will be helpful. Everyone will be eager to answer any question I have. No one will be in too big a hurry to help. Everything will be pretty much as I remember it as an eight-year-old.

When I was in elementary school, I would go to my school library and get help from Mrs. Shau. She rode a bicycle to work, was endlessly patient, read stories to us in the library and recommended books. It was her ability to recommend books that I remember best.

Because I didn't know what to read as a child, I still don't know—that's the truth. Finding a book that I want to read is the hardest thing about reading, and Mrs. Shau simply removed that obstacle and let me fill my book bag with books.

Backpacks had yet to be invented when I was in elementary school. They were a genius innovation which probably would have allowed me to read even more books. When I attended elementary school, I had a blue book bag with red vinyl trim, which carried my lunch (which got smushed) and my math homework (which I never did) and my library books (which were the only thing that mattered).

I read every book Mrs. Shau recommended and came back for more. Since that day, I have loved librarians. And yesterday, I got to meet a lot of them as I signed copies of "Loon Point," at a booth my publisher hosted at one of the largest library conventions in the country.

The librarians were not there only for books. They need lots of things, as it turns out, from furniture to office supplies to inventory systems. They come to these conventions to hear interesting talks on important subjects. But it seemed to me that they liked getting free books more than anything else.

I was at the welcome reception, so the doors had just opened when I started signing free books. There were tables full of food and lots of interesting things to see, but the librarians lined up for books. I had never done anything like this, so I didn't know what to expect.

"Are you a librarian?" I would ask.

"Yes!" they almost always said—and every single one of them sounded at least a little proud.

"Oh, good!" I'd answer. And I'd sign, "I love librarians! Carrie Classon" inside their book. I don't know how many books I signed, but there was a whole shelf filled with them, and I signed until we ran out of books.

Then a romance writer took my spot, and a stack of her books were taken off the shelf, and the line of librarians kept coming.

It was over before I knew it. And I was a little sad. Because, honestly, I think I could meet librarians all day long and never get tired of it.

"I love librarians!" I told them, one after another.

"We love yours!" they told me. And I'm sure that is true. But while they might love the books we write, I don't know if it's possible for them to love writers more than I loved Mrs. Shau and a book bag full of unread books.

Till next time, Carrie

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Thousands watch San Jacinto Reenactment as living-history classroom brings Texas revolution to life,

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tion. During reenactment vignettes, Luna said, fellow participants often enlist him to assist Andy Anderson, who plays Houston, during a scene depicting the capture of Mexican President Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna.

“He wants me to be the translator at the capture of General Santa Ana,” Luna said.

In the reenactment, Houston—injured during the brief campaign and propped against a tree—receives the captured Santa Anna as Seguín interprets. The scene underscores how quickly the revolution turned after San Jacinto: Houston’s forces won in roughly 18 minutes, and Santa Anna’s capture soon led to agreements that recognized Texas’ independence.

Seguín’s legacy, reenactors said, is also a reminder that Tejanos were not a footnote to the revolution but active participants.

Seguín led the Tejano Volunteer Company, a unit that recruited and commanded Tejano fighters for the Texian Army.

Longtime participant Juan Gonzales, also from San Antonio, said he has taken part in the battle reenactment and living-history camps for two decades. For him, the weekend is equal parts camaraderie and community education.

At San Jacinto, Gonzales said, Tejano soldiers in Houston’s army used a simple method to reduce the risk of friendly fire during the chaos of combat: they placed playing cards or pieces of cardboard in their hatbands so fellow Texians could distinguish them from Mexi-

can soldiers at a glance, since uniforms and appearances could be similar.

The tactic mattered in a fight that unfolded quickly and at close range, he said—one that ended in a decisive victory that reshaped Texas’ future.

For many reenactors, participation is also personal—tied to family, loss and the desire to keep history tangible for the next generation.

Heidie Hardin said this is her third year participating, motivated in part by her own young children—ages 3 and 1—and a desire to preserve Texas history through hands-on storytelling.

Last year’s reenactment, she said, was especially difficult. Her father, who had played Houston in the San Jacinto reenactment, was hospitalized during the event and later died of heart issues.

Hardin now participates in a “Runaway Scrape” vignette alongside her sister and their children, portraying families fleeing Mexican troops as panic spread across settlements in 1836.

“My daddy made the cart we use in the reenactment completely from scratch except for the wheels,” Hardin said.

Hardin added that many artifacts displayed in the camps are owned by the reenactors themselves, collected or crafted to reflect the era and to invite conversation with visitors.

That sense of continuity—handing down skills, stories and objects—also shapes the experience for Leslie Sproat, whose family has become deeply involved in reenactments across Texas.

Sproat said she was re-



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Leslie Sproat, left, gets some assistance from Heidie Hardin lighting the lamp at their tent on the San Jacinto battlefield. The two sisters are both part of the Runaway Scrape reenactment over the weekend.

sponsible for drawing her father, Mark Hegman, into the “reenactment clan.” The spark came while she was in college, she said, when she took part in a hands-on historical preservation project that her father witnessed.

“He said he had always wanted to do something like that and the next year he participated,” Sproat said. Her father later portrayed Johann Friedrich Ernst, often described as the first German immigrant to Texas and later as Gen. Sam Houston.

She added that her family has deep Texas roots, including a connection to

Albert Hamilton Latimer, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence from the Red River District.

For Michael Sproat, her husband and the curator at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Republic of Texas Presidential Library in Huntsville, reenacting at San Jacinto is both public history and family history. He said he is also descended from an early Republic-era ancestor—a French explorer who traveled widely across what is now Texas and Louisiana in the 1700s.

Sproat said reenact-

ments can help audiences understand the broader sweep of the era, including Santa Anna’s campaigns against regions that resisted centralized rule.

“He did it at Zacatanzas, Tamaulipas, at the Yucatan, and he did it here in Texas at Goliad, and the Alamo,” Sproat said. “He would have done it here at San Jacinto except Texas won.”

During the weekend, Sproat portrayed a doctor who tends to Houston’s injuries and described a moment reenactors use to illustrate Houston’s decision-making after the battle—particularly the

decision to keep Santa Anna alive despite widespread anger among Texian troops.

“There was more than 30 people behind Sam Houston, each of them with a knife, rope, or a gun ready to kill Santa Anna,” Sproat said. “But Sam Houston knew if they were going to be their own nation, they needed Santa Anna, so he spared his life. Later, Santa Anna would sign all the treaties that legitimized Texas’s independence.”



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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the City of Galena Park, Texas: (A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Galena Park, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 2, 2026, for voting in a general election to elect a Mayor and four Commissioners.

(Notifíquese, por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de mayo de 2026 para votar en la Elección General para elegir Un Alcalde y cuatro Comisionados.)

Locations of Polling Places (Direcciones de las casillas electorales)

Precinct 208, 857 & 860: 2000 Clinton Dr. Galena Park, TX 77547

Precinct 81: 1302 Keene St. Galena Park, TX 77547

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La Votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

2000 Clinton Dr. Galena Park, TX 77547

April (Abril) 20-24 Monday-Friday (Lunes-Viernes) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April (Abril) 27-28 Monday-Tuesday (Lunes-Martes) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

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P.O. Box 46
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las Solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 20, 2026 (20 de abril de 2026)

Issued this the 9th day of April, 2026 (emitida este día 9 de abril de 2026)

Esmeralda Moya
Mayor (Alcalde)

Governor touts \$7 billion in career training investments,

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Abbott received a tour of the facility from IUOE management prior to his press conference touting the new jobs council and Texas achieving No. 1 status for producing the most jobs in the nation.

tunities by strengthening partnerships with higher education and improving college and career advising.

Abbott was joined by state Rep. Briscoe Cain; Texas Jobs Council co-chair and Texas Association of Business interim president Megan Mauro; IUOE Assistant Director of the Construction Training Department Tom McNamara; IUOE Local 450 Business Manager Mark Maher Jr.; and other business and labor leaders.

Launched last month, the Texas Jobs Council is a state advisory group that meets monthly and is charged with strengthening the workforce pipeline by expanding job training and identifying ways to streamline credentialing and hiring.

The council is expected to focus on:

Executive actions state agencies can implement immediately to reduce regulatory burdens and red tape surrounding workforce development.



State Representative Briscoe Cain, who received the endorsement of Abbott for his upcoming runoff election in May for Congress, was present supporting the governor with the implementation of the new jobs council.

Policy and legislative recommendations to present to the governor and Legislature ahead of the 90th Legislative Session.

The council is scheduled to deliver a final report in November 2026 outlining recommended executive actions and legislative proposals to strengthen Texas' workforce development system.

"All of us are unified by a mission — keep Texas the best state in America for do-

ing business and the number one state in America for jobs," Abbott said. 042026 Abbott Visit 01 - Texas Gov. Greg Abbott was in Crosby, Texas touring the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) facility that trains operating and stationary engineers from across North America. President Donald J. Trump visited the same facility on April 10, 2019.

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In District Court, Ward County, State Of North Dakota In The Matter Of The Petition For Name Change Of Malu Y. Snyder, A Minor Child Notice Of Petition For Name Change

1. Please Take Notice that a Petition will be filed by the Petitioner with the above-entitled court requesting an Order changing the name of (current full legal name of child) Malu Yllani Snyder to (requested full legal name of child) Malu Yllani Gittens.

2. Notice Is Further Given that thirty days after publication, the Petitioner intends to file a Petition requesting entry of the Court's Order changing the name of the minor child. Any objection to granting this name change must be given in writing to the address listed below within 30 days of the date of this publication. The written objection must also be filed with the Court. If no objections are given, the Court may respond to the Petition without further hearing. Dated April 16, 2026.

Malu Snyder (Petitioner Signature)
Malu Snyder (Printed Name)
3456 7th St. NE
Minot ND, 58703 (Address)

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Attention Private Non-Profit Schools, Home Schoolers, Parents, and Community Members in the Sheldon Independent School District

Private, non-profit schools, who legally qualify as a non-profit (currently hold a 501-C3 certificate), home schoolers, parents, and community members are invited to participate in a meeting with representatives from the Sheldon Independent School District to learn more about federally funded programs and services available for the 2025-2026 school year. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Dr. Ronica Jacobs, Director of Federal Programs & Grants for Sheldon ISD at (281) 727-2096.

Atención a Las Escuelas Privadas Sin Fines de Lucro, Los Educadores en el Hogar, Los Padres y Los Miembros de la Comunidad en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sheldon

Las escuelas privadas, sin fines de lucro, que califican legalmente como una organización sin fines de lucro (actualmente tienen un certificado 501-C3), educadores en el hogar, padres y miembros de la comunidad están invitados a participar en una reunión con representantes del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sheldon para obtener más información sobre los programas y servicios financiados por el gobierno federal disponibles para el año escolar 2025-2026. La reunión se llevará a cabo el martes 26 de mayo del 2026, de 11:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. Si está interesado en participar o tiene preguntas, comuníquese con la Dra. Jacobs, Directora de Programas Federales y Subvenciones de Sheldon ISD al (281) 727-2096.

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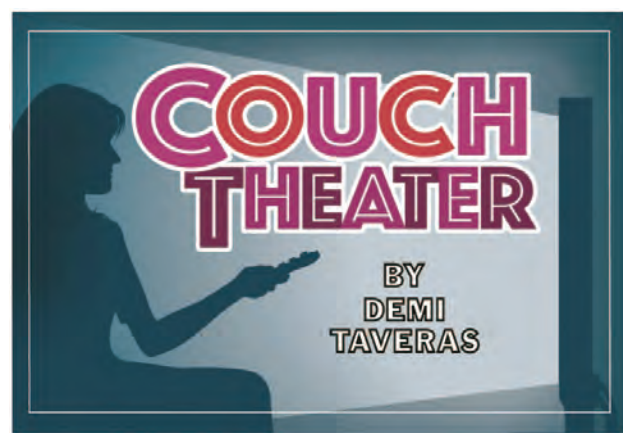
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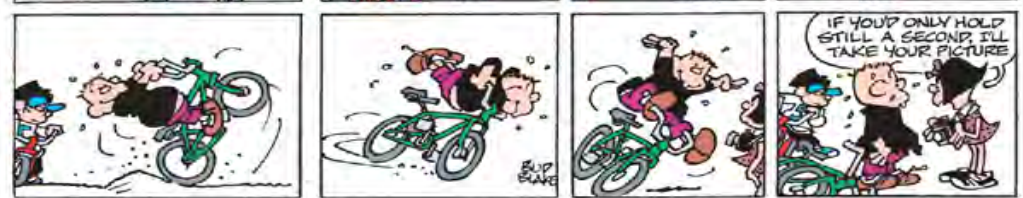
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