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North Shore Father Hailed as Hero After Shielding Teen from GunFire

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

HOUSTON — A North Shore father is being remembered as a hero after family members say he gave his life to protect his son's best friend, 18-year-old Gerardo Ramirez, during a shooting that followed the theft of his son's truck.

Louis Erebia, 56, died after family members say he threw himself over Ramirez, who had already been shot, to shield him from more gunfire. Ramirez later told the family that Erebia saved his life, according to Erebia's wife, Amanda.

"The one thing I know for sure, because the detective told us they got the video from Exxon (gas station), is that Louis ran to jump on my son's best

friend to shield him because they were shooting at him and had already shot him," Amanda Erebia said. "When he did that, he saved him and he died because of it. His friend Gerardo got out of the hospital today and told us that Louis died saving him."

The violence began Saturday afternoon after Erebia's son, Logan, was carjacked by gunpoint at a gas station in the 11800 block of Tidwell Road (near John Ralston) in northeast Harris County on Saturday, June 6, according to family accounts. "He (Logan) was at a gas station and a gentleman came up to him and was talking very kindly to him saying, 'Hey, I really like your truck. Tell me about your truck.' Next thing you know, he pulls out a firearm and put it to Logan's



Louis Erebia, 56 and his wife Amanda Erebia

temple," his aunt, Amber Burrough said.

The son called his father hysterical.

"Like any father would,

he jumped in to protect his son," Burrough said.

Months prior to the carjacking, Erebia put a tracking device in the

truck since it had been stolen before. He used the device to locate the vehicle.

Family members said Erebia drove to the location on the tracking device and found it under an overpass near the Airline Drive and Loop 610 area. A confrontation followed, ending in a crash. The suspect fled, and amid the chaos, Ramirez — described by the family as Logan's best friend — was shot.

That is when Erebia, who was unarmed, ran to protect the wounded teenager, relatives said.

Amanda Erebia said her husband "was not running to catch the idiots," pushing back on accounts that suggested he had been chasing the gunman. Instead, she said, he acted solely to protect Ramirez.

Remembering a great father

Burrough, Amanda Erebia's sister, said the family wants the public to remember Louis Erebia not for the violence of his death, but for the way he lived — and for the final act that reflected that life.

"He actually used his body to shield that boy," Burrough said. "He had already been shot twice, and Louis took the hits so that he shielded that child."

Burrough said Erebia's instinct to protect others was consistent with the way he moved through the world.

"He was a father to all. He was a champion to all," she said. "There were so many boys left and right that would come up to us and hug us saying, 'Louis picked me up for baseball,'

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North Shore HS Teacher Drives Students Toward Automotive Careers

By Allan Jamail

GPISD ~ North Shore High School ~ June 9, 2026 ~ Adam Vela the automotive shop instructor has over 20 years experience with various segments within the automotive industry. He brings lots of experience with a broad knowledge of everything automotive students will need in order to pursue a career as an auto mechanic.

Married and the father of two sons Vela has built both a career and a purpose rooted in hard work, perseverance, and a passion for the automotive industry.



Students of North Shore High School Automotive Program. Top L - R: Automotive Instructor Adam Vela, Adam Guajardo, Charlie Arevalo, Ricardo Vera, and Bryan Lugo. Bottom L - R: Damian Correa and Jaden Cadena. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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Family Quality Time Becomes Lifetime Memory

By Allan Jamail

June 6, 2026 ~ South Padre Island, TX. ~ North Channel Star's photojournalist Allan Jamail wants to emphasize the importance for family members to plan and set aside quality time with their family members to come together that'll create a lifetime of invaluable memorial experiences.

In today's busy world family's can easily get separated and distracted from their grandchildren, children, siblings and other relatives.

Recently Allan Sr. and his son Allan Jr. with grandson Isaiah Jamail planned a first time fishing trip. The three generations of Jamail's decided



3 generations of Jamail's with their limit of speckled trout fishing South Padre Island's Laguna Madre. L- R: Isaiah Jamail, Al Jamail Jr. & Allan Jamail (Photo by Capt. Doug Dunkin)

five months ago to go on a fishing trip together in June. An experience they've never done mostly because Isaiah's been a college student who now graduated from UH. Their

trip is now one they'll never forget

They booked their fishing trip with Capt. Doug

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Peyton Givans Wins Third Straight Grand Champion Market Steer Title at Crosby F & R

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

CROSBY, Texas — Peyton Givans, a seventh-grader at Crosby Middle School, won her third consecutive Grand Champion Market Steer title at the Crosby Fair and Rodeo, continuing a run of success that has made her one of the event's most consistent exhibitors.

Givans also earned Champion Junior Showmanship honors for the third time in her Crosby Fair and Rodeo career. Her 1,435-pound heavyweight market steer, "Eyes on Me," was selected as grand champion by judge Ryan Rash, who called it "a solid champion with a fantastic exhibitor." The steer



Buyers, friends and family joined Peyton in the ring following her sale. From left, Kristy Cochran, Jim Givans, JJ Givans, David Givans, Brittany Givans, Ryan Smejkal, Bryan Adams, Ryan Rash, Peyton Givans, and Evelyn Kipe.

later sold to Third Coast Terminal for \$12,750.

Reserve Champion Market Steer went to Brady Harlien, also a seventh-grader at Crosby Middle School, with his 1,285-pound middleweight steer, "Gator." Harlien's steer sold for \$12,700 to Scott Stephens and associates, underscoring the depth of competition in this year's show.

Peyton Givans said one of her favorite parts of the fair is seeing the level of competition each year.

"I love to look at the quality of the projects that everyone brings," she said. "It is getting tougher each year, and this year all the animals were so good from the top to the bottom. I love

when exhibitors from other towns talk about how tough the Crosby Fair and Rodeo is with the competition that shows up each year."

She said this year's sales felt stronger than last year's and credited fair organizers and buyers for improving support for exhibitors.

"This year the sale was much better and support was great," Givans said. "The fair board made a lot of changes for us exhibitors to get the numbers up, and they worked hard at it, and it showed. I really do appreciate their

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Jamail family's three-generation fishing trip serves as a reminder that intentional time together can create memories that last forever,

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Dunkin, a well experienced guide who knew South Padre Island's fishing waters. He's rated as a top guide and who could put them on a fishing spot where they'd get their limit within a few hours. His services included furnishing the tackle, bait and cleaning the fish ready to cook or freeze.

What made Capt. Dunkin's guide service attractive was his confidence in his ability to guarantee you'll catch fish. He's the only guide there whose policy is guaranteed fish, if you don't catch fish, there's no charge.

The Jamail's met Capt. Doug and boarded his 22 foot boat at 7am, by noon they'd caught their limit of speckled trout. They took some of their fresh caught fish to a local restaurant that prepared and served them all within 4 hours of catching them from the waters of Laguna Madre. It's a fishing hotspot 130-

mile-long lagoon separating it from the Texas mainland of Padre Island, Texas.

Capt. Dunkin's a U. S. Coast Guard Licensed Captain with 25 years experience. Contact Captain Doug Dunkin by calling or texting: 956-873-3850 or www.dunkinguide.com.

At 82 Allan Sr. stated their shared experience was priceless, he wants to tell others not just about their fishing trip but most importantly in hopes of prompting readers to do something similar with family members.

Realizing at his age this could be a once in a lifetime experience to have this type of closeness with them, he grew excited in anticipation as the date neared. They're Christian's and believe one's life here on earth is in God's hands, no one knows the day or hour the Lord will come and take you, Matthew 24:36.



Captain Doug Dunkin (center) holding a 3 lb speckled trout caught by Al Jamail Jr. (right), Isaiah Jamail (left) at South Padre Island.(Photo by Allan Jamail)

Allan said, "I know family gatherings at Christmas and Thanksgiving are significant as well. But

what made this special planned smaller event like ours different than those traditional holidays were

the closeness and the personalness our smaller group received from it.

There's a personal intimacy in a smaller group with the ability to connect and communicate directly one on one with each other which you can't get with larger group settings of family members. He said they shared some of each other's life's experiences one never would do in a larger setting.

I encourage people to plan more personal getaways with family members to create bonds and a lifetime of memories to reflect back on.

The benefit of living in Houston/Harris County is there are so many sites one can plan an outing to. And in Texas there's a never ending amount of exciting things one can plan to take a couple days with family members to go to with a minimal cost.

Spending quality time with love one's lowers

stress, builds emotional security and creates a lasting sense of belonging. Making the most of quality time simply means engaging and interacting in intentional shared experiences.

You don't need elaborate weekend trips to connect; you can build strong relationships in your daily habits. Have a sit down dinner with a family member or two, let family members share their day's experiences. Practice active listening, practice giving undivided attention when a family member speaks without interruptions.

One's life goes by quick even though it doesn't seem like it. The Bible says no one is promised a tomorrow and our lives are like a vapor, it appears and then vanishes, James 4:14.

North Shore High School Automotive Program,

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Vela said, "At North Shore Senior High School, our automotive program is Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) accredited and aligned with the rigorous standards established by the ASE Education Foundation."

"We are committed to maintaining industry-level excellence through curriculum alignment, hands-on technical training, and continuous program evaluation. Our partnership with ASE helps foster strong relationships with automotive industry leaders while holding our program to the highest standards of automotive education and workforce preparation," Vela concluded.

His professional journey began in 2006 when he graduated with Alpha Beta Kappa honors from Universal Technical Institute in Illinois. Following graduation, He was accepted into the prestigious Mercedes-Benz ELITE Program, where he refined his skills and focused his craft on the Mercedes-Benz brand.

After completing the ELITE Program in 2006, he secured a position as an automotive line technician with Mercedes-Benz of Houston Greenway. During his time there, he continued developing my technical expertise and earned the distinction of becoming a Mercedes-Benz

Master Certified Technician. He remained with the company until 2011, building a strong foundation in diagnostics, repair, and customer service excellence.

In 2011, he transitioned to Houston's Eurocar-Werk, a high-end European automotive shop specializing in brands such as Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Ferrari, Land Rover, and Bentley. Working in this environment he expanded his technical abilities across multiple luxury and performance platforms and allowed him to further sharpen his problem-solving and precision-based skills.

While at Eurocar-Werk, he was presented with the unique opportunity to work as a vintage race technician for the Texas Barron Racing program. Through this experience, he worked on Formula V, Formula Ford, Formula Super V, and Formula Atlantic race cars while traveling to tracks across the United States for eight races each season.

He participated in racing circuits including Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing (CVAR), Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), and Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA). This chapter of his career strengthened his ability to perform under pressure, adapt quickly, and maintain the highest

standards of craftsmanship and teamwork.

In 2019, his career took an unexpected but deeply rewarding turn when his church brother, James Elliot, encouraged him to consider becoming an automotive teacher. Teaching had never been part of my original plan, and the decision required serious thought and prayer. With the unwavering support of his wife, Laura, he made the life-changing decision to enter education.

The transition into teaching came with significant sacrifices, including a 40-50% reduction in income during his first year. However, the impact he could make on students far outweighed the financial challenges.

Vela said. "Watching students grow in confidence, develop technical skills, and pursue successful futures in the automotive industry has become the most rewarding part of my career."

"Today, I remain committed to sharing my industry experience, work ethic, life skills and passion for automotive technology with the next generation. My goal is not only to teach students how to repair vehicles, but also to help shape disciplined, confident, and successful young men and women who are prepared for life beyond the classroom," Vela concluded.

Abbott Again Orders Texas Colleges to Keep Tuition Rates Flat



By Gerardo Hernandez,

AUSTIN — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has directed public colleges and universities across the state to keep tuition and mandatory fees unchanged for the upcoming 2026-27 academic year, extending a tuition freeze that has been in place since 2023.

In a letter sent to leaders of the state's public higher education institutions, Abbott said Texas has made significant investments in higher education and student financial aid, allowing schools to maintain current tuition rates without increasing costs for students and families.

The directive applies to public two-year and four-year institutions, as well as

health-related institutions. Abbott stated that undergraduate tuition and fees should remain at current levels for another academic year.

The governor's order comes as some university systems have considered adjustments to certain fees to address operational costs and campus needs. Abbott's letter, however, called for institutions to refrain from increasing charges to students.

Supporters of the tuition freeze say it helps improve affordability and expands access to higher education at a time when many families continue to face financial pressures. They argue that keeping costs stable can reduce student debt and encourage college en-

rollment.

Some higher education leaders have noted that colleges and universities continue to face rising expenses related to staffing, facilities, technology and student services. They have said institutions must balance affordability with maintaining educational programs and campus operations.

Texas lawmakers have allocated additional funding to public higher education in recent years, including investments aimed at improving student outcomes and expanding financial aid opportunities.

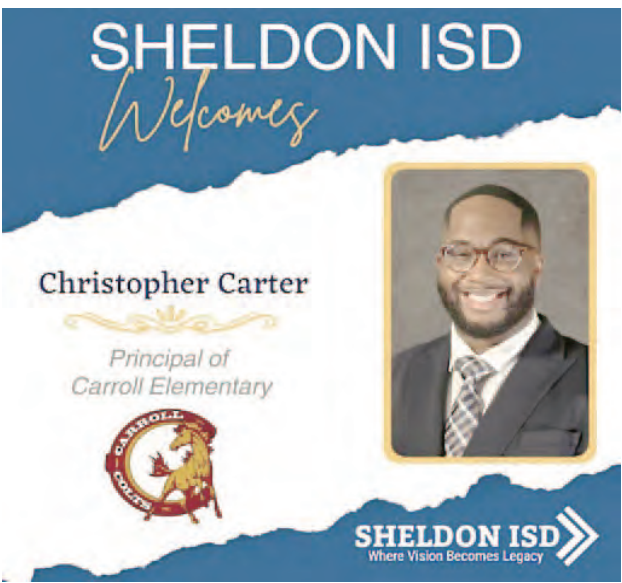
The tuition freeze will remain in effect through the 2026-27 academic year unless state leaders authorize changes in the future.

Sheldon ISD Names Christopher Carter Principal of Carroll Elementary

NORTH SHORE - Sheldon ISD is proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Christopher Carter as the new principal of Carroll Elementary School. Mr. Carter brings extensive public education experience and a strong understanding of the Carroll Elementary community.

District welcomes a familiar leader committed to student success, school culture, and continued campus growth.

Sheldon ISD is proud to announce the appointment of Mr. Christopher Carter as the new principal of Carroll Elementary School. A familiar and trusted leader on campus, Mr. Carter previously served as assistant principal and has played an important role in the school's success. His leadership has strengthened instructional systems, supported student achievement, and fostered a school environment where students, staff, and families feel valued and supported. His commitment to academic excellence and student success has



helped lay a strong foundation for Carroll Elementary's continued growth.

Mr. Carter brings extensive public education experience and a strong understanding of the Carroll Elementary community. He holds a bachelor's degree in Education from Bowling Green State University and a master's degree in Educational Administration and Super-

vision from Ball State University. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education in Educational Administration and Supervision at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Sheldon ISD is excited to welcome Mr. Carter into this new leadership role and looks forward to Carroll Elementary's continued success under his guidance.(Source Sheldon ISD)

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By Charlotte Jackson



The Value of Community Relations

Have you noticed the difference between doing business with a locally owned establishment and one that is a part of a large chain of businesses? When there is a need for a mechanic, do you take your older car back to the dealership or to a local mechanic that perhaps you attend church, know from youth sports or have an established relationship with after years of knowing them in the community?

And when you have an issue that you need help with, have you ever tried to reach out for assistance and find yourself ready to scream? Who do you call? Whatever happened to Customer Service? And think about how it must be for an older person to be repeatedly told to “go online for assistance.”

Rarely is there a day that goes by that I do not have someone reach out for assistance while at work or while I am off. I have learned that if we apply the logic of John Maxwell, “People do not care what you know until they know that you care.” life is much easier. Not just for myself but for others as well. Kindness takes little or no effort on the part of the giver.

Recently we have seen a huge need met in our community as Precinct 2, East Harris County Empowerment Council and others have joined together to open the Channelview Foundation of Hope. This facility is now offering many services with Harris County Public Health and other agencies that are needed in our area. For over 25 years, I have been affiliated with various non-profits which offer free or low-cost programs in the area and finding meeting space has been a nightmare. While I am grateful that Harris County Public Library, San Jacinto College North, the Channelview Fire Department and several churches have been gracious yet there have been times that I have had to reach out to the Hampton Inn and Suites on Karissa Court for hosting events. The Harris County Community Centers are utilized for many events and meetings as well.

When these events happen, often someone not from our area will be looking for catering and it is heart breaking when they find a provider who may be less expensive than a local source, yet they lack the “friendly” attitude. Over the decades, our community has been blessed with many great locally owned establishments such as Mr Gatti’s, Brothers-in-Laws, Bonfire’s and Armenta’s and when there is an opportunity to purchase from them, let’s do it. They not only pay taxes in our area but hire our family and friends as well as make contributions to the community in many ways.

One of the most overlooked values they add is connectivity. Yes, people matter. When you walk into a business and the employees know your name, it matters. Maybe they do not know your name, but you recognize them and you can hold a conversation with them about youth sports, church or a community event, it matters.

Three-time champion credits family, buyers and fierce competition for continued success,

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support along with all of the buyers that came out to support our projects.”

David Givans said this year’s steer show stood out because of how competitive it was from top to bottom, with entries more evenly matched than in many previous years.

“This year, it was really a good year to see just because the quality was so consistent from the top to the bottom,” David Givans said. “There were so many animals that were so closely evaluated. It was definitely a nerve-racking year just because they were so evenly matched against each other.”

Givans dad wasn’t sure they would be return champions this year.

“I didn’t bring in the quality that we typically keep for ourselves. I try to keep one or two for my kids and then we sell the rest that are the higher quality. This year, I sold

all the quality projects and my kids kind of got what was left over,” he said. Peyton’s calf fed right, grew right, and happened to be what the judge was looking for in a grand champion. Last year’s show was really down for steer exhibitors and this year it was up slightly, including bidding. “My kids have been blessed,” Givans said. “I’ve always told them they needed to learn to lose before you can learn to win.” Peyton started off with a reserve champion win her very first year five years ago. The second year, she fell towards the bottom of the sale order. “It taught her how to lose and be humble—win with grace and lose with grace,” he said. Since then, she’s been on a great stretch earning three straight Grand Champion wins since. Despite the expense, Givans said “There’s nothing that we wouldn’t do for them.”

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “What is an Appraisal?”

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

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

You Should Have Your Jewelry Appraised



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

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

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

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

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

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

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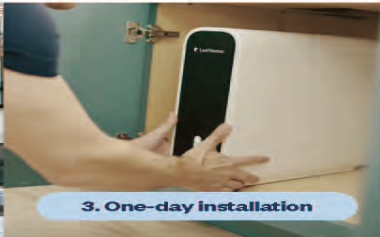
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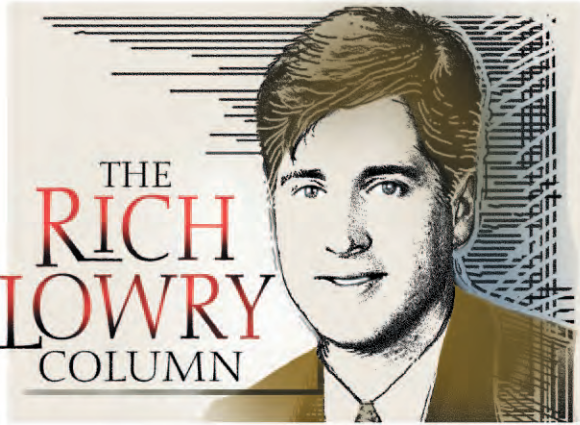
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UK Blocks Uygur, Piker

The U.K. government banned left-wing influencers Cenk Uygur and Hasan Piker from traveling to the country because they blame everything on the Jews — and, true to form, Uygur and Piker blamed the Jews.

Uygur and Piker were to speak at a South by Southwest conference in London and participate in an event at the Oxford Union when their visas were canceled. They immediately smelled a rat, and, as usual, one emanating from Jerusalem.

“I’ve been banned for criticizing Israel,” Uygur posted on social media. “Are we free anymore? This is oppression of Western citizens by our own governments on behalf of a different country!”

Piker chimed in, “The U.K. has revoked my visa as well. All at the behest of Israel. The West is betraying ‘liberal values’ for a genocidal fascist foreign government. Soon we will all become Israel.”

Like most everything the duo says — Piker is Uygur’s nephew and got his start on his podcast — this is poisonous nonsense, although it doesn’t make the U.K.’s decision any better.

Britain now conducts itself like a nation that has never heard of John Milton, John Stuart Mill or Bertrand Russell, its storied advocates of free speech down through the centuries.

The U.K. routinely excludes controversial figures from traveling to the country from abroad, and actively tries to suppress speech offensive to gays, Muslims, trans people, Jews or others. You can get arrested, as TV writer Graham Linehan found out, for posting pungent opinions about biological males using female locker rooms, or for silently praying outside an abortion clinic.

If we needed a reminder of the wisdom of our Founders writing the First Amendment into the Constitution, the free-floating illiberalism of the British government trying to enforce faddish norms provides it.

The Home Office, which was responsible for revoking the Uygur and Piker visas, says that their presence in the country might not have been “conducive to the public good” — whatever that means.

Certainly, it would be very bad for Britain if the country were to adopt wholesale the malignant views of Uygur and Piker, but that wasn’t going to come about as a result of, say, one of them having a 40-minute speaking slot at a South by Southwest satellite event.

Traditionally, in free societies, people are allowed to say dumb and hateful things. Either they discredit themselves by doing so, or perhaps they eventually win people over to their views. Regardless, free and robust debate has been considered a good in and of itself, something a country run by a raucous, free-wheeling Parliament should readily understand.

Are the Jews behind the exclusion of Uygur and Piker? Yet, there were Jewish groups who didn’t want them to come, but excluding them was a decision entirely in keeping with the government’s practice of trying to suppress views that it deems extreme. Just a couple of weeks ago, right-wing figures critical of Islam and supportive of Israel saw their visas revoked.

The British government isn’t a tool of the Zionists. It is a left-of-center Labour government. The Home Secretary is a Muslim of Pakistani origin who has attended anti-Israel protests. The government has said it would jail Bibi Netanyahu if he travels to Britain, sanctioned Israeli officials, restricted arms sales to the Jewish state, and recognized a Palestinian state.

If the revocation of the visas is an Israeli op, it’s a profoundly counterproductive one. In authoritarian societies, people can truly be suppressed — if China wants to get rid of a nettlesome figure, it simply disappears him or her. In an open society, in contrast, there are many channels for expression, and official hostility tends to make the targeted voices more famous and interesting, whether it’s James Joyce or the Sex Pistols.

Surely, Cenk Uygur and Hasan Piker are better known in the U.K. now than they were a few days ago, and that’s not, as they say in Britain, conducive to the public good.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Paxton Hopes to unify republicans after runoff

Attorney General Ken Paxton and his allies began working to repair fissures among GOP voters after he routed incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the March 26 runoff, The Dallas Morning News reported. Both Paxton and his general election opponent, Democratic nominee James Talarico, swiftly went on the attack in what promises to be the most expensive Senate general election race in history.

“The future of Texas and the future of America is on the line, and I intend to do everything I can to expand our movement,” Paxton told supporters in Plano.

Talarico is seeking to appeal to Republicans and independents who balked at supporting Paxton during the primary campaign. The attorney general has been enveloped in several scandals since being elected in 2014. Talarico called his opponent “morally unfit” for office.

“This November, working Texans — Democrats, independents and Republicans alike — are going to come together to defeat the most corrupt politician in America and the broken political system that he represents,” Talarico said.

HILL COUNTRY RANCH TO BECOME SECOND-LARGEST STATE PARK

Nearly 54,000 acres of a former Hill Country ranch will soon become the second-largest park in Texas, The Texas Tribune reported. The former Silver Lake Ranch features steep canyons and rolling hills about 150 miles west of San Antonio, between Rocksprings and Uvalde in Kinney and Edwards counties.

It is the first land purchase made under a \$1 billion Centennial Parks Conservation Fund established by the Legislature and approved by voters in 2023. Previously, the ranch was partially owned by the Moody Foundation, which donated its 88% share. Texas Parks and



Wildlife purchased the remainder of the property for \$11.85 million.

“Silver Lake Ranch represents the natural beauty, history and spirit of our state, and we are honored to make this gift to Texas Parks and Wildlife to ensure it remains protected and enjoyed by all Texans for years ahead,” foundation trustee Ross Moody said.

The future park, to be named Silver Lake State Park, features a 30-acre spring-fed lake and miles of frontage along the West Nueces River.

An opening date has not been set.

FAA GROUNDS SPACEX STARSHIP AGAIN AFTER CRASH

The massive rocket Starship has been grounded again after the lower stage of the rocket plunged into the Gulf of Mexico a few minutes after liftoff, the Statesman reported. The Federal Aviation Administration has ordered an investigation into what went wrong.

The May 22 mishap forced six aircraft to delay their departures and forced another five into holding patterns, the FAA said. No injuries or damage were reported.

This is the seventh grounding in 12 flights for Starship rockets. SpaceX has approvals to launch and land the craft as many as 25 times a year at its base near Boca Chica Beach in far south Texas.

“A return to flight of the Starship-Super Heavy vehicle is based on the FAA

determining that any system, process, or procedure related to the mishap does not affect public safety,” the FAA said.

RESEARCHERS: CITIES CAN CHANGE STORM BEHAVIOR

A team of researchers has examined more than two decades of climate data in Texas to understand how urban and rural areas interact with storms, according to the Texas Standard. State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon was part of the research team.

“Probably the biggest finding was how important urban areas were toward individual thunderstorms or smaller-scale collections of thunderstorms,” he said. “Every single city we looked at, the storms were enhanced there — both during the daytime and especially nighttime. There’s a bigger influence in those types of precipitation events.”

Nielsen-Gammon said that while storms are influenced by the presence of cities, often increasing their severity, the extent of that influence depends on the type of storm. The higher temperatures found in cities because of concrete and buildings can affect both the severity and the wind pattern, according to experts..

GOP LEADERS BACK FRENCH AFTER RUNOFF WIN

Several GOP officials who opposed Bo French’s successful bid to unseat incumbent Railroad Commissioner Jim Wright now say they will back him in the general election, the Houston Chronicle reported. That includes Abbott, Wright’s fellow commissioners Wayne Christian and Christi Craddick, and Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham.

“Republicans are UNITED and ready to win in November to keep Texas, TEXAS!” Abbott’s campaign wrote in a post on X.

One notable exception thus far is Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who was among French’s harshest critics. French, the former Tarrant County GOP chair, has made a number of controversial statements, including calling for a ban on Islam in Texas.

French will face Jon Rosenthal, a Houston Democrat and oil and gas engineer, in the November general election.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

On The Shoreline



I spent last week with my parents, which is always fun.

My father has been having trouble with his legs, and tasks that involve getting up from the ground are hard for him, particularly if the ground is steep or slippery — and that is a pretty accurate description of the shoreline where the dock lives over the winter.

But we both thought the dock should get in the water, and I told my dad I’d help, so we made our way down to the shoreline to tackle the project.

We had a few things working against us.

The ground, as I mentioned, is very steep, and it was slick with last year’s leaves. The dock had wheels at the end and was tacked on to a frame on the hill. It had to be loosened from the frame so it could slide down into the water. This is a task that used to take my dad no time at all, but instead of doing it himself, he had to instruct his daughter on how to do it, and his daughter has no demonstrable engineering skills.

And that wasn’t the full extent of the problem, because my dad’s eyesight is not good, so he couldn’t really see what I was up to. He had to describe what I should be doing without being able to see if I was doing it.

Then the last screw holding the dock in place got stuck. I am sure that screw was stuck due to operator error (I use a screwdriver approximately once every five years) but whatever the cause, the screw was jammed and the whole thing was hung up. We surveyed the situation.

“I don’t think it’s coming loose,” my dad concluded.

“What if we hit it with a hammer?” I suggested. Hitting things with hammers was something I felt qualified to try.

“No ...” My dad was thinking. “Can you just push it?”

My dad suspected there wasn’t much holding the dock in place and, once it was free, it would merrily roll down the hill on its own accord.

“I don’t know if I can push it. But I can kick it.” And so I did. I sat on my butt in the slippery leaves, and I kicked the dock. The little chunk of two-by-six with the one remaining screw holding it in place split into two, and the dock came loose with a mighty “whoosh!” and rolled down the hill.

Fortunately, both my dad and I were out of the way.

“I don’t know where that block went,” I told my dad. “Forget about it,” he said.

We got the dock into the water. It was a little cattywampus, but it was more or less ready for another season.

“I might need to get a kid to help me with some things this fall,” my dad said, as if this was a major concession at 92. He thanked me for helping him and apologized for needing the help.

“Dad, we all do as much as we can, for as long as we’re able.”

“I guess that’s so.” That night, I saw a boat trolling along the shoreline as the sun set.

“Hey, Dad, there’s a guy fishing right off the end of the dock.”

“I hope he knows the rules,” my dad said.

“The rules?” “He’s gotta leave half of whatever he catches at the end of the dock for me.”

“We’ll have to put up a sign on the shoreline so he knows the rules,” I told my dad.

“We’ll have to do that,” my dad said.

Till next time,
Carrie

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OBITUARY

Harold Wayne Baggett

Harold Wayne Baggett, a beloved father, grandfather, family member, and friend, passed away on May 28, 2026, at the age of 84. Born on November 25, 1941, Harold lived a life marked by strength, character, integrity, and an unwavering love for his family. A longtime resident of New Braunfels, he touched the lives of many through his kindness, wisdom, generosity, and genuine spirit. Those who knew him will remember his vibrant blue eyes, warm smile, and the steady presence he provided to those he loved. Harold was the perfect blend of success, class, style, humility, and compassion. He led by example, teaching the importance of hard work, perseverance, and treating others with respect. His



November 25, 1941 – May 28, 2026

greatest pride was his family, and the love he shared with them will remain a lasting legacy. He is survived by his daughter, Leila M. Harrington; his son, Joel D. Baggett; his grandson, Luca Baggett; and his granddaughters, Emma Harrington, Alle Harrington, and Cora Baggett. Harold was welcomed into Heaven and reunited with those who preceded him in death: his father, Alvin D.

Baggett; his mother, Margaret M. Baggett; and his sister, Virginia L. Baggett. The family finds comfort in knowing they are together once again. Though his passing leaves an immeasurable void, his family finds solace in the countless memories they shared and in knowing that his love, guidance, and influence will continue to live on through the generations he helped shape. Harold will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten. “Well done, good and faithful servant.” — Matthew 25:23 In Loving Memory of Harold Wayne Baggett November 25, 1941 – May 28, 2026 A life well lived, a heart well loved, and a legacy that will endure foreve.

Final act reflected lifetime of service,

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or ‘He took me to school,’ and he didn’t even have to.”

Community responds
The family said the community response has been immediate and overwhelming. Burrough said loved ones filled the family’s home in the aftermath of the shooting, helping clean, comfort relatives and pray with them. At church, she said, Erebia was honored during services, though Amanda Erebia was too grief-stricken to attend in person. “They’re so surrounded

by love,” Burrough said. “When I left their house, there were nine people cleaning it. They’re just surrounded by people who love them and are honored to give back for the love that Louis gave us.” In a family statement, relatives described Erebia as “a devoted husband,” “a father of five,” and “a grandfather of three,” adding that he was “much more than a victim in a news story.” “He was the kind of man this world desperately needs more of,” the statement said. “He was hard-working, humble, and always willing to help anyone in need.”

The statement also highlighted his years of service to North Shore Little League, where he volunteered long after his own children had stopped playing, and to his church, where relatives said he was deeply involved. The family said he also supported activities across Galena Park ISD, where his children attended school and where Amanda Erebia serves as a trustee. Burrough said Erebia’s death has shaken a wide

circle of friends, neighbors and former players who knew him through church, baseball and everyday acts of kindness. “They loved hard and they loved each other and they loved their family and they loved their God,” Burrough said. “He would give the shirt off his back.” For the family, the loss is immeasurable. For the community, they say, his final act only confirmed what they already knew. “The man we lost was a hero,” the family said.

The fallout
According to Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, 37-year-old London Hogan Sr. has been charged with murder in the death of Louis Erebia, 56. Hogan is also charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for the non-fatal shooting of 18-year-old Gerardo Ramirez of Galena Park, and aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon in connection with the original truck theft of Logan Erebia. Hogan appeared in court on Monday before a trial judge in the 339th District Court where bond was denied.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to The Mayor and City Council, City of Jacinto City, Texas, Harris County, will be received at City Hall, 1301 Mercury Drive, Houston, Texas, 77029 until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 25, 2026, and then publicly opened and read during the Tuesday, June 25, 2026, City Council Meeting at 6:00 P.M. held at the Council Chambers, 10301 Market Street, Houston, Texas, 77029, for furnishing all labor, material, and equipment and performing all work required for the construction of the “City of Jacinto City Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements GLO DRRP Project No. 25-109-001-F043 (Yellow)”.

BIDS will be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank forms provided and marked in the upper left-hand corner "Bid for Construction of City of Jacinto City Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements GLO DRRP Project No. 25-109-001-F043 (Yellow)" to be opened at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 25, 2026. BIDS received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The project to be constructed will be financed with assistance from the General Land Office (GLO) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing Davis-Bacon and Related Acts wage rate, as issued by the Department of Labor and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Adherence to the City of Jacinto City Section 3 Policy is required for all contracts.

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

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A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. at City of Jacinto City Wastewater Treatment Plant, 12202 Market Street, Houston, Texas 77015 and virtually through Microsoft Teams. To Join virtually, the link is <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/262795471294566?p=8IDzF4BeazDZKdRnPJ> or join by phone by calling +1 346-202-6170 and entering Conference ID: 705 432 543#.

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This beautiful mural is more than just artwork. It reflects the strong support our schools receive from community partners who believe in our students and our future. We are grateful for their investment in Sheldon ISD and for helping us create a lasting symbol of Panther pride, community spirit, and what it means to be #OneSheldon.

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Javier Bardem, left, and Amy Adams star in "Cape Fear."

"Cape Fear"

"Michael" (PG-13) — Antoine Fuqua, director of "Training Day" and "The Equalizer" films, undertook the assignment of a lifetime by signing on to direct this biographical film about the King of Pop, Michael Jackson. Jaafar Jackson portrays his legendary celebrity uncle, with this being his very first acting role! The film picks up with the start of the Jackson 5 at Motown, trickling into the years where Michael emerged as a prominent solo artist with albums like "Off the Wall" and "Thriller." Surprisingly, the film culminates in 1988, decades before Michael passed away, as he embarks on the Bad World Tour. Obviously, due to its abrupt ending and viewers' responses, a second movie was confirmed

by Lionsgate Films in May. While the performances of the cast can be praised, specifically Jaafar and Colman Domingo ("Euphoria") as Joe Jackson, this "biopic" leans more toward a jukebox musical due to its omission of Michael's sexual assault allegations and the nuances that made him the controversial yet iconic figure he is today. Available to rent on June 9. (Fandango at Home)

"Cape Fear" (TV-MA) — This hair-raising psychological thriller series stars a trio of incredible actors — Javier Bardem ("F1"), Amy Adams ("Nightbitch"), and Patrick Wilson ("The Conjuring: Last Rites"). Produced by powerhouse directors Martin Scorsese and Steven Spielberg, "Cape Fear" is

based on the novel "The Executioners" by John D. MacDonald and has two film adaptations from 1962 and 1991 that precede it. Bardem plays Max Cady, an ex-convict who gets released from prison after serving a sentence for a crime that he didn't commit. When Anna (Adams) and Tom (Wilson), the attorneys who represented him in court, hear word that Max is walking free once again, they begin to fear for their lives and the lives of their children because Max seems dead set on getting his revenge! The first two episodes are out now to stream. (Apple TV+)

"Earth, Wind & Fire (To Be Celestial Vs. That's The Weight of The World)" (TV-MA) — This documentary film out now to stream dives deep into the best-selling Chicago band Earth, Wind & Fire, who's had sales of more than 90 million records worldwide! Although their start began in 1969, their music continues to sound loudly today, especially songs like "September," "Boogie Wonderland," and "Let's Groove." In the doc, viewers get to see archives of visual, audio and written material from the band, as well as appearances from public figures like Barack Obama, Lionel Richie, H.E.R., Stevie Wonder, and more. Musician and filmmaker Questlove directed and produced this project, and he also helped compile the music for the doc alongside composer Raymond Angry. (HBO Max)

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

Q:What ever happened to actress Brooke Burns? I saw her hosting a game show recently, but I don't know if it's a new or old show. — M.G.

A: Actress Brooke Burns went from "Baywatch" and "North Shore" to starring in a series of Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Originals, like "Gourmet Detective" and its sequels. The last of these TV films was in 2020, and she has since transitioned to a very successful career as a game-show host. You can find her hosting episodes of "Master Minds" and "Tic-Tac-Dough" on the GSN (Game Show Network) channel.

Q:Is it true that there's going to be a "Real Housewives of Austin" on Bravo? What ever happened to the one in Dallas? — K.L.

A: Most "Real Housewives" franchises have been successful. For example, "Orange County" will be celebrating its 20th season on the Bravo network this year. Others just never really caught on like "Dubai," which was canceled after two seasons, and "Dallas," which was placed on "indefinite hiatus" in 2021 after five seasons.

There have been rumblings of a possible franchise based in Austin, Texas, but nothing has officially been announced. Ronnie Karam, co-host of the podcast "Watch What Crappens" and resident of Austin, was asked about it at this year's iHeart Podcast Awards. He believes that the show would excel if they simply cast housewives who've recently relocated from California with old-school Austinites and "just watch the sparks fly."

Someone's ears must have been burning because Bravo recently announced an upcoming reality show titled "Secrets, Lies, Texas Wives," which will be set in the Texas Hill Country town of Boerne and follow its wealthy inhabitants. However, a big chunk of the population is opposed to seeing their town being given the Bravo treatment. In fact, there's already a petition on Change.org from those who fear that it'll harm the small town's reputation.

As for "Dallas," I don't see it returning. Bravo has a new hit on its hands with



Brooke Burns in "Roux the Day: A Gourmet Detective Mystery"

"Rhode Island" and is also redeveloping its "New York" franchise again.

Q: Is the "Yellowstone" spin-off "Marshals" coming back for a second season, or has it been canceled? I didn't hear much talk about it when it was on. — B.E.

A:Yes, despite season one ending in a cliffhanger for several of its characters, "Marshals" will be back on CBS this fall on Sundays at 8 p.m. ET. Its series premiere this past March was "the most-watched CBS original series debut without a football lead-in since 'Young Sheldon' premiered in 2017," according to CBS Entertainment.

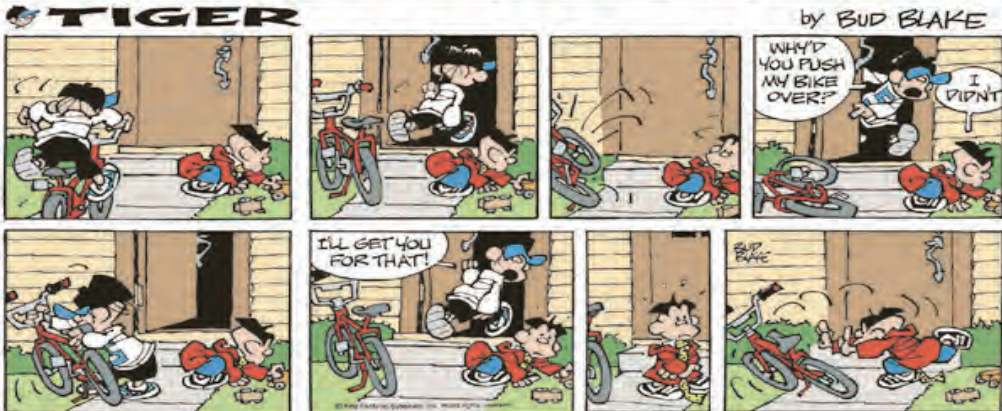
I'm not sure why you didn't hear much buzz about the series throughout the season, but it finished just as strongly as its debut in terms of ratings. While it's certainly not Emmy-worthy, "Marshals" has performed quite well for CBS and doesn't appear to be in danger of a cancellation.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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7 Lawn mower brand

8 Spoils, with "on"

10 Wanderer

11 Beethoven's Third

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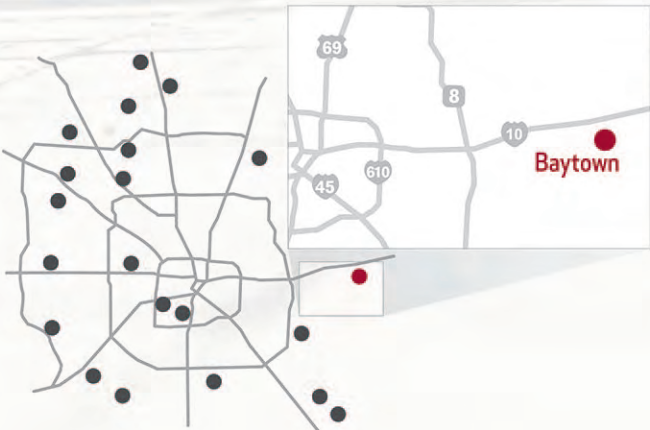
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