



Emptying the catfish fry basket for several hours was Dr. Alexander Okwonna, the Provost for the San Jacinto College North Campus. See Story below & on Page 6.

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Old 300 DAR Honors Local Leaders, Students at Annual Crosby Community Awards Program

By David Taylor
Managing editor

CROSBY — The Old Three Hundred Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution hosted its third annual Awards Program on April 18 at the American Legion Hall in Crosby, recognizing residents, educators, students, and local organizations for contributions to historic preservation, education, patriotism, and service.

"This event is about celebrating the people who quietly do the work that strengthens our community," said Laura Richard, regent of the chapter during the program, noting that the annual ceremony is designed to spotlight ef-



The DAR Good Citizen Award was presented to Saniya D. Carrington of Crosby High School, recognized for leadership and character and accompanied by a scholarship. She is joined by Laura Richard and Breanna Thomas. (Photo credits: Ashlea Chappel)

forts that preserve local history while investing in the next generation.

In addition to the awards presentations, the evening included a silent auction supporting chapter

initiatives and a Military Heroes Table featuring photographs of local veterans. Organizers described the display as a tribute meant to reflect the organization's commitment to



Educators were also highlighted, including Carrie Henderson, named the chapter's first Literacy Champion for leading reading initiatives across Crosby ISD.

honoring military service and the values of civic responsibility.

A key moment of the program was the presentation of the Historic Preservation Medal of

Excellence, awarded to Buffy and Deuce Robinson for restoring the Fleming farmhouse, a Crosby landmark originally built in the 1920s. The Robinsons were recognized for preserving the home's original character while helping protect a tangible piece of the community's early history.

The medal was also presented to Randy Kubin, honored for research and public education efforts through the Crosby Historical Society. Kubin's work documenting Czech families in the region was praised as an important step in ensuring cultural histories are not lost.

The chapter also presented a Media and Entertainment Award to Tracey Hilborn for an interactive

gardening book that promotes conservation and learning. "It's a creative way to connect education with environmental stewardship," Richard said in announcing the award.

Several partners received Community Service Awards, including Friendly Ford of Crosby, Crosby ISD, Action Dental, and Sheffield Liquidation, recognized for a holiday toy drive that provided gifts for local families. Martin Maier, commander of David H. McNeerney Post 658, also received a community service honor for work supporting veterans and local efforts.

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Texas House Democrats Who Walked Out Over Congressional Map Fined Over \$8,000 each

TEXAS - Texas House Democrats who staged a walkout in August over a new congressional map gerrymandered in favor of Republicans will be charged over \$8,000 apiece in penalties, a GOP-led panel decided Friday.

Democrats avoided the Capitol for two weeks in August to protest the new congressional map that Texas Republicans redrew, at the request of President Donald Trump, to hand the GOP up to five additional seats in this year's midterms. Their absence meant the Texas House lacked the quorum necessary to conduct business, forcing the chamber to a halt. The Legislature approved the map after Democrats, many of whom decamped to Illinois and other states, returned to Austin.

House rules allow lawmakers to be fined \$500 for each day they miss while the House is in session, if the absence was "for the purpose of impeding the action of the House." That provision also makes them liable for costs incurred by the House sergeant-at-arms in trying to force their attendance.

The final bill for most Democrats who broke quorum landed at \$8,354 each—exceeding the annual \$7,200 salary lawmakers receive as members of the Texas



Texas State Rep. Armando Walle was one of the Democrats fined by the GOP-Led Panel.

House. The fine includes \$6,000 for their absence over 12 days and \$2,354 in expenses sustained by the Department of Public Safety in trying to secure their

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North Shore Rotary Fish Fry Successful; Babu George wins car

RAFFLE WINNERS LIST - SEE PAGE 7

By David Taylor
Managing editor

CLOVERLEAF — The smell of seasoned crawfish and hot oil drifted across the North Shore Rotary Pavilion last Saturday as volunteers in aprons moved in practiced rhythms: trays out, tickets torn, raffle stubs collected, silent-auction sheets checked and rechecked.

For the public, it's a single-day tradition — a plate of catfish or crawfish, a chance at a raffle prize and a few hours visiting with neighbors. For the Rotarians who build the event, it's much more than that.

"This is a three-day event. Most people don't know that," said David Proctor, chairman of the fundraiser. "Only one day of those is when the public is actually there and sees what's going on. So, they miss the Friday and they miss the Sunday events," otherwise known as setup and cleanup.

North Shore Rotary's annual Crawfish Boil and Catfish Fry marked its 51st year this



Crawfish Shack employee Marshel Tobey unloads and gathers some really big crawfish into a cooler ready for eager customers. He does his work under the watchful eye of owner Dan Meaux.

spring, continuing a long-running fundraiser that supports the club's charitable work in the community. While final totals were still being calculated in the days after the event, Proctor said early sales figures were strong heading into Saturday.

"We don't have all the numbers in yet," Proctor said, explaining that the club typically tries to have totals ready by the Thursday before the event so it can recognize top sellers, but that wasn't possible this year.

"We're still calculating numbers and all that kind of stuff."

Even so, by the time Rotarians gathered for their Thursday meeting before the fundraiser, Proctor said the club had already collected \$176,718 in total sales, not including several other pools of money made at the fundraiser and in sponsorships.

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Judge Hidalgo Statement on SB-4 allowed to go Into Effect

Harris County, TX, - Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo released the following statement today after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit lifted the temporary injunction on Senate Bill 4, which allows local law enforcement and state judges to assume federal immigration responsibilities of arresting and deporting undocumented immigrants, even if they are seeking asylum or their immigration status is pending:

"Our immigration system is already rife with uncertainty, and allowing S.B. 4 to go into effect will only cause more chaos. Immigrants are already afraid



Judge Lina Hidalgo

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Court: Garcia Appointment Invalid, Commissioner's Seat Retained

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia's appointment to a regional flood resilience board was illegal, but the error does not force him to vacate his Precinct 2 seat, the First Court of Appeals ruled April 16.

The ruling stems from a lawsuit filed in 2024 by Harris County resident Mark Goloby and Richard Vega, the Republican challenging Garcia in November. They argued that Garcia's 2021 appointment to the Gulf Coast Protection District created a "conflicting loyalty" and, under the common-law incompatibility doctrine, triggered an automatic resig-



Commissioner Adrian Garcia

nation from Commissioners Court.

Harris County Attorney Jonathan Fombonne countered that the appointment

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GOP-led panel fines missing Democrat state representatives,

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Members of the Texas House Democratic Caucus at a press conference at IBEW Local 701 in Warrenville, Ill., on Aug. 4, 2025. (Photo Jamie Kelter Davis for The Texas Tribune)

presence, such as by dropping in on lawmakers' homes across the state and trailing Democrats for a day after they returned to the Capitol.

The House Administration Committee tallied that 53 Democrats would be responsible for \$421,890 in sum. The panel, made up of six Republicans and five Democrats, approved the fines on a party-line vote.

Democrats on Friday pushed to reduce or strike the penalties entirely, arguing that walkouts were a constitutionally sanctioned legislative tool of the minority party and framing the fines as a partisan and draconian response.

"The power to compel attendance is not the power to punish dissent," said Rep. Armando Martinez, D-Weslaco, a member of the administration committee who did not participate in the walkout. "Nor is it to distort the Constitution's design and convert a protected structural safeguard into a sanctioned offense."

Committee Vice Chair Sheryl Cole, D-Austin, offered five motions to cut down the penalties, each of which were defeated 6 to 5 by the panel's Republican majority. She first moved to scratch out all penalties "on the ground that the committee has not accorded those members the due process required."

Democrats had demanded Republicans produce itemized receipts and records supporting the reported sum borne by law enforcement. They emerged from the closed-door portion of the hearing arguing that the accounting process behind the fines was inconsistent, lacking transparency and riddled with errors.

"There's no certain number, because you've given us uncertain evidence and there's uncertain documentation," state Rep. Cassandra Garcia Hernandez told The Texas Tribune after testifying to the committee. "The lack of due process was really frustrating."

She said that despite asking for receipts supporting the fines in August, Democrats did not receive any records until a few days ago, when the panel's Republicans provided a 300-page packet of records from DPS and the House sergeant-in-arms that Democrats complained was difficult to evaluate without more time. Garcia Hernandez and other Democrats also said DPS leaders admitted at the hearing there were

possible errors in the accounting and acknowledged records showing inconsistent documentation by officers of their efforts to round up lawmakers.

"Records provided by DPS don't even show that they were legitimately trying to secure absent members during the relevant time period," Cole said at the hearing. "None of the documents are tied to efforts to track down specific members, so we have no way of knowing what was expended on which members."

Some Democrats saw their penalties reduced or struck before Friday's hearing after successfully arguing that their absences from the Capitol during the walkout should count as excused. Rep. Salman Bhojani, D-Euless, was in Pakistan for half of the quorum break attending to a sick family member and saw his fine cut, and Rep. Claudia Ordaz, D-El Paso, saw her penalties struck entirely as she was undergoing in vitro fertilization treatment.

The maximum penalty was ultimately \$1,000 less than the original total House Republicans had quoted Democrats in August. House Administration Chair Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, said he dropped two Sundays from the \$500-a-day tally because the House was not in session.

Beyond their due process arguments, Democrats lamented that Republicans' pursuit of the penalties would contribute to a more partisan and divided political environment.

"Not only is [our politics] more divisive, but it's becoming also more vindictive," said Rep. Vince Perez, D-El Paso, in describing his testimony to the committee. "Democrats, at the end of the day, lost this battle. We put up a fight and we came back and we lost, and we went on to other business. And I asked the committee: Really, what does it serve to continue to impose these or be rigid about these financial penalties when Democrats have already lost this issue?"

Rep. Joe Moody, an El Paso Democrat on the administration panel, condemned the partisan rhetoric from Republicans, some of whom have argued for maximizing the punishment to deter future walkouts.

"The members whose fines that we've considered today are colleagues and friends," he said. "They're not political ideas, and

they broke quorum because they believed it was the right way to stand up for their districts. Some of the rhetoric around this has been incredibly over the top, which makes zero sense for tactics as old as politics itself."

House rules prohibit lawmakers from paying the fines using campaign funds, meaning Democrats will have to pay them out of pocket. Before the hearing Friday, a spokesperson for House Democrats' campaign arm said their read of state law was that lawmakers could use their campaign cash to reimburse themselves for the fine. A spokesperson for the campaign group said it was raising money to support every Democrat's reelection, adding, "What they choose to do within the bounds of applicable law when the campaign committee makes campaign disbursements is up to them."

After the hearing, Rep. James Talarico of Austin, the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate and a member of the Texas House Administration Committee, blasted out a fundraising email from his Senate campaign, saying, "there is something deeply wrong in this state if the majority party is trying to punish representatives for speaking up for their constituents."

"This is why we have to take back Texas," he added. "And when we do, my promise to you is that I will always fight for the people — regardless of the consequences."

Before the committee approved the penalties, some Democratic lawmakers were noncommittal about paying them, with Perez and Garcia Hernandez saying they would evaluate their options in the coming days. Rep. Jolanda Jones of Houston said she was "not going to concede or pay anything illegal."

Lawmakers who refuse to pay the fine could see their office budget slashed by 30%, according to House rules.

Some House Republicans, meanwhile, signaled an appetite to increase the fines and punishments for walkouts even further when the Legislature meets again for the 2027 session.

"We're obviously not getting the message across with the current rules," Rep. Mitch Little, R-Lewisville, said. "The penalties need to be higher. We'll find a number that bothers people enough to come and do their job."
-- Texas Tribune



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ON THE HILL

United Way Celebrates the Power of Volunteerism

Baytown, TX (April 24, 2026) — The United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County brought community volunteers together for a vibrant celebration highlighting the essential role volunteers play in driving meaningful, lasting change across the region. As part of its 80th anniversary celebration, the event carried forward a legacy of impact with fun that encouraged connection, appreciation, and community spirit. Held during Volunteer Month, the event also served as a call to action—inviting individuals across the community to get involved, give back, and be part of something bigger. United Way continues to encourage residents, businesses, and partners to step forward in service, recognizing that even small acts of volunteerism can create ripple effects of lasting change.

More than just a celebration, the gathering served as a reminder of a simple truth: real change happens when people show up for one another. Volunteers are the backbone of United Way's work, helping turn compassion into action and ensuring that critical programs and services reach those who need them most.

"Volunteerism is at the heart of everything we do," said Kaci Pena, Director of Community Engagement. "It's through the dedication, time, and passion of our volunteers that we're able to create real, measurable impact in our community. Tonight is about celebrating that spirit and the people who make it possible."

The event was made possible in part by generous community partners, including Brooklyn Pizza, which sponsored dinner, and Nothing Bundt Cakes, which provided dessert for attendees. From supporting youth success and strengthening financial stability to improving health and building resilience, United Way's work is fueled by volunteers who give their time to make a difference. Events like this not only recognize their contributions but also invite others to get involved and be part of the solution.

As United Way continues its 80th anniversary year, the organization remains focused on one core belief: when people unite through service, stronger communities are built.

For more information on how to volunteer or support United Way, visit

volunteer.unitedwaygbacc.org

Mont Belvieu Police Crack Golf Course Burglary in a Day, Prove Crime Fighting is Par for the Course

By Gerardo Hernandez,

MONT BELVIEU, TX – The Mont Belvieu Police Department delivered a textbook lesson in rapid investigative work this week, solving an overnight burglary at a local golf course within hours and making an arrest without incident.

Officers first responded to the Eagle Pointe Golf Course, located in the 12000 block of Eagle Pointe Drive, at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday following a report of an overnight break-in. Patrol officers immediately secured the scene and launched an on-scene investigation, swiftly calling in detectives from the department's Criminal Investigations Division.

What set the case in



Suspect arrested is identified as Robert Guillen Jr., 50-years of age.

motion was video surveillance from the facility, which provided quick and solid leads identifying both a suspect and a suspect vehicle. From there, detectives worked throughout the day, methodically gathering evidence and obtaining arrest warrants for the individual.

The breakthrough came when investigators



Recovered golf equipment total value was \$34,000 (Photo:MBPD)

located the suspect's vehicle parked at an apartment complex in Houston. Mont Belvieu CID detectives then conducted extended surveillance through the afternoon. With critical assistance from the Hous-

ton Police Department's Central HotSpot TAC unit, authorities located the suspect and took him into custody without incident. Continued investigation, searches quickly resulted in MBPD Detectives locating all of the

stolen golf equipment inside the apartment. Total value of the recovered golf equipment was \$34,000.

The suspect arrested is identified as Robert Guillen Jr., 50-years of age, Houston TX, charged with Burglary and Felony Theft, booked into the Chambers County Jail.

This case showcases exactly how effective teamwork and fast follow-through can be, From patrol to CID to their partners in Houston PD, every unit performed.

The arrest, finalized just hours after the initial burglary report, underscored the department's commitment to swift justice. Source of the operation details obtained from Mont Belvieu PD social media.

Baytown Rotary Shrimp & Catfish Festival; Auction Hauls \$39,900, New Car to Leslie Lammers

BAYTOWN, TX – The Rotary Club of Baytown cast its biggest net yet on Saturday, April 18, as the annual Shrimp & Catfish Festival landed at the new Goose Creek CISD Professional Development Center, reeling in thousands of dollars for community causes.

The event, held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2610 N. Alexander Drive, drew a hungry crowd eager for seafood and a shot at the festival's show-stopping grand prize. By the time the last plate was cleared, organizers confirmed that all proceeds would benefit local charities throughout the coming year.

The day's biggest winner emerged from a ticket sold by Rotarian Jan Lammers. In an unusual twist, Lammers had sold the winning raffle entry to his own sister, Leslie Lammers of New Braunfels. Her prize: a choice between a 2026 Toyota Corolla Cross or a 2026 Honda HR-V Sport.

While Lammers



Prize No.	Gift Card/Amount	Winner	Ticket No.	Sold By
1	\$1000 HEB Gift Card	Jeri Lee Copeland	0847	Rusty Senac
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5	\$1000 Gift Card	Brian Stephens	0712	Matt Murch
6	\$10000 Travel Hut Vacation	Joan Linares	0567	Pam Medellin
7	Car	Leslie Lammers	0466	Jan Lammers

weighed her SUV options, a separate live auction generated a striking \$39,900, with multiple bidders competing for a dozen high-end packages.

Karie Spell proved to be a repeat victor, taking home both the top live auction item — a liquor and wine combo with a gourmet dinner and Hyatt Regency overnight stay (No.

1) — as well as the (No. 10) prize: an exclusive dinner and theater experience for 40 guests at Baytown Little Theater.

Jack Adcox emerged as another dominant force, claiming four separate live auction wins: "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" (No. 6), the Baytown Sun advertising package (No. 11), an afternoon wine tasting

(No. 13), and Robsons Jewelers' -carat brilliant round diamond earrings (No. 14).

Other notable winners included Bill Baker, who secured Dynamo soccer tickets (No. 2) Steve Daniele & Suzanne Heinrich alongside Chris & Pam Warford, who together won a luxury Hill Country Tree house (No. 3) and Sherrill & Gilbert San-

tana, who landed Houston Texans tickets (No. 4). Lynne Foley walked away with Shay's Jewelry Star of Texas blue topaz pendant set in 14k white gold (No. 5), while Community Resource Credit Union CEO Chad Heese claimed the "Bay Fishing Frenzy" package (No. 7). Frank McClosky won a beach house dream vacation (No. 8), and Cherie Melendez took the VIP purse bingo and limo package (No. 9). Jake Atkins rounded out the winners with an East Texas hog hunt (No. 12).

Barbers Hill HS Honors Seniors Committed to U.S. Armed Forces in Military Signing Event

MONT BELVIEU - Barbers Hill High School recognized a group of seniors who have committed to serving their country during a Military Signing Event on April 21. Surrounded by family, friends, and school staff, these students were honored for their decision to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces and begin a path of service beyond graduation.

The ceremony celebrated the dedication, courage, and sense of duty demonstrated by each student as they prepare to take this significant next step. Much like traditional athletic signings, the event



Front left to right: Eviana Montgomery, Kenzie Meaders, Back left to right: Christian Irwin, Aaron Roberts, Mason Sullivan, Chris Barrett, Lukas Ahrens

provided an opportunity to formally recognize their commitments and the bright futures ahead of

them.

The following students were honored:
Lukas Ahrens – United

States Marine Corps
Christopher Barrett – United States Marine Corps

Kenzie Meaders – United States Navy
Christian Irwin – Navy ROTC

Eviana Montgomery – United States Air Force
Mason Sullivan – United States Army

Aaron Roberts – United States Army

Each student represents the values of leadership, perseverance, and service that Barbers Hill High School strives to instill in its graduates. Their willingness to serve reflects a deep commitment not only to their per-

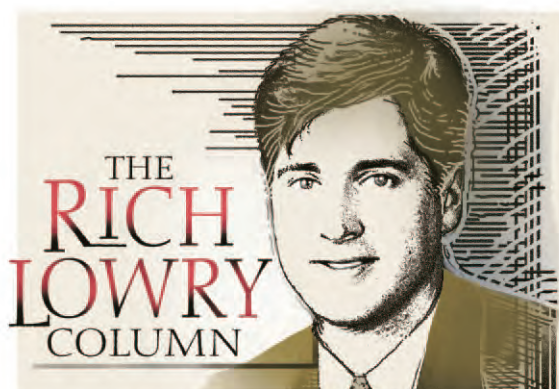
sonal growth, but also to the nation and our community.

In addition, the Military Signing Event served as a meaningful reminder of the many paths students take after high school and the important role these young men and women will play in the future. Barbers Hill ISD is proud to support and celebrate their decision to serve.

Congratulations to these students, and thank you for your commitment to something greater than yourselves.

Visit the Media Gallery linked below to view photos from the event.

OPINION PAGE



War

Yes, of course, war settles things
Countless protest signs have informed us over the years that "war is not the answer."

"War does not solve problems," the pontiff said in an Angelus address last year. "On the contrary, it amplifies them and causes deep wounds in the history of peoples — wounds that take generations to heal."

Now, there are many things that can be said about the tragedy of warfare without crediting the blatantly ahistorical cliché that it is never the answer, or doesn't solve disputed questions, often with a terrible finality.

Warfare can determine international boundaries and the nature of governments. It can decide who will rule and who will not. The relative power of states, the extent of religious faiths and the status of a culture can depend on it.

Wars might be pointless, or fought for prestige, revenge or territorial aggrandizement. That's all true, but it doesn't change the fact that military conflict is, at times, necessary and highly consequential; it can achieve beneficial ends, as well as awful ones.

It mattered for the spread of Christianity, for instance, that Constantine, who would become the first Christian emperor of Rome, won the Battle of Milvian Bridge in 312. Later, Christendom benefited from Ferdinand and Isabella taking back Granada from its Muslim rulers in 1492, and from the Holy Roman Emperor defeating the Ottoman besiegers of Vienna in 1683.

Certainly, it would have been better if all this could have been amiably worked out among the relevant parties, but that's not how the world usually works.

In the early 19th century, Europe had a Napoleon problem — a world-historical military genius determined to bend the continent to his will through force of arms. After serial failures, the Allies finally solved this problem in the War of the Seventh Coalition. The ensuing diplomatic settlement at the Congress of Vienna forged a peace that lasted nearly a century, but wouldn't have been possible without victory at Waterloo.

In the early 20th century, Europe had a Hitler problem — a fanatical, race-obsessed militarist who wanted his Third Reich to dominate Europe. This problem, too, was solved by force and led to a lasting peace, although a very tense one during the Cold War. If it's true that war should usually be the last resort, the Allies would have been better off if it had been the first resort against Hitler, checking him when he was relatively weak.

More parochially, the United States wouldn't be what it is today absent two existential wars. When the colonies began agitating for independence, the British weren't simply going to cede what they considered sovereign territories, especially given their economic and strategic value. The American cause — and all the good that has flowed from it — depended on prevailing in a grinding eight-year war.

About a hundred years later, it all could have collapsed had the United States not prevailed in the Civil War, an appallingly bloody conflict that extinguished American slavery and preserved the foundation for the nation's gathering greatness.

TITLE: None of this is a warrant for heedless warmongering, or a reason to dismiss, say, the sheer cynical brutishness of the Roman destruction of Carthage in the Third Punic War, or the horrors of Passchendaele. That war is terrible; however, it doesn't mean that it's ineffective.

In our times, Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022 in the erroneous, but not crazy, belief that a sharp, decisive military campaign would topple the Western-oriented government in Kyiv and force the creation of a regime more to the Kremlin's liking. This was a war that never should have been launched, yet Ukraine had no alternative but to fight it.

If Kyiv wants to protect its sovereign territory and eventually get a tolerable diplomatic outcome, war is the answer — as, sadly, it has been so often throughout human history.

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

Cost for future water needs could reach \$174B

Texas will need to invest \$174 billion over the next 50 years to keep up with water demand, according to a draft 2027 state water plan approved last week, the Austin American-Statesman reported. That is more than twice the projected cost in the previous state water plan published in 2022.

The draft report, released by the Texas Water Development Board, says the increased costs are due to a number of factors: inflation in construction costs, more frequent droughts, and a decline in existing water supplies as the state's aquifers become depleted.

The state last year earmarked spending \$20 billion over the next two decades for water infrastructure and supply projects — an amount that falls far short of what will be needed, according to some experts.

"This figure validates concerns that \$1 billion a year is not going to be sufficient to meet the infrastructure needs to ensure our water supply," said Perry Fowler, executive director of the Texas Water Infrastructure Network, a construction trade coalition for water projects.

The state water plan is created with input from 16 regional planning groups that identify future water needs in their regions and how to meet them. The draft plan is open for public comment and can be accessed here: https://tinyurl.com/3ktz5fpm.

TALARICO RAISES RECORD \$27 MILLION; CORNYN LEADS PAXTON IN FUNDRAISING

State Rep. James Talarico raised a record \$27 million in this first quarter of this year, the largest-ever sum for any Senate candidate in any state in the first quarter of an election year, The Texas Tribune reported.

"Winning in Texas will require unprecedented resources," said Seth Krasne, Talarico's campaign manager. "This grassroots fundraising haul puts our movement in a strong position to spread our message in some of the most expensive media markets in the country. But we can't take our foot off of the gas."

Talarico has raised more than \$40 million since entering the race last September from more than 540,000 individual contributors.



On the Republican side, where incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn is heading to a May 26 runoff against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Cornyn outraised his opponent by fourfold, pulling in \$9 million in the first quarter. Paxton raised \$2.2 million

"The Cornyn campaign continues performing at a high level, building off the over performance in the March 3rd primary to announcing a massive fundraising haul in the first quarter of 2026," Cornyn campaign manager Andy Hemming said.

JUDGE ORDERS CAMP MYSTIC TO PRESERVE CABINS WHERE GIRLS DIED

An Austin state district judge ordered Camp Mystic's owners not to alter, repair or demolish cabins that housed campers and counselors who died in last year's July 4 flood along the Guadalupe River, southwest of Kerrville. The flood killed 25 girls, two counselors and one of the owners of the camp.

The camp's owners are being sued by the parents of 8-year-old Cile Steward, the only victim whose body has not been recovered. Other parents of children who died in the floods also have lawsuits pending.

"This finding is supported by facts tending to show that defendants owed a duty of care to Cile Steward and other minor campers, which they breached by operating Camp Mystic in a high-risk zone without adequate flood protections," Judge Guerra Gamble wrote.

The injunction remains in place until the lawsuit is resolved or the court rules otherwise. The judge set a trial date of May 3, 2027.

SNAP RULE CHANGE FORCES RECIPIENTS TO READ FOOD LABELS

Changes in what can be purchased under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program are now in place in Texas, and consumers are spending more time examining the ingredients label, the Texas Standard reported.

SNAP benefits can no longer be used to buy candy or sweetened beverages, under Texas Senate Bill 379, passed last year. That includes drinks with more than five grams of added sugar or any amount of artificial sweetener.

The ban does not include baking sugar or sweet cereals, however. The guidelines do not provide an itemized list, so retailers must interpret them and apply them to the food items they sell.

"You use Google a lot to get the internet's interpretation. You look at the law and how it's written," said John Robertson of Austin's Fresh Plus grocery stores.

DATA CENTER OWNERS GRILLED BY LEGISLATORS

Texas lawmakers grilled data center developers, energy companies and grid officials recently on the impact of the state's data center boom, the Houston Chronicle reported. Grid officials say they are proposing regulations that will ensure Texas can handle data centers without raising electricity costs for consumers or risking power blackouts.

Officials from various Texas energy companies said data centers could help upgrade the state's grid infrastructure.

"If we have an opportunity to have new customers coming to the state pay for that, we'll have done some really good work," said Brian Lloyd, with Dallas-based Oncor, the Texas utility with by far the most data centers seeking to connect to its system.

Thomas Gleeson, chair of the Public Utility Commission, told lawmakers his agency is working with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the grid operator, on rules to encourage data centers to bring their own power generation to help prevent price spikes.

"I honestly don't think on the generation side you're going to see a large increase in costs at this point, because we have so many renewables and batteries on the system," Gleeson said.

AMOUNT OF STATE IN DROUGHT INCREASES AGAIN

Near the end of March, 89% of the state was in drought, according to hydrologist Dr. Mark Wentzel with the Texas Water Development Board. That is the largest extent of drought in nearly four years, Wentzel wrote. In addition to continued dry conditions, average March temperatures were 66.8 Fahrenheit, beating the previous record by more than one-and-a-half degrees.

Wentzel said there is some reason for optimism with a wet, cooler start to April and a forecast of drought contraction in much of the state, except for the Panhandle and West Texas by early summer.

"Also note that we've set a new monthly record every year since 2021. In 2021, we set the record for the hottest December. In 2022, it was the hottest July, hottest September in 2023, October in 2024, and November in 2025," he wrote.

Now we can add March 2026 to that list.

THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Things Can Change



"Carrie!" my husband, Peter, called from the bathroom.

We are still in Mexico, and Peter's abscessed tooth had been extracted earlier that day. The extraction had been difficult. Peter was sore and tired, and he had not eaten since the night before. All this factored into what happened next.

"What's the matter?"
"I'm feeling a little faint. ..."

I ran to the bathroom. "Put your head down!" But it was too late. Peter fell straight forward like a falling tree. He hit the wall with his forehead, shattered the ceramic toilet paper holder and knocked himself out.

I am not great in emergencies, as it turns out.

Peter's fall made a mighty crash, and I yelled something (I have no idea what) and moments later a downstairs neighbor whom we had never met (his name turned out to be Jim) was knocking on the door.

"Is everything OK up there?" Jim asked.

I don't remember what I told him, but he got the idea. Jim was a big, strong guy, and he wrestled Peter into a seated position. Peter had a huge gash in his forehead and was still out cold.

"Peter! Wake up! Can you hear me?" I hollered into Peter's ear.

Peter made sounds that indicated he heard me, but he was clearly not awake.

"You hold this towel on his head. I'll go get Jorge!" Jim ran downstairs to tell Jorge, our landlord, and I followed orders.

While I sat there on the floor with my unconscious husband, our cat, Felix, cautiously crept into the bathroom to see what all the excitement was about. He examined the blood splattered all over and tentatively made his way over to check out Peter's face.

A moment later, Jim was back in the bathroom. Felix bolted.

"Jorge called the Red Cross," Jim reported. Then he added, "Do you have a black-and-white cat?"

"Yes!"
"I think she just ran out the door."

Peter started to come to. His eyes slowly focused on this tall stranger standing in his bathroom.

"We're going to take you to the hospital," Jim informed Peter.

"Oh, no!" Peter said. "I don't think that's necessary. ..."

"You're going to the hospital!" I informed Peter. I was relieved Peter was arguing because now I knew he was fully conscious.

Felix had not gone far. He had run out the front door and made a daring leap to our balcony (three stories above the ground) where he was now waiting, expecting to be let in. Felix dove under the bed just as the men from the Red Cross showed up.

Three men dressed in red carried Peter to the living room, gave him an IV, checked his blood pressure, put a bandage on his head and hauled him out to a waiting ambulance in a matter of minutes. (Felix stayed under the bed while these three terrifying men in red did their work.)

Peter had a CT scan, and everything was normal ("except it showed I have no brain!" Peter noted), and he was sent home with a lot of stitches. The ambulance was free, I discovered, because the Red Cross is a nonprofit organization.

Jim and his wife checked out the next day. "I'm so sorry we didn't get to thank Jim again," I told Peter.

"I wondered what that guy was doing in my bathroom!" Peter said, examining his Frankenstein-style stitches. "Things can change in a moment, can't they?"

They can. They do. And I thought how much worse everything could have been if we had not had caring people all around us.

Till next time,
Carrie

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OLD 300: Historic preservation, education and service recognized

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Student recognition remained a major focus throughout the ceremony. The American History Essay Contest honored participants from local schools, with Rylan Vickers named the high school winner. Nathanael Nefali Guevara earned the chapter title and placed third at the state level, receiving certificates and a medal, along with monetary awards presented to student honorees.

Additional student honors included the DAR Good Citizen Award to Saniya D. Carrington, recognized for leadership and character and accompanied by a scholarship. The chapter also awarded Youth Leadership Medals to JROTC students in grades 7 through 12, with Zoe Courtney receiving the JROTC Bronze Medal for leadership and service.

Educators were also highlighted, including Carrie Henderson, named the chapter's first Literacy Champion for leading reading initiatives across Crosby ISD. Dr. Paula Patterson, superintendent of Crosby ISD, received the Women in American History Award for leadership and contributions to public education. Organizers said Patterson's story will remain published on the DAR Women in American History website.

The chapter thanked event partners and sponsors, including the David H. Mc Nerney American Legion for hosting, Kipper Koffee for refreshments, and Crosby High School JROTC cadets who served as the Color Guard.

For more information about the Old Three Hundred Chapter and its programs, contact old300chapterregistrar@gmail.com.



Longtime Crosby resident Randy Kubin received the Historic Preservation Medal of Excellence for his research and public education efforts through the Crosby Historical Society. (Photo credits: Ashlea Chappell)



Buffy and Deuce Robinson were awarded the Historic Preservation Medal of Excellence for restoring the Fleming farmhouse, a Crosby landmark originally built in the 1920s. (Photo credits: Ashlea Chappell)



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Judge Hidalgo warns of community safety concerns,

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to go to work and send their kids to school. They'll be even more afraid to report crime to their local police. S.B. 4 makes us all less safe by eroding trust

between law enforcement and residents. I continue to join the community in advocating for real solutions to our immigration system, rather than the masked

men and unmarked cars that show up outside schools and residences in Harris County," said Judge Lina Hidalgo.

Appeals court rules commissioner Adrian Garcia remains in office,

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was invalid from the start because officials generally cannot appoint themselves to another office. The appeals court agreed, finding the move violated a "common law incompatibility" rule and concluding Garcia's appointment was void.

Because the appointment was void, the court said, it "did not affect his resignation as a county commissioner." In other words, Garcia never lawfully held the second position and therefore did not automatically resign his commissioner's court seat.

Vega said he plans to ask the Texas Supreme Court to review the decision.

"Our legal team is examining this matter at the highest level of the state judiciary, and we intend to continue forward with this process because we believe strongly that we have a legitimate case on behalf of the people of Harris County," Vega said.

A spokesperson for Garcia's campaign called the suit a political effort to undo the results of elections in Precinct 2.

"Republicans have tried for years to unseat

Commissioner Adrian Garcia," Grant Martin said in an ABC-13 interview. "After losing again and again at the ballot box, they're now wasting taxpayer dollars by filing frivolous lawsuits. Voters know and trust Commissioner Garcia's steady, responsible leadership — and they will continue to keep him in office."

Texas law and the state constitution generally prohibit officeholders from simultaneously occupying certain public offices, particularly when the roles carry "conflicting loyalties." Under the common-law incompatibility doctrine, accepting a second, incompatible office can operate as an automatic resignation from the first.

Accepting a conflicted second role is considered an automatic resignation from the first under common law incompatibility.

Goloby and Vega argued that because the Gulf Coast Protection District can contract with Harris County, Garcia's service on both bodies created an impermissible conflict. They asked the court to declare Garcia's commissioner's court seat


vacant and sought to invalidate certain 3-2 votes he cast while the appointment was in effect.

The appeals court said the question was whether Garcia's appointment to the district was legally valid. Because it was not, the court concluded Garcia never lawfully joined the district's board and therefore never held two offices at the same time for purposes of the incompatibility doctrine.

Created in 2021 to coordinate a regional approach to flood management, the Gulf Coast Protection District is led by an 11-member board, including one representative appointed by each of five counties — Harris, Galveston, Orange, Chambers and Jefferson — and additional members appointed by the governor. Garcia was tapped to represent Harris County in August 2021, about a month after the district was created.

Court filings show Harris County Flood Control District Executive Director Tina Petersen was appointed to replace Garcia on the district board in August 2024, the same month the lawsuit was filed.


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NS Rotary crawfish boil nets strong sales in 51st year,

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"That was as of Thursday," he said. Proctor broke down that preliminary total as \$47,218 in meal ticket sales and \$129,500 in raffle ticket sales.

As the lines formed and the kitchen crew worked through the midday rush Saturday, Proctor said the event ran smoothly — especially compared with years when volunteer coverage thinned at key times.

"We didn't have any issues at all," Proctor said. "There was no shortage of volunteers at any point in time during the day. Everybody came in and out of their shifts, and we had enough coverage everywhere, so it went very, very smoothly."

Proctor credited volunteer coordinator Darryl Painter's plan to stagger shifts for helping keep stations fully staffed. Last year's event used about 400 volunteers, Proctor said, and early counts indicated the club likely had at least that many — "probably a few more" — this year.

The day also arrived after a rainy week, but the grounds held up.

"The weather did hold out for us, which was a blessing," Proctor said. "Even though it had rained so much during the week, it wasn't too muddy."

Beyond food and raffle tickets, the event's auctions remain a significant part of the fundraiser. Proctor said the silent auction appeared to be a complete sell-through this year.

"I know we had a lot of good items, and so far, as I recollect, everything got purchased," he said. "That's always a good



Angel Hill, from the North Shore Sr. High School Honor Society, was working the counter collecting tickets and filling orders for hungry customers.



Student groups from Galena Park, North Shore, Channelview, and C. E. King high schools earn community service hours and a great plate of food for their hard work serving customers throughout the day.

sign, too."

He praised the volunteers who run the silent auction, singling out a longtime organizer.

"Margie (Buentello) and her crew do a phenomenal job and I'm so proud of what she does," Proctor said. "Margie comes in, she does her thing and everybody's happy. We've never had any incidents."

The event's live auction also drew major attention, he said, noting the behind-the-scenes work required to line up items and stage them effectively.

"Bill Palko spent countless hours... putting together the live auction," Proctor said. "I learned so much about live auctions — the placement of the items on the list and the mannerism to which they're auctioned off."


Proctor highlighted a standout item: a patriotic quilt donated by Palko's wife.

"She made a patriotic one that was extremely beautiful," Proctor said. "I know it went for quite a bit, and we were happy about that."

Other items often gain in-

OBITUARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Sharon Burger



Born: July 27, 1951
Departed: April 18, 2026

OBITUARY

Sharon Burger, affectionately known as "Bunny," passed away at the age of 74. Born in Georgia, she carried her Southern roots and warmth throughout her life. She was known for her welcoming nature, kindness, and generous heart. Beyond her grace and beauty, Sharon was known for her wonderful sense of humor. She was witty, lighthearted, and playful.

Family was the center of Sharon's life. She is survived by her loving and devoted son, Andy; her daughter in law, Christina; and her granddaughters, Ava and Ella, who lovingly knew her as, "Bunny."

Sharon leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, grace, and laughter. Her presence will be deeply missed and remembered by all who knew her.

Sharon is now at peace and reunited with her late husband, Jay Burger. May she rest in peace.

terest because of their community or civic ties. Proctor said Texas state Rep. Anna Hernandez donates a Texas flag each year that has been flown over the State Capitol, calling it "a hot item." He also said a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol and donated through U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia was part of this year's mix.

"Those are neat items," Proctor said, "because that's not something that you can just... go get."

The fundraiser also has a built-in connection to local youth programs, including FFA. Proctor said the club purchases items at area FFA auctions to support students — and then, in some cases, those purchases return as auction items, creating a cycle that

benefits both students and the Rotary fundraiser.

"They play a vital role in our operation, each FFA," Proctor said.

But the club's involvement, he added, isn't only financial.

"Another reason for going to FFA is we get to be face-to-face with the kids and we get to be face-to-face with their parents and their sponsors," Proctor said. "To me... that is also important that they know that we're there for them."

Community partner groups help shoulder the workload, too. Proctor praised YouthReach volunteers for showing up in force and staying on task.

"When they come in, they're there to work. They have never failed us," Proctor said.

The heavy lift for Rotarians begins long before gates open on Saturday. Friday is the big setup day — moving equipment, arranging tables, getting stations set, and making sure the pavilion is ready for a crowd.

"We normally have around 55 to 60 of our members on Friday to help do what we do," Proctor said, adding that the number varies between 40 and 65. "This year... for the most part, everybody showed up."

By the end of the day, he said, the club was in good shape.

And as soon as one event ends, the next planning cycle begins. Proctor said the club was already nudging next year's chair to start thinking ahead.

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- 19. Ticket No: 1330 Owner: Steve Jackson Sold By: Terri Denny Prize: Half side of beef cut and wrapped donated by North Shore Rotarians.
- 20. Ticket No: 0754 Owner: Babu George Sold By: Robert Lunde Prize: 2026 Toyota Tacoma or RAV4 from Community Toyota.



Q:I saw that Alec Baldwin was back in court again for the unfortunate shooting on the set of his movie. I thought that all the charges against him were dismissed. — C.W.

A: Alec Baldwin was charged with involuntary manslaughter for the accidental death of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins, but a judge dismissed the case with prejudice (meaning that it couldn't be refiled) a year later. A settlement was reached between the movie's ("Rust") producers and Hutchins' family. But now Baldwin is in civil court with a suit that was filed by gaffer Serge Svetnoy for emotional distress. This trial is set to begin in October 2026.

Q:When is "Dexter" coming back, and which show will it be? I remember there were two new ones. I want to catch up on the episodes. — S.L.

A: "Dexter: Resurrection" stars Michael C. Hall in the titular role and continues the story where the original "Dexter" series left off. They just began filming season two in April, so I'd expect it on Paramount+ sometime toward the end of 2026. (But don't quote me on that!)

"Dexter: Original Sin" was a prequel series that starred Patrick Gibson in the title role 15 years before Hall played him. It had a loyal following, but unfortunately, its second season was scrapped. The reason for this is likely due to the emergence of "Dexter: Resurrection," and Paramount probably only wanted one "Dexter" series at a time.

Brian Cox ("Succession") will be joining the cast of season two of "Resurrection" as the serial killer known as the New York Ripper. Fans might recall that Cox played a younger Hannibal Lektor in the 1986 film "Manhunter," before Anthony Hopkins won an Oscar for the same role in "Silence of the Lambs." Bo-keem Woodbine ("Fargo") and Nona Parker Johnson ("Mayor of Kingstown") were recently added to the cast, and Uma Thurman ("Kill Bill") will be back as special ops officer Charley.

"Dexter: New Blood" was a limited series about Dexter's son, Harrison. Jack Alcott will be returning in the role for "Resurrection," as he did in season one. This is a lot of "Dexter" to catch up on,



Actor Alec Baldwin ("Rust")

so get busy streaming!

Q: What ever happened to the spin-off of "The Neighborhood" with the sons? I just realized it never popped up for the new fall season. — H.C.

A: Unfortunately, the proposed spin-off about the Butler sons with Marcel Spears and Sheاون McKinney in their new neighborhood in Venice Beach, California, has been scrapped by CBS. According to TVLine, Justin Long ("Goosebumps") and Hunter King ("The Young and the Restless"), who appeared in the season seven finale of "The Neighborhood," were also "part of a backdoor pilot for the spin-off" that never came to be.

"The Neighborhood" did have another spin-off, but it was short-lived. It starred Tracy Morgan as Calvin's (Cedric the Entertainer) cousin and aired on Paramount+, but it was canceled after one season. Fortunately, for Morgan, he's bounced back with a new hit sitcom — "The Fall and Rise of Reggie Dinkins" on NBC.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com.

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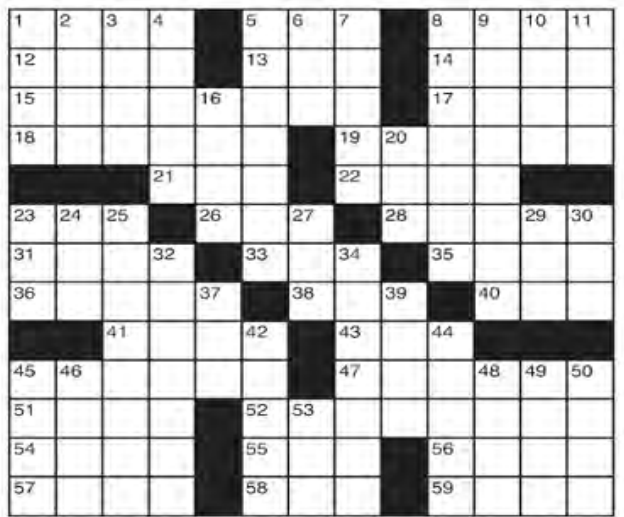
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- 52 Maximum contents
- 54 Diminutive suffix



- 7 Pharaoh's land
- 8 The "A" of UCLA
- 9 Shortage
- 10 Fast runner
- 11 Lawn party site
- 16 Pisa farewell
- 20 Jug handle
- 23 Zodiac animal
- 24 Comic Philips
- 25 Liveliness
- 27 Tease array
- 30 "Science Friday" network
- 32 Secondhand deals
- 34 "Cheer up!"
- 37 Carried out
- 39 Tibetan monk
- 42 Confronts
- 44 "— di Lammermoor"
- 45 Driver with a handle
- 46 Tiny bit
- 48 Walk unevenly
- 49 LAX guesses
- 50 Broadway actress Daly
- 53 Docs' org.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES:** What is Indiana Jones' real first name in "Raiders of the Lost Ark"?
- LITERATURE:** What is Charlie's last name in the children's book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What isthmus connects the Asian and African continents?
- MATH:** What is the first prime number to follow 19?
- GEOLOGY:** What type of rock is formed by cooled lava?
- TELEVISION:** What is the title character's famous line in the TV detective show "Columbo"?
- BUSINESS:** What company's stock ticker symbol is LUV?
- ASTRONOMY:** Which four planets in our solar system have rings?
- HISTORY:** About how many people worldwide were infected by the Spanish flu in the early part of the 20th century?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** If an animal eats only plants, what is it called?

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1. Henry; 2. Bucket; 3. Isthmus of Suez; 4. 23; 5. Igneous; 6. "Just one more thing"; 7. Southwest Airlines; 8. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune; 9. Nearly one-third of the world's population; 10. An herbivore

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