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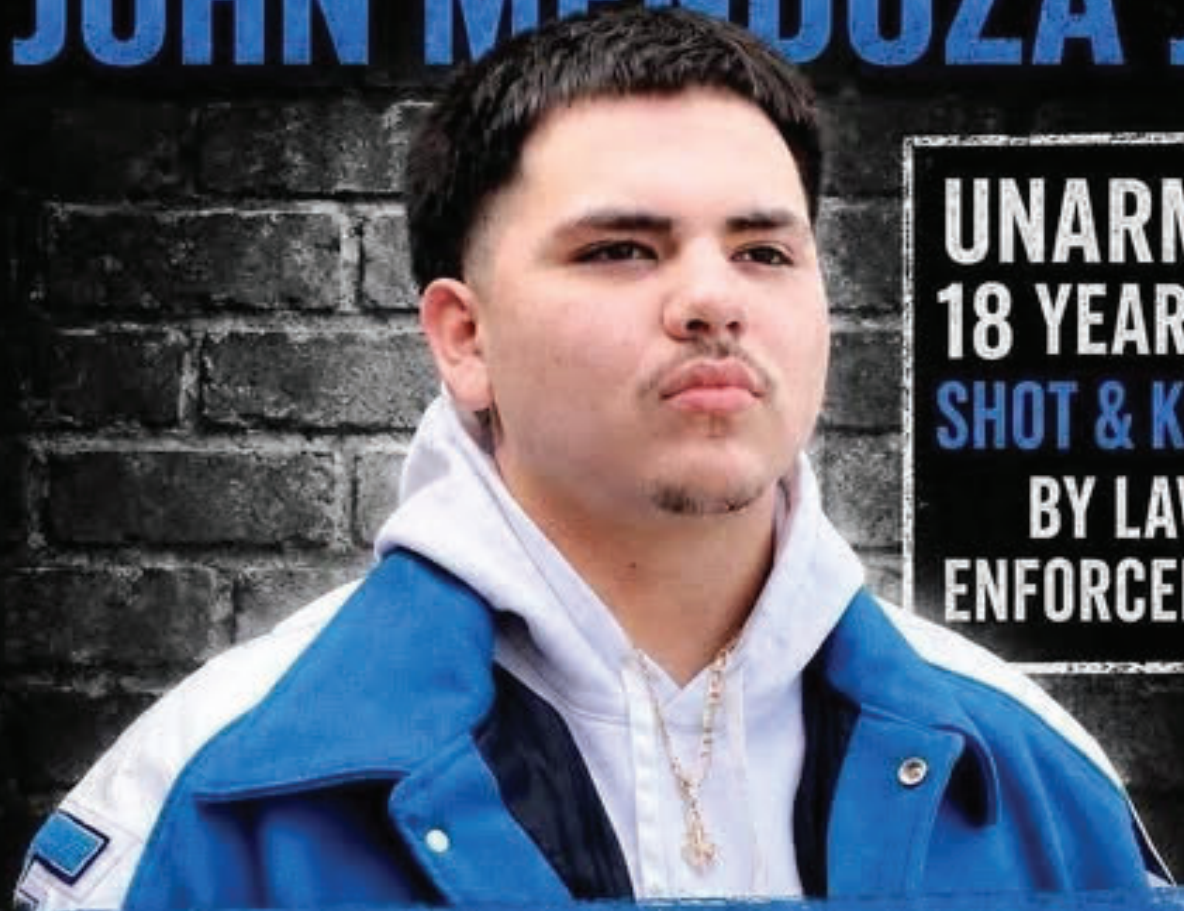
La Voz de Brazoria Co.

Informando a la comunidad

JUSTICE

FOR

JOHN MENDOZA JR



**UNARMED
18 YEAR OLD
SHOT & KILLED
BY LAW
ENFORCEMENT**

SAY HIS NAME LOUD



JOHN MENDOZA JR



HE WAS A SON. A FRIEND.
HE HAD A FUTURE.
HE DESERVED TO LIVE.

FAMILY PROTEST

OUR CHILDREN. OUR VOICES. OUR FUTURE.



THIS FRIDAY



@ 1:00 PM



BRAZORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
IN FRONT | ANGLETON, TX

- WE STAND FOR JUSTICE
- WE STAND FOR OUR CHILDREN
- WE STAND FOR TRANSPARENCY
- WE STAND TOGETHER

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Pensamientos

John Mendoza, un estudiante universitario, ha muerto a los 18 años de edad. Disparado por un diputado del condado de Brazoria a través de la ventana del conductor del coche en el que estaba sentado el 1 de junio de 2026.



**Alfredo Santos c/s
Editor & Publisher**

Algunos dicen que el arma se disparó por accidente. Otros cuestionan ¿por qué un arma de policía cargada estaría apuntando a John Mendoza en primer lugar?

Mientras la policía inicia una “investigación”, el oficial involucrado ha sido puesto en licencia administrativa.

El jueves 11 de junio se llevará a cabo una celebración de la vida de John. Vea la contraportada para más detalles. El viernes habrá una protesta familiar por John. Vea la página 2 de esta publicación para más información.

Lo que preocupa a un número cada vez mayor de personas es: ¿cuánto tiempo tomará la investigación? Y luego está la cuestión de la justicia. ¿Qué tipo de responsabilidad recibirán la comunidad y el condado? ¿Cómo se podrá prevenir algo así en el futuro?

Editorial

John Mendoza, a college student is dead at 18 years of age. Shot by a Brazoria County Deputy through the driver's window of the car he was sitting in on June 1st, 2026.

Some say the gun went off by accident. Others question why would a loaded police gun would be pointed

at John Mendoza in the first place?

While law enforcement begins an “investigation the officer involved has been placed on administrative leave.

On Thursday, June 11th, a celebration of life will be held for John. See the back page for more details. On Friday there will be a family protest for John. See page 2 in this publication for more information.

What is of concern to a growing number of people is how long will an investigation take? And then there is the question of justice. What kind of accountability will the community and the county receive? How will something like be prevented in the future?



John Mendoza Dead at 18

John Mendoza, an unarmed teenager was shot and killed by a Brazoria County Deputy on June 1st while sitting in an automobile in the garage of his father's house in Lake Jackson, Texas.

The Deputy shot Mendoza through the driver's window. There were two other occupants in the car at the time.

John was a college student at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas and recently graduated from Brazoswood High School in Lake Jackson, Texas.

Over the last several days there have been rallies and protests at the Brazoria County Courthouse in Angleton, Texas. In the coming days more rallies are scheduled for John. See pages #2 and #16 in this publication.

The Mendoza family has retained legal counsel and it is expected that legal actions are forthcoming.

En Español

John Mendoza muerto a los 18

John Mendoza, un adolescente desarmado, fue disparado y asesinado por un diputado del condado de Brazoria el 1 de junio mientras estaba sentado en un automóvil en el garaje de la casa de su padre en Lake Jackson, Texas.

El diputado disparó a Mendoza a través de la ventana del conductor. Había otros dos ocupantes en el automóvil en ese momento.

John era estudiante universitario en la Texas State University en San Marcos, Texas, y recientemente se había graduado de la Brazoswood High School en Lake Jackson, Texas.

Durante los últimos días ha habido manifestaciones y protestas en el Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Brazoria en Angleton, Texas. En los próximos días, se han programado más manifestaciones en honor a John (ver páginas #2 y #16 de esta publicación).

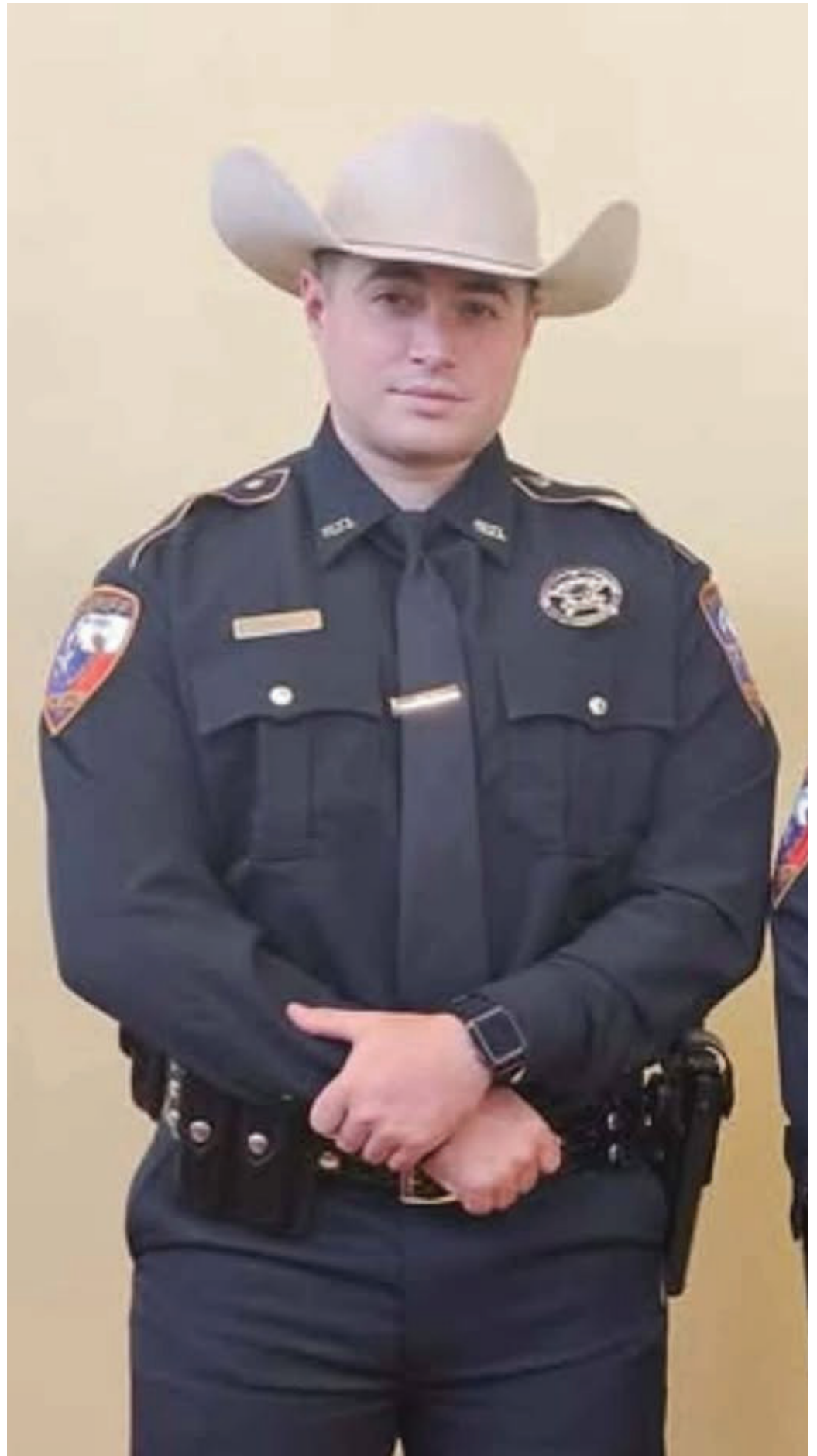
La familia Mendoza ha contratado asesoría legal y se espera que se tomen acciones legales próximamente.

Brazoria County Deputy Who Killed John Menoza Fired From His Job

For those interested in learning more about the investigation into the tragic death of **John Mendoza Jr., Sheriff Stallman** has provided an update, which can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1GpxdrAF-Wr/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

In the update, the Sheriff announced that an internal review found a violation of policy related to the discharge of a weapon during the incident. As a result, the deputy involved is no longer employed by the Sheriff's Office.

It is important to note that the independent investigation being conducted by the **Texas Rangers** is still ongoing. This remains a heartbreaking situation for everyone involved. My continued prayers are with all those impacted by this tragedy. Transparency and accountability are essential, and I appreciate the Sheriff's Office providing this up-



Lo Que Esta Diciendo La Gente

Shanno Howe Jamison

Well, maybe we should start with “why did he decide to not stop and flee”? Just saying cause I’m sure if he’d stopped and followed commands the outcome would have been different.

Roxanne Hinojosa Carranza

Shannon Howe Jamison Driving a few minutes further at 30mph is hardly fleeing.. he went to his own home. Sirens weren’t blaring until they reached the neighborhood. watch the video his lawyer Charles Adams posted.. Sirens, silence, shot.. no loud speaker or loud voice screaming to get out of the car. Just point blank shot him. He could have called back up and arrested him. The car was registered to the home he drove to. Make it make sense!!

Shannon Howe Jamison

So are you saying if someone doesn’t stop immediately a cop can shoot through a window ?

Stacey Barnes

Shannon Howe Jamison And how are you so sure of that? Reading a lot of comments from residents and former residents it come across to me that this Department is very corrupt.

Julian Dun

Stacey Barnes it is corrupt that county wanted to charge me with assault with a deadly weapon because the cop was buddies with the dude which tried to run someone over so i grabbed a gun and held it. Not pointing or brandishing at all and the police charged me and gave me a \$8k bond i sat in jail a month without hearing from court appointed attorney so i got my family to use my money to bond me out. I stirred up a frenzy getting rangers and fbi involved. The county later on the books dropped the bond to like \$300 or \$600 bond and changed the charge to disorderly conduct after i paid the full \$8k when it shoulda only been \$300 or \$600. They didnt expect me to get out too soon and even my attorney said not to contact rangers and fbi because the courts down there wouldnt like it. The officer that arrested me was arrested a week after for going to a party and assaulting people and then fleeing afterwards. Then after the court date the attorneys threatened me to leave the state and not come back

Cindy Ann DeLeon

Shannon Howe Jamison or why didnt both deputies get out where the boys were playing basketball and address them there. That could be another scenario. No matter what, this young man did not have to die. Again prayers for the family.

Juan Gonzales

Shannon Howe Jamison there’s no reason to shoot someone just for not stopping

Gerald E. Bourque

Shannon Howe Jamison , wow! That is your first go-to? Let’s see, an 18 or 19 year old hispanic kid wants to get home so his dad can manage his fear of law enforcement stalking is a “he got what he deserved” moment for you? For one second you cant imagine this kid being afraid of being swept up in an immigration hold! That does not register inside your prism.

Griselda Gortemiller

Yes you’re right about that but can you find a reason for this officer kill this kid?

Dear Community,

Brazosport LULAC Council 4655 would like to extend our deepest condolences to the Mendoza family for the tragic loss of John Gabriel Mendoza Jr. — Brazosport LULAC Council 4655 has made contact with a family member to discuss support needed at this time.

Our council is in support of a transparent and thorough investigation for the parties involved. We know that this is a tragic loss for the Mendoza family and ask the community to offer support during this difficult time.

Moving forward it is crucial that Brazosport LULAC Council 4655 continues to build positive relationships with local law enforcement agencies to best protect and serve our communities. With many LULAC Councils in the Greater Houston Area and across the nation, this is the OFFICIAL statement from the LULAC council that serves and supports the Brazosport area.

The League of United Latin American Citizens was founded in 1929. We are the largest and oldest civil rights organization in the United States with a mission to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population.

Respectfully,

Brazosport LULAC Council 4655



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Deputy Identified by Lawyer in John Mendoza Jr.'s Fatal Deputy-Involved Shooting

According to sources, the lawyer representing the family of John Mendoza Jr. has identified Brazoria County Deputy Kevin Tippit as the deputy involved in the fatal shooting. Records show Tippit began working for the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office as a jailer in 2023 and became a peace officer in 2024. The District Attorney's Office says it will not release further comments while the matter is under grand jury consideration.

Iris Bey

JUSTICE FOR JOHN!!

Today, I had the opportunity to speak with John Mendoza's father, as well as his aunt and uncle. It was clear this young man was deeply loved and surrounded by a strong support system. I admire your family's strength and determination in demanding justice for your son. My heart is truly broken over this loss. Gone far too soon. #Forever18 See less

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BRAZORIA COUNTY

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Chief Investigator

June 3, 2026

The District Attorney's Office provides this statement concerning an officer-involved shooting that occurred on June 1, 2026, in Lake Jackson.

It is the policy of the District Attorney's Office to request that the Texas Rangers investigate all officer-involved shootings concerning the law enforcement agencies within Brazoria County.

Accordingly, this matter is currently being investigated by the Texas Rangers with the assistance of this office. A thorough and comprehensive investigation is being conducted and this matter will be presented, in its entirety, to the grand jury for their review and action. It is anticipated that necessary investigative tasks, such as forensics and other testing, may take several months to complete. In accordance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and other applicable law and rules, this office, the Texas Rangers, and the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office will not publicly discuss any aspect of the ongoing investigation or proceedings at this time.

Our office extends its deepest sympathy, our thoughts and our prayers to all parties involved. We thank the community for its cooperation, understanding, and patience as we move through this process.

No further comment will be provided by this office while the matter is pending before the grand jury.

Tom Selleck
Brazoria County Criminal District Attorney

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History of Brazoria County

Brazoria County takes its name from the **Brazos River**, which flows through it. **Anglo-Texas** began in **Brazoria County** when the first of **Stephen F. Austin's** authorized 300 American settlers arrived at the mouth of the **Brazos** in 1821. Many of the events leading to the **Texas Revolution** developed in **Brazoria County**. In 1832, **Brazoria** was organized as a separate municipal district by the Mexican government, so became one of **Texas** original counties at independence in 1836.

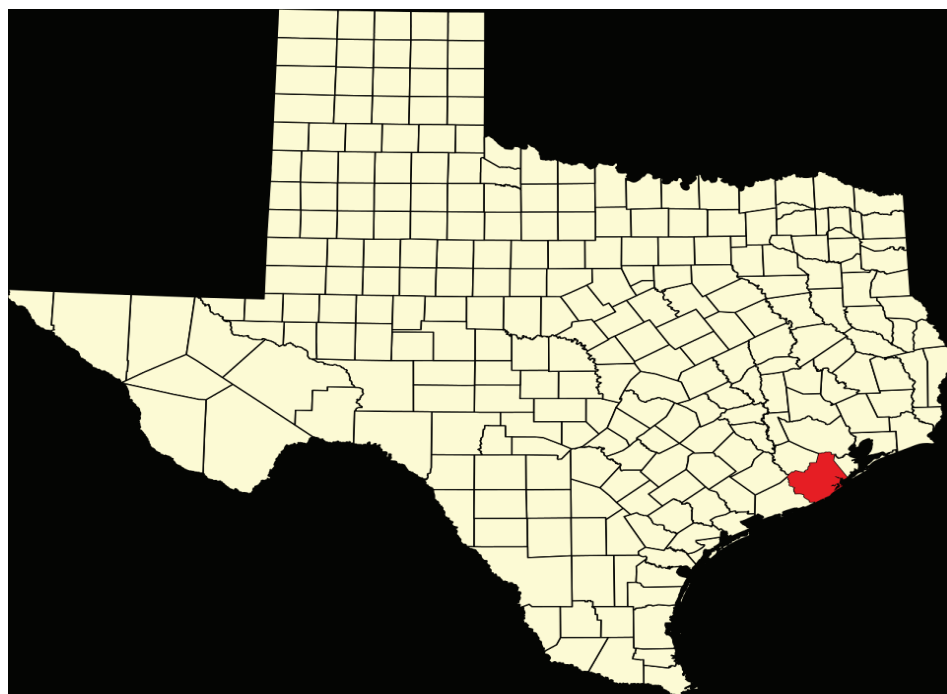
An early resident of **Brazoria County**, **Joel Walter Robison**, fought in the **Texas Revolution** and later represented **Fayette County** in the **Texas House of Representatives**.

Stephen F. Austin's original burial place is located at a church cemetery, **Gulf Prairie Cemetery**, in the town of **Jones Creek**, on what was his brother-in-law's **Peach Point Plantation**. His remains were exhumed in 1910 and brought to be reinterred at the state capital in **Austin**. The town of **West Columbia** served as the first capital of **Texas**, dating back to prerevolutionary days.

Group of men at work in Brazoria County, 1939

The **Hastings Oil Field** was discovered by the **Stanolind Oil and Gas Company** in 1934. Production was from a depth of 5,990 feet (1,830 m), associated with a salt dome structure. Total production by 1954 was about 242 million barrels.[5][6]

Lake Jackson is a community developed beginning in the early 1940s to provide housing to workers at a new **Dow Chemical Company** plant in nearby **Freeport**. The county has elements of both rural and suburban communities, as it is part of greater Houston.





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COUNCIL 60

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Lulac Council-Sixty is at Houston, Texas

LULAC Council 60 is proud to introduce our committee chairs and the committees that help move our council forward. Each committee will consist of approximately 5–7 members who will work together to support projects, organize events, address community needs, and help carry out the mission of our council.

The success of our council depends on members who are willing to step up, share their ideas, and get involved. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact us at LULACCouncil60@gmail.com. We look forward to working together to strengthen our council and continue serving our community.

1979

Average Income **\$ 16,461**

Cost of a New Home **\$ 55,000**

Price of Milk Gallon of Milk \$ 1.62

Dozen Eggs \$.79

Price of Gasoline \$.63

Hamburger (McDonalds) \$.38

Price of a New Car (Chevrolet Bel Air) \$3,503.00

Dow Jones Avweage \$838.74

President of the United Dtates
Vice-President of the United States

Jimmy Carter
Walter Mondale



Brazoria County
Hispanic
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

**SERIOUSLY GUYS,
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO:**

- THE DOGE CHECKS
- TARIFF CHECKS
- THE GREENLAND HOSPITAL BOAT
- 10% APR ON CREDIT CARDS
- MY MEDS BEING 1500% CHEAPER
- \$2 GAS
- THE EPSTEIN FILES
- REOPENING THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ
THAT WAS ALREADY OPEN
- CHEAPER GROCERIES
- ENDING WARS IN 24 HOURS
- THE "PRIVATELY FUNDED" BALLROOM

ANY UPDATES?



AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PLAN ANUAL PHA 2027 DEL CONDADO DE BRAZORIA

Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el miércoles, 20 de mayo, 2026 a las 9:30 a.m. y el jueves 4 de junio, 2026 a las 5:30 p.m. en la oficina de la Agencia Publica de Vivienda del Condado de Brazoria localizada en 1524 E. Mulberry, Angleton, Texas. El objetivo de la audiencia será para recibir comentarios de los ciudadanos y aportes relacionados al Plan Anual PHA 2027 del Condado de Brazoria.

Una copia del Plan Anual PHA 2027, estara disponible para el publico en nuestra pagina de red el 6 de mayo, 2026 en la siguiente direccion:

<https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/housing-and-urban-development/housing>

Personas que no hablan Ingles, necesitan lenguaje de señas, y cualquier otra persona necesitando adaptaciones especiales y desean atender esta audiencia publica deben comunicarse con Daphne Lemelle al (979) 864-1860, antes de la audiencia para que puedan hacer las adaptaciones .

Los comentarios por escrito pueden enviarse o entregar a la Agencia Publica de Vivienda del Condado de Brazoria, 1524 E. Mulberry, Suite 162, Angleton, Texas 77515, Por correo electronico a BCCD@brazoriacountytx.gov, o por fax al (979) 864-1089. Por favor de enviar sus comentarios antes de las 4:00 p.m. del 20 de junio, 2026. Para información general, por favor llame a Daphne Lemelle at (979) 864-1860.

Written comments can be submitted to the Brazoria County Public Housing Agency, by mail or hand delivery at 1524 E. Mulberry, Suite 162, Angleton, Texas 77515, by email to BCCD@brazoriacountytx.gov, or by fax to (979) 864-1089. Please submit any comments by 4:00 pm on June 20, 2026. For general information, please call Daphne Lemelle at (979) 864-1860.



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Recordando a Dr. Richard A. Tapia

Mathematician - Chicano - Tejano

By
Eugene H. Spafford and
Simson L. Garfinkel

Richard Tapia, the **Maxfield and Oshman University Professor** at **Rice University**, died on May 22, 2026, in **Houston, TX**, at the age of 87.

Tapia was a numerical optimization researcher. **President Barack Obama** presented him with the **National Medal of Science** in 2011 “for his pioneering and fundamental contributions in optimization theory and numerical analysis.

Early Years

Born in **Santa Monica, CA**, to **Amado Bernal Tapia** and **Maria Magdalena Angulo Tapia** on March 25, 1939, **Richard** was one of five children and the first in his family to attend college. His parents emigrated separately from **Mexico** as impoverished young people seeking education, but both ended up working rather than completing school. Not so for their children: four of the five earned undergraduate degrees, and three earned graduate degrees.

“So the roles that I identify with and make me happy are: *Chicano, Tejano, mathematician, and car enthusiast*,” **Tapia** wrote in his contribution to the **Mathematical Association of America’s Testimonios**.

Hot Rodders in the 1950s

That fourth identity—car enthusiast—was not a throwaway. He and his twin brother **Bobby** were drag racers from age 15; in 1968, the brothers set a world record in elapsed time for fuel dragster racing, traveling a quarter mile in 6.54 seconds. **Bobby** was inducted into the **National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Hall of Fame** in 2002.

Richard restored classic cars and exhibited a custom 1970 Chevelle that earned first-in-class awards at the **Houston AutoRama** and the **San Antonio** car show.



He joined his two passions in a lecture, “*Math at Top Speed: Exploring and Breaking Myths in the Drag Racing Folklore*,” delivered at universities and mathematics-awareness events for decades.

Tapia won the local **American Mathematical Society** math contest the year he graduated from high school, but his school never gave him the assembly recognition that had been promised. After graduation he worked in a muffler factory after graduation.

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A co-worker from Mississippi, whose own schooling had stopped early, told him, “Richard, do not make my mistake. You are smart, go to college.” That September, **Tapia** enrolled at **Harbor Junior College** in **Wilmington**, where a calculus professor urged him to attend the **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)** rather than a state school. There, he earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics in 1961 and took a job at **Todd Shipyards** in **San Pedro**, working on a **Navy** grant to define ship hull surfaces.

Tapia returned to **UCLA** for graduate

study in 1963 and worked part-time at **IBM Westwood**, earning his master’s degree in 1966 and his Ph.D. in 1967. His dissertation, “*A Generalization of Newton’s Method with an Application to the Euler-Lagrange Equation*,” established the territory he would work in for the rest of his career.

After a year at **UCLA** as an instructor, **Tapia** spent 1968 to 1970 as a postdoctoral fellow at the **Army Mathematics Research Center** at the

University of Wisconsin-Madison. He joined **Rice University** in 1970, was tenured in 1972, and was promoted to full professor in 1976.

UCLA

He chaired the **Department of Mathematical Sciences** from 1978 to 1983. In 1991, he was named the **Noah Harding Professor of Computational and Applied Mathematics**; in 2005, he was named the **Maxfield and Oshman Professor of Engineering** and a **University Professor—Rice’s** highest academic honor.

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ABOVE: A young Richard Tapia as a graduate students

and Applications (1981–1996). He supervised 38 doctoral students, and his academic descendants are present in numerical optimization research groups across the U.S. and Latin America.

“I have to serve as a role model by first being an excellent scientist.”

In talks and interviews across four decades, **Tapia** described his work using a single sentence: “*I have to serve as a role model by first being an excellent scientist.*” Excellence in the discipline was the precondition for the mentorship mission. He believed the field would not open itself to students from underrepresented communities until they saw researchers from those communities doing first-rate technical work. Therefore, he insisted on doing it himself.

ACM Fellow and **Rice** faculty colleague **Moshe Y. Vardi** observed, “Two things stood out to me about my colleague and friend, **Richard Tapia**: He was committed to the idea that the purpose of science is betterment of the world, and he did not hesitate to take an even broader perspective on that goal; and when he gave talks,

Professor at Rice University

Car Enthusiast - Author - Activist



ering Leadership Alliance programs, and founded Rice's President's Lecture Series of Diverse Scholars. The Tapia Conference biography summarized the cumulative effect: "He has directed or co-directed more under-represented minority and women doctoral recipients in science and engineering than anyone in the country."

The first Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing, sponsored by ACM and organized by the Coalition to Diversify Computing, drew 164 attendees in Houston in 2001. Now run by the Center for Minorities and People with Disabilities in Information Technology (CMD-IT), it is the principal venue where the American computing community visibly does the work Tapia had been doing individually for 30 years. The Blackwell-Tapia Mathematics Conference plays the same role for the mathematical sciences.

"I first met Richard when my mother and I visited Rice after I was accepted for grad school," said Illya Hicks, professor and department chair of CMOR at Rice. "We knocked on his office door and spent about an hour and a half with him. He immediately enrolled me in his Spend a Summer with a Scientist program. When we were ready to leave, he told my mother, 'We will take good care of your son.' That statement perfectly describes how Richard treated every student he encountered. It is because of his mentorship that I am a professor today."

Valerie Taylor, ACM Fellow and president and CEO of CMD-IT, summarized the reach of his career: *"Richard Tapia has had a major impact on the computing community through his research in optimization, his advocacy for increasing diversity in STEM, his tireless effort to change policy through his service on boards, such as the National Science Board, and his personal outreach to strengthen the community."*

Tapia was the first U.S.-born Hispanic person elected to the National Academy of Engineering (1992), the first mathematician to hold the title of University Professor at Rice (and the sixth person in the university's then-94-year history to do so), and the first recipient of the Computing Research Association's A. Nico Habermann Award (1994). About two months before he died, the Harris County Commissioners voted unanimously to rename the Sam Houston Tollway Ship Channel Bridge in his honor.

He served on the National Science Board from 1996 to 2002 and chaired the National Research Council's Board

on Higher Education and the Workforce from 2001 to 2004. He was on the SIAM Board of Trustees from 1989 to 1992. He received the NSF's inaugural Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring in 1996; the AAAS Lifetime Mentor Award in 1998; the SIAM Distinguished Service to the Profession Award and the AMS Distinguished Public Service Award in 2004; the National Medal of Science in 2011; the National Science Board's Vannevar Bush Award in 2014; the AAAS Public Engagement with Science Award in 2016; and was elected as a Fellow of the American Mathematical Society in 2021. He received eight honorary doctorates.

Tapia was predeceased by his daughter, Cicee Lynn Tapia, in 1982; his sister, Ana, in 2009; his twin brother, Robert (Bobby), in April 2020; and his wife, Jean Rodriguez Tapia, in November 2022, after 63 years of marriage. He is survived by his son, Richard (Rich) Amado Tapia; his daughter, Rebecca (Becky) Anna Tapia; his sister, Rebecca Amelia

either about diversity or about math, it was not some abstract academic who was giving the talk. It was always a very personal talk."

Tapia acted on this belief at every scale. In 1972, his second year at Rice, he founded the Rice Association of Mexican-American Students (RAMAS) and became a founding member of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), whose 1973 inaugural meeting in Atlantic City drew 50 young Chicano and Native scientists.

He later founded the Tapia Center at Rice, which has grown into a hub for outreach programs, including the Tapia STEM Camps for talented 8th- through 12th-graders. This effort grew from roughly 40 participants in 2015 to more than 1,200 by 2025. He directed the NSF-supported Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate for more than a decade, founded Rice's Graduate Education for Minorities and its Empow-





Mexican American Heritage Day

Mexican American Heritage Day is observed annually on February 2 to honor the history, culture, and contributions of **Mexican Americans** in the **United States**. **Mexican American Heritage Day**, also known as **Dos Dos**, was officially launched in 2026 to be observed every year on February 2

This date holds historical significance as it marks the signing of the **Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo** in 1848, which ended the **U.S.–Mexico War** and established the first generation of **Mexican Americans** in the newly annexed territories elcentralmedia.com

The treaty promised protections for land, culture, and language, though many of these promises were not fully upheld, leading to displacement and discrimination for **Mexican Americans**

El Día del Patrimonio Mexicanoamericano se observa anualmente el 2 de febrero para honrar la historia, la cultura y las contribuciones de los mexicanoamericanos en los **Estados Unidos**. El Día del Patrimonio Mexicanoamericano, también conocido como **Dos Dos**, se lanzó oficialmente en 2026 para ser observado cada año el 2 de febrero.

Esta fecha tiene una importancia histórica, ya que marca la firma del **Tratado de Guadalupe Hidalgo** en 1848, que puso fin a la Guerra entre Estados Unidos y México y estableció a la primera generación de mexicanoamericanos en los territorios recién anexados. El tratado prometía protecciones para la tierra, la cultura y el idioma, aunque muchas de estas promesas no se cumplieron completamente, lo que llevó al desplazamiento y la discriminación de los mexicanoamericanos.



Aviso
Reunión Pública Virtual con Reunión de
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Intersección de la SH 35 y la BS 35E
Número del Proyecto
(CSJ): 0179-02-090
Condado de Brazoria, Texas

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés), distrito de Houston, propone mejoras en la intersección de la Carretera Estatal (SH) 35 y la Carretera Estatal Comercial (BS) 35E en el condado de Brazoria, Texas. Este aviso informa al público de que el equipo del proyecto realizará una reunión pública virtual en línea para el proyecto propuesto, con una jornada de puertas abiertas presencial. La reunión pública virtual estará disponible a partir del martes 16 de junio de 2026 a las 5 p.m. La reunión pública virtual consistirá en una presentación en vídeo pregrabada e incluirá componentes tanto de audio como de vídeo. Para ver la presentación de la reunión pública virtual y consultar la información del proyecto, visite: www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html.

Tenga en cuenta que la presentación no estará disponible en la web hasta la hora y fecha indicadas anteriormente. Si no tiene acceso a Internet, puede llamar al 713-802-5199 entre las 7 a.m. y las 4 p.m. de lunes a viernes para hacer preguntas y acceder a los materiales del proyecto durante el proceso de desarrollo. Los comentarios formales pueden enviarse por correo postal o correo electrónico, como se explica a continuación.

Además, TxDOT ofrece una opción de reunión de puertas abiertas presencial para quienes que deseen participar en persona. Los asistentes presenciales podrán ver la misma presentación pregrabada publicada en línea, revisar copias impresas de los materiales del proyecto, hacer preguntas y enviar comentarios escritos en cualquier idioma. La reunión de puertas abiertas presencial se llevará a cabo el jueves 18 de junio de 2026, de las 5 p.m. a las 7 p.m., en Columbia Heritage Foundation (Heritage Hall), 508 East Bernard Street, West Columbia, Texas 77486. Basándose en una revisión de la frecuencia de las colisiones en esta intersección, TxDOT propone mejoras en la intersección en T existente en la SH 35 y la BS

35E para mejorar la seguridad y la movilidad en esta intersección. El equipo del proyecto solicita comentarios a la comunidad sobre las alternativas propuestas. Las alternativas propuestas incluyen:

- Alternativa 1: Una rotonda donde el tráfico fluye en sentido antihorario alrededor de una isla central. Los conductores en dirección sur en la SH 35 tendrían la opción de continuar hacia el sur a través de un carril de circunvalación, separado del tráfico de giro en la rotonda.

- Alternativa 2: Una intersección en T verde continua que daría a los conductores en dirección sur en la SH 35 la opción de pasar sin detenerse. Los conductores en dirección norte en la SH 35 y los que giran a la izquierda hacia y desde la BS 35E estarían regulados por un semáforo.

- Alternativa 3: La adición de un semáforo en la intersección de la SH 35 y la BS 35E, donde el tráfico en todas las direcciones estaría regulado por luces rojas, amarillas y verdes. Las señales se sincronizarían para optimizar el flujo de tráfico según el volumen de vehículos.

Independientemente de la alternativa que se elija, se espera que todo el trabajo permanezca dentro del derecho de vía de TxDOT y no requeriría el desplazamiento de viviendas o negocios.

Cualquier documentación o estudio medioambiental, mapa y dibujo que muestre la ubicación y el diseño del proyecto, calendarios tentativos de construcción y otra información relacionada con el proyecto propuesto están archivados y disponibles para su revisión con cita previa de lunes a viernes entre las 7 a.m. y las 4 p.m. en la Oficina del Distrito de Houston de TxDOT, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007; y en la Oficina del Área de Brazoria de TxDOT, 18671 FM 523, Angleton, Texas 77515. Por favor, contacte con Gabriel Adame, Coordi-

nador de Participación Pública de TxDOT, al 713-802-5199 o Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov. Los materiales del proyecto también están disponibles en línea en www.txdot.gov/projects/hearings-meetings.html.

La reunión pública se llevará a cabo en inglés y español. Si necesita un intérprete o traductor de documentos porque el inglés o el español no es su idioma principal o si tiene dificultades para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés o español, se le proporcionará uno de forma gratuita. Si tiene una discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para atender la mayoría de las necesidades. Si necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción o es una persona con discapacidad que necesita una adaptación para asistir y participar en la reunión pública, por favor contacte a [Gabriel Adame](mailto:Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov) al 713-802-5199 o Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov, a más tardar a las 4 p.m., el lunes 15 de junio de 2026. Tenga en cuenta que se requiere aviso previo, ya que algunos servicios y adaptaciones pueden requerir tiempo para que el equipo del proyecto los organice.

Se solicitan comentarios escritos del público sobre el proyecto propuesto y pueden enviarse en cualquier idioma por correo a la Oficina del Distrito de Houston de TxDOT, Advanced Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Los comentarios escritos también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a HOU-PI-Owebmail@txdot.gov. Todos los comentarios deben recibirse o tener matasellos antes del lunes 6 de julio de 2026. Las respuestas a los comentarios recibidos estarán disponibles en línea en la dirección web indicada cuando estén completas.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o duda general sobre el proyecto propuesto o la reunión pública, por favor contacte con Gabriel Adame al 713-802-5199 o Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov.

La revisión ambiental, la consulta y otras ac-

ciones requeridas por las leyes federales ambientales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo, o han sido, llevadas a cabo por TxDOT conforme al 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento de fecha 17 de julio de 2025, y ejecutados por FHWA y TxDOT.

Español: Llame al 713-802-5199 para solicitar adaptaciones especiales o si usted necesita interpretación o traducción.

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The time to give up.

El momento de rendirse.

Yes, things are going

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Monica Caudillo appointed to Brazosport College Board of Regents



Monica Caudillo, right, is sworn in by Board of Regents Chair Jason Cordoba at the Board of Regents' May meeting Monday at Brazosport College.

Caudillo, who was sworn in at the May Board of Regents meeting, is the Manager of Community and Government Affairs for BASF Freeport, where she enhances the company's relationships through continuous engagement tailored to community needs, concerns and expectations.

Raised in Clute, Caudillo earned her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Texas A&M University in College Station. Her diverse background and commitment to community engagement drives her passion for making a positive impact in her hometown.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to give back to an institution that has such a meaningful impact on students' and families' lives, and our local workforce, including my own," Caudillo said. "I look forward to supporting this institution's mission and meeting the evolving needs of our community."

In her role at BASF Freeport, Caudillo also serves as the Public Information Officer (PIO), overseeing internal and external communications, and employee engagement. She organizes stakeholder meetings, hosts the Brazosport Community Advisory Panels (CAP), and attends community events, all of which provide valuable insights into the communities surrounding BASF Freeport operations and helps strengthen relationships.

Before joining BASF, Caudillo worked at LyondellBasell, where she managed social impact and corporate citizenship programs that contributed to positive outcomes both locally and globally. Her extensive experience includes nearly a decade in fundraising for the nonprofit sector in the greater Houston area.

She is actively involved in Brazoria County, serving on the executive committee as Vice President of Development for the Angleton ISD Education Foundation, the board

of directors of the Brazoria County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County Nominating Committee.

She resides in the Brazosport Area with her fiancé, Miguel, and enjoys spending time with her family, especially as a proud Tia (aunt) to her nieces and nephew, watching college sports and learning the game of golf.

Caudillo takes over for Robert Perryman, who served on the College's Board for 16 years, including four years as Board Chair, before stepping down from the position in April.

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