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POLICE | FATAL CAUSEWAY CRASH

Arkansas man killed in Monday causeway crash

By COREY GREINEISEN
The Daily News

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Police on Tuesday identified the driver killed Monday afternoon when a Jeep ran into the back of a flatbed truck on the Galveston causeway as Lonnie Kramer, 76, of Arkansas.

As i45NOW first reported, Kramer was killed after rear-ending a flatbed truck about 1:45 p.m. Monday in the north-bound lanes of Interstate 45 at the base of the Galveston causeway.

The online news service also reported a

small passenger vehicle carrying a woman and children sustained minor damage, and another vehicle struck a retaining wall while attempting to avoid the crash area.

Bonnie Thomas, who was traveling north at the time, narrowly avoided striking the flatbed truck herself as traffic approached the causeway from Harborside Drive, she said.

“The flatbed truck was stopped in the middle lane,” Thomas said. “I barely missed hitting it. I thought it was a tow truck that had broken down.”

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Traffic leaving Galveston is reduced to one lane on the causeway after a fatal crash Monday.

GOVERNMENT | NATIONAL SAIL250 CELEBRATION

Galveston council to hear Elissa voyage details



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Ed Tomjack begins removing the main upper topsail aboard the 1877 tall ship Elissa on Wednesday at the Galveston Historic Seaport.

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The city council will hear additional details Thursday about how the 1877 tall ship Elissa would be crewed, staffed and oper-

ated during a proposed East Coast voyage before voting on whether to approve a \$750,000 tourism investment tied to the national Sail250 celebration.

The Park Board of Trustees voted unanimously in January to approve a budget amendment authorizing up to \$750,000 from

tourism development reserves to include Elissa in Sail250, an international gathering of tall ships commemorating the nation’s 250th anniversary.

The event would culminate with a July 4 appearance in New

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MARITIME | CONGESTION

Port studies elevated road to clear chokepoints

By COREY GREINEISEN
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For decades, traffic bound for the Port of Galveston has had to navigate a familiar set

of obstacles: railroad crossings that halt vehicles without warning, low-lying roads that flood during moderate rain and an aging surface street network asked to carry both cruise passengers and heavy industrial cargo.

Now, port officials are studying whether an elevated roadway from Interstate 45 could bypass many of those choke points altogether — a project that,

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OBITUARY | EVANGELINE WHORTON: 1938 - 2026

Isle says goodbye to preservation ‘warrior’ Evangeline Whorton

By MASON H. LERNER
The Daily News

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Evangeline Ann Loessin Whorton, whose vision and persistence helped save The Strand, anchor Galveston’s preservation movement and make historic restoration a cornerstone of the island’s economy and identity, died Jan. 15, one week shy of her 88th birthday, after a brief illness.

For decades, Whorton stood at the center of efforts to protect Galveston’s architectural heritage and coastal character. Much of what residents and visitors now



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Evangeline Whorton

COMING SOON

A new unit from the Galveston Sheriff’s Office will soon be hitting the road.



WEATHER | WINTER STORMS

Arctic front could bring icy weather this weekend

By COREY GREINEISEN
The Daily News

A strong cold front is expected to move through Galveston County late Friday into Saturday morning, potentially delivering the coldest temperatures of the season so far and creating hazardous winter weather condi-

tions through the weekend, forecasters said.

Subfreezing temperatures are possible across much of the county Saturday night and again Sunday night, including coastal areas. A hard freeze could develop in northern and inland portions

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