

System outage briefly halts JetBlue flights

By **Michelle Chapman**
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All JetBlue flights were briefly grounded by the Federal Aviation Administration early Tuesday at the request of the airline as it dealt with a short system outage.

The ground stop was lifted about 40 minutes after it was imposed, the agency said in a notice posted to its website.

“A brief system outage has been resolved and we have resumed operations,” JetBlue said in a statement. The airline did not provide further information.

JetBlue, which was founded more than 25 years ago, has its headquarters in New York City and its flagship terminal at the city’s John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Outages do occur from

time to time that impact airline travel. In October Alaska Airlines had to ground its planes for hours because of an information technology outage. Three months earlier, Alaska grounded all of its flights for about three hours after the failure of a critical piece of hardware at a data center.

In August a technology issue prompted United Airlines to ground

planes at major U.S. airports and more than 1,000 flights were delayed. The system outage, as the company described it, lasted several hours.

In 2024 Delta Air Lines struggled for several days to recover from a worldwide technology outage caused by a faulty software update. The outage also hit other airlines, hospitals and businesses around the world.



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A JetBlue passenger jet taxis at Palm Beach International Airport.

Home sales rise as rates relax

By **Alex Veiga**
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Sales of previously occupied U.S. homes picked up in February from the previous month as home shoppers took advantage of easing mortgage rates and a modest increase in properties on the market heading into the spring homebuying season.

Existing home sales rose 1.7% last month from January to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.09 million units, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday.

Sales fell 1.4% compared with February last year, with every region except the South posting lower sales versus a year earlier. The latest sales figure topped the 3.84 million pace economists were expecting, according to FactSet.

“Good momentum, but nonetheless sales are still below one year ago,” Lawrence Yun, NAR’s chief economist, said during a conference call.

Home prices continued to rise last month, albeit more slowly. The national median sales price increased 0.3% in February from a year earlier to \$398,000, an all-time high for any February on data going back to 1999, NAR said. Home prices have risen on an annual basis for 32 months in a row.

The latest sales trends follow a dismal January, when existing home sales posted their biggest monthly decline in nearly four years and the slowest annualized sales pace in more than two years, although NAR has since revised January’s sales data modestly higher.

The U.S. housing market has been in a slump dating back to 2022, when mortgage rates began to climb

from pandemic-era lows. Sales of previously occupied U.S. homes remained stuck last year at 30-year lows.

Sales have been hovering close to a 4-million annual pace now going back to 2023. That’s well short of the 5.2-million annual pace that’s historically been the norm.

A sharp run-up in home prices, especially in the early years of this decade, and a chronic shortage of homes nationally worsened by years of below-average home construction have left many aspiring homeowners priced out of the market.

At the same time, mortgage rates have been trending lower, boosting the purchasing power for home shoppers who can afford to buy at current rates.

The average rate on a 30-year mortgage dropped two weeks ago to just under 6% for the first time since late 2022, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac.

First-time buyers were among those who took advantage last month of easing mortgage rates. They made up 34% of all home purchases in February, matching the highest level in the last five years, Yun said.

However, the 10-year Treasury yield, which lenders use to price home loans, has climbed following the spike in oil prices since the Iran war started, which could lead to higher mortgage rates just as the spring homebuying season gets going.

There were 1.29 million unsold homes at the end of February, up 2.4% from January and up 4.9% from February last year, NAR said. That’s still well short of the roughly 2 million homes for sale that was typical before the COVID-19 pandemic.

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hood of shareholder litigation by letting companies establish ownership thresholds for lawsuits.

“Over the past several years, Texas has made a noticeable effort to embrace the business community. In doing so, it has created a policy and regulatory environment that can allow the company to maximize shareholder value,” Darren Woods, Exxon’s chief executive, said in a statement Tuesday.

Exxon’s pursuit of legal status as a Texas-domiciled company follows a number of clashes with New Jersey and activist shareholders in recent years.

In 2024, Exxon sued activist group Arjuna Capital and Follow This, a Netherlands-based environmental group, after they used their status as shareholders to trigger a vote intended to force the company to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. The case was dismissed by a federal judge after Arjuna Capital “irrevocably” agreed not to submit any such proposals in the future.

New Jersey officials sued Exxon, rival oil giant Chevron and other fossil-fuel companies in 2022, alleging they contributed to climate change and, as a result, were responsible for the state spending billions to recover from major natural disasters.

That suit was dismissed last year.

In September, Exxon also introduced a first-of-its-kind voting option for shareholders that automatically cast ballots aligned with board recommendations during annual meetings.

Individual investors are less likely to vote than larger or activist investors, so enabling an automated voting system that investors would have to opt out of would help shield the company from activist groups who “exploit this gap to push political goals at the expense of shareholder value,” Exxon said in a statement at the time.

Woods said shareholder disputes were not the reason the company decided to domicile the company in Texas.

“We’re quite comfortable with the engagements that we’ve been having with our shareholders,” Woods said.

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Legal Bids & Proposals
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**** UPDATE NEW PRE-BID DATE **** REQUEST FOR BID
2027-2029 Streetscape and Town Center Maintenance Services, C-2026-0279 The Woodlands Township is requesting bids for 2027-2029 Streetscape and Town Center Maintenance Services. Vendors may obtain the specifications and bidding documents at www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/bids . A MANDATORY Pre-Bid meeting will be held Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 10:00am at 8203 Millennium Forest Drive, PARDES II Building, The Woodlands, TX 77381. IPLHOU0127152

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Human Services – Workforce-Grant and Fund Management Software Solution – RFP-HS-WKF-GFMSS-03-26

H-GAC is soliciting proposals from qualified and eligible entities to provide a comprehensive, cloud-based Grant and Fund Management Software Solution.

To view the solicitation documents, visit <https://www.h-gac.com/procurement> or ESBID (txsmartbuy.com).

Response Deadline: April 23, 2026 @ 12:00 P.M. CT
IPLHOU0128927

Harmony Public Schools (HPS), dba Houston North/South/West TX, South TX, and North TX Elementary districts open-enrollment charter schools, will be accepting competitive sealed proposals for approximately **84,645 sqft** of flooring replacement project. The project scope of work includes purchasing supplies, materials, equipment, and labor, demolition of the current flooring type, and installing new flooring type (Carpet Tile, LVT Tile, Ceramic Tile, Gym Athletic Flooring, or VCT Tile), and moving furniture work as specified in the project documents. (**#HPS2026 Flooring Replacement**).

Bid proposals must be received by **3:00 p.m. CST on April 21, 2026**, preferably through Harmony’s e-bid system or through mail delivery at HPS Central Office 1255 Enclave Pkwy Houston TX 77077 and will be opened at that date and time via video conference meeting. Referring to the bid package, HPS reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or waive any or all irregularities. Proposers may log in to view the bid package and submit their responses at: <https://www.harmonynx.org/about/purchasing> IPLHOU0129382

YES Prep Public Schools is accepting proposals for **Survey Improvements (RFP#YE-SP2026-11)** Responses must be received by 10:00 am on April 1, 2026 and will be opened at that date and time at 5455 South Loop E. Fwy Houston, Texas 77033. YES Prep reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or waive any or all irregularities. For further information, please contact Mehmet Bayar, Director of Procurement at mehmet.bayar@yesprep.org. Proposers may log in to view the bid package and submit their responses at <http://www.yesprep.org/rfps> IPLHOU0128423

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Enterprise Solutions – Rentals – Equipment & Portable Facilities – RN06-26

H-GAC is soliciting responses for the selection of qualified manufacturers, distributors, installers and service providers of Rentals – Equipment & Portable Facilities and to make these types of products and services available to Customers of the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program under blanket type contracts.

To view the solicitation documents, visit <https://www.hgacbuy.org/bid-notices> or ESBID (txsmartbuy.com).

Response Deadline: April 23, 2026 @ 12:00 P.M. CT
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Notice of Competitive Sealed Proposal
Competitive Sealed Proposal issued by Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation at NRG Park.
Project: Perimeter Fence Replacement – Fannin Street, 610 Feeder Road, and Kirby Drive
Project Scope: Competitive Sealed Proposal for demolition and replacement of approximately 10,300 linear feet of 8-foot-tall 1" black vinyl mini mesh chain link perimeter fencing, including installation of cantilever, slide, and swing gates, serving the NRG Park campus perimeter.
CSP Documents Issuance: March 4, 2026 Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting: March 10, 2026, 9:00 am CSP Due: March 20, 2026, not later than 1:00 pm Planned Award: March 25, 2026
Bid documents and additional information are available on the NRG Park website under Business Opportunities, Vendor Portal. IPLHOU0128364

Request for Proposal – Houston-Galveston Area Council – Community & Environmental – Livable Centers Study: South Belt – RFP-TRN25-08

H-GAC is seeking qualified contractor services to conduct a study and develop a plan to further the goals of the Livable Centers program in the South Belt area (referred to as “sponsor” or “local sponsor” in this document). The Contractor will develop a plan that addresses the application of the Livable Centers program goals in the specified study area. Since this project requires a range of research, public engagement, transportation, and planning expertise, a team of specialized firms is permitted.

To view/download the solicitation documents visit <https://www.h-gac.com/procurement> or ESBID (txsmartbuy.com).

Response Deadline: April 23, 2026 @ 12:00 P.M. CT
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CAUSE NUMBER: 202588338 PLAINTIFF: MUNRO vs. DEFENDANT: PEREZ, ANGIE MADIE ALTAMIRANDA In the 113th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Harris TO: MERCADO, ANA GABRIELA TAPIA 15329 W LITTLE YORK ROAD HOUSTON TX 77084 Attached is a copy of PLAINTIFF’S ORIGINAL PETITION. This instrument was filed on November 20, 2025, in the above numbered and styled cause on the docket in the above Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, in the courthouse in the City of Houston, Texas. The instrument attached describes the claim against you. YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the District Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org . ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at Houston, Texas, this November 26, 2025. (SEAL) /s/ Marilyn Burgess Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk Harris County, Texas 201 Caroline, Houston, Texas 77002 Generated By: PATRICIA JONES Issued at request of: BAILES-DODSON, WENDI R. 1235 NORTH LOOP WEST, STE 208 HOUSTON, TX 77008 713-338-2525 Bar Number: 24107444 IPLHOU0127172

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Citation by Publication
CAUSE NUMBER: 202510484 Plaintiff: CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC vs. Defendant(s): SUTTON, SHARON A IN THE 234TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Harris NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: “You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org .” To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF EMMANUEL O ARCHEAMPONG (DECEASED) YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 234th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas in the Courthouse in the City of Houston, Texas at or before 10:00 o’clock A.M. Monday, FEBRUARY 16, 2026 being the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby commanded and required then and there to appear and file a written answer to the PLAINTIFF’S ORIGINAL PETITION filed in said Court on the February 14, 2025, in suit numbered 202510484 on the docket of said court, wherein CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC Plaintiff(s) and SUTTON, SHARON A, Defendant(s) , the nature of plaintiff’s demand being and the said petition alleging:

Sumary
This is an In Rem action relating to a secured interest encumbering real property commonly known as 10211 Knob Mountain Trail, Houston, TX 77016, and with the legal description of LOT FOURTEEN (14), IN BLOCK ONE (1), OF WAYSIDE VILLAGE, SECTION ONE (1), A SUBDIVISION IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED AT FILM CODE NO. 596142 OF THE MAP RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS. The Petition alleges that the record owner of the property Emmanuel O. Achempompong, is deceased and that some of the Heirs, Assigns, and Devisees are Unknown.
NEWSPAPER IN WHICH TO PUBLISH:
The Houston Chronicle

Notice hereof shall be given by publishing this Citation once a week for four consecutive weeks previous to February 11, 2026, in some newspaper published in the County of HARRIS, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then the nearest county where a newspaper is published, and this Citation shall be returned on March 24th, 2026, which is forty two days after the date it is issued, and the first publication shall be at least twenty- eight days before said return day.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said court on said return day this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

WITNESS: MARILYN BURGESS, District Clerk, Harris County, Texas

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THIS PROCEEDING CONCERNS THE FORECLOSURE OF A LIEN ON THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3211 MADISON ELM STREET, KATY, TX 77493, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT EIGHT (8), BLOCK TWO (2), OF MORTON CREEK RANCH SEC 12, A SUBDIVISION IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED UNDER FILM CODE NO. 677422, OF THE MAP RECORDS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

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