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OPINION POLL

Do you approve of President Trump's Immigration Policies?

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Beaumont Highway reopens to traffic

CROSBY – Local commuters are relieved now that the Beaumont Highway, known also as old US 90, again provides a relief route to Houston and back, and is now reopened.

Local traffic and industrial trucking puts about 12,000 to 13,000 vehicles on the roadway daily between FM 2100 and Beltway 8.

TxDOT closed the road for repairs in early May on an emergency basis. It was feared that

possible collapse of the roadway might occur. The closure was at Sheldon Road to drivers travelling east and originally at the San Jacinto River Bridge for those westbound, later moving nearer to C.E. King and then to Beltway 8.

Causes for the action were many. Normal wear and tear from erosion under the bridge was one factor. Varied floods last year including Hurricane Harvey

compromised the integrity of the roadway.

Hurricane Harvey added insult to injury with an eroding pounding and a thorough soaking. Parts of the highway was under water from the hurricane until Sept. 2, 2017.

Projections were that it would take until August to open the roadway but construction crews finished ahead of schedule on incentives and a relative dry spell.

Stephens now President of Heart Screenings

The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home (GBOGH) Foundation is going big! The foundation is absorbing the Texas non-profit Who We Play For (WWPF) in order to directly screen young students' hearts with electrocardiograms (ECG).

The GBOGH foundation has been funding WWPF heart screening for a number of years, so this move just made sense to reduce duplication of efforts. To-



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gether, more than 100,000 students have been screened, with a large por-

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New Emergency Facility opens

A new Emergency Treatment facility has opened on Beltway 8 East, near Wallisville Road.

A ribbon cutting was held on Monday of this week, to officially open the facility known as "HCA Houston ER-24/7." The Emergency Room is part of the Bayshore Medical Center, an HCA affiliated hospital.

HCA decided not to reopen their full service hospital, East Houston Medical Center on I-10, after it flooded last year with several feet of water over the first floor. This ruined all the medical equipment, making it too expensive to reopen, and with no guarantee it wouldn't flood



THE CROSBY/HUFFMAN CHAMBER participated in the Ribbon Cutting, as well as members of the Bayshore and HCA staffs, and community members. Seen above, Bayshore CEO Jeanna Bamberg (in pink) cuts the ribbon, with the help of Dr. Alan Lo, Administrator Rachel Rivera, Judge Mike Parrott, who is head of the advisory board, and Denise Smith, Rotary president.

again, according to Jeanna Bamberg, CEO of Bayshore Medical Center.

The new ER is for minor emergencies, with lab, radiology, and treatment rooms. It is staffed 24 hours, 7 days a week, with doctors and nurses. Major problems can be transferred to Bayshore Hospital. The ER-24/7 is located on the frontage road southbound, and can be reached from the Beltway or Wallisville Road. The official opening was Monday, and the staff is now treating all types of medical problems.

See page 2 for more details on the facility.

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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THU., JULY 19 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT HEARING

May Community Center, 2100 Wolf Road, Huffman. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Discuss Cedar Bayou flooding. Public invited.

WED., AUG. 2 FM2100 IMPROVEMENTS MEETING

TxDOT is proposing improvements to Farm-to-Market (FM) 2100 from Huffman-Cleveland Road (North) to FM 1960 in Harris County, Texas. Public Hearing on the proposed project will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at Hargrave High School, 25400 Willy Lane, Huffman, Texas 77336.

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- Jul 20--Joshua Hildebrand Johnny Gaeke
- Jul 21--Glennis Plocheck Lydia Moore
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- Jul 23--Sean Hedger Elton Sanders Gene Zadraba Jorge Del Angel
- Jul 24--Tony Boyd Jackie Adams Eric Clamon
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\$5 billion more for flood work

Funding will Complete Every Federally Authorized Flood Control Project in Houston and Harris County

HOUSTON, TX – Congressman John Culberson (TX-07) and Harris County Judge Ed Emmett last week announced the influx of more than \$4.5 billion in federal aid headed to Texas for flood prevention and mitigation efforts.

"This funding was secured as part of the hurricane relief bills I helped shepherd through Congress and, as promised, allows the Harris County Flood Control District to finish every federally authorized flood control project," Congressman Culberson said. "We know this money is vitally important, but it is only part of the solution. I will con-

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★ COMMUNITY PAGE ★

H.C.S.O. May Deputies of the month

On Friday June 29th; C.P.A.A. District III Honored 3 Deputies with Deputy of the month for their heroic duty in saving a life in May. Deputy Goins, Deputy Romero and Deputy Daniels; thank you for your service to Harris County!



Precinct 2 begins road improvements in Crosby Area

CROSBY, Texas – Commissioner Jack Morman announced the start of construction on a new BetterStreets2Neighborhoods (BS2N) project for Monday, July 16th along various roadways throughout the Crosby area. BS2N is a Precinct 2 program dedicated to preserving asphalt roadways by conducting base repairs, asphalt milling and overlay, as well as roadway button and striping replacement.

This \$2.8 million project will repair nearly 14 miles of roadway, including Runneburg Road, Kennings Road, and Reidland Road, among many others. Construction is expected to be complete in the fourth quarter of this year. Roadwork will require single-lane closures, so drivers are encouraged to plan their commutes accordingly and drive with caution through the construction zones.

Over the last year, Commissioner Morman's BS2N program repaired nearly 70 miles of roadway throughout East Harris County. He currently has plans to repair more than 60 additional miles by the end of the year.

Be sure to visit www.hcp2.com or like the "Harris County Precinct 2" Facebook page for updates on the Precinct.

New ER Facility offers Medical services

Pictured on this page is some of the medical equipment and treatment facilities that is found in the new ER-24/7 Emergency Room that was just opened by Bayshore Medical Center. The ER facility is located on Beltway 8 East near Wallisville Road, and can be accessed from either roadway.



Seen at right is a CT scanner, used to examine internal injuries from falls and other causes. It has other diagnostic uses as well, and is the major piece of equipment in the new ER.

At right in the second photo is a typical treatment room, used by the doctors and nurses for medical procedures after a patient has been diagnosed in what is known as a "triage" procedure. The new ER has five of these treatment rooms, and then a patient is located in an adjacent recovery or waiting room until they are judged well enough to be released.



Also housed in the ER building are lab facilities, blood draw room, nursing station, and staff offices and lounges. The ER functions much as a hospital, except it does not have equipment for extreme situations that might require surgery, and recovery, with no overnight beds.

Patients can arrive by private auto, or there is an ambulance emergency entrance. Also possible is arrival or transfer by medical helicopter, as shown by this PHI LifeFlight in the landing area behind the ER that was present at the opening.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FM 2100

FM 2100 from Huffman-Cleveland Road (North) to FM 1960

CSJ: 1062-02-009

Harris County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is proposing improvements to Farm-to-Market (FM) 2100 from Huffman-Cleveland Road (North) to FM 1960 in Harris County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting a Public Hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at Hargrave High School, 25400 Willy Lane, Huffman, Texas 77336. Displays will be available for viewing at 5:30 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed project area includes 4.5 miles of existing roadway and proposes to reconstruct and widen the existing facility from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median. The proposed improvements would accommodate expected traffic demand and growth in the region, while enhancing safety by providing a divided highway with raised medians and dedicated left turn lanes at select intersections and cross-streets. The proposed roadway design would include one 12-foot travel lane and one 15-foot outside shared-use lane in each direction, as well as sidewalks in each direction. Additional design features would include a storm sewer drainage system and detention ponds.

The proposed roadway improvements would be constructed primarily within the existing 150-foot right-of-way (ROW). Approximately 34 acres of additional ROW would be required for drainage, corner clips, and accommodation of the approaches to the bridge crossing at Luce Bayou. Although additional ROW is required, no residential or commercial structures would be displaced. Information concerning services and benefits available to affected property owners and information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition may be obtained from the district office at the address listed below.

The proposed project would impact wetlands and would require an Individual Permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The proposed project would encroach upon the floodplain, however, the base flood elevation would not increase.

Any environmental documentation or studies, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. To schedule an appointment at the Houston District, please contact Ms. Wahida Wakil at (713) 802-5513. Information will also be made available for viewing at the North Harris County Area Office, 16803 Eastex Freeway (US 59), Humble, Texas 77396. To schedule an appointment at the North Harris County Area Office, please call (281) 319-6400. This information also will be available for review at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Houston District Office, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386. Comments must be received on or before Friday, August 17, 2018, to be part of the official hearing record. Comments may also be submitted electronically to [hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov](mailto:houston-piowebmail@txdot.gov) or <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/houston/080218.html>.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending who have special communications or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact the TxDOT Houston District Public Information Office at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact the TxDOT Houston District Public Information Office at (713) 802-5076.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT.

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ROUND-UP

Summer Youth Program

Get ready for a fun music filled summer! Nohelia Cantú and Josh Figueroa would like to invite you to partake in this summer's youth camp. This year's program will offer a TEKS based theatre curriculum as well as a fun environment for them to grow and experience the theatre life!

This year's summer youth camp will take place at The Baytown Little Theater until July 13th, ending with three separate showings starting on July 13th and ending on July 15th. This year we will be accepting kids between the ages of 5 - 18, each child will be asked to pay \$325 to take part in the program. However if you have more than one child enrolled in the summer youth camp the price goes down to \$300. If you have any other questions or concerns feel free to email the youth directors at nohelia68@gmail.com or orjoshuafigueroa555@gmail.com

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge Summer Camp

Anahuac, TX — Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will be hosting annual Jr. Ranger Summer Day Camp July 23 - 26, 2018. Topics covered will be insects, birds, reptiles and amphibians, and wetlands. Applicants must be 6-11 years old to participate. Cost is \$25 for the four day camp. Register in person at Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Visitor Center, 4017 FM 563, Anahuac, TX 77514. For more information, please contact Stephanie Martinez by emailing stephanie_martinez@fws.gov or calling 409-267-3337.

Barbers Hill New Teachers Welcome

The West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce is assisting the district with goodie bags for the new teachers at Barbers Hill Schools. If you have 80 items to place in the goodie bags, let the Chamber know by email at Missy@thewccc.com.

18TH ANNUAL DAYS OF CARING United Way of Greater Baytown Area and Chambers County set dates for 'Days of Caring'

Baytown, Texas: (July 5, 2018) – United Way of Greater Baytown and Chambers County (United Way) will rally hundreds of volunteers throughout the community for three Days of Caring. The 18th annual Days of Caring will be on Friday, October 19, Friday, November 9 and Saturday, November 20.

A United Way tradition, Days of Caring mobilizes volunteers to celebrate the spirit of giving through service by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities to improve our community. In 2017, more than 700 individuals participated in projects ranging from painting, cleaning, and organizing, to construction repairs, installing fixtures, wheel chair ramps, landscaping and debris removal.

Volunteer Registration Corporate groups, student groups, faith-based groups, families and individuals are encouraged to volunteer on one or more of the Days of Caring. Minimum age to volunteer is 14 years and older. Anyone interested in volunteering for Days of Caring can sign up online at <http://www.unitedwaygbacc.org/day-caring-volunteer>.



Last year's Days of Caring volunteers help to place new grass and mulch.

www.unitedwaygbacc.org/day-caring-volunteer. The deadline for volunteer registration is September 28. T-Shirts will be provided to volunteers who sign up by this date.

Project Applications United Way is accepting project applications from community organizations, non-profit agencies, and for projects in the homes owned by elderly or disabled residents. Projects will be reviewed by a volunteer steering committee to determine eligibility, which includes being located within the Great Baytown area and Chambers County. Deadline to apply

is July 31, 2018. All projects must be registered online at <http://www.unitedwaygbacc.org/day-caring-projects-volunteers>.

Need more information about Days of Caring? Please contact Jackie Whitaker at 281-424-5922 or jackiew@unitedwaygbacc.org.

For more than 70 years, United Way of the Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County has tackled our community's most difficult issues in the areas of education, financial stability and health. For more information about your United Way, visit: www.unitedwaygbacc.org

Preventing Hepatitis Focus of Awareness Day

BAYTOWN — (July 6, 2018) — Endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO), World Hepatitis Day is recognized each year on July 28 to bring awareness to the global burden of viral hepatitis.

An estimated 3.5 million Americans have the hepatitis C virus, but because it frequently has no symptoms, many of them have no idea they have the potentially deadly disease. Hepatitis C, the most common type of the disease in the U.S., spreads through the blood or bodily fluids of an infected person and primarily affects the liver. It may cause inflammation and can lead to liver cirrhosis and liver cancer. Dr. Rashid Khan, a gastroenterologist/hepatologist with Houston Methodist Gastroenterology Associates, says people in high risk groups for developing hepatitis C should schedule a blood test to detect the disease in its earliest stages.

"Hep C spreads through the blood or bodily fluids of an infected person," Khan said. "Someone may become infected by using intravenous drugs (sharing needles), acquiring tattoos,



Dr. Rashid Khan

and getting blood products (donated blood) prior to the 1990s. Sexual transmission is not common, but does occur."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a one-time screening blood test for anyone with an increased risk of infection. The CDC reports that baby boomers (anyone born between 1945 and 1965) have a higher risk of contracting hepatitis C. Other high risk groups include people with HIV, patients undergoing long-term kidney dialysis and anyone born to

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BAYTOWN Angels Care Home Health provides tips on how to protect seniors against dehydration

Am I dehydrated? This is a common question we hear from many people around the community. The best defense against dehydration is prevention, but understanding the symptoms is the key factor in protecting you against dehydration. Angels Care Home Health, serving Highlands, Crosby and the surrounding area, is committed to keeping our patients and the communities we serve healthy. Summer is here, so to help you be prepared to "Beat the Heat" and know what actions to take, Angels Care Home Health provides the following helpful information and prevention tips:

What Does Hydration Mean?

The hydration status of a person refers to their body water balance. Dehydration occurs when people don't have enough fluid in their bodies. Many older people have problems with dehydration. Dehydration is a serious problem and can result in death if it is not taken care of, but dehydration is very easy to prevent.

Physical Changes that Affect Hydration

The ability to feel thirst lessens with age so seniors may not realize when they need to drink more. Seniors may find they have to use the bathroom more often so they are losing more fluid. In the aging process, people's bodies start losing muscle and gaining fat.



Muscle holds water but fat does not, so as a person ages their body water decreases. Medications that increase urination or help constipation can also cause dehydration.

Tips for Staying Hydrated

- Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink; by this time you are already dehydrated.
 - Carry a water bottle with you and drink from it regularly.
 - Drink at least eight cups of water every day.
 - Keep a full water bottle in the refrigerator door and take a drink every time you open the refrigerator.
 - Drink extra in extreme heat to replace the water lost from sweating.
 - Start and end the day with a cup of water.
 - Do not replace water with alcohol or caffeinated drinks.
 - Know the symptoms of dehydration
- Symptoms of Dehydration First Symptoms:
- Thirst
 - Dry mouth
 - Dark yellow urine

- Fatigue
 - Irritability
- Action: Drink water
- Life Threatening Symptoms:
- Dizziness
 - Feeling of blacking out when sitting up or standing
 - Confusion
 - Muscle weakness or cramps
 - Sunken eyes
 - Low blood pressure
 - Increased heart rate

Action: Go to the ER or contact your physician right away

Most seniors are unprepared for the health implications of Summer, specifically the changes that can occur from dehydration. Contact the Angels Care Home Health office in Baytown at 281-427-3510 or visit us at angelscarehealth.com and you can find out how we can help you stay healthy this Summer, or more about the benefits of home health care service. At Angels Care... We Serve Patients.

HOT Grant applications available from City of Baytown Tourism Division

The City of Baytown Tourism Division is now accepting applications from non-profit corporations and organizations whose events or projects promote the tourism and hotel industry of Baytown. The Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Grant applications are due Friday, September 14, 2018, by 5:00 PM to Anna Yowell, Tourism Coordinator. Applications may be obtained online at www.visitbaytown.com/hot-grant-info or by calling (281) 420-5343 or by email to Tourism@baytown.org. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

By state law, the City of Baytown collects a Hotel Occupancy Tax (the HOT) from all lodging facilities located within the City limits. The City then provides annual funding from a portion of the HOT revenue fund to non-profit corporations and organizations whose programs or special events qualify. There are stringent requirements concerning the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax funds. Each non-profit corporation or organization who applies for funding from the HOT may only use the funds to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry in the City; in other words, every funded project or event must attract visitors to stay overnight in the City. In

addition, an organization's programs or special events must fit into one or more of the categories as outlined in Section 351.101 of the Texas Tax Code to qualify.

The Tourism Division is excited to offer this opportunity to the tourism community and its many partners. For more information on the City's HOT Grants or to download the application, visit www.visitbaytown.com/hot-grant-info. The Tourism Office can also be reached at 281-420-5343 or by email to Tourism@Baytown.org.

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★ OPINION PAGE ★

2017 Hurricane Season FEMA After-Action Report

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 12, 2018 – The Federal Emergency Management Agency released today the 2017 Hurricane Season FEMA After-Action Report. The report examines the agency's performance during the record breaking season. Last year, hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria devastated the nation at a time when FEMA was already supporting 692 federally declared disasters. During response to the three catastrophic hurricanes, FEMA also responded to the historic wildfires in California. The report captures transformative insights from a historic hurricane season that will help FEMA, the emergency management community, and the nation chart the path into the future. The report identified 18 key findings across five focus areas and offered targeted recommendations for FEMA improvements, as well as broader lessons for partners throughout the emergency management community.

As a cornerstone of the discipline, emergency managers use lessons learned in order to improve outcomes, minimize errors, and better serve survivors. The agency has already taken immediate actions based on the findings from the After-Action Report including updated hurricane plans, annexes, and procedures for states and territories; increased planning factors for the Caribbean and disaster supplies; and updated high priority national-level contracts, including the National Evacuation Contract, Caribbean Transportation Contract, and National Ambulance Contract. FEMA has also tested its response and initial recovery capabilities in the National Level Exercise (NLE) 2018, which occurred in May and focused on areas identified from real-world continuous improvement findings in this report.

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria caused a combined \$265 billion in damage and each ranked among the top five costliest hurricanes on record. As a result, FEMA coordinated large deployments of federal personnel, both before and after the storms' landfalls, to support response and initial recovery efforts across 270,000 square miles. FEMA facilitated logistics missions that involved more than \$2 billion worth of commodities moving across several states and territories using multiple modes of transportation. FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces, composed of state and local emergency responders, saved or assisted nearly 9,500 people across the three hurricanes. In total, the hurricanes and wildfires affected more than 47 million people—almost 15 percent of the nation's population. FEMA registered nearly 4.8 million households for assistance.

FEMA has incorporated many of the findings from this report into its 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, which will guide implementation of long-term goals to build a more prepared and resilient nation.



Safety Concerns in Summer Heat

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans to take extra safety precautions as temperatures and heat indices continue to reach 100 degrees and above in many parts of the state.

“We have already experienced extreme heat in most parts of the state this summer, and DPS wants to remind all Texans that the dangers from sustained high temperatures should not be taken lightly,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “Heat-related injuries and deaths are often preventable if we take the necessary steps to protect ourselves and others.”

Extreme temperatures place children at greater risk of injury or death if left unattended in a vehicle. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes. Even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees.

Heatstroke is one of the leading causes of non-crash-related fatalities among children, and every year, children die from heat-related injuries after being left in a vehicle or by entering a vehicle unnoticed. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. A child should never be left unattended in a vehicle.

Additionally, extreme heat events or heat waves are one of the leading causes of weather-related deaths in the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Periods of severe heat and high humidity tax the body's ability to cool itself and can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which can be fatal.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe and managing the heat:

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day even if you do not feel thirsty; you may not realize you're dehydrated until it's too late. Also avoid alcohol and beverages high in caffeine or sugar during periods of prolonged outdoor exposure.
 - Pay attention to your body. Heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke can develop quickly. Know the warning signs and seek medical attention if necessary.
 - Check on others, especially the elderly, sick, very young and those without air conditioning.
 - Don't forget pet safety. Animals are also susceptible to heat-related injury or death – don't put your pets in these dangerous conditions.
 - Monitor local weather updates and stay aware of any upcoming changes in weather.
 - Limit exposure to the sun and stay indoors as much as possible. If possible, avoid strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day.
 - Light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a hat are recommended while spending time outdoors.
 - Wear sunscreen. Sunburns can affect your body's ability to cool down. Protect yourself during periods of sun exposure by putting on sunscreen SPF 15 or higher 30 minutes prior to going outside.
 - Be extra careful when cooking outdoors, building campfires or driving off-road to avoid igniting dry vegetation. Also, stay aware of burn bans in your area and always abide by restrictions on outside burning.
- For more information on how to prepare for extreme heat, visit ready.gov.

Governor welcomes establishment of Futures Command in Austin

AUSTIN — The U.S. Army on July 12 announced its new Futures Command would be headquartered in Austin “to better partner with academia, industry and innovators in the private sector, while providing a good and affordable quality of life for Futures Command personnel.”

After the announcement, Gov. Greg Abbott said the state of Texas “is proud to partner with the U.S. Army in establishing the Futures Command to harness the cutting-edge technologies needed to build an innovative, research-based foundation for our national defense.”

“This sweeping reorganization of the Army's military efforts adds to the historic connection between Texas and the U.S. military, and I am proud of their presence in the Lone Star State,” Abbott added.

As stated in the Army's official news release, the command, which began operations on July 1, will lead the Army's future force modernization enterprise and is expected “to assess the future operational environment, emerging threats and new technologies in order to develop and deliver concepts, requirements, future force designs and modern materiel solutions to meet our soldiers' wartime needs.”

The establishment of the command marks the most significant reorganization of the institutional Army since 1973. At full operating capacity in summer 2019, some 500 personnel will be attached to the command.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Paxton supports nominee

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on July 12 announced that he had joined the attorneys general of 25 other states in a letter urging U.S. Senate leaders to confirm President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Kavanaugh, 53, currently is a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

“Throughout his career,” wrote Paxton, “Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated an abiding commitment to the principles and freedoms on which our country was founded, and an unshakable respect for the proper role of the courts within our constitutional structure. The Senate should confirm President Trump's choice without delay.”

Joining Paxton in signing the letter were the attorneys general of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma,

South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Meanwhile, Texas Democratic Party Chair Gilberto Hinojosa issued a statement referring to Kavanaugh as “a judicial extremist who has no business on our highest court.”

“Let's be clear,” wrote Hinojosa, “a vote for Kavanaugh is a vote to gut the Affordable Care Act, overturn Roe v. Wade and turn back the clock on our fundamental rights. Judge Kavanaugh has a record of siding with powerful interests over consumers and workers and would fail to be an independent check on Trump.”

Revenue exceeds estimate

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 11 revised his official state revenue estimate, announcing better-than-expected revenue growth in fiscal 2018 and an improved economic outlook for fiscal 2019.

In a letter to state leaders, Hegar said Texas would have \$110.17 billion in general revenue-related

funds available for general-purpose spending for the 2018-19 biennium, resulting in a projected ending balance of \$2.67 billion. In the fall of 2017, Hegar projected an ending balance of \$94 million.

Hegar attributed much of the improved revenue estimate to an economic boost related to rising oil prices and production. Additionally, Texas added more than 350,000 new jobs in the 12 months ending in May 2018 and the state's unemployment rate in recent months has been at or near historic lows.

“Though nearly all current economic indicators remain positive and revenue collections have exceeded our previous expectations, there are significant risks to the forecast,” Hegar said. “A trade war, a withdrawal from the North American Free Trade Agreement or a significant downturn in the price of oil would reduce our potential economic growth. The current outlook, however, is for continued growth through fiscal 2019 for both the economy and state revenue.”

Revenue is distributed

In other economic news, Comptroller Hegar announced July 11 that he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$759 million in local sales tax allocations for July.

The amount is 11.6 percent more than the amount reported in July 2017.

Allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

TxDOT announces grants

The Texas Department of Transportation on July 3 announced the awarding of some \$82 million in state and federal grants to fund public transportation providers in rural, small urban and large urban areas of Texas.

Overall, the grants are intended to help pay for maintenance of vehicles and facilities, vehicle purchases and transit facility improvements and regionally coordinated public transportation planning efforts.

A TxDOT statement added that the funding “ultimately pays for resources that give Texans access to transportation so they can get to and from school, job training, health care appointments, businesses and recreational activities.”



Highlands Acid Pit Superfund Site Public Notice

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6

July 2018

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6, in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, has completed the fifth five-year review of remedy implementation and performance at the Highlands Acid Pit Superfund site (Site) in Highlands, Texas. In the 1950s, the area was used for the disposal of industrial waste sludge, believed to be spent sulfuric acid from oil and gas refining processes. Waste disposal activities contaminated soil and groundwater with hazardous chemicals.

Cleanup included excavation and off-site disposal of waste and contaminated soil, and backfilling of the excavated areas with clean soil. The long-term remedy for groundwater included installation of groundwater monitoring wells and a 30-year monitoring program for groundwater, surface water and sediments. Monitoring is ongoing.

The five-year review concluded that the remedy for the Site is protective of human health and the environment in the short term. It will be protective in the long term once the following actions are performed: 1) collect additional surface water and sediment samples to determine if the contaminated upper aquifer is

impacting areas beyond the Site, and take appropriate measures to ensure protectiveness; 2) revisit and update the draft institutional control instrument to ensure long-term protectiveness; 3) continue to monitor and evaluate contaminants of concern being detected more frequently in the middle and deep aquifers and determine impacts to long term protectiveness; and 4) compare surface water and sediment sample data to ecological benchmarks and to appropriate human health screening values to determine if further study is needed.

EPA completed the fifth five-year review for the Site in May 2018. The next five-year review is required by May 2023. A copy of the 2018 Five-Year Review Report can be viewed at the following document repository:

Highlands Public Library, Stratford Branch
509 Stratford Street
Highlands, Texas 77562

Site status updates are available on the Internet at www.epa.gov/superfund/highlands-acid-pit

All media inquiries should be directed to the EPA Press Office at (214) 665-2200

For more information about the Site, contact:

Stephen Pereira/Remedial Project Manager
(214) 665-3137
or 1-800-533-3508 (toll-free)
or by email at pereira.stephen@epa.gov

Edward Mekeel/Community Involvement Coordinator
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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

Dredging of west branch of San Jacinto to cost \$70M

LAKE HOUSTON— A meeting at Kingwood High School of residents and grass roots organizations from throughout Lake Houston met July 10 to welcome the beginning of dredging and state that there is much more needed to be done.

Dredging of the West Fork of the San Jacinto River has now been awarded after Harris County reconsidered the project back in May due to a wide discrepancy in bids to do the project.

That discrepancy concerned the amount of debris expected to be removed and the time required to move it as basis

for the funds to be awarded.

On June 22, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock was awarded \$69.8 Million the first major Greater Houston Area Flood Control Project after Hurricane Harvey.

The US Army Corps of Engineers—Galveston District awarded the contract to Great Lakes Dredge and Dock to remove sediment and debris from a stretch of the west fork of the San Jacinto River.

That project will feature multiple portable dredges and booster pumps as well as 10 miles of slurry pipelines.

Local residents includ-

ing Plea For Three, the Lake Houston Area Grassroots Flood Prevention Initiative and other landowners called for the project, detention adjustment and regulation of the flood gates.

Specifications include that 1.8 million cubic feet of material be removed over about 270 days.

The series of projects called for by the varied grass roots organizations are to be funded by the \$2.5 billion dollar bond program the Harris County Flood Control District has been compiling including a possible third reservoir in northwest Houston.

Go Big or Go Home fundraiser set

The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Memorial Foundation fundraising event will be August 25, 2018. The event will include dinner, victory stories, a live and silent auction, and end with live music by Cody Kuba. The past 5 events have sold out, so please let the foundation know if you need a table or ticket soon.

Various levels of corporate donations are also available and sponsors are needed. For more information on sponsorship, please see the website

codystephensfoundation.org or search "Go big or go home foundation" on Facebook.

The administration takes no salary from the foundation and at this point, and Dr Thomas DeBauche reads the ECGs at no cost. Stephens' own company, Scott Stephens and Associates, Inc., is a platinum sponsor of the fundraiser. It's passion, not profit that motivates the Stephens.

Each level will come with recognition at the banquet including the now popular foundation belt

buckle and knowledge that you are helping to find those that may need life-saving intervention. If the percentages are correct, based on what has been seen so far, there are 1,000 students in Texas that need heart surgery TODAY. Says Stephens, "Let's find them! Go BIG or Go Home AND "screen 'em all".

Scott may be contacted at 713-451-3600 or scottstephens@gmail.com. Your donations and attendance are greatly appreciated.

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

By Dr. Mark Trice



You're Part of His Plan

A few months ago, we had an auction to raise money for Operation BAM, which encompasses our monthly & special missions giving, emergency response team plans, and special projects. Every year, we seem to have an abundance of one or two specific items, and this was the year of the saddle. We had no less than ten saddles, including one style I've never seen before, available to a room full of people who, for the most part, did not ride.

You kind of have to wonder what non-riders see when they look at a saddle. I mean, those in attendance obviously saw some incredible tooling and, for the most part, all the trappings they generally expect to come with a western saddle. Some of them likely saw their own dreams sitting there, a desire to learn to ride, to own a horse, to compete in a rodeo...

Cowboys and others who ride regularly look at a saddle and see it differently. We judge it by how it will fit our horse and ourselves, how it will perform, how much life it has left in it... We look at a saddle with its purpose in mind.

It's the same way with God. In Jeremiah 1:5, God tells the prophet, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee." He knew us before we were even in our mothers' wombs. Just as the saddle's design was firmly in the artisan's head, so was your design in God's. He planned carefully, with deliberation, before He created you. Why? Because He had a purpose for you, a plan for you to fulfill. This is what He was telling Jeremiah, and it's what He's telling us.

One commonly quoted verse is Romans 8:28. Most

people say, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God," but we've got to keep reading. We've got to understand it's not just about loving God; He is talking to "them who are the called according to his purpose." Our being here on this planet is not about us, it's about Him and what He wants to accomplish now and in eternity. Others may look at you and see a parent, employee, coach, teacher... What really counts is what God sees.

God doesn't do anything mindlessly. Each and every one of us was created by the Master for a purpose, to fulfill part of His plan. YOU were created with a purpose. YOU are important to God's plan.

Maranatha!: "Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon!" #MaranathaChurch #IglesiaMaranatha

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Haggai in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What is the middle chapter of the New Testament (KJV)? Romans 13, Galatians 2, Ephesians 5, Titus 1

3. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, whose name was translated as ...? Ruth, Dorcas, Sarah, Esther
4. What young man went to sleep and fell out of a window while listening to Paul speak? Eutyclus, Goliath, Peter, Stephen
5. From John 12, which disciple

stole from the treasury? Thomas, Judas, James, John

6. Who took the place of Judas as one of the apostles? Malachi, Matthias, Joel, Paul

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Romans 13; 3) Dorcas; 4) Eutyclus; 5) Judas; 6) Matthias

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Psalm: 46:1

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aged, show respect for the
elderly and revere your God.
Leviticus 19:32

★ ASK THE EXPERTS ★

HOT Grant,

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HOT) from all lodging facilities located within the City limits. The City then provides annual funding from a portion of the HOT revenue fund to non-profit corporations and organizations whose programs or special events qualify. There are stringent requirements concerning the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax funds. Each non-profit corporation or organization who applies for funding from the HOT may only use the funds to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry in the City; in other words, every funded project or event must attract visitors to stay overnight in the City. In addition, an organization's programs or special events must fit into one or more of the categories as outlined in Section 351.101 of the Texas Tax Code to qualify.

The Tourism Division is excited to offer this opportunity to the tourism community and its many partners. For more information on the City's HOT Grants or to download the application, visit www.visitbaytown.com/hot-grant-info. The Tourism Office can also be reached at 281-420-5343 or by email to Tourism@Baytown.org.

Hepatitis,

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a mother who has the disease. Khan says while there is no vaccine to prevent the disease, there are steps available to lessen the risk of infection.

"To avoid getting the virus, do not share personal items such as razors, and be careful when getting things like piercings, tattoos and manicures because the equipment may be contaminated with infected blood. Practice safe sex and avoid injection drug usage," Kahn said.

Chronic, or long-term hepatitis C, may result in cirrhosis (scarring of the liver) and liver cancer. It may remain a "silent" infection for many years until the virus damages the liver sufficiently to cause symptoms. Some patients will experience nausea, fatigue, loss of appetite, jaundice, itchy skin, bleeding or bruising easily, dark colored urine, swelling in the legs, confusion, drowsiness and slurred speech.

Khan says new advanced treatments for hep C have been developed in recent years, including highly effective oral therapies. In cases in which the disease progresses to cirrhosis, however, liver transplantation may be required. For more information and to schedule a screening blood test, call Houston Methodist Gastroenterology Associates at 281-422-7970, or visit houstonmethodist.org/sanjacinto.

Flood Work,

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tinue to fight for legislation that will help protect families, homes and businesses in the future."

Judge Emmett joined Congressman Culberson at the Jewish Community Center, which is located close to Brays Bayou. It suffered extensive damage because of flooding during Harvey. The current project underway by the Harris County Flood Control District is purposed to reduce flooding along the Brays Bayou and will receive \$75 million. The other projects receiving money are:

- Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries - \$1.4 million
- Clear Creek - \$295 million

--Hunting Bayou - \$65 million

--Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Coastal Storm Risk Management and Ecosystem Restoration Project - approximately \$4 billion

--White Oak Bayou - \$45 million

"If we truly hope to make our county and our region safer and more resilient, we will need a genuinely united effort - by our federal, state and local officials and from our residents themselves," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "I believe we are now seeing that united effort. Thanks to Congressman Culberson and the rest of our congressional

delegation, this investment from the federal government will help us move forward with some of the key projects we need to protect ourselves and our neighbors."

In February, Congress passed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 that provided \$89.3 billion in emergency federal assistance to recover from disasters. This brought the total provided in the three emergency supplemental bills for disaster recovery to over \$141 billion. The bill included \$17.39 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reduce the risk of future flood damage from flood and storm events.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 to serve the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 in Harris County, Texas will be received at the office of Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., 13430 Northwest Fwy, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77040, until 2:00 P.M. local time, July 31, 2018 and then publicly opened. A NON-MANDATORY BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at the office of Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc. on July 24, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. Each bid must be submitted in a 9" x 12" envelope and accompanied by Cashier's Check or Bid Bond, duly executed, in the amount of not less than five (5%) percent of the bid.

The Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 50 is proposing to construct a new Package Wastewater Treatment Plant to serve existing portions of the District as well as new development. The project includes a new 90,000 gallon a day package wastewater treatment plant, influent and effluent lift stations, force mains, and gravity sewer work.

This project is eligible for CWSRF funding; therefore, the following requirements apply:

- This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)."
- "Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid (IFB) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by financial assistance from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this IFB, RFQ, or any resulting contract.
- This project is subject to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements of P.L. 113-76 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. All iron and steel products for construction, alteration, maintenance, or repairs incorporated in these plans must be produced in the United States.
- "Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60."
- This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy", which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

CATEGORY	MBE	WBE
CONSTRUCTION	12.94%	8.72%
SUPPLIES	9.68%	9.34%
EQUIPMENT	7.12%	5.39%
SERVICES	10.84%	5.72%

- Equal Opportunity in Employment – All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under TWDB financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance.
- Right to reject any and all bids.
- All laborers and mechanics working on the work site and employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund shall be paid wages as described in the section, Mandatory David-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.
- Any contracts in excess of \$2,000 for construction, alteration or repair (including painting and decorating and funded under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs shall include the Mandatory David-Bacon Act Contract Conditions.

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from www.CivCastUSA.com: Search Harris County MUD No. 50 Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2. **Questions deadline is July 27th at 10:00 AM.** Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, and plans for this project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 464,679; Estate of IGNACIO CRUZ, SR., Deceased; In Probate Court No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, were issued on July 3, 2018.

IGNACIO CRUZ, SR.

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this July 10, 2018.

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Heart Screenings,

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tion funded directly by the GBOGH Foundation. The GBOGH Foundation will have five employees immediately with the charge of screening all of Texas.

For the first year of participation, school districts new to the screening program, are offered a free and optional ECG heart screening to those students that are required to have a sports physical. Thereafter, there's a \$20.00 charge for an ECG.

"This program is not about stopping students from playing their respective sports, but just allowing them the opportunity to make sure their hearts are healthy before participation," said Scott Stephens, Cody's Dad and co-founder of the GBOGH Foundation. "The current sports physicals use a stethoscope to check the students' hearts. This technology is 200 years old. We can do better by testing our students' hearts with computers (ECG machines) and allowing the advances made in modern medicine find these unknown heart conditions."

The current history and physical and stethoscope is said to find about 3% of the conditions that can lead to sudden cardiac arrest whereas by adding a 5 minute, \$20 ECG we can find about 86% of the causes of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA).

It is the goal of the Cody Stephens Go Big or go Home Foundation to be the largest Non-profit screening organization in the USA. Currently, we are the largest in Texas, but in order to honor Cody Stephens words to his dad before he left us we believe we should be the largest in the USA.

In order to achieve this goal we are having a fundraiser at the Crosby American Legion Hall on August 25, 2018 at 7 pm. Tickets

are \$50 per person (tables of 8 for \$400) at www.codystephensfoundation.org.

"We need people to attend, and buy and or donate an auction item," Stephens said. "Quite simply, we are blessed by your support and want all our efforts to come together to save lives. The grassroots effort of screening students continues statewide and that is where your donation helps."

The foundation's program is to pay for the first screening at a district that has not begun to screen their student athletes. By providing the funds for first year screenings the schools see how easy it is. "About .01% of the students we screen have issues that should be addressed through medical intervention. All of these students should now go on to live normal heart healthy lives, Stephens said. "But we also continue to lose students to Sudden Cardiac Arrest. It continues to be the number 1 cause of non-traumatic death in our youth. This simply is unacceptable."

For the last three legislative sessions Scott Stephens asked our state legislature to make this test a part of the current sports physicals. With that, Senator Hinojosa filed SB 155 and St. Representative Dan Huberty filed HB 3476. Both bills got out passed of their committees, but neither made it to the floor for a vote. The house bill died on the floor without a vote in the last seconds of the 2017 session as many representatives, including Dan Huberty expressed their disgust at the delay tactics of a very vocal minority. In fact, as the house speaker closed the 2017 session and hit the final gavel the last evening bills could pass, in the wee hours of

the morning, he said he did so in the "memory of Cody Stephens". Scott says he feels good about the bill's chances in 2019, but time will tell. "The opposition is becoming less vocal as

they see heart screening work, and is cost effective," he said. "A study out of Stanford University says that for every 1,000 kids screened, 2 lives are saved!"

At the time of Cody's death in May 2012 about 5% of the state's school districts were screening, that number is now closer to 33% of the state's 1,072 school districts. The goal is

that every district at least offers the opportunity to their students to be heart screened. "Let's put the decision in parents' court," Stephens said.



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