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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

SAT. JULY 13 EASTSIDE VETERANS CAR SHOW

Eastside Veterans to host a car show between 10a.m. until awarding trophies at 2:00 p.m. at the Crosby American Legion Post 658.

FREE CERT TRAINING

Free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training. Thursdays evenings, September 5 - October 24, 2019, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Baytown Emergency Operations Center, 205 E. Wye Drive, Baytown, TX 77521.

8 week CERT Training includes: disaster preparedness, medical triage/treatment, disaster psychology, terrorism awareness, fire suppression, light search & rescue, CERT organization, Course Review/ Disaster simulation. To register, please contact Earl Smith 713-274-1748 or earl.smith@oem.hctx.net

BIRTHDAYS

Jul 11-Eric Willingham
Jul 12-Debbie Langham
Heather Patterson
Lisa Worthen
Jul 13-Anita Davis
Lisa Sanders
Troy Woodall
Jul 15-PeeWee Farmer
Stephen Lambert
Jul 16-Patricia Hoffman
Polly Lowden
Dianna Parker
Jul 17-Cindy Broadbent
Joan Brumfield
Brenda Carroll
Tara McKinney
Maggie Williamson

ANNIVERSARIES

Jul 12-Earl & Doris Roach
John & Lisa Cutbirth
Jul 13-Harvey & Sherry Little
Jerry & Debbie Moore
Jul 15-Bobby & Melinda Horn

Divers recover body of driver of semi that plunged off I-10 into the River

EAST HARRIS COUNTY - For the third time in the last two months, a vehicle has plunged over the side of a highway bridge, and the occupant was killed.

The most recent event occurred Wednesday, July 3 on the I-610 East Loop bridge over the Houston Ship Channel. Authorities reported that an 18-wheeler swerved to miss a car that had cut in front of him, and crashed through the railing and fell 150 to land on the buildings below. Emergency responders attempted to remove the driver from the wreckage, but he was pinned upside down and died at the scene. The driver of the truck was not immediately identified. His rig land-



THE FRAME AND CAB OF THE SEMI truck that plunged into the San Jacinto River last Thursday, June 26 are lifted by a crane on a work barge on Saturday morning. The barge came from T&T Salvage in Galveston, and was required because the bridge and the nearby Waste Pits Superfund site were not suitable for this type of heavy lifting.

(Photo by Harris County Sheriff's Department)

ed on top of some industrial buildings of Huntsman Chemical Company. They said that no plant employees were injured, but that operations were stopped due to a sanitary sewer line that was severed and leaking. Some traffic lanes on the bridge were closed, as TxDOT studied how to repair the railing.

This fatal accident followed by only a week a similar accident on the I-10 bridge over the San Jacinto River, when an 18-wheeler struck a stopped car and then plummeted over the rail and into the river.

In this accident, a sedan driven by two young men had stopped in the west-

See *Truck Plunges*, p. 8

Local water bills are increasing

NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY - San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) is increasing groundwater and surface water rates, according to its press release.

It is the first time in 16 years that it is increased and over a decade since the Texas Legislature enacted the 3-2-1 Act that relates to subsidence and using three tons to one of surface water to subsurface water.

The wholesale water sales entity with a facility in Highlands attributes some of the increase to groundwater conservation rules from the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (in Montgomery County) (LSGCD) not being clearly defined. Uncollected funds and to finance a new surface water treatment plant are other factors for increase noted in the press release.

The rate adjustment is after the Texas Water Development Board voted down a LSGCD's proposed groundwater management plan for Montgomery County back in May, requiring the LSGCD to submit a new management plan and standards.

Last month water rates increased slightly in Crosby Municipal Utility District and just about all other water sellers with notation that the increase must be funded for Crosby to continue purchasing the water.

The subsurface rate jumped from \$2.64 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.73 per 1,000 gallons. Surface water increased from \$2.83 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.15 per 1,000 gallons.

The rate adjustment applies to all utilities participating in the SJRA's Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP).

"The GRP water plant was built to satisfy requirements that we develop a plan to use less groundwater," SJRA General Manager Jace Houston said in the release. "Utilities throughout the Greater Houston region have been working to achieve stable, reliable groundwater levels for almost 50 years. We expect Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District to work with all utilities in Montgomery County on a way to manage groundwater responsibly instead of changing their requirements and creating risks and uncertainty. Changing the rules is costly for utilities, cities and MUDs. Ultimately everyone's water bills go up, not down."

Outing turns deadly in Huffman

HUFFMAN - From wheeling about the San Jacinto River to an apparent murder-suicide is a tragic turn for two neighbors and friends here June 30.

Two men were dead after an argument around 3:00 a.m. according to deputies called to Ideloch Subdivision concerning a shooting in progress.

When deputies arrived they found Austin Smith, 27, lying in his driveway, dead of an apparent gunshot wound. His pickup and an ATV were parked at the end of his driveway.

Witness testimony indicated that Smith and his girlfriend had gone with neighbor, Coby Rigsby, 32, and his girlfriend "Mudding" in their trucks and off-road vehicles.

Statements indicate an argument between Rigsby and his girlfriend became heated and was interrupted by Smith but that Rigsby took offense at Smith's interdiction and a fight began between the two men in Rigsby's lawn.

According to statements, Rigsby produced a pistol and all three of the others, both girlfriends and Smith left the



Investigators collect evidence until late in the evening on an apparent murder-suicide.

scene.

Later, Smith came back to get his ATV and was loading it onto his vehicle a short distance from Rigsby's house, when Rigsby

shot and killed him, the Harris County Sheriff's Office will allege.

The local off-road community was shocked at these results.

Boat crashes into bulkhead, one dead

CHANNELVIEW - Authorities were able to end their search for a missing boater Tuesday morning, when they discovered the body of a man thought to be Luis Gonzalez, 33.

Sunday night about 7:30 pm a motorboat travelling at a high rate of speed on the San Jacinto River, near Rio Villa, crashed into a bulkhead, crumpling the boat and seriously injuring two people on the boat, with the third person thrown overboard and declared missing.

Authorities reported that Galan Ruiz was transported by Life-Flight to a hospital

with severe leg injuries, and Michelle Huff was transported to a hospital with lacerations, a broken leg, and internal injuries.

Sheriff's Deputies and Texas Parks and Wildlife deputies said that the boat had a number of beer cans inside and nearby in the water. Ruiz had a blood alcohol content of .093 and was the operator of the boat. He was allegedly drunk, and has now been charged with felony murder.

The accident occurred near 18908 Sandbridge Court and Rio Villa Drive, in Channelview. After the crash, neighbors came



MOTORBOAT with front end mangled.

to help the injured boaters, and are credited with saving their lives.

The investigation is continuing, and is under the direction of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Church prays for bus

The Youth Department has been working all year to raise funds to rent a Charter Bus to take them to camp in Dale, Indiana from Crosby, Texas. The bus is equipped with tv and outlet and a toilet. It comes with 2 certified drivers and does not have to make any stops on the way. This is a safe

way for our youth to travel. However, the bus is filled with 56 passengers and we currently have an extra 30 students / adults that want to go. We are now needing to rent a 2nd Charter Bus. This will keep us for having to rent 2 vans and to find drivers and all associated requirements.

The Charter Bus will be an easier way to travel and to keep all the students together. We need your help. We only have a few days till we leave for camp and need to raise another \$4,000.00 for the 2nd Bus. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.

Goose Creek CISD recognizes retirees and Teachers of the Year

By: Susan Passmore

Goose Creek CISD recognized retirees and Teachers of the Year at a recent gala at Ross S. Sterling High School. The Theme was "100 Years of Class – Through the Decades" in honor of the 100th anniversary of Goose Creek CISD. The RSS String Quartet, under the direction of Camille Gates, provided music. After the program, guests enjoyed a reception and took photos in front of the 100th Anniversary Quilt, which features a quilt square created by each campus, finished by Sandy Martin, retired GCCISD employee.

Dr. Randal O'Brien welcomed guests and presented a brief history of Goose Creek CISD. Dr. Melissa Duarte announced the retirees, and O'Brien and Pete Pape, board president, presented each one with a clock and a plaque.

The highlight of the event was the naming of the District Teachers of the Year. Anna West from Victoria Walker Elementary, was announced as the District Elementary Teacher of the Year, and Angie Johnson from Goose Creek Memorial High School was named District Secondary Teacher of the Year. Kristen Curette from Community Resource Credit Union presented the two teachers with iPads. Joe Grabo, James Marion and Tesla McCawley, representing the Bayway Auto Group, specifically Bayshore Chrysler Jeep Dodge and Ram, presented each one with a cap and a key to a car for them to drive during the summer months.

The James Becker Thomson Special Education Teacher Kendricka (Kiki) Moore from Goose Creek Memorial High School was recognized by Janna Crow, director of special education. The award was established by Dr. Richard Thomson, a retired ophthalmologist, to honor his late brother James, who benefited from special education services. Moore is the 44th recipient.



Teachers of the Year:
Goose Creek CISD Teachers of the Year (front, from left) Kiki Moore (James Becker Thomson Special Education Teacher), Caitlin Huebner (HAABE ESL Secondary), Jo Ann Fenley (HAABE ESL Elementary), Jessica Vega, Jackie Brown, Neisa Villegas, Ciara Marks, Pam Bradford, Stacia Laird, (middle, from left) Esmeralda Cantu, Adriana Cienfuegos, Brandy La Bouve, Robin Edwards, Ofelia Wells, Kristin Reyes, Janette Kelley, Amy Serrano, Anna West, Teresa Black, (back, from left) Margaret Cayton, Jennifer Martin, Tracy Gaston Gray, Amanda Majeed, Angie Johnson, Valerie Currie, Jennifer Hollis Ashworth, Lauren Hoyt, Janoy Roberson, Rachel Prettyman and Ian Sobczak. Not pictured are Lizzet Austin (HAABE Bilingual Elementary) and Rovena Moreno.



Retirees:
Eva Padilla, Sally Capetillo, Karen Coffey, Terry Coy, Debbie Crow, Valery Jackson, Darrell Kalbitz, Connie Piotrowski, Sharon Stults and Catherine Huntley receive plaques and clocks in honor of their retirement. Not pictured is Michelle DuBay.



TOY with Bayshore:
Joe Grabo (left), Tesla McCawley (middle) and James Marion (right) from the Bayway auto Group – Bayshore Chrysler Jeep Dodge and Ram – arrange to present District Teachers of the Year
Angie Johnson (second from left) from Goose Creek Memorial High School and Anna West (second from right) from Victoria Walker Elementary with a car to drive from June 1 - August 31, 2019.



Curette with TOYs:
Kristen Curette (middle) from Community Resource Credit Union, presents iPads to Goose Creek CISD Teachers of the Year Angie Johnson (left) from Goose Creek Memorial High School and Anna West from Victoria Walker Elementary.

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ROUND-UP

United Way of Baytown & Chambers Annual Mtg.

United Way of Greater Baytown Area & Chambers County will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2019 from 11:30 AM - 1 PM. The meeting will be hosted at Wismer Distributing Company, 3827 I 10 East, Frontage Road, Mont Belvieu, TX. The Board of Directors, volunteers and staff will provide a report to the community. This will include information on funding, disaster recovery, and special recognition of volunteer leadership representing the Board of Directors. The meeting is open to the public. Donors, volunteers and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend. RSVP online at www.unitedwaygbacc.org/2019annualmeetingrsvp or call 832-926-4006 by July 1, 2019 to attend this lunch meeting.

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

Goss Library events

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library the week of Monday, July 15, 2019.

Tuesday, July 16 - 2:00 pm, Teens End of Summer Reading Party. Come out to the Library for pizza, cupcakes and prizes. Top Reader will be announced. (ages 12-18)

Thursday, July 18 - 2:00 pm, Kids End of Summer Reading Party. Come out to McLeod Park for pizza, cupcakes, prizes, and a magic show with John O'Bryant. (all ages)
Yolie Belt
Branch Librarian

Blood Drive for Levi Peek

BLOOD DRIVE In Honor of LEVI PEEK JULY 10, 2019 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM Chambers County Courthouse Anahuac, Texas Levi Peek was born prematurely at 24 weeks 5 days. Since birth, Levi has had 2 surgeries and multiple blood transfusions. Levi is thriving because of the generous donations of others! Please come out and donate to help this sweet family. (Son of Kelly and Nettie Coward Peek) All donors will receive a free beach towel. Click here to schedule: <https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/296406>

Orbit visits Jones Library summer program

Jones Public Library was over the moon about hosting Orbit and his friend Oscar for our Launch into Summer Reading Party! 275 kids and 190 adults joined us for this exciting event! Orbit and Oscar did a 30 minute show on the importance of reading and library etiquette. He took pictures with everyone in the audience after the show. We had popcorn available as well as cookies and drinks provided by Chicken Express and the Friends of the Library! Kids were able to participate in a gravity paint experiment that will



hang as an art piece in the library for the remainder of the Summer Reading Program. We would like to take a moment to thank our performers - Oscar and Orbit - for an incredible show.

Chicken Express in Dayton - for providing cookies and drinks.

Friends of the Library - for providing cookies.

Our incredible list of volunteers who we could not have pulled this off without:

Carla Weaver, Melanie Orebo, Lundy Orebo, Lily Burns, and Zoey Garvin

Wire theft on 565 leads to Highlands pair

BAYTOWN - A duo were arrested and charged with burglary in the Chambers County section of Baytown on July 5.

Sheriff Brian Hawthorne reports that at approximately 5:30 a.m. Chambers County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a possible burglary in progress at a Verizon Wireless tower on FM 565.

Three nights in a row cell phone tower infrastructure in Chambers

County were targeted by criminals forcing entry and stealing wiring and equipment. The methods and tools used would be familiar to Highlands residents that remember when the power lines were taken from Wallisville Road near Highlands Junior School.

Deputy Braedon Boznango responded to the call followed shortly after by Corporal Cornelius Roundtree and they were able to take two suspects in to custody



Jessie James Newman



Julie Pepper Napier

without incident.

Jesse James Newman, 40, and Julie Pepper Napier, 47, both of Highlands, were found to be in possession of numerous burglary tools and were subsequently arrested, transported to the Chambers County Jail, and charged with Burglary of a Building.

"I am very proud of our deputies quick response and apprehension of the two suspects," said Sheriff Hawthorne.

"Days of Caring" seeks project ideas

19th Annual Day of Caring
United Way of Greater Baytown Area and Chambers County Seeks Projects for Days of Caring

Baytown, Texas: (June 26, 2019) - United Way of Greater Baytown and Chambers County (United Way) will rally hundreds of volunteers throughout the community for the annual Days of Caring on October 18 and 19, 2019. Volunteers will

do various projects that help organizations and individuals. Project requests will be accepted beginning today. Projects range from painting, cleaning, and organizing, to minor construction repairs, installing fixtures, wheel chair ramps, landscaping and debris removal. The deadline to submit a project request is August 15, 2019.

Days of Caring is led by Nicholas Graham, Polyethylene Operations Superintendent, Cedar

Bayou Facility, Chevron Phillips Chemical. Graham serves on the United Way's Board of Directors. "Days of Caring provides an opportunity for our community to unite and serve our fellow residents in need with our effort and sweat - to show love to others," Nick explains. "United Way's Days of Caring creates a long-lasting impact on everyone involved - from those being served to those volunteering."

United Way is accepting project requests from community organizations, non-profit agencies. Homeowners are also invited to submit projects if their homes were damaged by Hurricane Harvey. 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 August 15, 2019.

More information about Days of Caring and the project request form can be found at <http://www.unitedwaygbacc.org/DayofCaringUWGBACC>.

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FIRST SYMPTOMS OF DEHYDRATION		ACTION: <i>Drink water</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirst • Dry Mouth • Fatigue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark yellow urine • Headaches • Irritability 	
MORE SEVERE SYMPTOMS OF DEHYDRATION		ACTION: <i>Go to ER or contact your physician right away.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dizziness • Feeling of blacking out when sitting or standing • Confusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muscle weakness or cramps • Sunken eyes • Low blood pressure 	

If you have suffered dehydration in the past, talk with your doctor about prevention strategies and actions. You have unique health needs, so always follow the recommendations of your doctor and together you can **BEAT THE HEAT** and stay healthy at home!

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Legislative Update Mayes Middleton

END OF SESSION UPDATE V
Paying Tribute to a Fallen Hero

Last Tuesday, June 25th, United States Army Sergeant James Gregory Johnston was tragically killed during combat operations in Afghanistan. Johnston was 24 years old, stationed at Fort Hood, and graduated from Ball High School in Galveston. Please join Macy and I in offering condolences to his family and lifting them up in prayer. Flags will be flown at half-staff in honor of Sergeant Johnston, and I urge all to appropriately remember his sacrifice for Texas and the United States.

Pro-Life Bills Passed into Law

This session, the Legislature once again took steps toward defending unborn life. Like many other states, the Texas Legislature adopted House Bill 16—its own form of the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act. This legislation protects the lives of infants who survive a

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★ OPINION PAGE ★

OPINION
By HARRIS COUNTY
ATTORNEY VINCE RYAN



Harris County Attorney Ryan opposes EPA emissions "loophole"

Friday, June 28, 2019 – Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan today filed a formal letter of opposition to a proposed Environmental Protection Agency rule that would allow companies in Texas to avoid civil penalties for polluting the air during so-called Startup Shutdown, or Maintenance (SSM) activities.

Ryan is objecting to an EPA proposal to withdraw a 2015 finding that Texas's plan did not comply with the federal Clean Air Act because of state rules that provide companies with an affirmative defense for excess air emissions that occur during SSM events.

"Texas's regulations have a loophole through which facilities can exceed permit emissions limits during upsets and unplanned SSM events without fear of being held fully accountable under the law," said County Attorney Ryan.

"This loophole not only harms nearby communities but also endangers first responders, including County employees, who respond to SSM events," he said.

In his letter to the EPA, County Attorney Ryan laid out facts that led to his opposition:

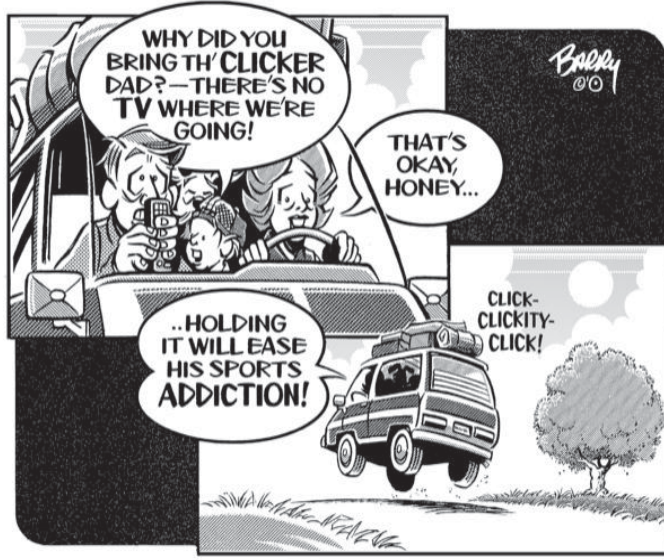
Houston has some of the worst air in the nation and the eight county nonattainment area consistently fails to meet federal health based ozone standards.

Communities around facilities with SSM events in Harris County are primarily low income, low resource, linguistically isolated communities of color and are especially impacted by these events.

The EPA is legally required by the Clean Air Act to close this loophole and correctly required Texas to do so in 2015.

Ryan also points out that the community impact of these SSM events continues to linger, as residents impacted by these pollutants released into the air often have to shoulder the cost of medical care, compounded by the strain of missed days at work and school. Instead of affirmative defenses, Ryan believes polluters should face full enforcement under the environmental laws.

"I urge EPA not to finalize its proposed rule and instead withdraw the proposal," said County Attorney Ryan. "SSM events have real adverse health impacts on communities around industrial facilities and allowing them to occur without penalty will only prolong and exacerbate those impacts."



★
STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Prominent local legislators named to important redistricting panel

Lieutenant governor names members to redistricting panel

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on June 28 released the names of his appointees to the Texas Legislature's 2021 Redistricting Committee.

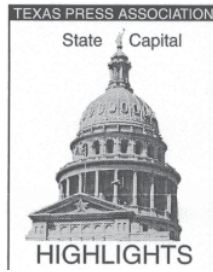
Patrick, who presides over the 31-member state Senate, named Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, as chair of the committee, and Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, as vice chair. He also named 13 more Senate members to the committee, including Sens. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston; Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston; Dawn Buckingham, R-Lakeway; Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels; Pete Flores, R-Pleasanton; Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills; Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola; Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville; Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio; Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville; Angela Paxton, R-McKinney; Charles Perry, R-Lubbock; Kirk Watson, D-Austin; Royce West, D-Dallas; and John Whitmire, D-Houston.

In January, Texas House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, named 15 members to the House Redistricting Committee, with jurisdiction that includes preparations for the redistricting process. Those members include: Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, chair; Rep. Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, vice chair; and Reps. Sheryl Cole, D-Austin; Matt Krause, R-Fort Worth; Lyle Larson, R-San Antonio; Jeff Leach, R-Plano; Ben Leman, R-Brenham; Ina Minjarez, D-San Antonio; Joe Moody, D-El Paso; Chris Paddie, R-Marshall; "Four" Price, R-Amarillo; Toni Rose, D-Dallas; Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston; Armando Walle, D-Houston; and James White, R-Hillister.

Patrick and Bonnen have not set a date or dates for the committees to meet jointly or separately.

New census will be key

When the redistricting work begins, committee members will use population figures from the yet-to-be-conducted 2020 decennial U.S. Census to redraw the boundaries of U.S. congressional districts and Texas House and Senate districts.



Article III, Section 28, of the Texas Constitution requires the Legislature to complete the redistricting job at its first regular session after publication of the federal decennial census.

If the Legislature fails to adopt a redistricting plan by the end of the 2021 legislative session, a Legislative Redistricting Board consisting of the lieutenant governor, comptroller, House speaker, attorney general and land commissioner, shall convene within 90 days of adjournment and adopt a plan within 60 days.

In addition to redrawing Texas House, Texas Senate and U.S. congressional districts, the Legislature also is required to review the 15 State Board of Education districts for any necessary redrawing of district boundaries.

SCOTUS ruling in play

As Texas' bipartisan 2021 Redistricting Committee goes about its work, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling released June 25 is sure to stimulate discussion during the process.

In the ruling, Chief Justice John Roberts, in writing the majority opinion, remarked that federal courts are unable to decide cases of partisan gerrymandering.

"We conclude that partisan gerrymandering claims present political questions beyond the reach of the federal courts. Federal judges have no license to reallocate political power between two major political parties, with no plausible grant of authority in the Constitution, and no legal standards to limit and direct their decisions," Roberts wrote.

So, with the U.S. Supreme Court and lower federal courts no longer the court of last resort for plaintiffs with voting rights appeals based on allegations of

partisan gerrymandering, the weight of the job of the redistricting committee increases.

Solicitor general testifies

In other news related to redistricting and voting, Texas Solicitor General Kyle Hawkins on June 25 testified in Washington, D.C., before the U.S. House Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

The panel heard testimony on continuing constitutional problems with the U.S. Voting Rights Act since the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark 2013 ruling in a case alleging racial gerrymandering. The high court's ruling in the case, Shelby County (Alabama) v. Holder, struck down a provision in the act that required Texas and certain other states to seek preclearance from the U.S. Justice Department or a federal court before making changes to voting laws.

In concluding his testimony, Hawkins said, "As Congress revisits the Voting Rights Act, it must adhere to the constitutional principles the Supreme Court articulated in Shelby County that limit the power of the federal government to impede on fundamental principles of federalism and disturb the coequal sovereignty of the states."

Revenue total comes in

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 2 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.86 billion in June, an amount 3.3 percent more than the amount reported for the month of June 2018.

Also, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in June 2019 was up 5.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections, Hegar said.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee Conducts Oversight and Inspects Facilities Used to Detain Migrants at the Southern Border in Clint and El Paso and a Border House in Mexico

Houston, TX – The accounts and images emanating from our southern border are horrific and unbecoming of a country regarded as the last best hope of the world. Indeed, these experiences were relayed in shocking and graphic terms in a recent report of the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security, which found that migrants are being held in dangerous conditions in overcrowded facilities. The conditions have become so dire that, according to a new report, the situation is described as a "ticking time bomb" that merits our immediate action. For example, official reports have found that 51 women were being held in a facility designed to house 40 juveniles. Meanwhile, 71 men are held in a cell designated for 41 men. Indeed certain cells are so crowded that some migrants are being forced to stand for days at a time. Some migrants are standing on toilets to secure breathing room. Meanwhile, the toll on the youngest migrants is compelling. Some children 7 and under have been in facilities for upwards of two weeks and more, and some children are forced to wear soiled clothes. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a senior member of the House Committee on Homeland Security and a former Chair of the Border & Maritime Subcommittee will travel to these facilities on an official visit of the Homeland Security Committee to assess the situation and gather information, pursuant to her oversight responsibilities as a member of the United States Congress.

WHO: Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18) together with the House Committee on Homeland Security

WHAT: Oversight Inspections of Facilities Used to House Migrants

WHEN: Monday, July 8, 2019

WHERE: Location 1: 13400 Alameda Ave, Clint, TX 79836 - Press Availability at 9:30am

Location 2: 9201 Gateway South Blvd, El Paso, TX, 79924 - Time to be announced.

Location 3: Details to be announced

Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat representing the 18th Congressional District of Texas, is a senior member of the House Committees on Judiciary, Homeland Security and the Budget



2019 Kids2gether SUMMER PROGRAM

May Community Center's Kids2gether is open to children of all ages, and advance registration is required for each program. A \$3 per child suggested donation for each program helps defray the cost of supplies and entertainment. Please note: All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. To register call 713-274-2434.

Yellow Rose Cloggers
Tuesday, June 11 at 11 a.m.
Get those toes ready to tap and put a spring in your step as the Yellow Rose Cloggers come to entertain you with clogging and some great music to dance to!! Lunch and a craft will be provided.

Pet Education Day
Tuesday, June 18 at 11 a.m.
This will be a fun educational class on animal safety and bite prevention. Responsible owner petship. How rabies are transmitted and any questions you have about encountering a stray animal! Lunch and craft will follow!

Dance Party
Tuesday, June 25 at 11 a.m.
Get ready to boogie to the beat and put a stomp in your step and dance till you put a smile on your face!! Fun! Fun! Fun! Lunch and craft will be provided!

Shark Party
Tuesday, July 9 at 11 a.m.
Come and watch some interesting facts about these mysterious creatures of the sea! Sharks can be so much fun to learn about. Lunch and craft will be provided.

Old School Game Day
Tuesday, July 16 at 11 a.m.
Remember those back yard fun games and field day events you might have missed out on? Well come on down and jump in on these fun games and win a prize! Lunch will be provided.

Splash Day
Tuesday, July 23 at 11 a.m.
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OBITUARIES

BERNICE JOYCE LEISSNER

Bernice Joyce Leissner, 99, of Highlands, Texas, passed away on Friday, June 28, 2019. She was born on January 5, 1920 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Alexander Hohensee and Kate Goodman Hohensee. She enjoyed all of her children's activities, reading, sewing, and crafts. She was a volunteer for Churches United In Caring for many years until she was no longer able to go. Bernice was a kind and caring woman who will be missed by all who knew and loved her.



She is preceded in death by her husband, Milton Leissner; son, Jon Leissner; parents, Alexander and Kate Hohensee; siblings, Yva Lee Addison, Warner Hohensee, Windol Hohensee, Bobby Hohensee, and Wayne Hohensee.

She is survived by her children, Judith Simpson and husband Allen, Tommy Leissner and wife Nancy, Becky Lamb and husband Larry, and Bonnie James; daughter-in-law, Linda Leissner; grandchildren, Shannon O'Neal and husband T.L., Clay Leissner, Tonya Blankenship and husband Danny, Dorci Hill and husband Rex, Kristi Schwartz and husband David, Troy Simpson and wife Brooke, and Michelle Hernandez and husband Pedro; great-grandchildren, Karli, Kyle, Kylee, Lillian, Nike, Callen, and Emma; and a host of extended family and friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 10:00am, followed by a Celebration of Bernice's Life at 11:00am at 1st Baptist Church of Crosby, 615 Runneburg Rd., Crosby, TX 77532. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to 1st Baptist Church of Crosby, 615 Runneburg Rd., Crosby, TX 77532, 281-328-2564.

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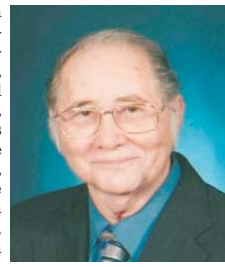
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Psalm: 46:1

JOSEPH LELAND FORBUS

Joseph "Joe" Leland Forbus, 83, passed away July 5, 2019, at his new home in Denton, Texas. Joe was born on June 14, 1936, in Henderson, Texas to parents Z. O. and Marie Forbus. He was a devoted Christian; teaching Sunday school throughout his life beginning at age 17, he was a Deacon Emeritus at Uvalde Baptist Church where he was a long-time member, a Gideon International member, as well as being an ordained Baptist minister.



After a brief courtship, Joe married Jerry (Keaster) on December 9, 1955, in Jacinto City. In the summer of 1965, they moved to North Shore where they lived and raised their family for 54 years. He was an active member of the labor unions during his career, including OCAW Local 4365, before his retirement from both Armco Steel and Shell Oil. Joe was an avid reader who enjoyed Biblical research, writing of Sunday School lessons and treatises on Biblical subjects. He also enjoyed carpentry and D.I.Y. repair. He was a dedicated "yellow dog Democrat" and proudly represented the Democratic party at the State Conventions.

Joe is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jerry N. Forbus; children, David Lee Forbus, Lorre Fann (with husband Lloyd), Paul Mark Forbus; sisters, Livine Jimenez, Alice Sullivan; grandchild, JoAnna (with husband Charles Ashlock); great-grandson, Clayton Kyle Ashlock; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Tuesday, July 9, 2019, with friends, welcome at 11:00 a.m. for visitation, at Uvalde Baptist Church, 901 Uvalde Rd., Houston, Texas 77015. Graveside services will immediately follow at Earthman Memory Gardens Cemetery in Baytown, Texas under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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NITA WILKINSON

Nita Wilkinson, age 77, of Highlands, Texas, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, Baytown, TX. She had a severe hemorrhagic stroke resulting in her remaining in a coma until her passing.



Nita Wilkinson was born in Houston, Texas, on October 3, 1941 to Percy Theodore Wilkinson and Eva Juanita Faulk Wilkinson. She loved archaeology, history, reading, traveling, teaching, singing, and being with friends and family. Nita could be considered strong-willed at times, only because of her deep Christian love and devotion to all; but, she was also a kind, loving and caring person, and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Nita graduated in 1960 from Reagan High School, Houston, Texas; she went on to receive a Bachelors of Arts Degree from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, and is a proud member of the SHSU alumni. She attended Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, for a year where she majored in Archaeology, and was a founding member of the Baptist Student Union at BYU. She also founded the Girls' Auxiliary at the Southern Baptist church in Provo during that time.

Following college, Nita was hired by Exxon as a secretary, and later moved on to work for Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation for an additional 18 years. She was an active member and held offices in the Desk & Derrick Club of Houston, a petroleum club for women in the industry. After an early retirement from Texas Eastern, she began teaching school in the Baytown, Texas, area until retirement.

Nita was faithful and dedicated to her Lord as an active member in her church, First Baptist Highlands, Highlands, Texas. She also enjoyed her memberships and activities in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, both in the former Highlands David Huffman Chapter-DRT, and then the Houston Miss Ima Hogg Chapter-DRT. She held offices in both DRT chapters. In addition, she was a member of the Texas Archaeological Society and participated in several archaeological digs. She also enjoyed her years and held offices in the Highlands Book Club Review; she was a former Pilot Club member; and a long-time member of the Woodmen of the World Fraternity.

Ms. Wilkinson is preceded in death by her parents; and her former brother-in-law George Mack Archer. She is survived

by her brother Robert Theodore (Ted) Wilkinson and wife Janis; her sister Alice Juanice Wilkinson Archer Burroughs and husband Gary; nephew Mark Jones and wife Bettina; nieces: Melody Jones Krapf and domestic partner Sherri Vlach; Chrystal Rae Jones Almeida and former husband Victor; Barbie Archer-Burroughs Wallace and husband Matt; April Wilkinson Maestas and former husband Ernie; and Debbie Archer-Burroughs Grothe and husband Jimmy Lee; great-nephews: Trent Grothe; Victor Almeida, Driston Grothe and wife Shea; and Jacob Maestas; great-nieces: Jana Birckbichler and husband Brian; Kimberly Krapf Thompson and husband Joe; Ambyr Wallace; Alexus Wallace; Christina Almeida; Amanda Maestas; Jessyka Little and husband Jake; Chrystal Brush and husband Tyler; great-great nieces: Alexandra Krapf Thompson; Margaret Krapf Thompson; Jazmineann Robinson; Syrenitee Brush; Amelia Birckbichler; and Carter Stark. She is also survived by other relatives and many friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX, on Saturday, July 6, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. followed by Funeral Services in Sterling-White Funeral Home. Interment will be in Sterling-White Cemetery; and arrangements are entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to First Baptist Highlands, 210 N. Magnolia, Highlands, TX 77562 or online at www.firstbaptisthighlands.org/online-giving.

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ASK THE EXPERTS

YOU HAVE AN ESTATE...DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?

Many people have a will and think that their estate plans are complete. A comprehensive estate plan will include a will or trust, a financial power of attorney (commonly called a durable power of attorney) a medical power of attorney with HIPAA compliant language and a directive to physicians, commonly called a living will.

There are 6 common issues that may occur throughout your life that require you to update your estate plan. These issues are discussed below.

1) Children

If you have a child you need to update your estate plan to provide a guardian for the child. If you do not choose the guardian for your child the court will do it for you without your input! This can result in chaos for the child and everyone involved. You are the person who knows who is the best person to be the guardian for your children. You need to make the choice!

If you leave a portion of your estate to a minor child, or incapacitated child you will want to leave a trustee in charge of those funds. You can control how the beneficiary receives the property/money and when, or if that beneficiary receives the property/money free from trust. Do you have a spendthrift child, or spouse? If so a trust which includes management for the life of the child and then a beneficiary for the remaining funds after that child dies could resolve that problem. You would not want your child or spouse to be left to depend on the charity of others. Don't allow them to deplete their funds without regard of their future. It is your money and your loved one. Protect both.

2) Marriage/Remarriage

When you get married your estate plan will change. Prior to marriage you will probably provide for your assets to go to your parents or friends. Typically, after marriage people want their assets to go to their spouse. After you are married you need to update your estate plan to reflect this change. If you get remarried you should update your estate plan as well. Many times there are children from previous marriages and you need to choose how the assets will be divided among beneficiaries. By planning your estate it will be executed smoothly. If you do not update your estate plan the estate can be tied up in court for years. One recent case is still pending and the person died

ATTORNEY'S CORNER
By Attorney Weston Cotten



in 1993! The parties involved are the deceased's second wife and his children from his first marriage. Prior to the division of the property the parties involved "had a great relationship." It is essential that each individual makes clear the way that they want their assets to be divided. Protect your loved ones by setting out a plan for their future, a plan they cannot influence, or alter.

3) Increase in Wealth

Many people set up their estate plan when they are younger and have fewer assets. As they grow older their assets appreciate and they may, without even realizing it, approach the personal exemption for the estate tax. The government gives each citizen a personal exemption from the estate tax. A married couple can set up a by-pass trust and double their exemptions, thus passing twice as much to their beneficiaries free from estate tax. When calculating the estate value for estate tax purposes life insurance proceeds, retirement accounts, bank accounts, real estate, and personal property are all included. Many people believe that choosing a beneficiary for these plans or holding joint accounts excludes the asset from your estate. This is incorrect. These steps may allow the asset to avoid probate, thus bypassing the beneficiary designations in your will (which may, or may not be your intention), however, it will still be included in the estate for estate tax purposes. Given the appreciation of home values and retirement accounts many people are approaching the personal exemption and need to set up bypass trusts to preserve both spouses' personal exemption as well as pursue other options to avoid paying the estate tax. By setting up a bypass trust an individual can save estate taxes.

4) Non-Citizen Spouse

Many people do not realize that a non-citizen spouse does not receive the unlimited marital deduction that citizens enjoy. This means that if a citizen spouse passes away and the citizen spouse has assets of over the \$5,000,000 (for 2011 & 2012) personal

exemption the estate tax is due immediately. This can be burdensome since the assets may be in real estate or retirement accounts and may not be liquid. It could force liquidation of assets in ways that are not tax advantageous as well as liquidations where the market is in flux. Congress has altered the rules applicable to non-citizen spouses in the following ways (all discussed in more detail below):

The unlimited estate tax marital deduction for transfers to non-citizen surviving spouses is disallowed, unless such property is placed in a qualified domestic trust (QDOT);

The unlimited gift tax marital deduction for transfers to non-citizen spouses is disallowed, but the annual exclusion from the federal gift tax is increased;

The full value of jointly held property is included in the estate of the U.S. citizen spouse; and

In certain situations where one spouse is a non-citizen the creation or termination of a joint tenancy can create a tax problem. Any family that is approaching the personal exemption needs to address this issue.

Additionally, a non-citizen spouse may have assets located outside the United States. It is important to carefully plan for these assets to assure that they are given to the proper beneficiaries. This planning includes coordinating United States law, the law of the foreign jurisdiction and applicable treaties between the countries.

5) Health Care Power of Attorney Executed Prior to 1996

In 1996 Congress enacted the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The result has been that it is much harder for other people to access your health information. Unfortunately, this has been interpreted in many different ways by different hospitals and has resulted in friends and family being denied access to their loved ones information when they are attempting to help. The easiest way to remedy this is with a health care power of attorney that clearly states that the agent is authorized for purposes of HIPAA to

view the medical records. If an emergency occurs it is essential that your agent has access to the proper information to make the right decision for your well being. If you have a power of attorney executed prior to 1996 it is critical that you update this document! If your current health care power of attorney does not include HIPAA language, or designation of those to receive health care information which complies with HIPAA, you should update or replace your current document.

6) Death of a loved one

Many times we establish our plan and then fail to review the plan when a loved one dies. If it is our spouse, we have commonly left property to our children, but in the case of a childless marriage, or a blended family, questions invariably arise. When a child dies, we assume his share will automatically go to his children, but it may not without having made provision in your will. What if you wrote your will when none of your children had children of their own. Remember, your estate has to go somewhere. Make sure it goes where you want it to go, not where the State of Texas says it must go if you do not leave instruction to the contrary.

Free fee to call the office of Weston Cotten, Attorney at Law, with any questions you may have, or visit www.westoncotten.com.

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Update Mayes Middleton

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failed abortion attempt by establishing criminal penalties for medical practitioners who fail to care for an infant that survives an unsuccessful abortion. This legislation outlaws infanticide that takes place when infants who survive abortions are left to die without any medical attention. In addition to House Bill 16, the Legislature also passed Senate Bill 22 that outlaws the practice of local government providing direct or indirect benefits to abortion providers or affiliates. I am proud to have supported and voted for both of these bills. It is vital that Texas continues to lead the way on protecting the sanctity of unborn life.

Anchor Point is a Pro-Life Christian ministry that serves pregnant women and their families to save unborn children. Pictured here are Genie Hayes and I at their new facilities in League City. I am thankful for all that they do!

Second Amendment Protections Passed

Disasters can be dangerous times, with occurrences such as looting being more common. In recognition of this increased danger, I was proud to coauthor and vote for House Bill 1177. This bill allows for the non-licensed concealed carry of a firearm in an area of the state where a disaster has been declared and will keep Texans safer during times of increased danger. In addition to this important Second Amendment protection, the legislature reformed the laws surrounding private "gun-free zones" allowed under

state law known as "30.06 warnings" with the passage of House Bill 121. HB 121 protects concealed carry holders who carry a weapon onto a property displaying a 30.06 warning by creating a defense to prosecution that if the permit holder was given a verbal warning by the property owner and promptly departed the property, they are not criminally liable under the Texas Penal Code. Lastly, the Legislature protected the Second Amendment Rights of renters with the passage of House Bill 302, which clarifies existing law to ensure that Texans who rent apartments or condominiums cannot be prohibited by their lease from carrying a weapon and enjoying their Second Amendment rights. I am proud to have coauthored and voted for all three of these important bills.

Mayes Middleton, along with his wife, Macy, and three sons, Connor, Christian, and Matthew, live in Wallisville, Texas. Mayes is a 7th generation Chambers County resident and Texan. Mayes is President of Middleton Oil Company, an independent oil and gas company that operates wells in South Texas and along the Gulf Coast, and is engaged in joint exploration ventures. In addition to his work in the oil and gas industry, Mayes also runs his ranching, cattle, and farming operations. He and his wife support numerous local community organizations and faith based charities. For more information please visit www.mayesmiddleton.com.



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JANNINE E. MCCONNON

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 June 26, 2019

Weston Cotten
by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 459375; Estate of ROSALIND L. CHAPMAN Deceased; In Probate Court No. 3, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on June 13, 2019.

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

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1500 E. Wallisville Rd. Highlands, TX 77562

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 June 26, 2019

Weston Cotten
by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 475568; Estate of MARK THOMAS PRICE Deceased; In Probate Court No. 3, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on July 1, 2019.

DEVAN JUSTIN OWENS

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

c/o Weston Cotten
1500 E. Wallisville Rd. Highlands, TX 77562

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 2, 2019

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

NEW

PERMIT NO. WQ0015028002

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Chaparral Industrial Services LLC, 8216 Miller Road 3, Houston, Texas 77049, an industrial painting and coating services provider, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for new Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015028002, to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 5,000 gallons per day. The facility was previously permitted under TPDES Permit No. WQ0015028001, which expired on May 1, 2018. TCEQ received this application on January 8, 2019.

The facility will be located at 8216 Miller Road 3, in Harris County, Texas 77049. The treated effluent will be discharged to a roadside ditch, thence to Harris County Flood Control District ditch N119-00-00, thence to Carpenters Bayou, thence to Carpenters Bayou of the Houston Ship Channel Tidal in Segment No. 1006 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the roadside ditch and limited aquatic life use for Harris County Flood Control District ditch N119-00-00 and Carpenters Bayou (upstream of Wallisville Road). The designated uses for Segment No. 1006 are navigation and industrial water supply. In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code §307.5 and the TCEQ's *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. A Tier 2 review is not required since no exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life use water bodies have been identified in the discharge route. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.845935&lng=-95.158875&zoom=13&type=r>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at North Channel Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, Houston, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Chaparral Industrial Services LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. James E. Hebert, Chaparral Industrial Services LLC, at 832-871-4260.

Issuance Date: June 12, 2019

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT
AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER: 5566

APPLICATION UTLX Manufacturing LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for: Amendment of Permit 5566

This application would authorize modification of the Railroad Tank Car Coating Operations located at 16923 Beaumont Highway 90, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77049. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.867222&lng=-95.143055&zoom=13&type=r> The facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, exempt solvents, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 21, 2019. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 9419 Lamkin Houston, Harris County, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, or request a public meeting or a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, if requested by an interested person, or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for an Air Quality Permit will then be published and mailed to those who made comments, submitted hearing requests or are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn. **The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. If a request is timely filed, the deadline for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after the mailing of the response to comments.**

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, and daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

If a hearing request is timely filed, following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

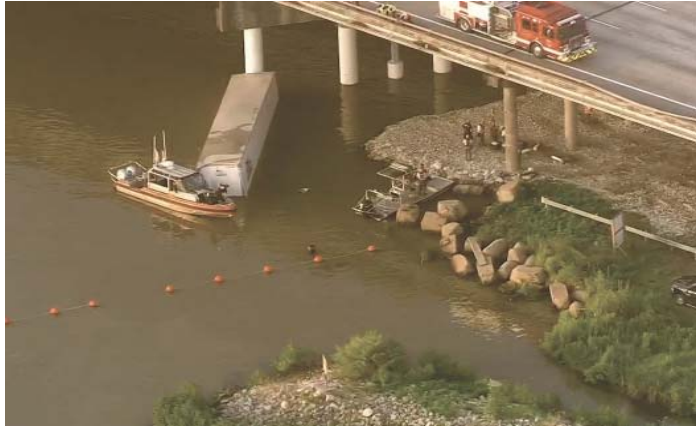
Further information may also be obtained from UTLX Manufacturing LLC, 16923 Old Beaumont Highway 90, Houston, Texas 77049-1050 or by calling Mr. Trinity Deville, Union Tank Car Company at (318) 449-8242.

Notice Issuance Date: June 28, 2019

★ COMMUNITY ★

Truck plunges into San Jacinto River,

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RESCUE WORKERS evaluate the situation on Thursday, as they decide how to find the missing truck drive and remove the trailer of the 18-wheeler. The cab of the truck is completely under water and not seen in this view. Also note the red buoys marking the limits of the Waste Pits Superfund site, which is the land at the bottom of the photo.



ANOTHER TRUCK ACCIDENT is seen in this view, of an 18-wheeler that went over the side of the I-610 East Loop bridge over the Houston Ship Channel. The top of the arrow marks where the truck broke through the rail after swerving after hitting a car that cut in front of him. The bottom of the arrow shows where the truck landed on top of a chemical building at Huntsman Chemical, 150 below the bridge. The driver of the rig died pinned in his cab, as rescue workers tried to extract him.

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bound lanes of the bridge after being sideswiped by another 18-wheeler that did not stop. A deputy had come upon the scene, and was just getting the information when the second 18-wheeler struck the stopped car and plummeted over the rail into the river below.

The truck's cab and trailer were submerged under water, and authorities called on divers to search the waters for the missing truck driver. The HCSO Marine Unit, HazMat team, firefighters from Highlands and Crosby, and the Coast Guard helped in the search. Due to the muddy water and the restrictions caused by proximity to the Waste Pits Superfund site, the driver was not found until Friday, in the cab of the

semi. He was identified by family as Steve Martinez, 60, of San Antonio.

Sheriff Gonzalez said the cab was buried in mud up to the windshield, and divers could not maneuver in the remaining space, and also had to keep wearing protective gear because of the nearby toxic waste pit material.

After finding the driver, authorities turned to the task of removing the truck from the river. They decided it could not be done from land, and secured a salvage barge from Galveston with a heavy-lift crane for the work.

By Saturday afternoon the salvage work was completed, the truck was lifted from the river in three parts, and the scene had returned to a quiet state.

The location of this accident was just on the other side of the river channel

from an accident that occurred in May, when an 18-wheeler struck the side of a car in the westbound lanes of the bridge as it was changing lanes. The collision sent the auto over the railing and through a gap between the eastbound and westbound lanes. The car landed on its roof on the riverbank, and a 4 year old child, Andrea Salas, was killed. She was not in a seat belt, authorities believe. Her parents did survive the fall with only minor injuries. The family was from Honduras, and in this country only a short time.

Authorities cautioned that these accidents occurred from excessive speed, unsafe distance between vehicles, unsafe lane changes, and distractions while driving.

Huffman Area Drainage Improvements Meeting Thursday, July 11

The Harris County Flood Control District will hold a Community Engagement Meeting for the Huffman Area Drainage Improvements project. This is the second of two community engagement meetings intended to present study results to reduce flooding risks in the Huffman area and collect public input regarding this high-level drainage study for the Huffman area.

The Huffman drainage analysis area roughly coincides with the Huffman Independent School District boundary. This area drains to the San Jacinto River, Luce Bayou and Cedar Bayou watersheds. The study

includes an engineering investigation into the sources of flooding and is recommending preliminary options to reduce flooding.

This study is funded with bonds approved by Harris County voters on August 25, 2018. Community Engagement is an important component of the Bond Program, and we invite your participation as the program is implemented.

The Community Engagement Meeting will be held on: Thursday, July 11, 2019, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. May Community Center 2100 Wolf Road Huffman, Texas 77336

The Public Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a brief presentation at 6:15 p.m. Interested citizens are also invited to view the presentation online through a live feed hosted

at www.facebook.com/hcfdc. An open house will follow the presentation, where interested citizens are invited to review informational exhibits, discuss the Huffman Area Drainage Improvements project with Harris County representatives, and provide comments to the Harris County Flood Control District.

For questions, please contact the Flood Control District at 713-684-4000, or fill out the comment form online www.hcfdc.org/F110



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