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IN THE STARS

EVENTS SAT., AUG. 17 Go Big or Go

Home Gala

Cody Stephens Foundation annual fundraiser and Gala, at Southern Lakes Estates in Crosby. Tickets are \$100 and are available by calling Scott Stephens Associates, 713-451-3600. Hurry, its a sell-out every year. Donations and Spnsorships are also

SAT., SEPT. 14 Rotary Washer Tournament

Saturday, September 14 from 2pm - 6pm the Highlands Rotary Club will hold their 13th Annual 3-Hole Washer Board Charity Tournament. At Charlie's Ice House, 906 N. Main Street, Highlands 77562. Awards and Prize Money for the first 3 places. \$50 entry fee 832-465-8620

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 16- William Don Car-B.L. Owens Aug 17–Amanda Abbott Rhonda Brewer

Amy Chase Amy Murphy Thomas Parrish Katherine Young Aug 19-Lisa Cutbirth

Sherwood Jett Natalie Elizabeth King Aug 20–Patri Farmer Ruby King Ronald Phillips Gertrude Rutledge Natasha Webb Pastor Phillip Morris

Aug 21–Gary Jackson Alice Seaburg Jimmy Ray Slot Patrick Williams Sheri Ross

Aug 22-Lacie Paige Burton James R. Townsend Tonia Watkins

ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 18-Bruce & Debbie Aug 19-Tony & Margaret

Boyd Aug 20–Carl & Myrtis

Richard

Non reported

Additions or Corrections 713-266-3444

School sales tax holiday doesn't make the grade

NORTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY-Last weekend's sales tax holiday found concurrence in nine out of ten respondents that it isn't measuring up, with the other 10% either very much in favor of the tax break or didn't know or care about it.

However, stores in Crosby were packed as parents endeavored to get ready for school to start today.

Shoppers and store workers in Crosby and Baytown were asked about what their reaction to the Back to School Sales Tax Holiday was and their response was educational. w wanted to be responsible for their opinions or photographed.

See TAX HOLIDAY, p8





Near capacity parking lots were visible all weekend.

TxDOT changes US 90 / FM 2100 signal timing

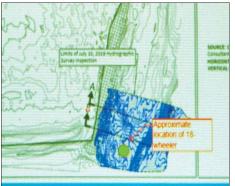


Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) personnel work on the signals at Beaumont Highway and FM 2100 that had traffic southbound backed up for miles before Tuesday afternoon. The signals were changed after numerous complaints from drivers headed Northstarting when the IH-10 bride was stopped and later slowed. Complainant were that few could turn left onto US 90 from FM 2100. Later, complaints from Crosby residents trying to go anywhere that the change had backed up traffic. SEE STORY ON PAGE 8

EPA sets community meeting Sept. 24

HIGHLANDS - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Federal, State and Harris County agencies, local officials and industry, plan to hold a Community Meeting for the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Super-

During the meeting an update will be provided on current site activities and the cap inspection data.The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the High-lands Community Center, 604 Highland Woods Drive, Highlands, Texas 77562.



Map from EPA shows a green dot where the semi truck landed off the I-10 bridge, and the blue area is where the agency took readings to determine if the accident damaged the cap. I-10 railing is the line at bottom.

WASTE PITS Did Semi crash damage cap?

HIGHLANDS - This month's meeting of the THEA/San Jacinto River Coallition dealt with potential threats to the integrity of the cap over the waste pits, as the community waited for the slow process of removing the

toxic waste to go forward.

Jackie Young announced that she had learned that the Pelican Asphalt Permit, wanting to dredge areas near the Waste Pits, had been approved on July 3 without

any further public notice.

She also reported on a discussion with the EPA about the position of the marker buoys in the river, which are to protect the cap from marine vessels. She said they determined they were not in the proper location, and the EPA had them moved

See WASTE PITS, p8

Crosby hero sets sights on raising \$270,000 to save more young lives

urday, the GoBigOrGo-Home Cody Stephens Foundation scanned the hearts of over 250 kids with the help of C.E. King staff and faculty, North Shore Rotary, San Jacinto Pilot Club, and the North Shore Anchor Club volun-

ReACT in a Heartbeat, a Baytown Non-Profit that teaches life saving C.P.R. instructed some 200 stu-dents how to perform Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation at the same venue. These were not certification classes but exposure classes and man of the students went from having their hearts tested to learning to save someone else's life. "We always try to teach C.P.R. training at our screenings we don't usually do it at school screenings because kids



Scott Stephens backs his volunteers at C.E. King High School where his charity organizatio, the Cody Stephens Foundation, with EKGs from throuhout Northeast Harris County last Saturday, in concert with an organizatio dedicated to teaching C.P.R. Seated are U. Fonsera , a Precinct 3 Deputy, Elizabeth Bucio, Cynthia Galeano, Yanira Ramirez and Drake Hernandez all of C.E. King High School staff. Guarding the crowd was Precinct 3 Deputy Howard. Stephens is hosting the GBOGH Cody Stephens Memorial Fundraiser at Southern Lace Estates this Saturday, Aug. 17.

are supposed to get C.P.R. certification from their school but anytime we have a community screening we try to team up with someone group and teach the basics.

Now Stephens says, "We are going to try to help put EKG machines in schools so that athletic teams can check out their own mem-

The Stephens fight to save young lives for the last seven years as Scott's family has attempted to impress upon the Texas Legislature that young athletes dying of sudden death can hopefully be avoided with early detec-tion by the new E.K.G machines that have not only gone from being the size of an ambulance to the size of a paperback book and

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COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Authorities search for missing Crosby man

CROSBY – The Harris County Sheriff's Office, and Crime Stoppers are seaching for an adult male that has been missing from his home in Crosby for over two weeks.

Please Help Us Locate Missing East Harris County Man.

Please help the HCSO Missing Person unit locate 37-year-old Juventino "Tigre" Sanchez.

Mr. Sanchez was last seen in the 600 block of East Melville in the St. Charles Place subdivision Crosby, TX.



JUVENTINO "TIGRE SANCHEZ

On Saturday July 27, 2019, he left his residence on foot around 7:00 p.m. A clothing description

was not available.

Mr. Sanchez uses crutches to walk, after suf-

fering injuries in a previous accident.

Anyone with informa-

Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of this Missing Person is asked to contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office Missing Persons Unit at 713-755-7427.

Or you may call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS(8477)

Fireworks cause \$70,000 damage to house in Lake Houston area

Houston Firefighters were called to battle a House Fire on August 8, 2019 at about 9:00p.m. The fire was contained in a storage area of the house at the 300 block of Corydon 77336, where fireworks were exploding.

No injuries were reported to firefighters or the home's occupants.

\$80 thousand in estimated property was saved, but \$70 thousand in damage was sustained by the house.

The cause for the fire is being listed as unintentional.

Firefighters arrived on scene to fire from a storage area of a house with fireworks going off. They began an attack on the fire and conducted a primary search. Fire was also found in the attic and once the fire was extinguished crews conducted salvage and overhaul. The resident stated they had a generator running for electricity. Firefighters from Stations 64, 65, 101, 102, 103, 105 and 30 responded to this incident.





1. Emma 2. Olivia

3. Ava 4. Isabella

5. Sophia 6. Charlotte

7. Mia 8. Amelia

9. Harper 10. Evelyn *2018

Social Security
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Eagle Scout projects planned in Highlands



Two Eagle scout candidates, John McGregor at left, and Logan Lopez at right, spoke to the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce last Thursday at their monthly luncheon.

The scouts explained their ideas about projects that are required to achieve their Eagle scout status. McGregor said that he plans on renovating the "fire pit" in the Park along San Jacinto Street and the railroad tracks, which is used by the scouts for flag burning ceremonies and other types of events. McGregor plans to rebuild the stone perimeter and clean the pit.

Lopez said that his project would be the construction of a wooden fence along the line between the park and the railroad, thus enhancing the park and providing safety for children and others that use the park. He described his fence as about 6 feet tall, and learning how to procure the materials and engineer the construction of it would be part of the learning experience.

The attendees at the luncheon listened to the proposals with enthusiasm, and after the talk a collection was taken to help the boys pay for the projects, and about \$1000 dollars was donated in just the short time of the luncheon.



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CROSBY'S HOME TOWN HOME CARE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Galena Park ISD will hold a public meeting at 500 PM, August 27, 2019 in Galena Park ISD Administration Board Room, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, Texas 77015.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

ze containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax

\$1.1417/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax

Approved by Local Voters

\$0.3300\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

ne applicanse percentage increase or occrease (or dimerence) in the amount ouageted in the preceding riscal year and the amount ouageted for the riscal year that begi luring the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations 6.52% increas

Debt Service 2.44% increas

Total expenditures 6.04% increas

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Preceding Tax Year

Current Tax Year

Total appraised value* of all property \$10,799,927,616 \$11,845,962,736

Total appraised value* of new property** \$132,781,668 \$131,702,384

Total taxable value*** of all property \$8,615,419,883 \$9,449,872,862

Total taxable value*** of new property** \$105,923,842 \$105,923,842

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness cutstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$292,029,757

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates Maintenance & Interest & Local Revenue State Revenu Sinking Fund* Total Per Student Last Year's Rate \$1.2433 \$0.3300* \$1.5733 \$6,442 Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & \$0,3313* \$1,3402 \$5,930 \$5,220 Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service \$1.1417 S0 3300* \$1.4717 *The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

 Last Year
 This Year

 verage Market Value of Residences
 \$97,698
 \$114,010

 verage Taxable Value of Residences
 \$63,401
 \$71,710

 ast Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value
 \$1,5733
 \$1,4717

 axes Due on Average Residence
 \$997,49
 \$1,0536

 versuse (Decresse) in Taxes
 \$77,871

(Inder state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person (turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or properly value.)

Notice of Voter-Approval Bate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.4717. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.4717.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

faintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$156,261,147

interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)
\$11,468,180
A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying

chool district may not increa district's debt service.



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ROUND-UP

Back to School Barbers Hill

Tuesday, August 13 Staff Development Wednesday, August 14 - Teacher Workday Thursday, August 15
First Day of School Monday, Sept. 2 Labor Day Staff/Student Holiday Monday, Sept. 16 Open House 6:30pm - 8:00pm BH High School Thursday, Sept. 19 Senior Portraits

Goss Library events

This is what is going on at the Sam Memorial Branch Library the week of Monday, August 19,

<u>Thursday, August</u> <u>22</u> - 5:00, Adult Book Club discussing "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

All month long -Come cast your vote for your favorite dog in our "Dog Days of Summer" contest. All money collected will be donated to The City of Mont Belvieu Anima Shelter.

Thank you, Branch Librarian

Happening in Dayton

On the calendar at the City of Dayton <u>8/15 Open Mic</u> Night: All day, Jones Public Library (Blue Wall Cafe) 801 S.

Cleveland St., Perform music read poetry, sing, or try out your stand-up routine.

8/16 Food Truck Friday: 11 am - 2 pm, at the CrossRoads, 111 N. Church St., Downtown

Dayton comes alive for lunchtime with a variety of food trucks just waiting for you

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, terrosism 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

Three children drown at Sylvan Beach

ports that on Thursday, August 8, at approximately7:28 p.m., the Chambers County Sheriff's Office was notified by the LaPorte Police Department of a posmulti-fatality drowning at Sylvan Beach Park.

Sylvan Beach Park is a county park within the city of LaPorte, Texas, and Harris County, however, the bay waters that border the park are wholly within Chambers County



CHAMBERS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, AND MARINE PATROL, SEARCH FOR THE THREE MISSING CHILDREN AT SYLVAN BEACH

Chambers County deputies it was learned that a family from the Houston area were swimming in the park when an otherwise beautiful afternoon took a tragic turn.

Six members of the family, including the Mother, Father and four children ranging in age from 7 to 13, began having trouble in the water. The Mother and Father, along

See THREE DROWN, p6

Elvis performer at Liberty Opry Aug. 25

performers call themselves Elvis Preslev impersonators, or the more recent term "tribute artists," Sting Ray Anthony thinks the legendary entertainer would have frowned.

Anthony will be singing Presley's tunes and a myriad of others in Liberty Texas Liberty Opry on August 25th 4:00. The show is "Juke Box Rock and Roll Extravaganza." It includes the Liberty Opry band.

The first question out of my mouth during a telephone interview with Anthony was, "Is Sting Ray really your name?"

sing at Dick Clark's Amer-



STING RAY ANTHONY PERFORMS AS ELVIS.

Branson, Missouri," he said. "Some of the other original cast members were Bobby Vee, Fabian, and the Shirelles. We all were trying to think of a name to put on the bill-board for me: not 'Rockin' Ray,' or 'Reckless Ray.' Finally we hit on 'Sting Ray,' and it stuck."

Anthony, a native of Toronto Canada, became preoccupied with Presley at an early age when his mother, in desperation, gave him a Presley album because she was tired of listening to Englebert Humperdinck, another singer he liked

With a new-born passion for Elvis, Anthony taught himself drum, guiover the years scrounging instruction and experience from other musicians.

Over time Sting Ray and his accompanying musicians gained a widening ripple of fans. Gigs became more frequent and widespread, leading even to shows in Canada's Sky Dome that seats 50,000

He paid his dues while making a living in Canada, and the big break came with his invitation to perform in a Las Vegas live tribute show John Stewart's Legends in Concert. That led to Branson and subsequent opportunities.

See ELVIS, page 6

Battleship to Close

Battleship Texas Closes to the Public Aug. 26

LA PORTE— The Battleship Texas State Historic Site will close to the public Aug. 26, allowing staff and contractors full accessibility to the ship ensuring they can safely perform the necessary preparation work ahead of a repair project. The last day the public will be able

Texas will be Sunday, Aug.

"It is important that we take the necessary steps to preserve the profound legacy of the Battleship Texas," said Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. "I look forward to the next chapter that the Battleship will experience after these much-needed repairs are completed. The ship has taken part in some of the most significant naval battles of the 20th century and we hope

it will continue to be around for future generations of Texans to enjoy.'

During the closure, staff will be cataloging and securing thousands of artifacts on board the ship, as well as removing large exhibit collections before it is transported for repair.

Visitors will continue to have access to the San Jacinto Monument, the San Jacinto Battleground and the park's nature trails during the closure.

Arrests made in Dayton Stripes Robbery

Second Arrest in Aggravated Robbery Case

On Wednesday, August 7, detectives with the Dayton Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division along with members of the Harris County Pct.3 Criminal Investigation Unit conducted a search warrant and felon arrest warrant at 16119 Palm St. in Channelview.

The warrants were part of the ongoing investigation of an Aggravated Robbery of the Stripes Convenience Store in Dayton. The robbery took place at the Stripes store on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at approximately 2:20am.

The execution of the warrants resulted in the arrest of Daniel Gallegos 18 of Channelview for Aggravated Robbery and the recovery of an AR-15 style rifle believed to have been used in the robbery. Gallegos is a former Channelview High School student. according to authorities.

Gallegos was transported to the Harris County Jail and will be extradited back to Liberty

"We would like to extend a special thank you to Harris County Pct.3 Assistant Chief Rick Larkin, Corporal Steven Dugat and the members of their Criminal Investigation Unit " said Dayton Police Chief Robert Vine. "Working together makes all of our communities safer."

Authorities said that three persons were involved in perpetrating the robbery. They entered the store at the rear, carrying



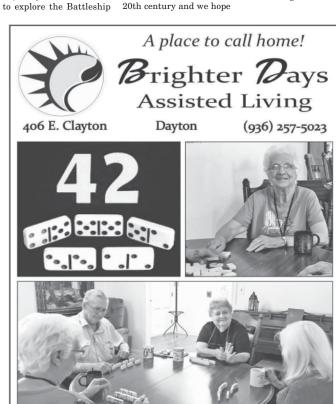
DANIEL GALLEGOS

weapons, and threatened the clerk on duty. The ordered him to open the register, where they took cash, and tobacco products.

They left through the rear, and escaped in a grey or white Ford SUV with a spare tire on the right rear.

Police were able to identify and arrest a second suspect, Gregorio Tapio, 18, of Dayton on Monday, July 29, and are still looking for the third person involved.

If convicted the suspects fact five to 99 years in jail, and a fine up to



There's always a good game of 42 happening at Brighter Days.

♥ OPINION PAGE ★



Social Security Matters

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Ask Rusty – About Survivor Benefits

American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I am looking for information on my benefits. I am 60 years and 5 months old, and still employed. My spouse died in 2017 and would have been 61 years and 9 months old on July 31, 2019. My husband was the more highly compensated employee and was employed longer than myself. Signed: A Survivor

Dear Survivor: You are

because you are now 60

but that survivor benefit

eligible for a survivor benefit from your

deceased husband

will be considerably reduced (by about 28.5%) if you take it now. The survivor benefit is reduced if taken before your widow's full retirement age (which is 66? for you). Taken at your widow's full retirement age (FRA) you'd be entitled to 100% of the benefit your deceased husband had earned at his passing But if you take the survivor benefit now before your normal full retirement age (66 years and 10 months) - and you are working you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings limit." If you exceed the limit, it will cause Social Security to withhold some of your survivor benefits. The 2019 earnings limit is \$17,640 and it will increase slightly each year until the year you reach your normal FRA, when it will increase by about 2? times; then when you reach your normal FRA there is no earnings limit. What all of that means is that if you take the survivor benefit now and continue to work and earn, your survivor benefit will be reduced from what it could be, and Social Security will you exceed the earnings limit (they'll take back \$1 for every \$2 you are over

Assuming you have earned the requisite 40 credits from your own career, you will be eligible for your own

the limit).

retirement benefit at age 62, though your own benefit would also be reduced if you take it early (the reduction for our own benefit at age 62 will be about 29.2%). Since at 62 you will have a choice to take either the survivor benefit or your own benefit, you may want to set a goal of getting the highest possible benefit for the rest of your life. To do that I suggest you determine whether the maximum benefit you can get on your own work record (at age 70) is more than the maximum survivor benefit vou can get at your widow's FRA, and then follow a strategy which yields the highest benefit. You can get those numbers by contacting Social Security directly and asking for your own Statement of Estimated Benefits, and also asking for what your maximum survivor benefit will be. You can get the statement for vour own estimated benefits online by creating a "My Social Security" account, but you will need to contact Social Security directly to get your maximum survivor benefit amount.

Once you are 62, you will have a choice of which benefit to choose and when to choose it. So, if your own SS benefit on your own work record will be more at age 70 than your survivor benefit will be at your widow's FRA, you should consider taking the survivor benefit first and delaying your own benefit until it reaches maximum, at which point you would switch to your own benefit. However, If your own maximum benefit at age 70 will be less than the maximum survivor benefit you can get at your widow's full retirement age, then you may wish to wait until you reach your widow's full retirement age (66 ?) to claim the maximum survivor benefit. If you wait until your widow's FRA to claim the maximum survivor benefit, and you need additional income while you're waiting, you can claim only your own SS benefit at age 62 but remember that if you do so the earnings limit will still apply to your own SS retirement benefit until you reach your normal full retirement age.



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Dusty Surprises

The surprises just kept

When I moved in with Peter a few years back, I brought my clothes, a few books, and some artwork. I rented out my house, gave away my furniture, and everything else was consigned to "things I'll deal with later," a pile which—mysteriously—did not shrink with time. These stacked plastic boxes were still in my barn, still waiting for me, long after I'd forgotten what was in them or cared.

But I am going to put the property up for sale and it was time for a reckoning with the barn. It took two dumpsters, four days, and two hardworking guys from the appropriately named, "Git-er-Gone Junk & Clutter Removal," to see it to the end.

And, yes, I did think, "Why

and, yes, I did think, why not just dump it all, sight unseen?"

But then, what to do with all the surprises found in the boxes of photos and letters and trinkets? Obviously, most of them would be thrown away, recycled, or given to the thrift store. But what about that piece of blown glass from Norway, the postcard from grandpa when he served overseas, the bright red wool jacketh andsewn by my aunt that was still stylish. Anyone who's done this knows—it's

not that easy.
So, I piled a few boxes in my car ("kicking the can down the road" Peter called it, "saving my sanity," is how I described it) to sort through after everything else was out of the barn.

Yesterday I sorted through

a box entirely filled with letters. I discovered that I had saved every postcard and letter I had received since childhood. No, I did not read every one. It turns out that descriptions of what happened in school or how someone spent their vacation makes for extraordinarily dull reading forty years later. But I sampled a few letters in each of the neatly stacked piles that filled the huge storage box before I put them in recycling.

"Oh my gosh," I kept saying, "I had forgotten about that entirely."

I forgot my younger sister wrote to me with such regularity when I went away to college. I forgot friends I'd spent a summer with and never saw again. I forgot the letters sent by a friend after our little high school group went off to college and he was left alone, still living at home. I'm living in the Twilight

I'm living in the Twilight Zone, he wrote, and don't even have Rod Serling to comfort me. To the obvious response, "Meet new people," I can only remind you of the great difficulty I have in doing just that."

that."

But, I have a solution, the letter went on, I'm going to marry a princess of some European country that they forgot to tell us about in 11th grade. Maybe it didn't fight in either of the world wars, or is really small. Anyway, I going to find this country, marry this princess and show all you women a thing or two. So

My heart hurt, reading this forty-year-old letter. I wondered if I wrote back. I hoped he was doing well. Then I realized, (unlike forty years ago) this was relatively easy to determine. I logged onto Facebook.

And there he was, looking remarkably the same—but with a smiling dark-haired wife and two grown daughters and what appeared to be a very happy life.

As the last pile of letters went into the bin, I stood still for a moment and smiled with dusty hands and a full heart. "You didn't need Rod Serling after all," I thought.

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com or www.Facebook.com/CarrieClassonauthor.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Officials meet to discuss public safety following deadly shooting in El Paso

AUSTIN — Following the Aug. 3 shooting that claimed the lives of 22 people and injured 24 others at a popular El Paso shopping venue, Gov. Greg Abbott and a group of officials met in the border city to discuss ways to address violence.

Joined by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, state Sen. Jose Rodriguez, and area state Reps. Cesar Blanco, Art Fierro, Mary Gonzales, Joe Moody and Lina Ortega, Abbott and the group talked about how to improve public safety.

"The entire state of Texas continues to grieve the tragedy in El Paso," Abbott said. "While our hearts remain broken, it is our responsibility to show the resolve that is needed to address this shooting and begin the process of working together to lay a groundwork of how we are going to respond. The people of Texas including the people of El Paso - deserve to be safe and it is our responsibility to ensure that safety," he added.

Sen. Rodríguez, in a statement on behalf of the El Paso legislative delegation, said: "State leaders pledged to work with the El Paso delegation to address gun nationalism. We all agreed that gun violence and white nationalism are pressing issues. Gov. Abbott, in his remarks. was frank about calling the shooter a white supremacist and his actions domestic terrorism. All leaders, from local to state to federal, must reject the ideology of white supremacy.'

Abbott announced the state would provide more than \$5 million in immediate financial assistance through the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Public Safety Office for law enforcement agencies and the community of El Paso.

According to a governor's office news release, the financial assistance will take these forms:

 Psychological first aid and crisis counseling;



— Behavioral health services, including needs assessments, strategic planning and care coordination with local service providers;

— County reimbursements for expert witness and juror fees, investigation, increased security and more:

— School-based mental health services to support students affected directly or indirectly and referrals for youths with certain behavioral health and psychological needs;

— Post-critical incident seminars, emphasizing peer support to assist first responders suffering from traumatic stress; and

— The establishment of a "family resiliency center" to be a focal point for community services including mental health needs, legal services, faithbased assistance and public information.

NEW ACCESSIBILI-TY RULES SET

House Bill 3163, establishing new rules for accessible parking spaces in Texas, will become law Sept. 1.

According to a governor's office news release, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation will draft rules that implement the legislation to amend Government Code Sec. 469.052, as follows:

 The international access symbol must be painted on the parking space;

— The words "NO PARKING" must be painted on access aisles next to accessible parking spaces;

— The signs marking accessible parking spaces must include the penalty for parking illegally in the space. Fines and towing are examples of possible

penalties.

Notably, current signs and parking spaces do not need changes until the new rules go into effect. The new rules will be open to receive comment in the Texas Register after drafting and approval, and importantly, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation anticipates the rules to take effect near mid-2020.

TAX REVENUE IS DISTRIBUTED



Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 7 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$876.8 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of August. That is 4 percent more than the amount distributed in August 2018.

Allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Details on sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts can be found online in the comptroller's monthly sales tax allocation comparison summary reports at comptroller.texas.gov.

BATTLESHIP VISITS TO STOP

The Battleship Texas State Historic Site in La Porte will close to the public Aug. 26, allowing staff and contractors full accessibility to the ship to safely perform necessary preparation work ahead of a repair project.

The last day the public may explore the 573-foot dreadnought-class vessel will be Aug. 25, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced Aug. 7.

During the closure, thousands of artifacts on board the Texas will be catalogued and secured and exhibit collections removed before it is towed to another site for repair.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit



Draft Permit No.: O612

Application and Draft Permit. Targa Midstream Services LLC, 811 Louisiana St Ste 2100, Houston, TX 77002-1446, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a significant revision of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O612, Application No. 28740, to authorize operation of the Mont Belvieu Fractionator, a Natural Gas Extraction facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 10319 Highway 146 in Mont Belvieu, Chambers County, Texas 77580. 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 the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index. html?lat=29.84&lng=-94.90056&zoom=13&type=r. This application was received by the TCEQ on March 14, 2019. The significant revision will result in a change of emissions for the following air pollutant(s): carbon monoxide: increase, oxides of nitrogen: increase, volatile organic compounds: increase, particulate matter: increase, sulfur dioxide: increase, hazardous air pollutants: increase, ammonia: increase, carbon dioxide: increase, methane: increase, nitrous oxide: increase, carbon dioxide equivalent: increase.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452; and the West Chambers Courthouse Annex, 10616 Eagle Dr, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523-7600, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239 2900.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

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Further information may also be obtained for Targa Midstream Services LLC by calling Mr. Jeff Myhra at (713) 584-1597.

Notice Issuance Date: August 1, 2019

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit



Draft Permit No.: O615

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Now Anthony lives with his Shih Tzu named Petey at Ozark, Missouri, near Branson. He is proud of his four children, saying that he and his eldest son are the first ever such duo to perform together at Branson. On the afternoon we talked he was preparing to mow his lawn.

In addition to his show in Liberty, other performances are in Conroe's Crighton theatre Aug 24th, an October stint in Ireland; and a Time-Life Rock and Roll specialty cruise on Holland-America Lines in November. It's been sold

out almost a year. For reservations call 936-336-5830.

Three Drown,

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with a 10 year old male child were able to make it back to shore with help from nearby good samari-

Tragically, the three remaining children: a 13 year old girl, and two boys aged 11 and 7 were seen by bystanders going under water and not resurfacing. An immediate search of the area waters began and all three of the children were eventually recovered a short distance from where they were last seen.

Chambers County Justice of the Peace Larry Cryer pronounced all three children deceased at the scene and ordered autopsies to be conducted by the Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office.

The investigation in to this devastating incident is ongoing and the names of the deceased will be released at a later time once

made to take care of the family and contact is made with other immediate rel-

"I would like to thank Sheriff Ed Gonzalez and members of the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Port of Houston Authority, the LaPorte Police Departmennt, the Houston Fire Department and all othe first responders who worked collectively throughout the evening on this incident. The assistance and dedication of all first responders was instrumental in the recovery of the victims and in helping to care for the family members", said Sheriff Hawthorne.

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Stendra 200mg	16	\$260.00	Spiriva Respimat 2.5mcg
Spiriva 18mcq	90	\$190.00	Namenda 10 mg
Advair 250mcg/50mcg	180 ds	\$205.00	Prempro 0.3mg/1.5mg
Vagifem 10mcg	24	\$115.00	Estring 7.5mcg/24hr
Premarin 0.625mg	84	\$95.00	Restasis 0.05 %
Combinent 18mcg/103mcg	600 ds	\$140.00	Combigan 0.2%/0.5%
Symbicart 160mcg/4.5mcg	360 ds	\$215.00	Azilect 1mg
Entocort 3mg	100	\$130.00	Janumet 50mg/1000mg
Januvia 100mg	84	\$260.00	Lumigan 0.01%
Aggrenax 200mg/25mg	200	\$140.00	Flovent HFA 110mcg
Abilify 5mg	84	\$140.00	
Colcrys 0.6mg	100	\$110.00	✓ Over 1500 Medicatio
Ventolin 90mcq	600 ds	\$80.00	✓ Price Match Guarante ✓ Call for Free Price Qu
Vytorin 10mg/40mg	90	\$155.00	✓ Prescriptions Require

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Tax Holiday,

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One store worker volunteered that the notebooks she was standing near for \$2.48 had been \$2.20 regular price last week. On the other hand, notebooks that were regular 79¢ were on sale for 50¢. "They move prices, locations and stuff around a lot," she said.

A grocery store manager in Crosby said, "What do I care about a sales tax free weekend, anymore. We used to carry items for each school in packages, specific to every school but now only big box stores do that. It encourages their monopoly."

But that system has been replaced with the pupils and students getting their requirements specified on-line so that wherever they go they simply have to look for the items required.

items required.

"It wouldn't be such a joke if the cut off wasn't at a hundred, about the time you spend anything at all-'Oops, it isn't tax free,' best of all they included electronics where are you gonna' buy a lap top that is worth anything for less than a hundred bucks?"

But, a store clerk when asked if electronics were tax free that weekend peered at a piece of paper and said, "They are not on the list, so i isn't tax free."

This reporter bought some White-Out and a set of ink pens, the White-Out drew the

A young couple briskly strode out of a local store, herding school aged children, pushing a capacity cart and when called out to ask if they had saved on back to school with the tax free holiday answered, "We didn't know about it and from the money we just spent it didn't make

any difference."

Similarly, another couple with a elementary aged boy and a packed grocery cart answered, "We didn't notice anything at all, and we just did our \$400 big back to school special buy. We maybe saved about \$0.96 on a backpack."

One local business man said, "There's not enough savings for me to fight with the type of folks willing to fight folks over saving a few bucks." Another stated, "Yeah,

Another stated, "Yeah, people like to save money. Where is the human interest in that? I gotta' say notebooks is all I saved on and my kid said I got the wrong kind."

Another friend answered, "The crowds aren't worth the \$8 per \$100 savings."

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Another friendly couple answered, "We did all our back to school a week ago to avoid the crowd."

Yet there are those that maintain an optimistic ast equally opportunistic attitude, "Ilove the back to school tax free weekend. Unless you go to a popular mall like Baybrook the crowds arn't bad. Stores have excellent sales on top of the tax break. I actually plan for this weekend way is redware."

in advance."
It would be enough to hear all this but add to the fact that this reporter was booted from the local Wal-Mart and told that I would have to check with Wal-Mart's Corporate Office to ask questions.
Didn't call them.

Signal Timing,

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CROSBY - Soon locals here are going to get fed up with roadways north and south, east and west that have stopped functioning as they once had and now result

in traffic jams.

A couple of horrible accidents on the IH-10 bridge over the San Jacinto poined out that their is not enough signal time for very many if any to turn left onto US 90. Complaints went to TxDOT and they changed the signal times for the intersection of the Beaumont Highway and Main Street in Crosby

In turn, the traffic began to back up for miles into Crosby at the intersection for southbound vehicles. These things are hard to regulate.

According to Danny Perez, Public Information Officer Houston District of Texas Department of Transportation, "It is always our goal to address the concerns of the community. In this case some modifications to the timing of the signal helped to improve traffic flow in the area. We will continue to monitor traffic conditions in case further adjustments are needed."

Crosby Hero,

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ranged in ability from being only able to tell if someone was having a heart attack to being able to read rhythms and irregularities.

It began with a personal note for Scott, his son Cody died in May of 2012 from sudden death. His last words to his father were "Go big or go home"

House Bill 76 was passed at the end of the Legislative Session this year under the leadership of Representative Dan Huberty R. and State Senator Carol Alvarado D.

The Big Event, the Cody
Stephens Memorial Foundation Fund-raiser is this Saturday and a few seats can still
be found, although the venue
has sold out of the presumed
600 seats at the Southern
Lace Estates on Indian

Shores Road.
Stephens stated, "I think we are going to try to raise about \$270,000 for all that we have set out to do this year including putting C.P.R. machines with the trainers."



ReACTin a Heartbeat, teaches over 200 youngsters to perform C.P.R. on test dummies in one of the class settings. The life saving skill is known to add a 25% chance of survival to those that need the act following some trauma if performed in time.

Waste Pits,

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Jackie reported that in a discussion she had with the new acting director of EPA/ Region 6, David Gray, she was able to make the point that THEA/SJRC felt that the PRP work now being conducted should be monitored and inspected by an independent third party.

third party.

CONCERN FOR SEMI

ACCIDENT DAMAGE
The semi-truck that went over the railing on June 27 and landed in the river, was very close to the perimeter of the waste pits site. EPA took

sonar readings on July 10th of the cap after the truck was removed, and reported that no damage was detected. They furnished a map showing two profiles they had which showed no change in the cap or the outline of the pits. Jackie questioned whether the technique used and the scope was adequate, noting that in 2015 after the tax day flood, divers discovered a 22x25 gap in the membrane that had been missed by other techniques.



TxDOT workers inspect the damaged railing and view the 18-wheeler lying in the river, near the Waste Pits.

CONQUERING DIABETES: Angels Care provides tips on how to prevent and take control of the disease.

Diabetes is a chronic condition that affects more than 12 million people who are 65 years and older, so chances are high that many seniors in our community have the disease or at least know someone with it. Diabetes is characterized by having too much glucose, or sugar, in the blood is okay, but too much sugar is dangerous.

Our bodies get glucose – or sugar – primarily from the foods we eat. If our body works the way it should, glucose moves from our bloodstream into our cells where it is converted into energy. Insulin is a hormone that helps facilitate this process. Unfortunately, our body doesn't always work the way we want it to. Diabetes sets in when we don't make enough insulin or the insulin doesn't work the way it should, and too much sugar stays in the blood.

Diabetes can cause serious damage to the body if not managed properly, contributing to heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, blindness, kidney disease, and amputation. In fact, nearly 30 million people who have diabetes as a primary condition need emergency care, reports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It's a disease that requires a tremendous amount of monitoring and self-care.

Following is more information about the types of Diabetes, tips on how to prevent the disease, as well as management strategies if you or a loved one already have or have been diagnosed with Diabetes so that you can take control of it, avoid emergency care, and enjoy an active, independent lifestyle.

Types of Diabetes
With type 1 diabetes, the
body does not make insulin.
A person who has type 1
diabetes must take insulin

daily to live. Type 1 diabetes accounts for about 5 to 10 percent of diagnosed diabetes in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health. It develops most often in children and young adults but can appear at any age. Symptoms may include increased thirst and urination, constant hunger, weight loss, blurred vision, and extreme fatigue. If not diagnosed and treated with insulin, a person with type 1 diabetes can lapse into a life-threatening diabetic coma. We have no control over this type of diabetes.

With type 2 diabetes, which is the more common type, the body does not make or use insulin well. Often by making healthier lifestyle choices, such as losing weight or exercising or eating healthier foods, we can keep the disease from worsening and damaging our bodies.

Type 2 diabetes is most

Type 2 diabetes is most often associated with older age, obesity, family history of diabetes, previous history of gestational diabetes, physical inactivity, and certain ethnicities. About 80 percent of people with type 2 diabetes are overweight or obese, reports the National Institutes of Health.

The symptoms of type 2 diabetes are similar to those of type 1 diabetes, but they develop gradually. Symptoms may include fatigue, frequent urination, increased thirst and hunger, weight loss, blurred vision, and slow healing of wounds or sores. Some people have no symptoms.

Prevention and Management Strategies

The good news is that there is a lot that can be done to prevent or delay diabetes. Studies show that people can lower their risk of developing diabetes by losing 5 to 7 percent of their body weight through diet and exercise. In fact, a major study of more than 3,000 people with prediabetes found that diet

and exercise resulting in a 5 to 7 percent weight loss (that's about 10 to 14 pounds in a person who weighs 200 pounds) lowered the incidence of type 2 diabetes by nearly 60 percent. Study participants lost weight by cutting fat and calories in their diet and by exercising at least 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Walking was the exercise of choice.

•Exercise. Choose an activity you enjoy (such as walking or swimming) and do it for about 30 minutes a daymost days of the week. Check with your health care provider before starting an exercise program.

•Eat healthy. Load up on fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy sources, and lean protein. Incorporate more fish, beans, peas, nuts and seeds into your diet and experiment with seasonings such as cinnamon.

•Lose weight if needed.
Just a 5 percent weight loss
is proven to help prevent or
delay the onset of type
2diabetes.

•Stay on top of your regular screenings, including eye exams. Know your blood sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol, and BMI.

•Take medications for diabetes and other chronic conditions as prescribed by your health care provider.

• Quit smoking. It increases your risk of diabetes and makes it more difficult to manage the disease if you have it.

Exercise, a healthy diet and weight loss play a tremendous role in helping someone prevent or manage their diabetes. The key is to make gradual lifestyle changes.

If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with the disease, contact Angels Care Home Health at 281-427-3510 or visit angelscarehealth.com to find out how we can help you stay healthy at home or the benefits of home health care service. At Angels Care...We Serve Patients.





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