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COVID-19
Cases as of
April 14, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

5,629 POSITIVE
96 DEATHS
1052 RECOVERED

TEXAS

14,275 POSITIVE
305 DEATHS
Recoveries Not Reported

UNITED STATES

572,689 POSITIVE
23,134 DEATHS
43,482 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

1,978,769 POSITIVE
125,196 DEATHS
470,747 RECOVERED

Crosby EMS is Front Line against Virus

CROSBY - Crews of first responders are thrust into the front lines of the war on COVID-19. Locally, Harris County ESD #5, Crosby's ambulance service, (ESD#5,) are medical troopers working with local fire departments and law enforcement for the safety of our community.

Asking Medical Chief and Director of Operations Christy Graves, CCEMT-P how are treatments and procedures changing nowadays will get this response, "So, we are having to maintain our normal emergency response work and also respond to sick and possible COVID-19 positive patients. We have had to stay alert as well as change our protocols often, sometimes daily, in order to provide the best care for



This accident occurred on US Hwy 90 Westbound at Janacek Rd. at 12:38 pm on April 6, 2020. One patient endured entrapment, calling into play an array of first responders, equipment and subsequently a Life Flight was made to rescue a mother. Call volume overall for Harris County ESD #5, Crosby's ambulance service, decreased since the beginning of the quarantine. But motor vehicle accidents remained consistent.

all citizens during this pandemic. This includes the PPE we wear to protect everybody because of how close we interview the patients. Obviously, we have to touch people to provide emergency care. We have developed very stringent guidelines to do this including limiting the number of care providers inside the ambulance with patients. We are no longer allowing extra riders including family members to increase safety. The driver of the ambulance is also completely sealed off from the rear area of the ambulance. This creates a closed ventilation system to help in decontamination of the ambulances."

Asking how these

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★ **COMMUNITY NEWS** ★

San Jacinto River Coalition holds virtual meeting

HIGHLANDS – The San Jacinto River Coalition and its sister organization, THEA held its monthly meeting last Tuesday night by video instead of its usual in-person meet.

The group had skipped its March meeting due to the scheduled wedding of its president, Jackie Young (now Young Medcalf). Then they were faced with the inability to have its April meeting at the community center, due to the lockdown of county facilities because of the Covid-19 flu epidemic. Undaunted, Ms. Medcalf recorded a report which included news of the SJR Waste Pits, the Superfund Jones Road site in Cypress, and even her wedding.

A major question on the minds of many of the Coalition members, and others in the community, is whether the Covid-19 lockdown will affect the schedule of removal of the waste pits. Jackie has discussed



Jackie Young Medcalf on THEA video report.

this with the EPA project manager, Gary Baumgarten, and reports that work is continuing at the EPA, the engineering consultants, and even on-site remedial repair work. There is no indication of a major delay in the milestone dates of the project, he said.

On-site work is in the river just beyond the north edge of the cap, where the storm Imelda caused erosion of the river bed. Contractors are repairing and restoring much of the material that washed away, to protect the cap. The com-

pany in charge of the on-site work has submitted an addendum to their Health and Safety work plan to the EPA, indicating additional protection for their workers from the Covid-19 virus.

THEA's short term goal is to protect the public and the environment from any contamination from the toxins in the waste pits. Their long-term goal, Jackie says, is to continue work on removal and relocation and storage of the dioxins and other toxic materials.

The work plan called for a 30% Design Report by the end of May for the North impoundment, but even though it may be ready, due to the lockdown that prohibits groups of more than 10, the EPA has indicated that they will not make a quarterly report in person to the Highlands and Channelview communities, as originally planned.

Workers on the site have discovered that some of the waste pits are deeper than originally thought. Instead of 12 to 14 feet, some areas of the site have toxins as deep as 25 feet. Since this means more material must be removed, the EPA indicates the removal process will take longer, perhaps 4 years instead of 2. This will require additional negotiations with the Responsible Parties.

The coalition was also concerned about a new Corps of Engineers permit, that will allow TxDOT to contract to build new bumpers and supports to protect the IH-10 bridge from accidents that have shut it down twice this year. The permit states that new Dolphin structures, or bumpers, will be built to replace the three in place that are severely damaged, and new fender piling under the bridge for additional support.

Harris County Attorney ready to take on price gouging

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan has set up a website for residents to file complaints about price gouging.

During a disaster, the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act makes it illegal for a company to sell or lease fuel, food, medicine, lodging, building materials, construction tools, or another necessity at an exorbitant or excessive price.

"Unfortunately, there seem to always be people who will take advantage of a crisis situation," said County Attorney Ryan. "Our office wants you to reach out to us to let us know about a price goug-

ing situation."

The County Attorney's website explains the details you need to provide to file a complaint. It explains the process the Office will use to investigate a complaint and how it will be dealt with if it is determined that price gouging occurred.

Since the COVID-19 emergency declaration was issued, the County Attorney's Office has received 115 price gouging complaints. Thirty-five have been investigated. Each case is looked at individually. Investigators will contact a store and determine how much a store paid for

an item and how much they are marking it up. Some products are more expensive for a store to purchase now; higher prices are not necessarily price gouging. Five cease and desist letters have been issued so far. If a company refuses to comply with the letter, a lawsuit may be filed.

The County Attorney's website with information on price gouging is:

www.harriscountycas.org/coronavirus-consumer-complaints.

You can file a complaint from that website or email: ConsumerHelp@cao.hctx.net.

COUNTY TALK

Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo

Harris County Surpassing 1,000 Cases of COVID-19, 13 Fatalities

"Today, our county reached a grim milestone. Within Harris County, including the City of Houston, more than 1,000 residents have now tested positive. Deaths have now entered the double-digits - 13 people have had their lives stolen by COVID-19. We know it is easy to feel powerless against this virus, an invisible force responsible for so much hardship across our region.

The truth is, we are not powerless. For those of you at home, distancing and protecting your community - thank you. That simple act of staying physically apart from others is making a difference by saving lives - among the vulnerable and strong alike. Those same actions will help us get past this surge in cases sooner so that we can go back to normal and our economy can get back on track as soon as possible. As we have with every other challenge we have faced, we will emerge stronger when this is over- but the only way to get there is together."

Temporary Closure Of State Historic Sites

Gov. Greg Abbott has directed the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to close all historic sites as part of the state's efforts to strengthen social distancing practices and prevent gatherings of large groups of people. Our State Historic Sites are closed to the public and will reopen at the direction of the governor.



San Jacinto Park

"Social distancing is our best tool to curb the spread of COVID-19 and save lives," said Gov. Abbott. "The temporary closure of our state parks and historic sites will help us achieve this goal by preventing the gathering of large groups of people. I urge all Texans to continue to stay at home

except for essential services as we respond to COVID-19. By following these social distance practices, we will overcome this challenge together."

As an alternative to visiting a historic site, the Texas Historical Commission is providing free online

resources about Texas history, preservation, and heritage tourism.

Go to Texas History at Home to view resources for students, teachers, and history-lovers to engage with the people, places, and stories of the Lone Star State.

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ROUND-UP

CORVID-19 CASES CHAMBERS COUNTY

As of April 13, 2020

Confirmed-29
Recovered-10
Hospitalized-1
Tested-365

East Chambers-4
Med Chambers-7
West Chambers-18

Controversy surrounds May 2 BHISD and Mont Belvieu elections

The city of Mont Belvieu is planning an election on May 2nd for Mayor and 2 councilmen, and the Barbers Hills ISD school district is planning an election that same day for their \$277.5 million Bond Referendum and two school board seats. Voting is in person, and by mail-in ballots, which are being encouraged.

Because of the "lockdown" ordered by County officials, and an executive order from Governor Abbott telling governments and districts that they should move their May 2nd elections to November to avoid health problems and voter intimidation in May, several politicians have criticized or questioned the wisdom of the two entities in Mont Belvieu continuing their scheduled elections on May 2.

State Representatives Mayes Middleton, and Briscoe Cain, have said the elections should be moved, while City Manager Nathan Watkins and School Superintendent Greg Poole have defended the date as legal and needed early.

Voters may apply for a mail-in ballot until April 20 at www.montbelvieu.net/ election. Early voting starts April 20 to April 28, at the BHISD conference center at 9600 Eagle Drive.

Construction of FM 1409 new extension begins



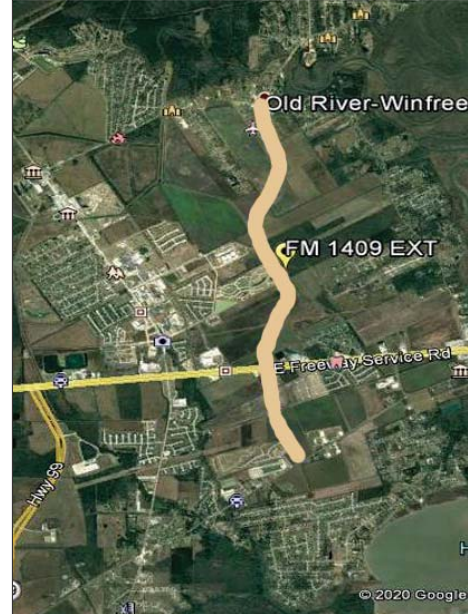
Front (L-R) County Engineer Cory Taylor and Commissioner Pct. 3 Gary Nelson on the back a Texas Sterling foreman at the groundbreaking of the new construction.

Mont Belvieu, Texas - The FM 1409 extension has officially started construction last Monday, April 6, 2020. The new road will extend FM 1409 from FM 565 in Old River to FM 565 in Cove. The extension will provide a two-lane undivided highway which will eventually cross over 1-10. Phase 1 of the

project consists of both FM 1409 from N. FM 565 to IH 10 westbound frontage road and FM 1409 from IH 10 eastbound frontage road S FN 565; which is slated to be completed by November of 2021. Phase 2 consists of the FM 1409 Bridge; which will be out for bid this year. The project manager is Dan-

nenbaum Engineering and Texas Sterling is the contractor.

"I have been working on this project for many years and it is rewarding to see it in the final stages. This is going to open up the City and provide needed traffic relief on Eagle Drive as well as other North/South corridors," said Commis-



Map shows new FM 1409 extension.

sioner Pct. 3 Gary Nelson. Judge Jimmy Sylvia commented that, "This project has been a long

time coming. I am proud of my team that have worked tirelessly to push it to fruition."

United Way of Baytown and Chambers County respond to COVID-19

Baytown, Texas— (April 1, 2020) – United Way of Greater Baytown Area and Chambers County (UWGBACC) has supported the community in many ways including program funding for local agencies and Hurricane Harvey disaster relief. Today, the community is facing a new disaster: Coronavirus, a health crisis with added negative economic affects that could be long lasting. United Ways across the globe are stepping up to this new challenge, including YOUR United Way. "Our community has been through a lot in the past few years," said UWGBACC'S Board President, Nick Woolery, "and together we will get through this new crisis."

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, UWGBACC is in communication with volunteer leadership, community leaders and service providers. We began weekly virtual meetings with local nonprofit organizations and other response groups. We are actively collecting information about the need for resources and services and will work with local agencies to help meet the needs. Together, we will coordinate resources for local families and individuals impacted by the health crisis and coinciding financial fears we are facing today and for the immediate future.

United Way of Greater

Baytown Area & Chambers County:

- Has established the COVID-19 Emergency Fund, <https://www.unitedwaygbacc.org/give>. UWGBACC is raising funds to help alleviate the burden it has on individuals' well-being and basic needs. This fund is beyond the annual fundraising effort which will still need everyone's support;

- Has established a resource page at www.unitedwaygbacc.org/covid-19-updates-and-resources that includes scheduled food distribution;

- Is in communication with local nonprofit partners to get frequent updates on current demands for service;

- Is providing updates to 2-1-1 Texas, a free helpline, to increase accuracy on currently available resources; and
- Is promoting volunteer opportunities, which are limited due to this crisis.

Even with the Stay Home order in place, there are ways you can help the community get through this crisis:

- Make a financial donation by giving online at www.unitedwaygbacc.org/give, or send a check to UWGBACC, 5309 Decker Dr, Baytown, TX 77520, or call 281-424-5922 for assistance in making your gift. Funds raised will be granted to

local agencies who are responding to the community needs during this crisis.

- When you hear of someone in need, refer them to 2-1-1. This is a free call-in referral program that will help people navigate available resources. UWGBACC is actively working with local nonprofits to keep this information up to date.

- Purchase hygiene items, diapers, and school supplies and have them sent directly to UWGBACC, 5309 Decker Dr, Baytown, TX 77520. Items will be given to local agencies to distribute. An updated list of needs can be found on the resource page at www.unitedwaygbacc.org/covid-19-updates-and-resources, or call 281-424-5922 for assistance in making your gift.

- Consider how you can volunteer. The food distribution is a no contact volunteer opportunity. You could also host a virtual school supply or hygiene drive by using Amazon Smiles or other similar services. Register to volunteer online at volunteer.unitedwaygbacc.org/ or call UWGBACC at 281-424-5922 to coordinate a drive.

Everyone is feeling the effects of COVID-19. It is time to LIVE UNITED. Do your part to support our community during this crisis and beyond!

Chambers County Youth Livestock Show and Ranch Rodeo cancelled

Amidst the threat of COVID-19, and to be consistent with orders from the Governor of the State of Texas, which are based upon recommendations of the CDC and the President of the United States, Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia has cancelled the yearly, county-sponsored Chambers County Youth Livestock Show and Ranch Rodeo (CCYLSRR).

Rather than meet in person, the CCYLSRR is planning on conducting an online auction. This will allow the students who have worked hard all year to recoup something during this crisis. The County will be encouraging community members to participate in the auction to help the students. At this time, the date of the auction has not been set, but details will be forthcoming.

Sylvia originally felt that postponing the event would be the safest measure to take, but as the COVID-19 crisis has unfolded, things have drastically changed. "The COVID-19 threat is a very fluid situation. A few weeks ago we thought the

crisis may be over by April when the President released '15 Days to Slow the Spread', stated Sylvia. "Now we are being told this may last much longer than originally anticipated," he added.

Health Department Director, Mary Beth Bess, and Local Health Authority, Dr. William C. Brown, agree that life returning to "normal" may not be as close as we all originally thought. "Protective measures may be in place for quite some time to come. Predicting what that may look like is difficult at this time," stated Health Department Director Mary Beth Bess. "Protecting our community and you is the number one priority of local officials in Chambers County," she added.

Judge Jimmy Sylvia added, "This is an international crisis. COVID-19 respects no person and has no boundaries. We have to take measures to protect everyone, so that one day we can all return to life as normal and enjoy this wonderful community together."

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital recognizes three Nurses as DAISY Award Winners

BAYTOWN — (March 20, 2019) — Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital recognized three nurses as winners of the March 2020 DAISY Awards.

Christina Arredondo (2 North) and Ahalam Elquza (2 East) and Jaci Skrabanek (3 West) were recognized as the DAISY Award winners in March. The DAISY Award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the "super-human" tasks nurses perform every day. Community Resource Credit Union serves as the sponsor of the DAISY Award program at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital.

Arredondo was nominated by a patient with a terminal illness and dealing with chronic pain, who wrote, "She is truly an angel. Her compassionate care and her knowledge and willingness to listen make her a

hero." In her nominating letter, Elquza is described as a "ray of sunshine" and "a nurse who dispenses comfort, compassion and caring without a prescription."

A patient praised Skrabanek by writing, "she always had a smile on her face and made time to listen to my jokes. I never felt unsafe or uncomfortable with her as my nurse."

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, Calif., and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died in 1999 at the age of 33 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this



Arredondo

unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families. Each month, a nurse is selected by a nursing committee to receive the DAISY Award.

At a presentation in front of the nurse's colleagues, physicians, patients, and visitors, the honorees receive a certificate commending them for



Elquza

being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." The honorees are also given a beautiful sculpture called A Healer's Touch; hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe of Zimbabwe, Africa.

One day while Barnes was in



Skrabanek

the hospital, he asked his family to bring him a Cinnabon cinnamon roll plus enough for all the nurses in his unit. With the help of Cinnabon's parent company, FOCUS Brands, the DAISY Foundation carries on this tradition by serving Cinnabons to all the nurses in the award recipient's unit in thanks for everything they do for their patients and families.

Bonnie Barnes, president and co-founder of the DAISY Foundation, stated, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide acutely ill patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do. The kind of work the nurses at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of the DAISY Award."

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY Award program. Nurses are heroes every day, and given the current national nursing shortage, the DAISY Award plays an important role in letting our nurses know their work is highly valued.

★ OPINION PAGE ★

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

State-private partnership to speed up production of masks

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on April 8 announced a partnership between the Texas Military Department and Prestige Ameritech to increase production of personal protective equipment for health care workers.

Prestige Ameritech, with a 220,000-square-foot plant in North Richland Hills near Fort Worth, is the United States' largest domestic surgical mask manufacturer. The company's 24-hour operation will be staffed in part by members of the Texas National Guard 36th Infantry Division, enabling the production of an estimated 2 million surgical face masks per week.

Joining Abbott in making the announcement were Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt, Texas Division of Emergency



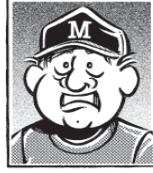
Management Chief Nim Kidd and University of Texas System Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs John Zerwas.

Abbott announced on April 6 that Texas had received 2.5 million masks in the previous 24 hours and would receive an additional 3 million masks by April 11. The governor's office also provided a region-by-region weekly breakdown of personal protective equipment that had been distributed: masks, face shields, gloves, gowns and coveralls.

In other action, Abbott announced on April 9 an emergency rule adopted by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to temporarily allow more nurse aides to serve residents in long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 response. Under the rule, nursing facil-

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ities may hire people to provide nurse aide services without having to complete a full certification program in their first four months of employment. This action will expand the eligible pool of direct-care workers and help long-term care providers who may face critical staffing shortages, Abbott said.

According to figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services at noon on April 12, some 13,484 people in Texas had been diagnosed with deadly coronavirus -- COVID-19 -- and 271 deaths resulting from the disease had been confirmed.

Governor closes parks
Gov. Abbott on April 7 di-

rected the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to close all state parks and historic sites indefinitely as part of the state's efforts to strengthen social distancing practices and prevent gatherings of large groups of people.

Historic sites and state parks will reopen at the direction of the governor.

"Social distancing is our best tool to curb the spread of COVID-19 and save lives," Abbott said. "The temporary closure of our state parks and historic sites will help us achieve this goal by preventing the gathering of large groups of people. I urge all Texans to continue to stay at

home except for essential services as we respond to COVID-19. By following these social distance practices, we will overcome this challenge together."

Care access to increase

Gov. Abbott on April 6 announced that Care.com, a private business that enables families to find, manage and pay for care and provides employment opportunities for caregivers, is increasing in-home child care access for frontline workers responding to the COVID-19 emergency.

As part of this initiative, Abbott said, Care.com is offering 90 days of free, premium access to their services, along with specific portals for frontline workers and caregivers in Texas.

Frontline workers looking for child care, as well as prospective caregivers, can enroll at <https://texasfrontline.care.com/>;

Potential caregivers are subject to Care.com's extensive background and safety checks. While child care services are not typically free of charge, the Texas portal gives residents the ability to waive their fees and volunteer as caregivers, providing additional support to frontline workers, Abbott added.

Hegar distributes revenue
Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on April 8 announced

he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$701.8 million in local sales tax allocations for April.

The amount is 0.5 percent less than the amount distributed in April 2019.

Revenue allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Next month's allocations, which will mostly reflect sales made in March, will begin to show the impact of pandemic-related business shutdowns. The agency, therefore, expects local allocations in May to be lower, and June allocations will likely deteriorate further, Hegar said.

Lawsuit amicus is filed

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison on April 6 led 40 attorneys general in an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of injury lawsuit decisions by the Supreme Courts of Montana and Minnesota.

In the brief, Paxton and Ellison said those state supreme courts correctly ruled in favor of allowing individuals to file personal injury lawsuits in the states in which they reside and were injured, regardless of where the defendant was located.

The friend-of-the-court brief opposes an effort by large corporations to prevent individuals from filing lawsuits in their own local courts and to potentially prevent states from filing lawsuits to enforce their own laws, Paxton said.

Jobless urged to reapply
The Texas Workforce Commission on April 4 encouraged Texas residents previously deemed monetarily ineligible for unemployment benefits to reapply now, at the beginning of a new fiscal quarter.

The agency invited applicants who were denied unemployment benefits due to insufficient wages and who worked during the January 2019-December 2019 base period to visit the unemployment benefit services portal to reapply online.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:
Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the amendment of Air Quality Permit, Permit No. 9442, which would authorize modification of the Southwest Shipyard facility located at 18310 Market St, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:
Industrial Container Services - TX, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 158777, which would authorize construction of a Drum Reclamation Facility located at 1402 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, Harris County, Texas 77547. This application was processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

OBITUARIES

David Lee Robbins

David Lee Robbins, 80, passed away April 6, 2020 at 11:11 a.m. At Herman Memorial Hospital. David Lee was born September, 28, 1939 to Oliva and Easter Lilly Robbins in Forest Hill, Louisiana. He graduated from Tioga High School in 1959.

David Lee worked in his younger years as a carpenter in Louisiana, marrying his high school sweetheart, Lana Dee Hayden, soon after graduating. After the birth of their first daughter, the two of them relocated to Houston, Texas. He worked for Houston Belt and Terminal Railroad (Union Pacific) as a switchman for 42 years. Together he and Lana had three daughters, Tami Elizabeth Newton of Crosby, Connie Lynn Harding of Crosby, and Laurie Gail Hopper of Bonham.

David Lee loved to hunt, fish, garden and devoted lots of time helping others. He took great joy in spending time with his grandchildren, Alisa Sharon McElroy, Timothy Eric Newton, Cara Michelle Collier, R.J. Harding, Randall David Newton and David Thomas Hopper and many other family and friends. He is



preceded in death by his parents, siblings; Elois Moody, Claude Robbins, Audrey Lowe, Patsy Pennington, Beatrice Crawford Stephens, and his grandson, Timothy Eric Newton. David is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lana, children; Tami, Connie and Laurie, 5 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

David Lee will be laid to rest on Friday, April 10, 2020 at Sterling White Cemetery in Highlands, Texas in a private ceremony.

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Miriam Agnes Kelly

Miriam Agnes Kelly, age 87, went to be with the Lord on April 3, 2020. She was born on November 20, 1932 in Alto, Texas to Hubert Earl and Hattie Agnes Singletary. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, cooking for family, playing bingo with friends and her greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a devout Christian, very loving and giving, always putting others before herself and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 65 years, Cecil H. Kelly, her



parents, and her brother, Earl Singletary. Miriam is survived by her son, Timothy Kelly (and wife, Darrla); her grandchildren, Christopher Kelly; Haley Hammes (and husband, Derik); Katelyn, Kyle and Madison Kelly; her great grandchildren, Eli Kelly, Maggie Hammes and Sophie Hammes; and her

As Christians, what do we do when the world goes insane, when a pandemic not only threatens everyone we know and love, but also leaves us watching local businesses and industries face the possibility of bankruptcy? If we're wise, we look to the Word and go to God.

The book of Joshua starts with a man looking into what the world would see as a questionable future. His God is telling him to gather his people together, cross a river, and take possession of the same land that Israel had been told to march into 40 years earlier.

Of course, 40 years earlier, the people were too afraid of the giants that inhabited that place. They trembled in fear at the thought of the battles they would face; and all but Joshua and Caleb were quite certain they would lose. So God sent them to wander the desert until a whole generation of people died.

So here stands Joshua, one of the two spies who dared believe in God's supremacy. He is in command now, and while nothing in Canaan has changed, the hearts of

sisters, Laura Waldrum and Katherine McHan. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were privately held and were under the care of Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands Texas.

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By Dr. Mark Trice



Christ Over Infectious Diseases

God's people have. They have hope. And, through Joshua, they have a word from God.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9 NKJV)

If you know your Bible stories, you know that they did cross that river, and they did start taking the land. It wasn't easy. They actually lost their second battle because they had sin in the camp. Still, they conquered, fighting battle after battle and gaining those victories their parents thought were impossible.

As the years went on, they lost track of the ultimate goal, many turned aside from God, and they fell short of what God wanted for them. Even so, in following the command given to Joshua by God, they changed their lives and those of their descendants forever.

In a sense, we are Joshua, facing the unpredictable future COVID-19 has triggered, but no matter what we see going on around us, God has given us the same command. Be strong. Be of good courage. Don't let fear rule. Romans 8:28 tells us, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love

God, to those who are called according to his purpose."

Do you love God? Are you called according to his purpose? If so, even this pandemic will work together for your good. How? I have no idea, but no matter how much we'd like to have all the answers, the fact remains that He is God and we are not.

So, make a choice. Choose not to walk in fear and worry. "Impossible," you say? I beg to differ with you. Have you ever counted the number of times Jesus said, "Fear not," or something similar? Look at Luke 12:25-26 (NLT): "Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things?"

Jesus' words let us know two things. We know that 1) Jesus was well aware how prone we humans are to indulge in worry and 2) It is possible to stop worrying. We may not think so, but again, Jesus only ever told the truth.

I like one of the memes I've seen. Someone decided to use COVID as an acronym for "Christ Over Infectious Diseases." Yes, He is still on the throne, ruling over all. God's got this.

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- Apr 16-Louis Marie Bradbury
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- Apr 18-Monica McKinney
- Mark Williams
- Apr 19-Benny Clark
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- Apr 20-April McClelland
- Apr 22-Robert McDowell

ANNIVERSARIES

- Apr 17-Roy & Pauline Cutbirth
- Apr 19-Vance & Cecilia Banik
- Apr 22-Chester & Marie Stasney

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Corinthians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who saw a vision of a woman named Wickedness flown away in a basket by two angels? Jonathan, Dodo, Zechariah, Belshazzar
3. From Judges 17, who confessed to his mother about stolen pieces of silver? David, Micah, Jonah, Esau
4. What animals did Samson use to set the Philistines' field on fire? Lions, Camels, Foxes, Rats
5. Mahershalalhashbaz is the longest word in the Bible on being whose son? Adam, Moses, Noah, Isaiah
6. From Genesis 27, to whom did Isaac give a blessing? Jacob, Abraham, Moses, Noah

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Zechariah; 3) Micah; 4) Foxes; 5) Isaiah; 6) Jacob

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Goose Creek CISD to host virtual job fair this week



Maria Perez (left) and Gladys Rodriguez (right), former Clinical Student Teacher Interns for Goose Creek CISD, are congratulated on their new teaching positions by Dr. Tyrone Sylvester (second from left), director of human resources, and Lisa Steele, human resources coordinator.

Join us for the Goose Creek CISD Virtual Job Fair! The district is searching for certified teachers to hire for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration will be open through April 17. Applicants should reg-

ister at <https://bit.ly/2wSk-mG6>, upload a resume and fill out a Goose Creek CISD application. Please use Chrome when completing the application. Principals and staff will

review resumes and contact applicants under consideration to interview virtually from April 20-24, 2020. Applicants must have filled out a Goose Creek CISD application.

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COUNTY TALK
Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo



Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo Extends Stay at Home, Work Safe Order to April 30

These past few weeks, our lives have been uprooted as our community has taken crucial and extensive measures to protect ourselves from the COVID-19 epidemic. We have declared a public health emergency in Harris County. Large gatherings have been canceled, schools have closed their doors, and we have ordered restaurants to close their dining rooms. Those who are able to do so are working from home, many juggling full-time jobs and caring for and home-schooling their children. Too many are without a job and struggling to make ends meet. Countless others, from medical professionals to grocery store employees, are on the job risking their health and working harder than ever, preparing for what is yet to come.

While I know this is an incredibly difficult time, we are in a crucial moment in which our sacrifices will save the lives of our relatives, neighbors, and friends. Everyone must play their part to help us stop the spread of Coronavirus. Only by stopping the spread of the virus will we keep our healthcare system from being overwhelmed and ensure that we get over this crisis and back to normality as soon as possible.

The number of COVID-19 cases within Harris County continues to quickly grow, and we must continue to do everything possible to temper these numbers. On Tuesday, I extended the mandatory Stay Home-Work Safe order for Harris County. The order closes non-essential businesses and stops non-essential activities through April 30. This decision, and any other decisions we make, are based on science and data. Our North Star is the advice we are getting from our hospital leaders, who tell us rates are going up too quickly, but we are still in time to fare better than what we are seeing in other communities if we all do our part.

Please, follow the order and stay home as much as you possibly can. Keep practicing social distancing and following community guidelines. Support our local restaurants by ordering take-out or delivery. If you can, donate to the Greater Houston COVID-19 Recovery Fund to help our most vulnerable residents in this critical time of need. Stay informed by visiting the Ready Harris website for COVID-19 information, updates, and resources. Take some time to fill out your census. And take care of yourself — reach out for help if you or someone you know needs it.

We are in this together and we will beat this together. Stay strong.

Fight Against Virus,

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changes came about was answered. "We have spent many hours consulting on joint task forces with other nationally recognized EMS providers to develop the best practices for Crosby. The safety of our staff and the public is our top priority. Just like with other disasters, we will meet this one collectively head-on. As with many medical systems across the nation, we have had our difficulties in accessing protective equipment and disinfectants. We have had to purchase different types including washable and renewable products in order to sustain the duration of this crisis."

On April 6, Ms. Graves answered how the roadways are doing lately. "We have had 2 Life flights in the last 8 days involving motor vehicle collisions. We have also had an unfortunate fatal motorcycle accident."

What Graves would like to share with all locals is: "Our best advice is if you do not need to go out on the road avoid it. •Have only one member of your household shop. •Wash your hands after each encounter as well as wash your workspaces/eating spaces. •Hand washing is number 1! Do not touch your face, this is hard but it is very beneficial. Stay back six feet when visiting neighbors and friends. •If you are sick and can manage, stay home. Going to a hospital will only make you sicker or get those who do not have the virus sick. •Know we will get through this working together. One day we will look back at this moment and realize that as Americans, we can survive anything if we do it as a team."

Together we build a healthier and safer community," said Christy Graves, CCEMT-P

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT NUMBER: 158777

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Industrial Container Services - TX, LLC, 2600 Maitland Center Parkway Suite 200, Maitland, FL 32751-4154, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 158777, which would authorize construction of a Drum Reclamation Facility located at 1402 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, Harris County, Texas 77547. This application was processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 10, 2019. The proposed facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, exempt solvents, hazardous air pollutants, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, lead and sulfur dioxide.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and at Galena Park City Hall, 2000 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, Harris County, Texas 77547, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, 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 comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold 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. **You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.**

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. 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=29.731944&lng=-95.234444&zoom=13&type=r>.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a 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 Industrial Container Services - TX, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Darina Demirev, Senior Engineer at (630) 393-9000.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT
PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 160717

APPLICATION FP HYDROTREATING LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for: Issuance of Permit 160717

This application would authorize construction of the Jacintoport Plant located at Jacintoport Boulevard, approximately 0.25 miles east of the intersection with Sheldon Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77015. 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=29.749444&lng=-95.119444&zoom=13&type=r>. The facility will emit the following contaminants: ammonia, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, 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 March 30, 2020. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and at https://www.brandextract.com/permitting/20200327_ApplicationPackage_FPHydrotreating_New.pdf 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/Comment/, 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 FP HYDROTREATING LLC, 58 Commerce Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06902-4506 or by calling Ms. Sharon Jones, Principal Consultant, SEE Solutions LLC, at (281) 416-4198.

Notice Issuance Date: April 7, 2020

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AMENDED Consolidated Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Permit and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision

Air Quality Permit No. 9442

APPLICATION. Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the amendment of Permit No. 9442. This application would authorize modification of the Southwest Shipyard facility located at 18310 Market St, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. 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=29.789722&lng=-95.065277&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, sulfur dioxide, inorganic compounds, and hazardous air pollutants.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 8, 2019. The executive director has completed the administrative and technical reviews of the application and prepared a draft permit which if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and the draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, at TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas, and on the internet at http://www.swslp.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Permit_9442_Public_Notice.pdf beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting. See Contacts section. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments or meeting requests is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

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 or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If a public meeting is held, the deadline to submit public comments is extended to the end of the public meeting.

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. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, there is no further opportunity to request a contested case hearing and the executive director may approve the application.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, 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 association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must be identified. You may submit your proposed adjustments to the application which would satisfy your concerns. See Contacts section.

TCEQ ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The executive director's decision on the application, and any response to comments, will be mailed to all persons on the mailing list. If no timely contested case hearing requests are received, or if all hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. If all timely hearing requests are not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests 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 that are not submitted in public comments may not be considered in a hearing. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive additional information on this specific application by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk. See Contacts section.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at www.tceq.texas.gov/gotolcid. Once you have access to the CID using the link, enter the permit number at the top of this notice.

CONTACTS. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/Comment/, 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 application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Southwest Shipyard, L.P., 18310 Market St, Channelview, TX 77530-3858 or by calling Ms. Elizabeth Stanko, Project Manager at (713) 244-1039.

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