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## Oil pollutes Crosby waterways

CROSBY Remediation continues in the 1000 block of Church St. where an oil like substance was found layered into the ground and overflowing into the ditches late last week.

A specially funded Environmental Enforcement unit from Harris County Precinct One Constable Alan Rosen's Office was called out to answer a resident's complaint of a black oily substance in the ditches along Church Street on May 28. This discharge appeared to be coming off a property on Church Street. It stretched at least one-quarter mile west along



A Harris County contractor is working diligently to remediate the area before any storm spread the oily substance further. Since last week remediation teams have removed over 20 thousand gallons of contaminated oil/water mix from those ditches. Laboratory analysis is still underway to determine what exactly the substance is, in process of figuring out how it got there and who is responsible.

See Oil Dump, Page 6

## HIGHLANDS Gunshop owner tired of break-ins



Rusty Mayfield, relatives and friends endeavor to clean up and repair Pig Supply on Main Street in Highlands after a Thursday morning truck crash and attempted burglary. The would be thieves failed to enter the shop but their truck entered and their image is left on video. Local merchants are concerned about criminals who are let out of jail and repeat their crimes.

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19 COUNTIES

23,029 POSITIVE

476 DEATHS

8,858 RECOVERED

TEXAS

76,463 POSITIVE

1,848 DEATHS

49,758 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

1,960,897 POSITIVE

110,990 DEATHS

518,522 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

7,118,471 POSITIVE

406,522 DEATHS

3,293,408 RECOVERED

COVID-19

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# Vote by mail applications sent to all registered voters in Harris County age 65 and up

(Houston, TX) – Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins has sent vote by mail applications to 376,840 registered voters who are 65 years of age and older. Those voters should expect to start receiving the applications in their mailboxes this week. To receive a mail ballot for the July 14 Primary Runoff Elections, voters must complete their applications and return them promptly by July 2 (received, not postmarked).

“All registered voters 65 and older are eligible to vote by mail,” said Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins. “Our goal is to keep our voters 65 and up safe amid the current health crisis by giving them the opportunity to vote from home.”

Once applications are received and approved, mail ballots are sent to voters no later than the seventh calendar day after applications are received.

524,219 people voted in the March 2020 Primary Elections. Of those, 53,910 voted by mail.

Dates to remember:

- Monday, June 15 Last day to register to vote in the 2020 Primary Runoff
- Monday, June 29 First day of in-person Early Voting period
- Thursday, July 2 Last day to apply for a mail ballot for the 2020 Primary Runoff
- Friday, July 10 Last day of in-person Early Voting
- Tuesday, July 14 2020 Primary Runoff Election Day

Voters who choose to vote by mail must postmark their mail ballots by Election Day, and the ballot must be received by the County Clerk’s Office no later than 5:00 PM on July 15 (the day after Election Day).

“Our office is preparing for an increase in mail ballots in addition to a safe and secure in-person voting process,” added Hollins. “We are working with emergency management and health officials to make sure we follow their safety recommendations.”

Stay informed at HarrisVotes.com and follow the Harris County Clerk on social media

# Goose Creek CISD develops the Whole Child

By Priscila D. Garza

Goose Creek CISD (GCCISD) mission’s statement “Developing the Whole Child” is illustrated in many ways across the district including nonconventional ways where we show our commitment to the overall well-being of our students.

In 2017, GCCISD partnered with Be Well™ Baytown, an initiative of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center sponsored by ExxonMobil, to promote health and wellness across the district. Healthy eating and physical activity are important in the development of our students and were the first two areas GCCISD addressed by implementing CATCH® (Coordinated Approach to Child Health). Coordinated School Health Programs such as CATCH help schools create and sustain an environment that promotes healthy lifestyles. For the last two years, all K-8 schools have been implementing the program and have encouraged healthy behaviors across the school community. Due to the implementation of CATCH, students have reported an increase in physical activity and healthy food consumption. In addition, GCCISD has been able to connect with families by hosting CATCH Family Nights which focus on promoting health and wellness.

As CATCH continued to be implemented, GCCISD integrated another healthy habit by incorporating sun safe practices across the district. In 2018, B.P. Hopper Primary was selected as a pilot school to integrate sun safety into the curriculum and everyday practices. Their efforts were so successful they were featured in the local news and received sunshades for the play areas supported by Be Well Baytown.

In 2018-2019 school year, more schools incorporated sun safety year-round per the district-wide sun safety policy. One principal stated, “It [sun safety] has been a positive experience and we will continue to grow in our sun safety experience.” Not only did the students learn about the importance of protecting their skin and eyes from the sun, our staff did as well.

Since then, five schools have been recognized for their efforts of educating students and promoting sun safe practices across the school community: Alamo Elementary, Lamar Elementary, Cedar Bayou Jr., IMPACT ECHS, and Point Alternative. These schools have received sunshades supported by Be Well Baytown which were installed in May. Currently school efforts in sun safety for the 2019-2020 school year are being assessed, and later this summer we will announce the schools that will be awarded sunshades.

While COVID-19 has interrupted many planned activities for the spring semester, our schools have continued to put students first including their health and overall wellbeing. GCCISD will continue to implement programs with the support of Be Well Baytown and we will grow our efforts to address additional health topics. Our success in developing the whole child is made possible by the dedication of our teachers, staff, and our strong partnerships with local organizations.



Students at IMPACT Early College High School received giveaways during the Sun Safety Poster contest.



Lamar Elementary’s sunshade structure, presented to the campus for its efforts of educating students and promoting sun safe practices, protects students from the harmful rays of the sun while using the playground equipment.

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## ROUND-UP

### CORVID-19 CASES CHAMBERS COUNTY

As of June 7, 2020

Tested-1,539  
Recovered-62  
Hospitalized-1

East Chambers-6  
Med Chambers-12  
West Chambers-61

### Grocery Giveaway

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at noon til food is gone! At Dayton Community Center, 801 S. Cleveland, Dayton, TX 77535. (Enter by the digital sign (South entry) off Cleveland St. Please have the trunk of cargo area OPEN - the public cannot have contact with the volunteers. (PREFERABLY, NO back seats but trucks and truck beds are okay).

### Public Health Statement

CHAMBERS COUNTY, June 8, 2020 – Chambers County, along with other counties in our 16 County region, continues to see increases in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. We have reported 15 new cases in one week (22% increase), and 40 new cases since Texas began the reopening process May 1st (93% increase). Three of the new cases in the past week are pediatric cases, which should cause us to take pause and re-evaluate our current activities and hygiene practices.

Public Health would like to urge you to minimize activities outside of the home, as we should remain vigilant and take steps to protect our families, coworkers, neighbors, first responders, and ourselves. Take an honest self-assessment before engaging in activities outside of the home. Know if you are healthy enough to leave home, or if you might fall into a high-risk category.

Continue to practice protective measures! Social distancing, wearing masks, handwashing, and cleaning of surfaces will help reduce the transmission of the virus. All positive cases are thoroughly investigated by the Public Health Epidemiology Team, and cases are isolated at home for the monitoring period. Those identified during case investigations to be at possible risk of contact, exposure, or infection are contacted for further case investigation. Please contact the Public Health Department for questions, educational information, or guidance.

### BAYTOWN & CHAMBERS COUNTY

## Survey to assess economic impact of COVID-19

Baytown, Texas: In collaboration with United Ways across Texas and the state organization, United Ways of Texas, a statewide survey was launched this week to assess the economic impact the COVID19 crisis has had on Texas families. All Texas families are invited to complete the United Way Texas COVID19 survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/txcovid19impact>. The survey will remain open through June 26. Individual responses are confidential.

“Every Texas family has felt the impact of COVID19 and even though much of our state has re-opened, life remains uncertain. This survey represents an

opportunity to better understand the impact that COVID19 has had on Texans, to help inform state and community leaders in how best to support Texans in need,” said Adrianna Cuellar Rojas, United Ways of Texas President and CEO.

Before the pandemic hit, more than one in four Texas households were already struggling, led by workers that were unable to earn enough to cover the basics or to save for an unexpected life crisis or loss of a job. For many Texans, the economic crisis has stripped away family assets and abruptly repositioned families into unfamiliar financial positions. The survey seeks in-

formation on a wide range of topics, including the most pressing concerns, job changes, childcare challenges and economic changes that Texas families are navigating.

“Baytown, the surrounding area and Chambers County has a large vulnerable population that are considered to be ALICE, Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed. Individuals are working but they are in low paying positions and work multiple jobs that, under COVID-19 are not considered essential,” said Melissa

See *Economic Impact COVID-19*, page 6

## Dayton Chamber of Commerce awards scholarship recipients



Congratulations to Dayton Chamber of Commerce Jr. Ambassador Scholarship recipients. They worked hard the past two years volunteering their time and planning the Dayton ISD Community Tailgate the past two years. The Chamber will miss Rueben Aguilar, Carolina Tinajero, and Cherokee Johnson.

## Managing pregnancy during a pandemic

BAYTOWN — (June 5, 2020) — It's not unusual for expectant mothers to be preoccupied with a million questions. In addition to all the usual concerns during pregnancy, there are new concerns about how to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

Learning how to protect yourself and your baby can help you be calm and confident as you navigate pregnancy and childbirth.

Dr. Paul Redman, obstetrician-gynecologist at the Houston Methodist Childbirth Center at Baytown, understands the stress new mothers are going through during this challenging time. He provides answers to some common questions about preparing for a healthy and safe birth experience.

Q: What can I do to protect against COVID-19 during pregnancy?

A: You can prevent illness by avoiding people

who are sick and limiting social contact with others, especially in large groups. Avoid public spaces and protect yourself and others by keeping a safe distance. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily and continue to be extra vigilant about hand washing.

Q: Should I continue with prenatal care visits?

A: It's important to stay on track with your prenatal visits. Some of your prenatal care visits may be done virtually, which allows you to see your doctor while staying at home. In-person visits are needed for ultrasounds, fetal testing and blood work.

Q: Is it safe to give birth in a hospital?

A: The Houston Methodist Childbirth Center at Baytown has protections in place to provide a safe and secure birth experi-



Dr. Paul Redman

ence. There's an essential visitor policy that allows maternity, postpartum and NICU patients to have one healthy partner or parent. All patients and essential visitors are screened for elevated temperatures and other symptoms before entering the hospital and are required to wear a mask. All staff members use safe social distancing best prac-

### CHAMBERS COUNTY LIBRARIES:

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The annual summer program at the library will look a little different this year, but as always, it will be a fun and engaging experience for the whole family. The 2020 virtual Summer Reading Challenge will take place June 15 – July 25 and the goal is simple: read every day. You can read anything from magazines to books to cereal boxes! Register today and track your progress online using our new online reading software called Beanstack. You can use their website ([chambers.beanstack.org](http://chambers.beanstack.org)), or download the Beanstack app for your mobile device. Track multiple family members using one login. If you aren't comfortable with the technology, the library staff will be happy to register for you. You'll earn incentives along the way just for reading. Teens and adults earn tickets for prize drawings! All our in-person programs have been cancelled, but we have a lot of great virtual programs that will take place live and pre-recorded on our Facebook page, YouTube, and other platforms.

Don't miss out on this fun-filled summer! For more information, see the summer schedule below. Or check out the website at [www.chambers.lib.tx.us](http://www.chambers.lib.tx.us). To contact your local branch:

Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch at Mont Belvieu: 281-576-2245.

Chambers County Library at Anahuac: 409-267-2554,

Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch at Winnie: 409-296-8245,

#### Kids Program:

Duck Hunt Scavenger Hunt! June 15-June 21. Stop by the library or find

the form on our Beanstack page! Find the hidden ducks around town using the given clues. Bring your completed form to the library for a rubber duck of your own!

Wednesday, June 24, 2pm: Jester Jim the Juggler live on YouTube! [youtu.be/pjiyj2UOhq0](https://youtu.be/pjiyj2UOhq0)

Wednesday, July 1: Take & Make craft day! Stop by any time and pick up supplies to make your own craft! (pick up supplies while they last)

Wednesday, July 8, 2pm: Julian Franklin magic show on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/cclsreads](http://www.facebook.com/cclsreads)

Wednesday, July 15, 2pm: LIVE magic show with John O'Bryant! Join the Facebook group here to see the show: [www.facebook.com/groups/chamberscountylibrarymagicshow](https://www.facebook.com/groups/chamberscountylibrarymagicshow) (Password: Summer2020)

Wednesday, July 22, 2pm: LIVE animal classroom with Zoomagination on Facebook! Join us for a fun and educational show! See some really cool animals and ask questions!

Pick up your earned incentives starting Monday, Aug. 3

#### At Mont Belvieu:

##### Adults:

Thursdays at 2pm – June 18, 25, July 9, & 23  
6/18: Live trivia! Join host Kellee Traylor for a fun online trivia game!

6/25: Online book club discussion – register on our events calendar on our website

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7/9: Facebook: Travel destinations with Independent Travel Advisor Heather Puppa

7/23: Online book club discussion – register on our events calendar on our

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# Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor  
Association of Mature American Citizens

## How Do I Apply with Social Security Offices Closed?

**Dear Rusty:** I am 64 years old and would like advice on how to move forward to apply for Social Security now instead of waiting until I am the "magic" age of 66.5 years. Signed: Ready for Retirement

**Dear Ready for Retirement:** All Social Security offices are currently closed to public visits, but they are still providing telephone services (although telephone wait times are usually longer these days). You can apply over the phone if you wish. However, the most efficient way to apply for your Social Security benefit, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, is to apply online. You will need to create your personal "My Social Security" account prior to applying online, but that is easy to do at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). For information, Social Security uses a "two-factor" identification process for security purposes, usually by asking you to enter, in addition to your password, a special ID code sent to your cell phone (or email). Once you have set up your personal account, you can use the online application process at [www.ssa.gov/retire](http://www.ssa.gov/retire).

Here is a link to a short video from Social Security which explains the online application process: [www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/claim\\_r01.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/claim_r01.htm). When you start the online process, be sure to write down the reentry code, which will allow you to save and re-enter your online application as many times as needed before you finally submit it. Once it is submitted,

Social Security will call you or write you to get any additional information they need. A couple of things I want to be sure you are aware of:

By claiming before your full retirement age (FRA) your benefit amount will be permanently reduced. The reduction is about 0.556% per month prior to your FRA that you claim (at 64, a reduction of about 15%).

Finally, if you are still working, you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings test until you reach your full retirement age. If you start benefits mid-year 2020, you'll be subject to a monthly earnings limit of \$1520, and if you exceed that limit you won't be eligible for benefits for that month. The following years you'll be subject to an annual limit, until you reach your FRA when there is no longer a limit to how much you can earn.

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## Storm preparations begin while state continues to battle COVID-19

AUSTIN — As Tropical Storm Cristobal moved north in the Gulf of Mexico from the Yucatan Peninsula toward Louisiana, the weather system's potential impact on East Texas grew and Gov. Greg Abbott on June 5 addressed the situation in a news conference.

Abbott said preparedness is the key in any hurricane season. He added that the Texas Department of Emergency Management and a roster of state agency departments, local responders and FEMA were ready. Meanwhile, he said, the state's ongoing efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 also continue and East Texas residents in particular should be extra mindful of both threats.

Cumulative figures posted June 6 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 74,978 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,830 deaths resulting from the virus pandemic had been confirmed.

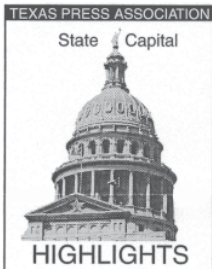
Officially, hurricane season started June 1 and will continue through Nov. 30. While Cristobal is not expected to generate hurricane-force winds, it may bring high winds, heavy rain and flooding.

**State extends SNAP**  
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will provide approximately \$177 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits for the month of June in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Abbott announced June 4.

More than 900,000 SNAP households will see the additional amount on their Lone Star Card by June 12. The emergency June allotments are in addition to the \$414.7 million in benefits previously provided to Texans in April and May, Abbott added.

**Fomenters are warned**  
Gov. Abbott and Texas-based U.S. Attorneys John Bash, Erin Nealy Cox, Stephen Cox, and Ryan Patrick warned June 1 that individuals "who come to Texas from out of state to engage in looting, violence or other destructive acts in violation of federal law" would be subject to federal prosecution and transferred to federal custody.

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



"Today's announcement will ensure there are harsh consequences for those breaking the law and that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Abbott said.

### Ruling draws comments

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 4 commended the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for unanimously ruling to block a San Antonio federal district court order allowing all qualified voters to vote by mail.

"I applaud the Fifth Circuit for staying the federal court's erroneous decision and preventing widespread mail-in balloting while the case proceeds," Paxton said.

Gilberto Hinojosa, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, disagreed with the ruling, saying, "We find ourselves in the midst of a once-in-a-century pandemic. Voters who are rightfully worried about the safety of in-person voting should have the option to vote by mail. The Constitution prohibits divvying up our rights by our age, gender or race and the Fifth Circuit decision of today would allow voters of a certain age different voting rights than the rest of us."

### Party holds convention

The Texas Democratic Party conducted its first digital, online convention June 1 to June 6.

Over those days, the party took up a slate of issues such as vote-by-mail, education, textbook censorship, racism, religious freedom, LGBTQ rights and reproductive rights.

Virtual attendees participated in live panels, training and regular party business.

A virtual debate was held June 6 between state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, and former Air Force helicopter pilot M.J. Hegar. The two are in a runoff to decide who will face Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the November general election.

### Cenotaph move opposed

State Rep. Kyle Biedermann, R-Fredericksburg, last week asked Gov. Abbott to halt the relocation of the Alamo cenotaph, a 60-foot-tall stone sculpture erected in 1939 to honor the defenders of the Alamo in the historic 1836 battle. Under a \$450 million plan to redevelop the historic zone approved by the state and the City of San Antonio, the cenotaph would be moved from Alamo Plaza to a spot by the Menger Hotel, a short distance away.

Biedermann, in a June 4 letter to Abbott, complained that the proposed site to relocate the cenotaph is outside of the Alamo battlefield footprint. Biedermann asked the governor to insist that the cenotaph remain in place. The governor's office did not respond to a request for comment before the press deadline.

### Revenue total droops

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 1 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.61 billion in May, an amount 13.2% lower than the total reported for the month of May 2019, marking the steepest year-over-year decline since January 2010.

Declines in sales tax receipts hit all major economic sectors except telecommunications services, Hegar said. The steepest decline was in collections from oil and gas mining as energy companies cut spending on well drilling and completion following the recent crash in oil prices, he added.

Also, Hegar said, business closures and restrictions and stay-at-home orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic spurred deep drops in collections from restaurants, amusement and recreation services, and physical retail stores. Those declines were offset in part by increases from big box retailers and grocery stores that remained open as essential businesses, online retailers and restaurants that could readily pivot to takeout and delivery service.

## THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

### "A Little Awkward"

It's harder to keep in touch with people these days. Things are opening up but it's going to be a while before we hop in a car and visit people the way we used to.

I met the pastor of my church while walking. She told me the youth group had been meeting via Zoom and the kids were overcome with shyness, seeing their faces on the screen. I wanted to say, "Don't they realize they can be seen when they show up in person?" But I sympathized with the teenagers. When my husband, Peter, and I tried Zoom for the first time it was a little awkward.

"Shouldn't the camera be higher?" I asked. "You can see right up our noses!" We found a cardboard box and adjusted the laptop angle.

"Why is it so smudgy?"  
"I had sticky tape over the camera," Peter told me.

Peter cleaned the tape residue off the lens and I realized I looked a lot better smudgy.

But we've been trying to make a point of calling people up more often. (Peter calls it "drunk dialing," although we're not.) Sometimes it takes some effort. Sometimes I've wondered if these unexpected phone calls are more a bother than a pleasant surprise to the folks we call.

Yesterday, I got a surprise call myself from Geri.

I haven't seen Geri since I moved 1400 miles away years ago. She's quite a bit older than me and not someone I knew well, so when I saw her name pop up on my phone yesterday, I was very surprised. I didn't know I even had her phone number, to be honest.

"Geri!" I said, "this is Carrie!" There was a moment of awkward silence.

"Geri, did you butt dial me?"  
"Carrie? This is Carrie Classon?"

"Geri, you butt dialed me, didn't you?"

"No! I was trying to call someone else. Someone to clean my house."

Geri has a huge old wooden house sitting on a hill. It even has a turret on one corner. There are nooks and crannies and stairs everywhere. I would not want to clean Geri's house.

"Geri! I am not going to clean your house!"

"Oh no! But it's so good to hear your voice. How are you doing?"

I knew Geri was getting up in years and her husband, Clarence, was older yet. So I asked, somewhat timidly, "How's your family?"

"Oh, we're fine. But we're old! I am 88 and Clarence is 95!"

"Only 95? He's a pup!"  
"He parks in the spot reserved for WWII veterans they still have at the grocery store and I think he's the only one who uses it!"

Geri and I chatted for quite a while. We both had news and a lot of shared memories.

"You and Peter have to come and visit sometime!" Geri said. I promised we would next time we were anywhere near.

"Clarence is going to be mad when he finds out you called me up to clean your house and ended up inviting us over," I told her.

"No, no, we would love to see you! It was great talking with you!"

"It was good to hear from you, Geri."

And it was. Talking to Geri made my day. I suddenly felt less worried about those "Hi! We were just thinking about you!" calls Peter and I have been making.

Yes, it's a little awkward making conversation with someone you haven't talked to in a long time, but sometimes a little awkward is okay, I decided. Sometimes a little awkward is a lot of fun.

Till next time,  
Carrie  
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This application would authorize modification of the Condensate Splitter at the Channelview Terminal located at 16518 De Zavalla Road, Suite A, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.



EVENTS

SUNDAY



Flag Day  
June 14

BIRTHDAYS

Jun 11–Trent Coots  
Mike Woods  
Ralph Roper  
Jun 12–George H.W. Bush  
Bobby Horn, Jr.  
Zoie Woosley  
Jun 13–Earlene Michalsky  
Jun 14–Shelby Russell  
Jun 15–Tina Hill  
Jun 16–Steffany de la Cruz  
Tim Grisham  
Evelyn Del Angel  
Jun 17–Garret Oviedo  
Brandi Rutledge

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Acts in the Old or New Testament or neither?


2. Who honored a man by letting him ride the royal steed through city streets? Silas, Hosea, Ahasuerus, Asa


3. From Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? Dorcas, Leah, Jezebel, Miriam

4. Pharaoh gave what burnt city to his daughter for a gift? Cana, Gezer, Joppa, Bethel

5. From Job 4, who was so frightened by a dream that his hair stood on end? James, Eliphaz, Noah, Cain

6. Where did Gideon meet an angel? Prison, Field, Oak tree, Well
- ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Ahasuerus; 3) Dorcas; 4) Gezer; 5) Eliphaz; 6) Oak tree.






THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Mordecai had a cousin named Hadassah, whom he had brought up because she had neither father nor mother. This young woman, who was also known as Esther, had a lovely figure and was beautiful.

ESTHER 2:7



"Portrait of Dora Maar" by Pablo Picasso (1937)

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OBITUARIES

Lynda June Reed Hays

Lynda June Reed Hays, 72, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. She was born on September 30, 1947 in Birmingham, Alabama to Truman George Reed and June Marsh Reed. Lynda graduated from Crosby High School. She went on to attend Sam Houston State University and while there she met the love of her life, Jim Hays. They got married in 1970 and spent their lives doing many things together from running their family business, breeding and racing horses to enjoying many PBR and rodeos.

Lynda was a very strong Christian and conservative woman. She was a member of the Crosby United Methodist Church where she mentored children through Kids Hope. She had one son, Shawn, but she helped raise many of his friends, enjoying having his friends in her home while they were growing up. It was important for her to educate children and give them the nurturing that they needed. She impacted the lives of many and will missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Truman and June Reed.

Lynda is survived by her husband, Jim Hays; son, Shawn Hays and wife Toni; grandchildren, Kaycee Hays, Shelby Bonin, Drake Tilton, and Sgt. Blake Tilton; great-grandchildren, Fallon Gehant, Brexley Tilton, Kolston Gunn; sister-in-law, Denise Reed; and a host of extended family and friends.

Honoring the family by serving as pallbearers will be Wade Milner, Tannie Gillespie, Shane Welch, Heath Harlien, Royce Doskocil, and Vernon Reed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lynda's memory to the Crosby Fair and Rodeo, P.O. Box 1546, Crosby, TX 77532

A visitation for family and friends was held from 9:00a.m. to 10:00a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Sterling White Funeral Home. Funeral services immediately followed at 10:00a.m. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562.

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Babin announces 2020 congressional art winners

WOODVILLE, TX – U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) hosted a virtual awards reception on Saturday, June 6, 2020, with the students and families who participated in the 36th Congressional District's Congressional Art Competition. This year's theme was "Memories of the Battleship Texas."

First place was awarded to Lily Grace Niemann, a sophomore at Niemann Christian Academy in



Rep. Babin hosts virtual awards reception with the 2020 Congressional Art Competition Winners.



"Remembering the Texas: A Glimpse at Glory"  
Artist: Lily Grace Niemann  
Medium: Charcoal

Woodville, TX. Her artwork titled "Remembering the Texas: A Glimpse at Glory," depicting the Battleship Texas at the Battle of Okinawa during World War II, will be displayed in the United States Capitol Building for an entire year. "I applaud each of the students who overcame the school disruptions caused by COVID-19 to participate in this year's Congressional Art Competition," said Babin. "Every piece submitted was unique and beautiful. I'm always proud to see artwork from Southeast Texas as I pass by the national exhibit in the U.S. Capitol. Holding the virtual art competition reception on June 6 – the 76th anniversary of D-Day – worked

very well with this year's theme since the Battleship Texas contributed greatly to the Allied victory achieved at Normandy, France those many years ago. I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who took the time to compete and offer a special congratulations to our 2020 winner, Lily."

Karen Fiscus, Exhibitions Coordinator for the University of Houston – Clear Lake Art Gallery and lead juror in TX-36th's 2020 Congressional Art Competition, shared the following quote with the students:

"The true purpose of arts education is not necessarily to create more professional dancers or

artists. It's to create more complete human beings who are critical thinkers, who have curious minds, who can lead productive lives." – Kelly Pollock  
2020 Congressional Art Competition Awards:  
First Place: Lily Grace Niemann (Woodville, TX)  
Second Place: Emalee Springfield (Livingston, TX)  
Third Place: Skylar Rutherford (Kirbyville, TX)  
Honorable Mentions: Gabriella Landrum and Madelyn Landrum (Kirbyville, TX)  
To view the top five pieces of artwork, please visit Congressman Babin's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Rep-BrianBabin>.

The Journey of a thousand miles begins with one step  
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PHILIPPIANS 4:13

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-- 1 JOHN 4:18

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.  
--2 Timothy 1:7



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ASK THE EXPERT

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# Attorney Chris Hollins new Harris County Clerk

By Allan Jamail

Monday, June 01, 2020 Christopher G. Hollins, a 33 year old Houston attorney married to wife Morgan with daughter Vivian won the approval of Commissioners Court to fill the vacated position of Dr. Diane Trautman. He has pledged to hold the job only in an interim role, avoiding the potential distraction of running a campaign this fall.

On May 19th Commissioners Court voted 3-2 along party lines to appoint Hollins, vice chairman of finance for the state democratic party. He will serve until a new clerk can be elected in November.

Commissioners Court members said they were impressed with Hollins' credentials, as well as his commitment not to seek the job permanently. "I think his background with McKinsey a global consultancy company will be helpful in getting procedures in place to get through this election process," Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis said.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia supported Hollins's appointment, stating, "I'm thrilled that Chris Hollins decided to accept this appointment to become the County Clerk for the remainder of the year. He is incredibly qualified, and I am confident he will do an excellent job."

Hollins issued the following statement:

"It is a great honor to serve the residents of Harris County as County Clerk. My deep connection to Harris County and professional background in management consulting, government, and law has prepared me to step into this role and be effective from day one. I look forward to serving this community to the best of my ability, and to continue to

assist residents and small businesses at the high standard that Harris County deserves.

"We are living in a challenging time. This November, our office will administer the most consequential election of our lifetime amid a global health pandemic. The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy, and I will work tirelessly to ensure that Harris County residents can exercise that right safely, conveniently, and with the peace of mind that their vote will be counted."

"Our efforts start with the July runoff contest. I encourage Harris County residents to register to vote by the June 15th deadline. I also encourage you to make a plan to vote by mail (if eligible), during the early voting period, June 29 - July 10, or on Election Day, July 14th."

"Thank you to the Harris County Commissioners Court and the people of Harris County for entrusting me with such an important task. I cannot thank Dr. Diane Trautman enough for her service to Harris County, and I look forward to working with her talented staff to achieve our office's mission."

Hollins said he would take that outsider's approach to the clerk role and would retain the office's senior staff, including Elections Director Michael Winn who came on board after Trautman was elected and newly promoted by Trautman Chief Deputy Teneshia Hudspeth.

Chris developed a commitment to public service through the selfless example of his parents and their devotion for improving the lives of others. His father, George, served for 34 years in the Houston Police Department, and his mother, Christie, managed a career as a secretary while raising Chris, his two sisters,



Chris Hollins sworn in as Harris County Clerk, replacing Dr. Diane Trautman after her recent resignation due to health reasons.

and more than 20 young foster children.

After graduating from Hightower High School in Missouri City, Chris went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts with Phi Beta Kappa honors from Morehouse College. Chris also completed a joint program with Yale Law School and Harvard Business School, earning both his Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degrees.

Before transitioning into private practice, Chris attained a strong strategic skill set by working at some of the world's most distinguished professional service firms. He was a Senior Engagement Manager at global consultancy McKinsey & Company, where he flourished in applying analytics and organizational best practice to transform public safety, defense and security agencies. Chris was also a Summer Associate with Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and the investment bank Goldman Sachs. Despite his private sector background, Chris's most memorable professional experience ensued through his time with the White House Office of Presidential Personnel during the first year of the Obama administration.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Crosby ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, June 22, 2020 in Crosby ISD Operations Building 14670 FM 2100 Crosby Texas 77532. 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.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.05470/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.35116/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	4.17% increase
Debt Service	0.05% increase
Total expenditures	3.60% increase

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	\$2,606,518,566	\$2,814,391,281
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$81,196,102	\$61,453,801
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$2,125,657,623	\$2,295,181,150
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$66,216,721	\$50,116,559

\*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\*"New property" is defined by Section 26.01(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\*"Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$133,510,000

\*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.06835	\$0.48000*	\$1.54835	\$5.166	\$5.958
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.94835	\$0.35403*	\$1.30238	\$5.035	\$5.721
Proposed Rate	\$1.05470	\$0.35116*	\$1.40586	\$4.899	\$6.031

\*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
Average Market Value of Residences	\$157,264	\$173,946
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$128,241	\$140,937
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.54835	\$1.40586
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,985.62	\$1,981.38
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		-\$4.24

Under 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 property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.40586. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.40586.

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.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$5,173,594
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$8,611,052

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 the district's debt service.

## Oil dump,

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Church Street and 655 feet to the south along the San Jacinto River Authority's clean water basin.

Precinct One Investigators, working with Harris County Pollution Control and the San Jacinto River Authority, spent the day using an excavator to search for that source. They believe the perpetrator buried barrels or containers of oil on the property repeatedly over an extended period of time, possibly years. Investigators characterize the size and volume of the contamination as one of the largest and most significant they have ever worked.

The Harris County District Attorney's office allowed a search warrant.

That warrant was executed Monday at the property of Wesley Zarsky. This allowed investigators to dig and take samples from the soil. Those samples will undergo chemical analysis. If investigators can prove the chemical on the property is in fact what has been seeping in the ditches, they can seek criminal charges based on findings identifying the substance and the source of the pollution. No suspects have been named in the investigation as yet. No one is currently charged or in custody, however the investigation is still underway.

A temporary restraining order is in place forcing the owner of the property to begin clean up and not to

dump anything more on the property.

Investigators estimate clean up costs already have surpassed \$1 million.

"It's not right. People do not deserve to have contaminated soil and water nearby," said Constable Alan Rosen, "It's just not going to be tolerated."

Ruptured barrels of oil are buried deep in the ground layer upon layer on the property but it is still not clear who placed the barrels there.

Some locals believe that if one finds oil on their property that some industrial entity will haul it away for free but that is not the case and used oil disposition can be expensive.

Constable Rosen said at the location, "You can smell it, you can see it and it is oozing out of the ground as we dig."

## Library Programs,

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**At Anahuac:**  
**Adults:**  
Thursdays at 5:30pm – June 25, July 2, & July 16  
6/25: Facebook: Gardening with A. Lynette Parsons  
7/2: Facebook: Wine-making with Jim Frascone  
7/16: Facebook: Craft night! Pick up supplies beginning July 13.

**Teens:**  
Tuesdays at 2pm – June 16, 23, July 7, 14, & 21  
6/16: Facebook: DIY T-shirt revamp!  
6/23: Pick up your to go movie pack!  
6/23-6/30: TikTok Take-over! Send us your best TikTok entry to lhaskin@chamberstx.gov

by 5pm June 30  
7/7: Facebook: Summer makeup tutorial with LaShebia!  
7/14: Facebook: Magnetic air plants (pick up supplies while they last)  
7/21: Facebook: Abstract art! (pick up supplies while they last)

**At Winnie:**  
**Adults:**  
6/12-16: Facebook: Your World, Your View photo challenge. Submit entries to mabshire@chamberstx.gov by June 15.  
6/23: Take & Make craft day! Stop by any time and pick up supplies to make your own butterfly garden (pick up supplies while they last)  
6/23-30: Bad Art Show! Submit a picture of your

funniest, ugliest, worst piece of art to our website. Entries due June 29.  
7/14: Facebook: Online book club discussion, 5pm

**Teens:**  
6/18: Escape the Quarantine room! Link on our Facebook starting the 18th  
6/25: Craft in a bag! (pick up supplies while they last)  
6/25-7/2: Quarantine selfie. Send us a picture of your quarantine life by July 1! Send entries to sgrexroat@chamberstx.gov  
7/9: Create your own art using what you have at home. Submit to sgrexroat@chamberstx.gov by July 15.  
7/23: Online book club discussion, 2pm

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5 Father

8 Waller or Domino

12 Operatic solo

13 Playwright Levin

14 "Step —!" ("Hurry!")

15 Kindly bloke

16 Make a mock-up of

18 I before E except —

20 Draw forth

21 Doesn't feel good

23 Overly

24 Kiss

28 Winter fore-cast

31 Debt notice

32 Detroit team

34 Payable

35 Calm before the storm

37 Vary a tone

39 Winning hand's win-nings

41 Cupola

42 Notlikethis

45 Random drawing?

49 Count

51 Require

52 Right angles

53 Knight's title

DOWN

1 Long story

2 Not kosher

3 "It — Necesarily So"

4 Flat-bottomed boat

5 Deny

6 "Exodus" hero

7 Knighted woman

8 Page num-bers

9 Big snake

10 South Ameri-can monkey

11 Undo a dele

17 Last (Abbr.)

19 Small stream

22 Remained upright

24 Lubricant

25 Old French coin

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27 Germ layer

29 Result of three strikes

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 124662

APPLICATION

Targa Channelview LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for: Amendment of Permit 124662

This application would authorize modification of the Condensate Splitter at the Channelview Terminal located at 16518 De Zavalla Road, Suite A, 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=29.763514&lng=-95.102289&zoom=13&type=r>. The facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, 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 May 1, 2020. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and [www.TXPublicNotice.com](http://www.TXPublicNotice.com) beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

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

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

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

MAILING LIST

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

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://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 Targa Channelview LLC, 811 Louisiana Street, Suite 2100, Houston, Texas 77002-1412 or by calling Ms. Tammy Wallace, Senior Environmental Specialist, at (713) 584-1292.

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# TCEQ to monitor Air Quality in area by using sensor equipped helicopters

By Carolyn Stone

Precinct 2 Community Liaison Cindy Miller reports that two helicopters, a black one (tail number N808LL and a white one with yellow & black stripes (tail number N300AR), will be flying in our area from May 18th through June 30th, sometimes at very low altitudes and at length over various areas and companies.

The helicopters are a part of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) aerial survey for air emissions. The helicopters are equipped with a specialized infrared camera that can image volatile organic compounds (VOC) and other hydrocarbons invisible to the eye. VOCs pose serious health hazards and sight of these helicopters attempting to identify the sources of the VOC's in our area should be a welcomed event. Included are photos of the helicopters for your help in identifying them when they are in your area.

Following is the official press release regarding this aerial survey:

HOMELAND SECURITY NOTIFICATION- Update May-June 2020

Texas Gulf Coast Survey-Houston/Galveston/Brazoria

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has hired a contractor to conduct aerial surveys in the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria area of the Texas Gulf Coast starting May 18, 2020. The areas to be surveyed include



One of the Helicopters to be used for Air Monitoring in the Harris County area.



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but may not be limited to Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties. In addition to a white helicopter with yellow and black stripes and tail number N300AR a black helicopter with tail number N808LL may also be seen in the survey area.

The helicopter is equipped with a specialized infrared camera that can image volatile organic compounds (VOC) and other hydrocarbons invisible to the eye. VOC are a class of compounds present in common things like gasoline and solvents. VOC can combine with nitrogen oxides in the presence of sunlight to form ground-level ozone.

The helicopter will perform surveys over and around petrochemical operations and other industrial type facilities. During these surveys the helicopter may hover and fly a path over and around a facility or area multiple times in a manner that allows for the collection of images and other information on potential emission sources. The helicopter may fly a non-grid style search pattern over some areas to avoid tall structures. At times the helicopter may fly or hover at an altitude as low as 250 feet above ground.

The helicopter flights are scheduled to conclude by June 30, 2020.

# Governor announces phase III to open Texas

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott today announced the third phase of the State of Texas' plan to safely open the economy while containing the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase III, effective immediately, all businesses in Texas will be able to operate at up to 50% capacity, with very limited exceptions. Business that previously have been able to operate at 100% capacity may continue to do so, and most outdoor areas are not subject to capacity limits. All businesses and customers should continue to follow minimum standard health protocols laid out by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

As with previous phases, the Phase III plan is based on the advice and support of the four doctors on the Strike Force to Open Texas medical team. Via Executive Order, Phase III begins immediately.

"The people of Texas continue to prove that we can safely and responsibly open our state for business while containing COVID-19 and keeping our state safe," said Governor Abbott. "As anticipated, the new positive cases that we are seeing are largely the result of isolated hot spots in nursing homes, jails, and meat packing plants. Thanks to the effectiveness of our Surge Response Teams, we have the ability to contain those hot spots while opening up Texas for business. As we begin

Phase III, I ask all Texans and Texas businesses to continue following the standard health protocols and to heed the guidance of our state and federal officials who continue to closely monitor COVID-19."

Between May 26th and June 2nd, over 45% of new cases came from jails or prisons, meat packing plants and nursing homes. There are currently 1,487 Texans hospitalized due to COVID-19. There are 20,679 active cases in the state and 45,858 Texans are estimated to have recovered.

### Effective June 3:

All businesses currently operating at 25% capacity can expand their occupancy to 50% with certain exceptions.

Bars and similar establishments may increase their capacity to 50% as long as patrons are seated.

Amusement parks and carnivals in counties with less than 1,000 confirmed positive cases may open at 50% capacity.

Restaurants may expand their maximum table size from 6 to 10 persons.

### Effective June 12:

Restaurants may expand their occupancy levels to 75%.

Counties with 10 or less active COVID-19 cases may expand their occupancy limits to 75%. Counties that fit this category but have not previously filed

an attestation with DSHS will need to do so.

### Effective June 19:

Amusement parks and carnivals in counties with more than 1,000 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 may open at 50% capacity.

### Additional Openings:

Special provisions have been made for outdoor gatherings, such as Fourth of July celebrations, but it is imperative that local officials and public health officials collaborate on safe standards. These provisions are included in the Governor's Executive Order and are also available on the Open Texas webpage.

### Further Protocols:

All businesses should continue to follow the minimum standard health protocols from DSHS. For details and a full list of guidelines, openings, and relevant dates, visit <http://open.texas.gov>.

### Reminders for those going out:

- Individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings.

- People should not be in groups greater than ten when possible.

- People over the age of 65 are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible.

- People are still asked to avoid nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities.

# Woman dies from FM 2100 traffic

CROSBY – In the 18,600 block of FM 2100 an auto pedestrian accident took the life of Deloris Reynolds on June 7, according to HCSO Deputy C. O'Bryant. It has been ruled a "death due to accident." She was attempting to walk from west to east.

It was about 5:50 a.m. when the woman walked into the path of a 2006 Ford Ranger. She was declared dead at the scene.

Accident investigators indicate that Ms. Reynolds had failed to yield the right of way to a motor vehicle at the time she was struck.

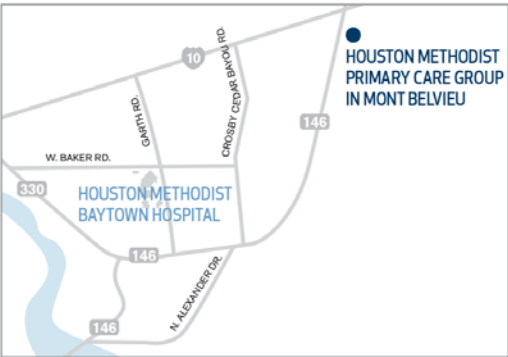
Injuries sustained in the collision were the cause of death. The case remains under investigation by the Harris County Sheriff's Office Vehicular Crimes Division. Family members were being sought to convey the information on Tuesday.

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