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IN THE **STARS**

State of the County focuses on COVID-19

EVENTS

THU. NOV. 19 Chamber Luncheon

Thursday, November 19 the Crosby/ Huffman Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting. You are invited to attend. The location is Crosby Church, 5725 Hwy 90, Crosby, Texas 77532. Lunch will be catered by IN HOUSE CHEFS and will begin at 11:30 a.m. The Speaker will be Teague Harris with Crosby MUD. A turkey dinner will be served. Due to the increased food prices, the luncheon price is \$20. RSVP to 281-328-6984 or email chamber@crosby huffmancc.org.

BIRTHDAYS Nov. 20- Gene Bulanek Nov 21--Claudia Birdsong Gene Cole Kristan Liu Hoffman Gina Marie Manley Nov 22–Theresa McGee Lisa Selensky Nov 23–Monica Day Brittany Muldrow Caleb Morgan Nov 24–David Boucher Jaymee Gleason Teri Gleason Gene Gomez Nov 25-W.G. Carro Curtis Ingram Nov 26-Mary Hargis ANNIVERSARIES Nov 20–Albert & Cheryl Zarsky Nov 25–Lois & Charles Dunbar

discusses her ideal pandemic re-opening strategy

By Jada Mier

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and H.E.B.'s President Scott McClelland discussed some important topics at the Annual State of the County "Fireside Chat" held over Livestream. In a 33minute conversation the issues discussed were the pandemic, racial justice. and the Ike Dike coastal barrier.

Harris County has a total of 170,835 confirmed virus cases and 2,322



HEB president Scott McClelland and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo presented the annual State of the County address in the style of a "Fireside Chat."

deaths: Judge Lina Hidalgo thinks it's time for a "necessary pullback." The number of new cases has increased by 40 percent, Hidalgo says. She feels that Harris county would benefit more from a grad-ual re-opening plan. Stating that she no longer has the authority to enforce this, she thinks what the country needs is a thresh-old re-opening strategy with scientifically based parameters. Addressing our suffering economy, Hidalgo says Covid-19 safety measures and the economy's health are synonymous. "When folks know it's safe out there, they'll have the confidence

to go out and engage in the

activities that are going to

improve our economy."

McClelland pointed out the ongoing struggle stu-dents have to adapt to their new online school environment due to the global pandemic. In response to Harris County's lack of connectivity, the county has invested more money to bridge this digital divide. People are notic-ing the lack of broadband and cellphone towers in more impoverished areas, which leads to an inability to access the internet,

Hidalgo said. When asked about what sort of call to action people

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Purse Bingo sees big success for Chamber



Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce held the Greatest Bingo on Earth at the Crosby American Legion simultanious with Stonebridge at Newport via Live Stream on Friday the 13th.

ful David H. McNerney Amerian Legion Hall Post #658 was fully decked out for a circus like atmo-sphere as the local Chamber of Commerce held their second purse bingo compe-

tition there Nov. 13.
The event was also held in Stonebridge at Newport at the same time with the same numbers called thanks to modern technical conveniene of simulcast

CROSBY - The beauti- Live Stream after 5:30 bingo board as players sit

p.m.
The purses are actual pocketbooks and accessories from the pricey design-er lines of Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Fendi and others. Raffles were held for pricey bags and a 52 pick up in two seperate games added

some variety.
The format is a straight line bingo, letter and num-ber to be called out and displayed on an electronic

at group tables, following the letter-number calls.

According to Chamber-President Kim Harris, "Purse Bingo was a big success. Even holding it at two locations due to COVID capacity, we had 150 or more people at each loca-tion when our capacity was 350 total for both. We are certainly looking forward to hosting this again."

Amadour to be evangelist for Native Church



Harvest Church to follow next calling by seeding Native American Churches thoughout the

CROSBY – Vision is simply seeing but faith vision is seeing what can be and Richard Michael Amadour is certainly a man of

faith vision. Soon, his sojourn here is over and he will venture out West and North to seed churches for Okcha Ministries Okcha is the Creek Nation's work for aware."

The Star-Courier caught up with Amadour at his comfortable, unostentatious office at Son Harvest Church founded February of 2004 by Richard and the devotion of members for the outcasts to teach anchoring in Christ, restore joy, change the lives of those around us and love Jesus.

"I was with Pastor Jerry (Hovatar) in 1994 when founded Crosby Church. So there are two

churches in this community that I have been a part of from the ground level up. I was at Crosby Church for about 10 years," Pastor Amadour smilingly recounts a personal history this reporter was confused

So, I was fasting for 31 days and the Lord said "Pastor," so we started Son Harvest Church and we met in homes. From homes to La Petite, right there at Newport, from La Petite to the old American Legion Post from there to the white church there on FM 2100 that has been torn down now. And then from there to here, and we have been here for twelve and a half years. Taking my post is Jason Henry, 44 old and quite capable, he

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COVID-19

Cases as of November 17, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

3,624 DEATHS 234,294 RECOVERED

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1,078,875 POSITIVE **20.147 DEATHS**

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Eddie Foster announces for Purse Bingo Nov. 13 at American Legion Hall.









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Traffic jam delays rescuers after Fatal ATV rollover



A person was killed last Saturday from an ATV rollover. Harris County Sheriff's Deputies, Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. and HCESD#5, the ambulance service for Crosby, were impaired in getting to the scene by a tremendous crowd of trucks and other vehicles blocking entrance at 1927 Gulf Pump Road, the location of Xtreme Off Road Park and Beach. Harris County Sheriff's Deputies continue to investigate the accident, as of Tuesday, the name of the victim has not been released.

COVID-10 Test Sites Nov. 16 thru 21

Houston - COVID-19 cases in our community. Wash your hands frequently, wear a mask and stay 6 feet from others when in public, get your flu shot and get tested for COVID-19. Testing locations are below. Most are oper Monday-Saturday from 8am-3pm. Exceptions are highlighted in red. Children can also be tested at vw.hcphtx.org or call 832-927-

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to 3:00 pm 1865 Aldine Bender, FM 525,

Greater Purelight Missionary Closed Wednesday, Nov. 11 12330 Vickery St Houston, TX 77039 Christ the King Episcopal

Open Mon – Fri Closed Tuesday, Nov. 10 15325 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX

New Hope Presbyterian Church Open Saturday, Nov. 14 1350 N Mason Rd Katy, TX

Champion Forest Baptist Church Closed Friday, Nov. 13

Open Mon-Fri 12pm-7pm
Open Sat., Nov. 14 10:00 am
3:00 pm
1865 Aldine Bender, FM 525, buston, TX 77032
South Belt Church
Closed Tuesday, Nov. 10
13100 Beamer Rd Houston, TX
089

Closed Friday, Nov. 13
15555 Stuebner Airline Rd
Houston, TX 77069
Lee College
Open Tues & Wed, Nov 10 & 11
200 Lee Dr Baytown, TX 77520
St. Mary Magdalene
Open Thurs - Sat, Nov 12 - 14
527 S Houston Ave, Humble, TX
77338

· St Dominic Catholic Church Open Tues - Thurs, Nov 10 - 12 8215 Reservoir, Houston, TX 77049
St. Martin de Porres Church

12606 Crosby Lynchburg Rd, Crosby, TX 77532 • Bear Creek Islamic Center

Closed Saturday, Nov. 14 17250 Coventry Park Dr, Houston, TX 77084 For the Pasadena and Katy sites, register at www.doineedacovid19test.com or

call 832-927-7575. People must be 13 or older to be tested at these San Jacinto College Central

Campus Open Mon-Fri 12pm-7pm Open Sun, Nov. 15, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

8060 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena Katy Park Open Mon-Fri 12pm-7pm



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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 101616 AND NONATTAINMENT PERMIT NUMBER N214M2

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Targa Midstream Services LLC, 811 Louisiana St, Houston, TX 77002-1446, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 101616 and Nonattainment Permit Number N214M2, which would authorize construction of a Mont Belvieu Fractionator at 10319 Hwy 146, Mont Belvieu, Chambers County, Texas 77580. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 30, 2019. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminants in amounts significant enough to require a Nonattainment Review: nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds. The facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount: nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds. In addition, the facility will emit: carbon monoxide, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, ammonia, hazardous air pollutants, hydrogen sulfide, and sulfur dioxide. No other pollutant emission increase will result from this facility

Chambers County has been designated nonattainment for ozone because Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring Stations have shown that ambient concentrations of ozone exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone Ground-level ozone is not emitted directly into the air, but is created by chemical reactions between nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOC). The Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) requires that new major stationary sources and major modifications at sources in designated nonattainment areas must satisfy nonattainment new source review prior to commencement of construction.

As required by the nonattainment review, all air contaminants have been evaluated and the "lowest achievable emission rate" has been addressed for the control of these contaminants. The emission increases from this project will be offset with emission reductions by a ratio of 1.2 to 1. Furthermore, the applicant has demonstrated that the benefits of the existing facility significantly outweigh the environmental and social costs imposed as a result of its location, construction, or modification. Finally, the applicant has certified that all major stationary sources owned or operated by the applicant in the state are in compliance or on a schedule for compliance with all applicable state and federal emission limitations and standards. The executive director, therefore, has made the preliminary determination to issue this permit.

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 permit application, the executive director's preliminary decision which includes the draft permit, the executive director's preliminary determination summary, and the executive director's air quality analysis will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and at Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library, 1 John Hall Drive, Mont Belvieu, Chambers TX, 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.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. These documents are accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid: the executive director's preliminary decision which includes the draft permit, the executive director's preliminary determination summary, the air quality analysis, and, once available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application. Access the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) using the above link and enter the permit number for this application. The public location mentioned above Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library provides public access to the internet. 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=29.841944&Ing=

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, if requested by an interested person, 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.

After the deadline for public comment, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all public comment. 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. The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comment, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comment. 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. The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's

A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. A contested case hearing request must include 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 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. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. 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. Issues that are not submitted in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. If a timely contested case hearing request is not received or if all timely contested case hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may 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 CID. If any timely hearing requests are received and 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.

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 Targa Midstream Services LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jeff Myhra, Senior Environmental Specialist, at (713) 584-1597

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Lucky winners received three free tickets to the Texas Renaissance Festival, which is ending Nov. 29. The drawing has concluded.



Art Gallery features Paintings by Mei

Texas Artisans Art Gallery in Chappell Hill is now featuring oil painting by Mei Hoffman. Gallery is on the main street, and open weekends and some weekdays by appointment. Call 713-703-3841.





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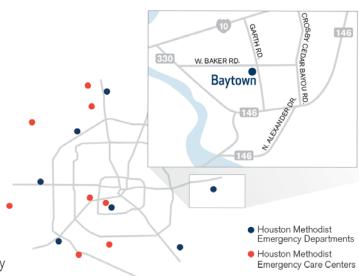


Flu season is here. If you need emergency care, don't ignore your symptoms.

With flu season coinciding with the COVID-19 pandemic, it's more important than ever to prioritize your health. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, don't ignore your symptoms — especially if you have severe flu symptoms, such as high fever, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath or dehydration.

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OPINION By Eric Dick, **HCDE Board President**

Harris County is fortunate to have a Department of Education

From the Desk of HCDE Board President Eric

"Harris County is fortunate enough to have a Department of Education," says Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) Board Chairman Eric Dick. "Though the various businesses HCDE owns, we are able to take a nominal tax rate and turn it into serious money. We turn \$1 of tax revenues into \$5 of governmental services. We love education and use the profits to support our local school districts.'

Harris County School Districts are the HCDE's primary mission. The Harris County Education Foundation (EFHC), HCDE's philanthropic arm, recently announced grant allocations of \$207,013 to local school districts to help districts deal with COVID-19 related funding.

The Education Partnership Partners awards range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 to support the school system with needs ranging from technology to pandemic health items to school supplies. The grants were made possible by the HCDE Board of Trustees, who voted for \$500,000 in funding during the school year 2020-2021 to assist Harris County districts.

County School Superintendent James Colbert Jr. noted that the Harris County Education Department is proud to fill holes in our county's public education. At the beginning of COVID-19, HCDE saw the unique needs of our school districts. The board took immediate action requesting the foundation to administer grants to provide sufficient funding directly to meet these

The 16 districts receiving grant funding are Aldine, Alief, Channelview, Clear Creek, Crosby, Galena Park, Goose Creek, Houston, Humble, Katy La Porte, Pasadena, Sheldon, Spring, Spring Branch, and Stafford. Applications were obtained from district administration or districtaffiliated education foundation. Pasadena Independent School District and the PISD Education Foundation were the first to reveal via the EFHC its Partners in Education Project grant from HCDE.



PISD Associate Superintendent Dr. Trov McCarley describes Harris County's generous support for Pasadena ISD. The grant is more than just offering our virtual learners money. It also is helping many students complete virtual training. Pasadena's grant initiative provides underprivileged children with MiFi equipment and monthly online services so that students can complete online interactive education assignments. HCDE Board Amy Hinojosa shared the great news of a grant with PISD administrators, endorsing PISD as HCDE's Precinct 2 trustee and Pasadena resident.

Colbert notes that the grants complement HCDE's other district resources, including four special schools, educator professional development, school safety, teacher credential programs, Head Start, school-based counseling, and adult education. HCDE supports our districts in so many ways, and we're excited to find another way to work with communities to help students and





STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Chris Cobler**

Local, state leaders battle COVID surge, and each other

Texas topped 1 million COVID-19 cases as some counties reimposed restric-tions that had been loosened after this summer's spike.
Particularly hard-hit El

Paso extended its temporary shutdown of nonessential businesses, but the Texas Eighth Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 Friday to block County Judge Ricardo Samaniego's order. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Gov. Greg Abbott and some El Paso businesses had op-posed the judge's order, claiming it went too far.
"I will not let rogue polit

ical subdivisions try to kill small businesses and holiday gatherings through unlawful executive orders," Paxton said in a statement.

Samaniego promised to continue the legal fight to protect El Paso residents and health care workers.

"So unfortunate that Paxton, the 'Texas' Attorney General, finds the opportunity to gloat instead of company to the property of the property o ing to El Paso to walk alongside me by the mobile morgues with 144 El Pasoans; or send his condolences to the families of his 741 constituents who died of COVID-19," the judge responded in a statement.

On Friday, the state re ported 7,083 people hospitalized with COVID-19, according to the Texas Tribune. Hospital beds in West Texas are scarce, and area morgues are overflowing with bodies.

The Texas Department of State Health Services urged Texans to continue to wear facial coverings, socially distance and wash hands regularly. The state also supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guide-lines for Thanksgiving gatherings. These include: Limit the number of at-

tendees as much as possible to allow people from different households to remain at least 6 feet apart at all times Guests should avoid direct contact, including handshakes and hugs, with others not from their household

Host outdoor rather than indoor gatherings as much as possible. Even outdoors, require guests to wear

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masks when not eating or

Encourage guests to avoid singing or shouting, especially indoors. Keep music levels down so people don't have to shout or speak loudly to be heard.

PREPARING FOR VACCINE

Texas will work to quickly distribute a new vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech as soon as the drug receives final regulatory approval. The state health depart-

ment has developed a vaccine distribution plan and is working with health care providers to enroll in the agency's immunization program to be eligible to administer the shots. Over 2,500 providers already have en-

rolled in the program.

Meanwhile, the University of Texas celebrated the work of its McLellan Lab in Austin for co-designing the coronavirus spike protein used in the proposed vaccine. Also, the University of Texas Medical Branch served as a site for clinical trials for the Pfizer vaccine and engineered a way to evaluate the drug more quickly.

HIGH INTEREST IN INTERNET SERVICE

Many Capital Highlights readers reacted to last week's column about the lack of broadband access in rural

Texas.

They shared stories of driving miles to use a public library's wifi for a few hours. Some described carefully po-

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sitioning themselves just so in one corner of their home's upstairs balcony to get service that was barely adequate.

Column reader Michael Phillips of rural Harrison County said his home is too remote for DSL and that satellite service is slow, expensive and unreliable at times. He has written letters to county officials, state legislators, his congressman and both of Texas' U.S. senators "In today's connected

world, having access to fast, reliable Internet is essential," he wrote. "More and more people are shopping online, banking and paving bills online, students need access to online research tools, many college classes are either partially or totally online, medical resources are online, streaming services, news and entertainment are online. In addition, many small businesses start up

If you missed the panel discussion "Broadband is a Lifeline," you still may view the replay at TexasTribune.org. Stay tuned to see what the Legis-lature will do when it convenes in January

HOMEWARD REBOUND

The number of homes sold in Texas rose 18.4% in the third quarter of 2020 over the previous year.

Almost 120,000 homes sold in the state, even though listings dropped 32.4% from the prior year, according to the Texas Quarterly Housing Report by Texas Realtors.
"The Texas real estate

market's resiliency, especially in the middle of a pandemic crisis, is nothing short of incredible, though our housing supply is still critically low," said Cindi Bulla, Texas Realtors chairwoman.
The statewide median

housing price rose 8.6% to

TALKING TURKEY PRICES

Heading in to Thanksgiving, turkey supplies are down and prices are up, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

expert.
COVID-19 appears to be heavily influencing holiday turkey prices, said David Anderson, AgriLife Extension economist in Bryan-College Station. Although wholesale prices are up be-cause supplies are down, Anderson said, retailers still might offer specials because of the pandemic.
About a third of Ameri-

cans will have fewer people at their Thanksgiving celebrations, according to a marketing survey by the Food Industry Association and the Hartman Group. About 26% of respondents said they would avoid long-distance

"If people are scaling back, it will be interesting to see how the market for turkeys and traditional Thanks giving dishes plays out,' Anderson said

Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Informa tion Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at ccobler@texaspress.com



"Freshly Baked Bread"

"I'm going to bake bread!" my husband. Peter, an-

Inwardly, I said, "Oh, no." Baking bread is not easy-until it is. Every person I know who bakes bread will agree. If there's someone out there who tried baking bread for the first time and it was a great success, I would like to hear about it because, in my experience, you have to bake a lot of bad bread before you bake anything close to edible. I was afraid Peter was about to find this out.

But what I said was,

"Great, honey!"

A lot of people are trying to bake bread these days Our store is still low on yeast and was out of flour for weeks. I wonder how many bags of flour and bottles of yeast are sitting around unused after a first, disastrous attempt. I remember when I first decided to bake bread.

"I'm going to bake bread!" I announced. There was no one around to discourage

I don't know how many loaves of terrible bread I baked. I lost count. I tried all sorts of recipes. I blamed the altitude and the flour and the yeast. Nothing worked. I kept producing these heavy, unappetizing loaves and the only thing that prevented me from giving them to the birds was my landlord, a portly man, who came by to chat almost every day. He would eat absolutely anything with enough butter and honey on

So, my landlord ate loaf after loaf of terrible bread until one day I tried the 'No-Knead Bread," which my brother-in-law recommended and, quite unexpectedly, I made edible ead for the first time. This was more than ten

years ago and, since that time, I have not experiment ed with another kind of bread. I will put nuts and raisins and cranberries and wheat bran in my bread on occasion, but the basic recipe remains the same because I figure I am lucky to have found one kind of bread I can manage.

Peter was inspired to bake bread because he remembered the bread his mother made when he was child. The recipe was on a 3x5 index card she'd labeled "My Good Bread."

"Did she have bad bread?" I asked Peter. "No. This is the only bread she made.

I never met Peter's mother. She died before Peter and I met. But other than giving birth to Peter, I've no reason to believe she had any superhuman abilities. I'm guessing she learned to bake bread like everyone else—she failed until she found something that worked for her. That's why she called it "My Good Bread," to differentiate it from the countless loaves of terrible bread that proceeded it.

And it was obvious she wrote the recipe for herself. There was no oven tempera ture given, no baking time, and the ingredients were arcane. I've never seen "cake yeast" in the store and I'd have to guess that "potato water" was water she had boiled potatoes in. She used a type of graham flour that, as far as Peter can determine, is no longer made. Still, Peter was optimistic.

A few hours later, the

results were in.
"My bread is a failure!" Peter announced.

The bread was tasty enough, but it crumbled as soon as it was cut.
"Well," I said, "you'll just
have to try again!" And I

suspect Peter will. Because there is a reason

we bake bread. It is frustrating and time-

consuming and failureprone. But, really, there is nothing in the world like a loaf of freshly baked bread Till next time.

Carrie Classon's memoir

Carrie is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com



Amadour to be Evangelist,

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loves the lost like I do.' "He has been out there and we built a church out want to build a church out of churches."

We want to train up the kids in their twenties and thirties to be leaders among their own people. We have set out to build up a church for the Creek Nation. Native Americans are just a whole other country. and mentality. They are not going to come out and be open, they speak if they are spoke to, they just quietly sit back and observe and every nation is different. So God called me I would say 24 years ago when I got introduced to my tribe, the Chactow Apache of Ibew, Louisianna. At my family reunion they opened up the headquarters and signed me up. At that time, I knew nothing about that part of my linage. I had no idea at the time what was coming but for the last five years we have been introduced to Lakota, Navajo, Chactow, Creek, Seminole and

"I am learn a lot about Native American culture, the ceremonial heritage, what is good medicine and

what is bad medicine: there is a large amount of culture to absorb. I grew up in the Mexican Culture and understood that but now I am 66 and I see the times the way they are and I need to do what God wants me to do. I have become passionate for Native America. It is a different way to present the word, you have to know the people first, I can't go into their church and try to make them like us."

"I can't be an Irish church in Mexico you have to experience the people where they are. And, let me tell you, you eat great. When you know the people it is different and they are different to you."

"I see a lot of young people excited about learning a new way. So we need to train them to become pas-

"The way that they grow is planting new churches out in the middle of no-where. A lot of times in the mission field establish the works out there in the mission field but they trained up the Native People to pastor the people in Native America. I hope in the next ten years we can make a difference that is my next

call. We are going to be traveling. A trip I have to make is to the Hemas Pueblo to visit the Hopi and Navaio."

"There is still a lot of resentment and they pass things down to their chil-dren that they do not openly speak of. I love it, there is a difference and it is my calling."
"I am truly encouraging

home churches, a group of about 20 people where you can hold one another accountable, you send leaders to another home church, we can lift each other up, instead of putting money into buildings and electricity and being a business when people tithe we can put that back into building up our people, back into the neighbor-hood, back into where it is

supposed to go."
"So December 27 will be my last church service here before I go off into my next calling. We are going to reminisce with pictures and videos of times like when we honored David McNerney and brought the Vietnam Memorial Wall to Crosby, it is to be an exploration of the past calling before I go on to my next.

maul Texas **Stingarees**

TEXAS CITY - The Crosby Cougars continue their rampage and district domination with a Friday victory over the Stingarees of Texas City bringing the team to 4-0 in district.

The score was 41 to 6 at the final. The Cougars were up 28 to 0 at the end of the first quarter and had amassed their 41 points by the half.

According to Jerry Prieto Athletic Director of Crosby High School, Our offense has really been clicking, scoring at least 41 ints by the half in the last

wo games."
The starters got to sit

out the last half.
Texas City scored in the third quarter but could not put the kick properly. Prieto stated "We have

been playing at a high level lately, our defensive line has been shutting down the run and getting after the quarterback. Starters Wade Lewis, Casey McCoy and Jeremiah Isaac leading the way.'

Cougars State of the County,

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should take from the proshould take from the protests surrounding George Floyd's death, she replies, "Stay on Us." Encouraging people to stay informed and vote, she says, "I knew we succeeded when she saw that 1.7 million people in Harris County had vot-ed in the general election." "It has been very impor-tant, necessary and, I hope impactful to see George Floyd's hometown come together and demand change" she said.

Hidalgo also commented on misdemeanor bail reform, immigration, and the need to promote minority-owned businesses. On the topic of immigration,

she mentioned the court's recent approval of an affirmative action program for county vendors and \$2.5 million to help poor immigrants fight deportations.

Briefly discussing this year's narrow escapes from hurricanes Laura and Del-ta, McClelland addressed the possibility of a coastal barrier to better protect the region from a hurri-cane's effects. Although Hidalgo says that the Ike Dike coastal barrier has her support, it should be noted that since the project could take decades to complete; policy makers should pursue smaller-scale flood mitigation projects.

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Targa Midstream Services LLC has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 101616 and Nonattainment Permit Number N214M2, which would authorize construction of a Mont Belvieu Fractionator at 10319 Hwy 146, Mont Belvieu, Chambers County, Texas 77580. onal information concerning this application is containe in the public notice section of this newspaper.

Harris County Approves \$10 Million to Support Early Childhood Development Programs

The COVID-19 epidemic has disrupted our everyday lives, but that disruption does not diminish the pressing needs of our most vulnerable residents. On October 27, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioner's Court approved a \$10 million Early Childhood Impact Fund to make investments in highimpact early childhood initiatives and programs that work to improve the health and development of Harris County's youngest children. A portion of the fund will be used to hire a third-party re-search team to evaluate results of the selected initiatives.

This groundbreaking fund marks the first time Harris County has significantly invested in early childhood programs, which research demonstrates have one of the strongest returns on investment for any type of public program. Quality early childhood care and education can prevent future developmental deficiencies, help close achievement and income gaps, reduce health disparities, and save taxpayers in lower health and social costs. Judge Hidalgo previously hosted an Early Childhood Community Conversation as well as a series of virtual community conversations to gather community input from families, caretakers, and professionals on what families need most when it comes to

early childhood.
The application for early childhood programs interested in receiving funding will be due by January 29, and programs are expected to be selected and funded by the end of March 2021. An advisory council of early childhood experts and professionals will be established to ensure that evidence-based, high quality programs are included to make the biggest difference for Harris County's young children and their families. Visit HarrisCountyKids.com for more information on Harris County's early childhood efforts and the Early Childhood Impact Fund as it be

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Indiana finds out if it's for real when they visit Ohio State: Texans look to add to Patriots misery on Sunday

The University of Indiana is known as a basketball school, but its football team thus far in the 2020 Big 10

season. The Hoosiers, under the direction of head coach Tom Allen, won their first three games of the season and are ranked No. 10 in the country. They already own home wins against Penn State and Michigan (their 38-21 win over the Wolver ines two weeks ago was IU's first over Michigan in 33

Allen's team has been getting it done with an opportunistic defense and a big-play offense led by jarterhack Michael Penix Jr. The Hoosiers take a huge step up in competition this Saturday when they visit Columbus to take on No. 3ranked Ohio State Will the Hoosiers magical ride continue? We shall see. Ryan Day's Buckeyes are loaded on both sides of the ball They are averaging 46 points per game in their first three conference games This will definitely be III's

In the Big 12, Iowa State hopes to stay in the league title hunt when it hosts a Kansas State team that is pretty much out of it after losing at home Oklahoma State two weeks ago. Speaking of OSU, the Cowboys travel to Norman to take on archrival Oklahoma in the annual Bedlam game, Mike Gundy's Cowboys had their bye week last week to give them extra time to prepare for Lincoln Riley and his ever-improving Sooners, who were also, idle last Saturday.

In the NFL, the Texans will look to continue to add to the New England Patriots miserable 2020 season when they host Bill Belichick's team at NRG Stadium on Sunday. Two weeks ago, the Texans picked up their second win of the season



when they held off Jackson-ville, 27-25. There is another good one for Thursday Night Football as Arizona, which dropped a 34-31 decision at home two weeks ago to a much-improved Miami team, visits Seattle, which fell at Buffalo, 44-34. Other interesting matchups have the Packers visiting the Colts and the Chiefs visiting Las Vegas, the only team to defeat them thus far this season. That game will be

Before we take a look at those games and a host of others, let's review last week's record. A 10-2 week (another solid one) upped the season record to 62-30 (67%). Now, onto this weekend's games.

NCAA

Indiana at Ohio State:

As stated earlier, the Indiana faithful will find out if they are contenders or pretenders when they take on the No. 3-ranked Buckeyes on Saturday in Columbus. Penix Jr., leads them on offense as he's passed for 750 yards and has thrown seven touchdowns in his team's first three games. The Hoosiers are also opportunistic on defense and they had better bring their "A" game when they face off against dual threat Justin Fields (908 passing yards, 11 TDs), running back Master Teague III (211 yards, 4 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Chris Olave (18 receptions, 288 yards, 4 TDs). The Buckeye

Penn State scored on them and the 27 points Rutgers put up on them two weeks ago. The problem is, Ohio State lights up the score-board like a pinball machine. I think Indiana hangs around in this one, but look for Fields and his mates to pull away in the fourth quarter. My pick, Ohio State 43. Indiana 28

Oklahoma: The Game of the Week on the Big 12 and possibly the country pits the one-loss Cowboys against the two-loss Sooners in Norman on Saturday. Both teams had an extra week to prepare for this one and both should enter the game relatively healthy. Two weeks ago, OSU picked up a hard-earned road win over Kansas State (20-18), while the Sooners rolled to a 62-9 pasting of Kansas. Gundy's team has starting quarter back Spencer Sanders (766 yards, 5 TDs) back after he missed a few game with an ankle injury. The Cowboys also have the services of stud running back Chubba Hubbard (581 yards, 5 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Tylan Wallace (35 receptions, 588 yards, 4 TDs). Look for Gundy to attack young but improving OU defense. Riley has plenty of weapons on offense as well led by quarterback Spencer Rattler (2,018 yards, 18 TDs) and true freshman wide receiver Marvin Mims (25 receptions, 418 yards, 7 TDs). This one should be a high-scoring affair and

something tells me Riley will pull out a gadget play or two, which will be the Oklahoma 36, Oklahoma

Arizona at Seattle: The

NFL

Seahawks will be out for revenge on Thursday Night Football when they host the Arizona Cardinals, On Oct. 25, Seattle blew a 10-point lead with a little over two minutes to go as the Cards and quarterback Kyler Murray (2,130 passing yards, 16 TDs/543 passing yards, 8 TDs) rallied for a 37-34 victory in overtime. Two weeks ago, Arizona lost at home to Miami, while Seattle dropped a 44-34 decision at Buffalo as guarterback Russell Wilson (2,541 yards, 28 TDs) fumbled twice and threw two interceptions. Look for Wilson to make plays downfield to speedy and big wide receiver DK Metcalf (43 receptions, 788 vards, 8 TDs). Seattle needs to tighten things up on defense, especially against a playmaker like Murray. Something tells me head coach Pete Carroll will make the necessary adjustments on that side of the ball, while Wilson will take care of things on offense. My pick, Seattle 34, Arizona 28

New England at **Houston**: After a brutal start schedule-wise to the season (games against Kansas City, Pittsburgh Baltimore, Tennessee and Green Bay), the second half of the season looks a bit more promising for the Texans. After a game at Cleveland last week, the Texans host the struggling New England Patriots (Belichick's team was a very uncustomary 2-5 heading into their Nov. 9 Monday

Night Football game against

the Jets) on Sunday in NRG

Stadium. While the Texans continue to struggle on defense, quarterback Deshaun Watson (2,376 yards, 17 TDs) is on a path for his best season as a pro This might be a good week for the defense to get some stops, and possibly a turnover or two, from NE QB Cam Newton (picks here). Look for another big day from Watson as the Texans begin righting the shop in the second half of the season. My pick, Houston 26, New England

Green Bay at Indianapolis: Two weeks ago, Aaron Rodgers (2,253 yards, 24 TDs) threw four touchdown passes in a route over the 49ers to get the bad the NFC title game out of his mouth. Rodgers was happy to have running back Aaron Jones (477 yards, 5 TDs) back as he picked the SF secondary apart with strikes to wide receiver Davante Adams (53 $receptions,\,675\;yards,\,8$ TDs). This week, the Packers face a top-5 defense when they visit the Colts. But two weeks ago, that unit was run over in the second half by the Ravens as Baltimore rallied for a 24-10 road wins. Indy QB Phillip Rivers (2,057 yards, 10 TDs) hasn't been the savior Colt. fans thought he would be, but he should be able to make some plays against a suspect GB defense. Look for Rodgers to outduel Rivers as the Packers look to take control of the NFC North My pick, Green Bay 33, Indianapolis 20

Dallas at Minnesota: Two weeks ago, the Cowboys were double-digit underdogs against the Pittsburgh Steelers, but they played hard and were in the game up until the final play of the game when Garrett Gilbert's (243 yards, 1 TD) pass into

the end zone was broken up by Minka Fitzpatrick to save a 24-19 Pittsburgh victory Garrett made plays with his arm and his legs and should keep the job the rest of the season. The much-maligned defense played hard, but they will need to be on top of their game this week when they face perhaps the league's hottest running back in Dalvin Cook (858 yards, 12 TDs) on Sunday in Minnesota. Don't look now, but the Vikings are getting hot at the right moment and could still factor in the playoff race. I don't see them letting up this week against the Cowboys. My pick, Minnesota 26, Dallas 21

Vegas: The Chiefs will be out to make amends for their 40-32 home loss to the Raiders on Oct. 11 which is thus far the only blemish for Andy Reid's team, KC quarterback Patrick Mahomes (2,687 yards, 25 TDs, just 1 interception) is having an MVP-like season and he has plenty of playmakers to toss the hall to in tight end Travis Kelce (58 receptions, 769 yards, 6 TDs) and speedy wide receiver Tyreek Hill (44 receptions, 650 yards, 9 TDs). Las Vegas quarterback Derek Carr (2,002 yards, 16 TDs) hit some big plays downfield in the first meeting against the Chiefs and with a strong running game led by second-year back Josh Jacobs (588 yards. 6 TDs), look for Carr to get Jacobs going early to set up the play-action pass, with hopes of making some more big plays in the passing game. This should be a good one for Sunday Night Football and look for the Chiefs to have the last laugh this time around. My pick Kansas City 34, Las Vegas

Churches United hosts Holiday Market Sale



The parking lot of Churches United in Caring, the community outreach of several local churches that united to effectively use their funds, was packed with holiday shoppers last Saturday as shoppers came out to find quality items at garage sale prices with a special eye to Christmas items including decoration. This special event was to buy food and toys for distribution to Crosby, Huffman and Barrett Station families for Christmas. Locals thronged the parking lot Saturday morning buying decorations and gifts. "I'm so glad they take credit cards today, normally, they don't I was afraid I would have to tell the kids there would be no Christmas this year but now I am ahead of the holiday shopping and spent less than to do just the bare minimum." said one shopper, asking not to be identified, lugging a giant box to stuffed with decorations and gifts to his car.

New Harris County Animal Shelter Opens its Doors for Residents to Adopt a Pet

If your family is looking to adopt a fur baby for the holidays, visit the newly unveiled Harris County Pets Resource Center. The new shelter will provide three and a half times the amount of space as the original shelter that it replaces, increasing capacity to 525 animals, or 315 dogs and 210 cats. Dog pens in the new shelter have both indoor and outdoor space for them to play, cats have their own "cat condos," and quarantine areas are available to stop the spread of disease. The building also makes it easier for residents hoping to adopt — "Get Acquainted" areas allow you to get to know an animal before taking her home and a more ample and welcoming space is available for adoption events and counseling rooms. To find out how you can adopt a pet in need of a home, visit Harris CountyPets.com.

Harris County Commits Additional \$10 Million to Help Students Bridge Digital Divide

Harris County is still working hard to assist students struggling to complete school work from home without internet or laptops. Last month, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioner's Court approved an additional \$10 million for the purchase of devices and hotspots for Harris County children attending school virtually during the COVID-19 epidemic. The County had previously allocated \$32 million for the purchase of devices in early August. 64,000 internet devices and 190,000 electronic devices have already been ordered via the programs. In Texas, one in four students do not have devices at home for virtual learning, and 34% of these students lack adequate access to the internet. 66% of these students are African-American, Hispanic, or Native American. The county is also funding an evaluation of long-term infrastructure solutions for areas of our county that do not have connectivity.





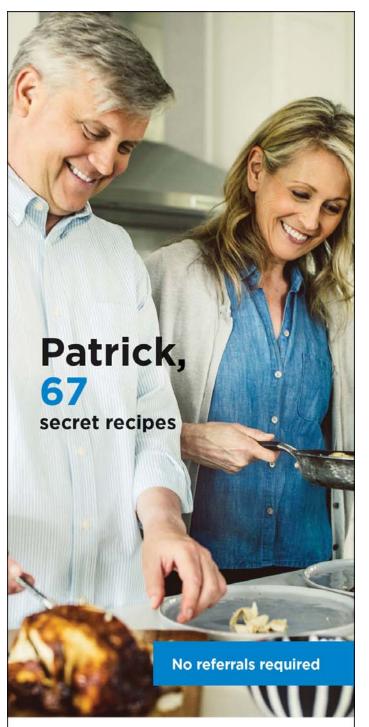
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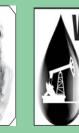
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Chambers County Library Services continue

The Chambers County Library System continues to offer curbside service through the remainder of 2020. Books, DVDs, audiobooks and other items can be reserved and picked up at any of the branch libraries. The uments to branch emails for printing, send items to fax, or request copies. There is no charge for these services.

In addition to curbside service, there are weekly virtual story times, and craft programs on the library's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Take and make crafts for kids and teens are offered each month

Special consideration for computer appointments is being made for people who need to do job or school related assignments. The public is required to fill out a form, wear a mask, and get their temperature checked before entering the building. We ask that people use the computers quickly to limit expo-sure. We also offer 24/7 Wi-Fi with mobile print-

The library will continue to work closely with county and health officials to provide a safe comes time to reopen to the public.
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Iones Public Library Photo Contest

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We look forward to artwork our community has to offer!

Scott Peal new County Court Law Judge

Chambers County Commissioners Court Appoints Scott R. Peal as First County Court at Law Judge, Effective January 1, 2021

CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS – On Tuesday, November 10, 2020 the Chambers County Commissioners Court voted to appoint Scott R. Peal to the role of County Court at Law Judge, effective January , 2020. Mr. Peal will be the first to hold this

newly created position. Recently re-elected, Mr. Peal currently has held the office of

Attorney since 2009. "We are excited to

have Scott transition into this new role," said Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia. "He has served Chambers County well as County Attorney and his knowledge and experience in that capacity made him the perfect candidate to take the helm of this newly created Court at Law.

The Texas Constitution limits each county to a single county court, however the Legislature has allowed the creation of county courts at law to aid in



SCOTT PEAL

"Our hope is that the creation of this new court will expedite the judicial process in Chambers

Prior to taking office as County Attorney, Mr. Peal served for four years as an Assistant District Attorney for Chambers County and two years as Assistant Criminal District Attorney in

Kaufman County.
"I'm thankful that the Court has placed its trust in my ability to take on this job," said Mr. Peal. "I look forward to continuing to serve the people of Chambers County and assisting in the improvement of the judicial process in Chambers County through this new

Chambers County Commissioners Court is currently accepting applications from qualified attorneys interested in the County Attorney position. Interested individuals may submit their written desire for consideration in person to the County Judge's Office by November 20, 2020, or by mail to PO Box 939, Anahuac, TX 77514. The Court is expected to make an appointment by November 24. Any candidate appointed to the role of County Attorney would take office January 1, 2021.

Message from the **Mayor Pro-tem**

My name is Dana Colquitt. I serve as Mayor Pro Tem for Beach City, and I am also the Chairman of the Beach City Civic Club. For the last nine years, I have collected donations to assist needy families during Christmas. Thankfully, we have managed to help several families each year due to the overwhelming support we receive from our Beach City commu-

If you would like to nominate a needy family, I would appreciate if you would send me an email or a phone call. I never divulge the name of the families or any of their personal information to anyone else.

If you would like to help bring a little holiday cheer during these difficult times, please contact me. It takes all of us. I will be happy to come by and pick up donations or meet you somewhere else. You can also mail donations to me directly at 8416 Ocean Drive, Beach City, Texas 77523. Or you can put in an envelope with my name and drop it off at the Beach City Community Building.

It has been a difficult year, but I know that a little Christmas cheer can go a long way to help needy families start off the next year on the right foot.

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Dana Colquitt, Mayor Pro Tem City of Beach City, Tx - 832-262-0620

Beach City: Santa on the Bay set for Dec. 11th and 12th

This year, the Santa On The Bay Parade will take place on December 11 and 12. Friday, Dec. 11th will start on the south end of town on Cedar Point Rd. and progress northward and finish up the night with the Northpoint subdivision. Saturday, Dec 12th, the parade will pick up just north of Northpoint and finish the parade just north of the city's northern boundary.

The BCVFD will be throwing out candy to all the children along the route and Santa will most certainly be in his usual festive spirit. The volunteers of the fire department, and with help from the Beach City Mayor and City Council, will be collecting Food donations for our local food pantry and also financial donations to the Food Pantry or Fire Depart. Make checks out to "Food Pantry" or "BCVFD" whichever you prefer.

If you are new to the area, please plan to bring the kids out to watch the parade when it comes down your street. This is fun for everyone with the decorated fire trucks, Christmas music, sirens and the star of coarse, Santa. Who I might say can really cut a rug when he comes to Beach City.

The parades will start around dusk each night and believe me, you will be able too hear them in advance of coming down your road. Lets make this the best one vet!

Jackey Lasater, Mayor, Beach City**

Is it Flu or COVID-19?

BAYTOWN - (November 12, 2020) — As we move into the winter months, medical experts caution there could be a rise in flu cases amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you start feeling your first thought might be, "Do I have COVID-19?" The fact is you need to be prepared for both. Knowwhat to do if you expe rience COVID-19 or flu symptoms can help you protect yourself and oth-

ers.
"It's important to keep your guard up this fall, because we could see both COVID-19 and flu viruses spreading in our community," said Dr. Pooja Kulkarni, a primary care physician at Houston Methodist Primary Care Group at Baytown. need to be vigilant about recognizing symptoms, getting tested and preventing the spread of illness to others.

Slow the Spread

COVID-19 and the flu both spread easily from person to person in close contact (less than six feet apart). Both viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets when people cough, sneeze or talk. Both COVID-19 and flu may be spread to others by people who are asymptomatic

(having no symptoms) or those who are recently infected and not yet showing

Although COVID-19 and flu viruses spread in similar ways, COVID-19 is more contagious certain populations and age groups than flu. COV-ID-19 also has been linked to more superspreading events in which a single person can infect many other individuals.

A Range of Symptoms

Some people with COV-ID-19 or the flu have no symptoms, while others experience mild, moderate, severe, critical or lifethreatening symptoms.

• COVID-19: The key symptoms of COVID-19 are fever cough and shortness of breath. Some people with COVID-19 also report a lack of taste or

• Flu: The most common symptoms of flu include fever, chills, muscle aches and fatigue.

"Because the symptoms of COVID-19 and the flu are similar, it's difficult to know if you're experiencing COVID-19 or the flu based on symptoms alone," explained Kulkarni. Getting tested for COVID-19 is an important step in con-



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firming the source of illness and seeking medical treatment, if needed.

Most mild cases of COV-ID-19 and flu can be managed at home with rest. fluids and fever-reducing medicine. But those who are at risk for complica-tions of COVID-19 should check in with their doctor. Monitor symptoms and seek medical care right away if you're experiencing severe symptoms, such as:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath • Pain or pressure in
- · New dizziness or confusion · Inability to wake or
- stay awake
 Bluish lips or face
- "Although COVID-19

and flu are similar in many ways, the chance of severe and critical infection is higher with COVID-19 than the flu," Kulkarni

If you are experiencing toms, schedule a virtual video visit with your primary care doctor. Simply call your doctor's office or use the "Schedule an Ap pointment" button in Houston Methodist My-Chart.

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital is taking every necessary precaution during the coronavirus pandemic to keep you and our staff members safe. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are:

 Screening all patients, ensuring only those without COVID-19 symptoms are seen in the office

• Wearing masks and personal protective equipment (PPE) while providing patient care

• Reorganizing waiting rooms and check-in lines to ensure social distancing Implementing additional sanitation processes

to disinfect all equipment and surfaces

Kulkarni and her fellow physicians with Houston Methodist Primary Care Group at Baytown, including Dr. Greg Terry, Irfan Dadabhoy, MD and nurse practitioner Trudy Istre, provide the full range of primary care services, including routine checkups, and treatment of complex illnesses such as diabete high blood pressure and asthma. To schedule an appointment, houstonmethodist.org, or call 832-556-6670

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