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## COVID-19 RESOURCES

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## COVID-19 Cases as of January 25, 2021

### HOUSTON AREA 19 COUNTIES

477,463 POSITIVE  
4,804 DEATHS  
377,762 RECOVERED

### TEXAS

2,250,827 POSITIVE  
34,917 DEATHS  
1,809,067 RECOVERED

### UNITED STATES

25,155,357 POSITIVE  
419,388 DEATHS  
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### WORLDWIDE

99,368,828 POSITIVE  
2,133,140 DEATHS  
54,885,577 RECOVERED

## Harris County opens on-line Vaccine registration

HOUSTON — Starting on Tuesday, January 26th, Harris County Public Health (HCPH) will launch a new COVID-19 Vaccination Portal for residents who meet the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) criteria for receiving a vaccine. The portal will allow individuals to be placed on a waitlist and contacted once vaccines and appointments are available. The waitlist will be available via the vaccine information link on [ReadyHarris.org](https://readyharris.org) and <https://vacstrac.hctx.net> starting no later than Tuesday afternoon. Eligible residents without internet access can also call

(832) 927-8787 once the portal is live to be placed on the waitlist.

Harris County's new "Smart Waitlist" system will not use a first-come, first-served process for allocating vaccines. In order to ensure fair access for elderly residents, working families, and vulnerable populations, registrants on the waitlist will instead be selected through a prioritization and randomization process in accordance with state guidelines. Only individuals who fall under the DSHS Phase 1A and 1B category will be eligible to receive the vaccine at this stage. Those who are not qualified to receive the vaccine under 1A or 1B



Harris County Public Health Nurse administers a vaccination last week at the Pct. 2 Northeast Community Center.

will still be able to be placed on the waitlist but will not be contacted to schedule an appointment until the State of Texas expands eligibility beyond 1A and 1B, likely not until the Spring or Summer.

### Priority phases:

Phase 1A: Individuals in Phase 1A who register for the waitlist will be prioritized before those in Phase 1B to ensure everyone in Phase 1A has an opportunity to receive the vaccine. With in Phase 1A, individuals will be selected at random from the following age cohorts, with oldest cohorts prioritized first: 75+, 65-74, 55-64, 45-54, 35-44, 25-34, 18-24.

Phase 1B: Individuals in Phase 1B who register for the waitlist will be selected at random from the following age cohorts, with oldest cohorts prioritized first: 75+, 65-74, 55-64, 45-54, 35-44, 25-34, 18-24.

### Future Phases:

Individuals who are not qualified to receive the vaccine under Phases 1A or 1B will still be able to register for the waitlist. However, they will not be contacted to schedule an

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## Jacinto City's Finest - Lt. Walker and Dispatcher Solis

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. – January 26, 2021 – It will be eight years ago since March 20th, 2013 when Jacinto City's Lieutenant Dennis Walker was critically wounded while backing-up another officer, Sgt. J. Simpson-Castaneda who had been dispatched to investigate a family disturbance call with a family member threatening them with a gun.

When Sgt. Castaneda entered the house the deranged gunman opened fire, the bullet striking her and knocking her to the floor. Lt. Walker heard the gunshots as he arrived and without hesitation ran into the house where the gunman was about to shoot the



Jacinto City's Lieutenant Dennis Walker and Communications Specialist Leslie Solis. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

wounded officer again. Walker got death, the gunman and Walker the gunman's attention away from exchanged shots and the gunman the wounded officer preventing her fled for cover to the bathroom but

not before Walker received multiple gunshots to the chest. The suspect later surrendered and was subsequently sentenced to prison.

Castaneda and Walker were hospitalized and both underwent months of medical treatments before recovering. Castaneda gave up her police career but Walker remains in active duty in the police department.

According to Police Chief Joe Ayala who said Lt. Walker is a key player in the department and the supervisor over the communications division. He performs detective investigations on homicides, thefts, narcotics and street patrolling. In his off time he's a State Licensed Firearms Instructor.

When North Channel Star writer and former mayor and police chief Allan Jamail interviewed Walker for this story he asked him how after being wounded in the gun battle has it affected his police work. Lt. Walker said, "It made me more cau-

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## Texas proposes \$119.7B yearly budget, down 3%

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas Speaker of the House Dade Phelan today released the following statement on the House's base budget for the 2022-2023 biennium:

"The Texas House's base budget prioritizes the needs of Texans during this consequential moment in our state's history and advances the Legislature's commitment to the historic public education and school finance and property tax reforms passed last session. The decisions we make during the 87th legislative session will have lasting effects on the future of our state, which is why the House will work to improve our business climate, foster economic prosperity, and do what's right for our students. I am grateful to the Members of the House Appropriations Committee and the hard-working committee staff for their efforts throughout this process."

The House base budget recommendations for FY 2022-23 appropriate \$119.7 billion in general revenue, a decrease of



TEXAS STATE CAPITOL IN AUSTIN

three (3) percent adjusted for population and inflation. The House budget recommendations are \$3.2 billion below the spending limit of 7.06 percent adopted by the Legislative Budget Board in November 2020, and maintain a majority of the five (5) percent reductions identified by state agencies in 2020.

Significant provisions of House base budget recommendations include the following:

- Maintains the Legislature's commitment to House Bill 3, the school finance reform legislation passed last session, by

funding the Foundation School Program (FSP) at \$53 billion in all funds and \$41.2 billion in general revenue, an increase of \$3.8 billion. The House budget adds \$3.1 billion in general revenue to fund enrollment growth, an additional \$992 million in general revenue for tax compression; and \$1.1 billion in general revenue to replace one-time CARES Act funding provided in 2020.

See **TEXAS BUDGET**, page 5

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## CAPLE ANNUAL STATE OF THE PLANT REPORT Pandemic slows progress on new PO/TBA plant

By Jada Mier

CHANNELVIEW – The Lyondell-Basell Plant hosted their Annual CAPLE State of the Plant last Thursday night, January 21, where community members, plant leaders, and media representatives discussed how the plant has held up in the midst of the pandemic. The meeting was moderated by Anne Gowan. Plant Manager Chris Cain opened up the night explaining that 2020 has been a "challenging year." In spite of the challenges though Cain says "I'm proud of how are plant, company and people have dealt with the pandemic and still making sure that our plant is safe and successful."

There was an update on the new PO/TBA plant expansion project. Site Integration Manager Dean Hoffman gave a detailed status update. The new PO/TBA plant will be the world's largest. Hoffman said in April due to COVID-19, the number of people working construction on the project decreased from approximately 1,600 contractors to 200 contractors per day. In late May and early June, LyondellBasell (LYB) began to increase the number of construction workers to pre-COVID-19 numbers. The project will peak in mid-2020 with approximately 1900 contractors. The new plant will be completed in December 2022.

Cain said that Lyondell wants to be a responsible good neighbor in the communities that they operate. On the health and safety front in 2020 LyondellBasell's total recordable incident rate put then in



Large red cranes loom over LyondellBasell's Channelview site as installation of the company's propylene oxide, tertiary butyl alcohol plant's largest pieces of equipment, such as this 25-story-tall, 601-ton distillation tower are being installed. Once in operation, the PO/TBA plant will be the largest of its kind in the world.

the top decile with 7 recordable injuries. They completed 6,000 behavioral hours where employees can observe one another which includes contractors and watch

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# Celebrating 100 Years of Life through parade



Sara Rupp's 100 Years of Life was celebrated last Saturday in a showering of community beginning with a parade down her street with the Highlands Fire Dept. leading the way. Betty Michalsky bringing presents from the community, herself and the Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Flanked by her beloved Grand Daughters, Keely and Grethen, Sara waved and exchanged greetings with paraders that passed directly in front of her house and thrown Family came from throughout the country to make the reunion festive and memorable. "I can't believe it. I moved to Baytown in 1947 and have lived here in Highlands for over 65 years."



## \$1,000 Reward for information leading to the recovery of a generator, welder and trailer stolen locally

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Art Gallery features Paintings by Mei



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Crosby Cougar Stars Dance Team



2020 – 2021 CROSBY COUGAR STARS DANCE TEAM  
Photo by Allan Jamail / Crosby Star Courier  
The Crosby Cougar Stars Dance Team accompanied the varsity football team to the Dallas Cowboy Stadium, Friday, January 15, 2021. The Stars provided entertainment at half-time. The Cougars got the Runner-Up trophy for the 5A Div 2 Region State Championship Game with the Aledo Bearcats. Bearcats 56 - Cougars 21.

Military Officers: Ruby Darbonne- Colonel, Emma McGill- Lt. Colonel, Dakota Rogers- 1st Lt., Nikki Murphy- Jr. & Lt., Kristin Harvey- Jr. Lt.  
Social Officers: Rayli Eilers- President, Taylor Killough- Vice-President, E Elizabeth Mitcham- Social Chair, Kaitlyn Louviere- Social Chair, Ashley Bolanos- Social Chair & Hannah Parker- Social Chair.  
Line Team Members: Jasmine Farrish- Senior, Alexandra Diaz- Sophomore, Devyn Thomas-Junior, Payton Barrett- Sophomore, Madison Dorsey- Freshman, Zoie Woosley-Sophomore, Valarie Delgado- Freshman, McKenna Westberry-Sophomore, Laurel Sterling- Freshman, Laney Strang- Freshman, Alyson Alldredge- Freshman, Diamond Mapp- Freshman, Reagan Patterson- Freshman, Samantha Paredes- Senior, Hannah Smith- Freshman, Brianna Williamson- Sophomore, Reagan Louis- Senior, Mechell Smith- Freshman, Shelby Lamb- Senior, Kelbi Maxie- Freshman & Deja Williamson-Junior. Names provided Director Kayla Mosley, seated in front.



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# Vaccine Registration,

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Phases 1A and 1B. Once individuals are selected to receive a vaccine, they will be provided a link with instructions on how to select a location and time to get vaccinated at a HCPH site.

The launch of this new portal and waitlist expands the previous process by allowing eligible residents to sign up for vaccines on their own directly. Since December, Harris County Public Health has administered 27,426 vaccines to eligible residents, less than a week after receiving each shipment. To date, HCPH has so far been reaching out directly to and vaccinating front-line workers under Phase 1A and specific groups in Phase 1B who have high contacts or will have trouble obtaining a vaccine outside of HCPH.

As more supply of vaccine becomes available, HCPH will continue to en-

sure allocation and administration of vaccines are done in ways that are efficient, fair, and equitable, and that vulnerable communities have equal access to vaccines.

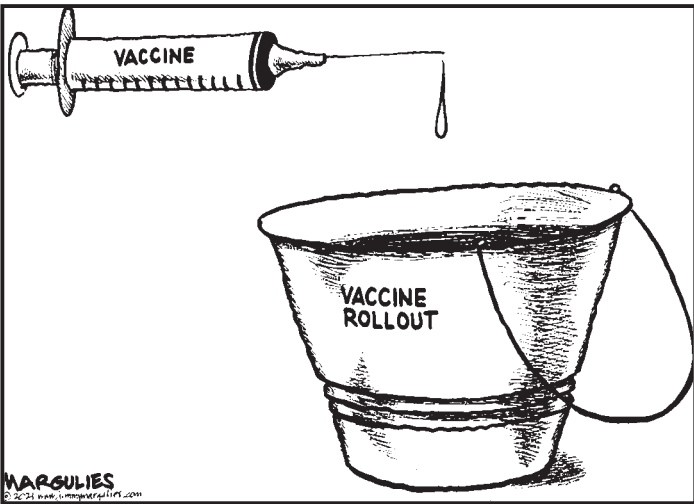
Residents who are selected for an appointment should show up no more than 15 minutes before their scheduled time to ensure the process flows smoothly. Those who are not eligible or who show up without an appointment at an HCPH site will be turned away. All appointments are based on vaccine availability, and current appointments may be adjusted due to any possible changes to the department's vaccine allotment.

Current COVID-19 vaccines require two shots and the protectiveness of the vaccine — which has a 94% efficacy rate — does not set in until a week or two after your second shot. Even with the arrival of a COV-

ID-19 vaccine, HCPH encourages residents to stay home, cancel gatherings, wear a facemask, socially distance, and get tested.

In addition to the new registration portal, HCPH will be launching a COVID-19 Vaccine Data Hub. The Data Hub that show vaccine availability, distribution and other demographic data. The data included currently only reflects vaccines allocated to Harris County Public Health and select providers in the area through the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and will grow to include partnering organizations and Houston Health Department in the near future.

More information about COVID-19 vaccines is available at [www.hcph.tx.org](http://www.hcph.tx.org) or [www.ReadyHarris.org](http://www.ReadyHarris.org).



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler

## Lawmakers start \$7 Billion away from Budget target

Texas House and Senate leaders appear to agree on their proposed budgets. Next, they just have to figure out how to cut \$7.2 billion.

Senate Finance Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, worked with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to propose a state budget of \$119.7 billion in general funds. House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, proposed the same budget figure, indicating a collaborative spirit at the start of the 87th session.

That spirit will be tested as legislators try to meet Comptroller Glen Hegar's budgeted revenue forecast of \$112.5 billion. "We have many tools available to balance this budget, which will require us to re-establish our priorities, stretch every dollar and find more efficient ways to deliver services," Nelson said in a statement. Among the priorities she set:

Maintaining the education funding increases and teacher pay raises established in 2019, including \$3.1 billion to fund enrollment growth for public education and \$1 billion in additional state aid related to property tax compression in the 2022-23 biennium.

\$5 billion for payroll growth and continued reforms to the Teacher Retirement System passed last session.

\$8.1 billion to fund higher education institution formulas.

Combined projected funding of \$8 billion for mental health across 24 state agencies, including an increase of \$19.5 million to maintain operations for the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium; more than \$1 million in new funding to create a peer-to-peer counseling network and increase access to licensed mental health providers for Texas Law Enforcement Officers; and \$145 million to continue community mental



effects on the future of our state, which is why the House will work to improve our business climate, foster economic prosperity, and do what's right for our students," Phelan said.

### STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER

You don't find many strawberry fields in Texas, but that could change if a seed planted by the Texas Department of Agriculture takes root.

The department has awarded a second grant to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to research and test how the state's farmers can make more money growing strawberries.

Leading the project is AgriLife extension's Russ Wallace, a horticulturist in Lubbock. You might call him the John Lennon of Texas strawberries.

"We're extremely excited about what we've learned thus far to successfully grow strawberries in Texas and increase profitability," Wallace said in an AgriLife news release. "This is the next step in our ongoing research where we'll be doing more work with shading trials, fine-tuning fertilization and additional work with herbicides."

Strawberries have some juicy potential as a specialty crop because consumers have shown an increasing hunger for locally grown produce, ag experts say, although they don't often use bad puns.

One of the research sites is Atascosa County's Poteet, the self-proclaimed strawberry capital of Texas. Poteet Strawberry Festival organizers recently announced the event will go on April 9-11.

Some readers of the festival's Facebook page criticized the move as having the potential to spread COVID-19 faster than jam on toast.

Festival organizers responded that "we've been working and hoping for a blessing that we can continue, within allowable restrictions or capabilities, but still continuing as possible. We hope all goes well."

With your permission, gentle readers, we'll close here with this Beatles' opening stanza and try to leave you with a song in your heart:

Let me take you down  
'Cause I'm going to Strawberry Fields  
Nothing is real  
And nothing to get hung about  
Strawberry Fields forever

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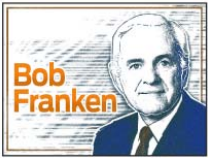
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OPINION

## Trump is Dumped

By Bob Franken

Trump Is Dumped — It's ludicrous that some of the white supremacists who participated in the Capitol riot are actually disowning Donald Trump, even though he made their bigotry fashionable again, at least among the tens of millions in his base. In their view, Trump became a traitor when he yielded to pressure from the few remaining sane members of his shrunken staff and called off the same riotous mob he had incited with a video "plea" to "go home." Even though he added "we love you" and "you're very special," it was not enough to placate some of the supremacist seditionists (SS) who have now added their hero to their snit list with charges that he threw them under the bus. "Get out of our way," said one. "We don't follow you." One can argue that these freaks from the fringe are just giving Donald Trump the Trump treatment. The Trumpster made a habit of tossing his most ardent supporters into the dumpster whenever it suited his whims. Even Mike Pence, who spent an entire four years toadying up to him, got trashed because at the last minute, Pence wouldn't break the law for him. But Donald Trump made the white supremacists what they are today: a genuine threat to the United States of America. Where before they crawled along the secret sewers of super patriot intolerance, they now march with their heads high, beneath their "Proud Boy" and "Boogaloo" banners, like so many divisions of the Trump Army. Trump, as presi-

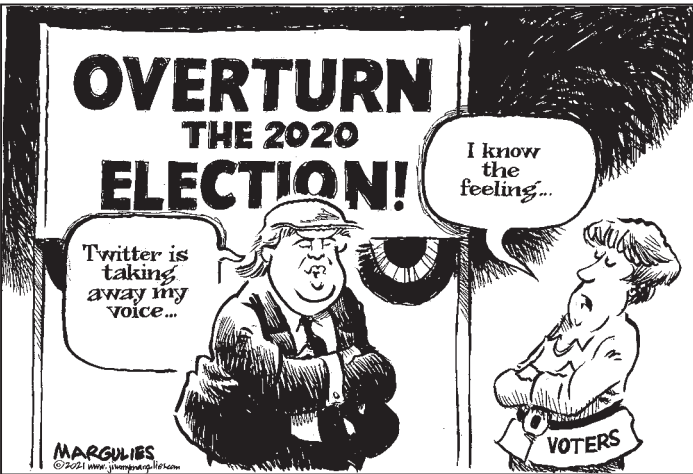


dent, allowed them to wear their bigotry proudly. "I was a racist before racism was cool" was their spirited cry. Still, they are turning on the guy who encouraged them now that he is retreating with his tail between his legs. Some of them, those who even bother debating with their critics, use the "What about ...?" argument — as in, what about the leftist extremists who also use violence and attack police and innocent businesses in the name of the Black Lives Matter movement? Before we go any further down this false equivalence path, let's stipulate that all violence is bad. Having said that, let's go back to the root causes of racial prejudice. White people brought Black people to America as shackled captives. White people built their country using slave labor and fought a war to keep the slave system. White people forced Black people to endure discrimination under Jim Crow and only grudgingly are giving it up; our society is still riddled with discrimination, including a huge disparity in the use of deadly police force against people of color. That was the backdrop for this summer's protests against law enforcement fatal abuses. The massive demonstrations against the outrageous discrimination were overwhelm-

ingly peaceful and orderly. But yes, some of the demonstrators engaged in unwarranted violence, and again, let's emphasize that all violence is unwarranted. But at least their cause is righteous: opposition to the significant vestiges of racism that permeate our society. But, in the case of the white supremacists, they are the extremists who are the advocates of maintaining the racism. They are the ones who stormed the Capitol, along with those who are obsessed with other cultural grievances that caused them to attack democracy itself and now threaten civil war against the United States. All because a fair election deposed the man who breathed life into their racist delusions. Some of them dream of the hellskinner of a race war. That's where Donald Trump's presidency was leading us and what American citizens rejected. Although, the uncomfortable fact is that more than 70 million people continue to believe that the election is unfair, corrupt, a "steal," or whatever word their iconic leader wished to call it. That's who the fascists are now rejecting as too moderate. The majority choice of Joe Biden promises to be a turn toward more moderation, at least until another authoritarian wannabe comes along.

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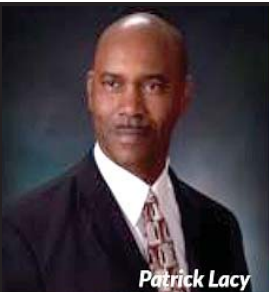
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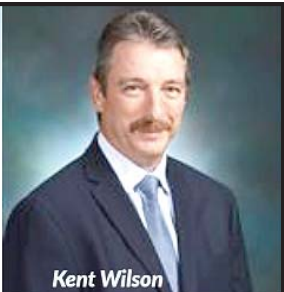


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## NAOMI LOUISE STUBBS MICHALSKY

Naomi Louise Stubbs Michalsky was born on January 29, 1928, to Dock F. and Lavada Stubbs. She parted this world to be in God's hands on Friday, January 15, 2021.

She married Tommy on June 17, 1946. Together, they owned and operated Michalsky's Supermarket for 31 years. Naomi was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Altar Society until she moved to Boerne to be by her daughters.

Naomi was a tender-hearted, loving individual who offered encouragement and friendship to all. She enjoyed quilting, needlepoint, and gardening but most of all she enjoyed visiting with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents,



husband Tommy A. Michalsky, sons Clifford and Thomas, son-in-law Danny Kubin and great-granddaughter Ashley Donahoe. Also, her sister Elenor Whitten and brothers Harold and Bruce Stubbs.

Naomi is survived by her daughters Cynthia and husband James Pospisil of Boerne and Mary Kubin of Kendalia, 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by

her sister-in-laws Annie Michalsky, Anna Mae Jasek, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Special thanks go to the caregivers at Hill Country Assisted Living; Linda, Craig, Sophie, Melissa, Margaret, and Nurse Erica.

Honoring the family as Pallbearers will be Ronnie Edgington, Bryan Kotrla, Travis Swenson, Kelly Michalsky, Kevin Michalsky, and Trampus Michalsky.

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## Texas Budget proposal,

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- Provides \$5.9 billion in general revenue at the Teachers Retirement System with an increase of \$838 million to fund the increased state contribution rate adopted last legislative session.
- Appropriates \$74.2 billion in all funds for the Texas Medicaid program, including \$27.4 billion in general revenue with an

additional \$920 million to address projected caseload growth.

- Appropriates \$3.3 billion in general revenue for behavioral and mental health services, an increase of \$26 million from last session.

- Maintains border security funding across multiple agencies at \$800 million in general revenue.

- Does not tap into the state's Economic Stabilization Fund, more commonly known as the "Rainy Day Fund".

The Texas Senate has proposed a similar bill, with a \$251.2 B budget, but the two houses must hold a conference committee to align the bills and agree on the wording for both.

## CAPLE Annual Report,

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for at risk behavior. There have been no significant illnesses with anyone at LyondellBasell who has contracted COVID. There have also been no spread of COVID at the sight as a result of work happening at the plant.

Incident reportable to regulatory agency are

tracked very closely, there were 20 environmental events that were tracked at LyondellBasell in 2020. There were 4 level 2+ events where they lost containment on a vessel or lost containment on a pipe and it resulted in materials being exposed to the atmosphere at the site.

Chris Cain said that in 2021 they are focused on continuing to improve their health safety and environmental performance as well as move forward with the OP/TBA project. There is need for employee growth and development as well as maintenance efficiency.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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by WESTON COTTEN  
Attorney for the Estate

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#### CHANNELVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2020

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service	60 Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 35,635,298	\$ 13,928,043	\$ 558,989	\$ 1,180,310	\$ 51,302,640
5800 State Program Revenues	50,283,117	158,960	--	2,221,487	52,663,564
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,859,043	--	--	8,985,642	10,844,685
5020 Total Revenues	87,777,458	14,087,003	558,989	12,387,439	114,810,889
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	55,353,634	--	--	5,382,258	60,735,892
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	500,055	--	--	--	500,055
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	554,289	--	--	--	554,289
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,266,777	--	--	204,490	1,471,267
0023 School Leadership	5,538,602	--	--	--	5,538,602
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	2,523,341	--	--	1,169,097	3,692,438
0033 Health Services	956,176	--	--	--	956,176
0034 Student Transportation	3,989,868	--	904,156	--	4,894,024
0035 Food Service	--	--	--	5,791,451	5,791,451
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,621,290	--	--	37,484	1,658,774
0041 General Administration	3,353,498	--	--	--	3,353,498
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	10,127,969	--	--	--	10,127,969
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,376,183	--	--	--	1,376,183
0053 Data Processing Services	1,233,772	--	--	--	1,233,772
0061 Community Services	--	--	--	15,000	15,000
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	--	35,163,990	--	--	35,163,990
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	135,417	6,604,840	--	--	6,740,257
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	479,193	312,125	--	791,318
0081 Capital Outlay	353,744	--	20,075,206	--	20,428,950
6030 Total Expenditures	88,884,615	42,248,023	21,291,487	12,599,780	165,023,905
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)					
1100 Expenditures	(1,107,157)	(28,161,020)	(20,732,498)	(212,341)	(50,213,016)
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):					
7911 Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	--	26,735,000	68,845,000	--	95,580,000
7915 Transfers In	5,569,231	--	--	936,269	6,505,500
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	--	2,690,340	1,477,107	--	4,167,447
8911 Transfers Out	(424,559)	--	(5,569,231)	(936,269)	(6,930,059)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	5,144,672	29,425,340	64,752,876	--	99,322,888
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	4,037,515	1,264,320	44,020,378	(212,341)	49,109,872
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	33,765,545	15,989,343	--	2,322,961	52,077,849
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 37,803,060	\$ 17,253,663	\$ 44,020,378	\$ 2,110,620	\$ 101,187,721

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# ASK THE EXPERT

## ASK DIAMOND JIM

**Diamond Jim:** “What is the Birthstone for February?”

For individuals with February birthdays, the amethyst makes a perfect birthstone. This month is often cold, dark and short for many people around the world, so the amethyst—which is often associated with qualities of peace, courage and stability—is the right gem for individuals who need a little extra warmth and strength this time of year.

Amethyst is purple quartz and is a beautiful blend of violet and red that can be found in every corner of the earth. The name comes from the Ancient Greek, derived from the word “methustos,” which means “intoxicated.” Ancient wearers believed the gemstone could protect them from drunkenness.

Amethyst, as previously mentioned, is composed of quartz, which is the second most abundant material found in the Earth’s crust. Amethyst gets its color from irradiation, iron impurities and the presence of trace elements. Its hardness (a 7 on the Mohs scale) is the same as other quartz, which makes it a durable and lasting option for jewelry.

While amethyst is most commonly recognized to be a purple color, the gemstone can actually range from a light pinkish violet to a deep purple that can read more blue or red, depending on the light. Sometimes, even the same stone can have layers or color variants, so the way the gemstone is cut is important to the way the color shows in a finished piece.

Amethyst often occurs in geodes or in the cavities of granitic rocks. It can be found all over the world, including the United States, Canada, Brazil and Zambia. The amethyst is not only the February birthstone, it is also used to celebrate the 6th and 17th year of marriage.

It has been associated with many myths, legends, religions, and numerous cultures. Some historical accounts say that Saint Valentine had an amethyst ring carved with an image of Cupid. And for those familiar with Old Testament history, amethyst was one of the twelve gemstones that represented the twelve tribes of Israel.



For many years, amethyst was held to be one of the most precious gemstones, often favored by royalty or exclusively by the clergy as a symbol for the deity of Christ. It was even held for many years in the same regard as the diamond. It wasn’t until the discovery of more abundant supplies of amethyst that it became a gemstone enjoyed by more than just the wealthiest buyers.

Many wearers of amethyst throughout history and even today prize the gem for its symbolism as well as its beauty. Leonardo da Vinci once said that amethyst helps to quicken intelligence and get rid of evil thoughts. Other qualities like peace, stability, courage and strength are said to be derived from this gemstone. Today, many wearers simply prize the amethyst for its beautiful shade and the way it complements both warm and cool colors.

*Diamond Jim is a master jeweler, diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. Pineforest Jewelry has been a proud member of the IJO for many years. See more at: [www.pineforestjewelry.com](http://www.pineforestjewelry.com).*

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## Top Spanish Spellers



On January 15, the top elementary competitors gathered together to see who would become the 2020-2021 GPISD Elementary Spanish Spelling Bee Champion. Fifteen students competed through many rounds of competition. Jeshua Puente of Green Valley Elementary School was named the Spanish Spelling Bee winner! In second place, Mia Campos of Purple Sage Elementary School and in third place, Giselle Esquivel of Woodland Acres Elementary School. Congratulations, Jeshua, Mia and Giselle!

## JC’s Finest,

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tious and it’s given me the life threatening experience to use to teach other officers about their need to never let their guard down.”

Walker’s very proud of the police dispatchers he commands, he said “our Communication Specialist’s play a vital role in providing the community a top quality police department as well as fire and ambulance service.” They must have patience, nerves of steel and not give way to panic to deal with the public. Like when a mother is screaming for her child to live or an officer yelling for a backup when he has a suspect with a gun drawn.

Communication Specialist Leslie Solis is a true emergency dispatcher, always respectfully giving her name when answering the citizen’s phone calls. By dispatchers giving their name and letting a complainant, witness or crime victim know who they’re

talking to it has proven to be critical in getting a conviction in criminal court cases. In court when a defense attorney questions a witness’s accuracy and asks who in the police department did they report or complain to and the witness is able to give the name of the police dispatcher who they’ve reported the crime to; it makes their statement about facts etc much more believable.

Solis has been with the police department’s communications division nearly eleven years, she’s taken Advance Communications Training and the police officers qualification course.

She takes her job seriously and said “because during emergencies lives are at risk so you must remain calm so you can get the job done quickly and accurately whether it’s dispatching to a fire, ambulance or police call.”

## Rotary Chili Feast Feb. 6, but no Chili

Can I sell you the Brooklyn Bridge? No? Well how about a Chili Feast ticket, without any Chili?

That’s the situation the Highlands Rotary Club finds this year, as precautions to avoid the COVID-19 virus meant that a community dinner was not a good idea.

However, the Raffle for a new car or truck will still be held, according to President Andy Scott, and the public is encouraged to purchase a raffle ticket for \$100 to support the club’s



community projects and scholarships, and of course win a new vehicle. See any Rotarian or call 281-426-3558 for ticket information.

## Flowers are great for Valentine's

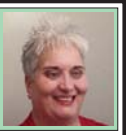


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We are living in times that too often we find ourselves feeling alone. And unfortunately, when we start feeling alone, our moods change. And then our minds begin to fill with thoughts of “I am not important; People do not even miss me; I must not be missed.” After eleven months of the COVID Pandemic, most of us are missing face to face human interaction.

Perhaps the first few weeks that we were in this phase of our lives, we felt relieved. For the first time in years, we did not have to get up and prepare to leave the house for the day. Our daily attire became stretchy pants, shorts, comfortable clothes. I will admit that had I not had a funeral to attend of a life-long friend, I would be one of those who has not had on a pair of heels since February.

The start of April brought about plenty of time to work on deleting old emails, cleaning out closets and doing things at home after work that we had put off too long. We blinked and graduations, vacations and summer plans had been affected by the pandemic.

By the end of the summer, we had a threat of Hurricane Laura and many people used that to justify a road trip for a few days. And then school started. What an experience. For those parents who were fortunate enough to work from home or to have childcare options, virtual classes began. This included school districts trying their best to provide computers, internet service, school supplies as well as continuing to provide breakfast and lunch for the students. There were other households that struggled as they had only one parent in the home, who needed to go physically to work. They struggled to find child care, food and assistance for their rent and utilities.

Our year was certainly different and while many people began to feel alone, I have been blessed to have a circle of influence that has stayed in touch with each other. I have been able to attend multiple church services online weekly and have kept my mind active by participating in several weekly groups. One of these groups started about the same time as the pandemic and we have participated weekly in zoom calls and learned many skills that will help us to make a difference in the community.

I have also been blessed that in my role with Constable Eagleton’s office, I have contact with several hundred Senior Adults weekly, as well as being able to look for resources for these neighbors. Being able to help others is a great way to keep my eyes off of the loneliness that has crept up on many neighbors.

If you are at a place where boredom, loneliness or extra time is getting to you, please contact me and I will help plug you in to a project ranging from participating in a leadership development program to getting out to join others in a community beautification project. You help is NEEDED and APPRECIATED.

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