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Boil Water advisory is in Effect

Harris County Public Health Department has advised residents of 158 districts throughout the county that they should not drink, brush teeth, wash hands and faces, cook or make ice with water until it has been boiled for at least 2 minutes.

HCPH estimates that at least 300,000 persons are affected by this order. This includes residents of Baytown, Highlands, Jacinto City, Galena Park, and many local MUD districts.

The water was rendered unsafe after low pressures in the lines allowed foreign matter to enter the lines, causing possible contamination.

COVID-19 VACCINE RESOURCES

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HOSPITALS
houstonmethodist.org

Representative Hernandez to investigate power failure

Ana Hernandez as Vice Chair of the House Committee on State Affairs, and the Energy Resources committee will hold a joint public hearing on Thursday, February 25th, 9:00am to address the failure of ERCOT in ensuring power to our communities during this unprecedented cold weather event. The committees will consider the factors that led to statewide electrical blackouts; the response by industry, suppliers, and grid operators; and any necessary changes to avoid future power interruptions.

During the winter storm, millions of Texans across our state were left without water and power, unable to heat their homes and provide their families with the bare essentials needed for survival. Texans deserve answers for this failure.

As Vice Chair of the House Committee on State Affairs, I am committed to working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure nothing like this ever happens again.

To watch the committee hearing live, you may visit the Texas House of Representatives website. If you have any questions about activities at the Capitol or would like assistance with an issue, please do not hesitate to give us a call at (512) 463-0614.

AOC raises \$5 million in Storm Relief

Historic Texas Ice Storm Victims Receive Aid From New York Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. – Saturday, February 20, 2021 - Houston's Food Bank (HFB) President and CEO, Brian Greene welcomed and introduced Congresswomen Sylvia Garcia, New York's Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) and Sheila Jackson Lee to the facility. He said the HFB is a non-profit organization and the nation's largest food bank in the United States by size and distribution; providing access to 159 million nutritious



At a press conference at the Food Bank L-R: Congresswomen Sheila Jackson Lee, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) & Sylvia Garcia (Allan Jamail photo)

meals in 18 counties in southeast Texas.

Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia told how New York's 14th Congressional District Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) contacted her and said she'd like to help Texas' ice storm victims. Garcia invited AOC to Houston so she could visit the HFB and see how they provide meals year-round to the needed. She said about one in four children in our area are at-risk of hunger. Kids must have consistent nutritious food for the body, mind, and spirit in order to be successful.

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Deep Freeze and shortages bring thousands out to Jacinto City Food Distribution event

By Allan Jamail

Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 – JACINTO CITY – State Representative Ana Hernandez hosted one of the city's largest food distributions in the history of the city. Thousands turned out, lining up in over 600 vehicles to receive the food and water, many were victims of the historic February 15th Texas ice storm.

Eleven elected officials including seven Justices from the Texas Court of Appeals and another fifty volunteers made the distribution go fast and smoothly.

This large number of recipients' was coupled with the unemployed due to the COVID 19 viruses preventing them from being able to work and also the recent



Eleven elected officials came out volunteering to help feed the needy. (Photo Allan Jamail)

Front row - L-R: State Representative Ana Hernandez, Justice Verónica Rivas-Molloy, 1st Court of Appeals (COA) Justice Meg Poissant, 14th COA, Justice Amparo Guerra, 1st COA, Justice Julie Countiss, 1st COA Justice April Farris, 1st COA, Justice Frances Bourliot, 14th COA.
Back row - JP Victor Trevino III, Justice Meagan Hassan, 14th COA, Constable Jerry Garcia, Councilman Mario Gonzales

deadly ice storm. The historic storm swept across Texas leaving millions without electricity, food and water, some as long as 4 to 5 days. All 254 Texas counties were impacted, streets and highways were iced-over and most grocery stores across the state were without power forcing them to close. Some city's had temperatures below zero.

Electrical power plants had not winterized their equipment; this forced them to stop producing electricity. This then caused the state's power grid which distributes power across the state to not have enough electricity. The power grid is operating below zero.

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Senator Alvarado organizes relief for Storm Victims



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, (UAF) President John Alex and Senator Carol Alvarado. Also present was Judge Joe Stephens. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. – February 22, 2021 – State Senator Carol Alvarado, Judge Joe Stephens and New York City's United Aid Foundation (UAF) President John Alex teamed up to help the North Channel areas residents with food, water and household essentials.

Hundreds of citizens lined up in vehicles for blocks to get the free supplies. Most of them having to maintain with shortages brought about from the February 15th ice storm that paralyzed the state over a week. The storm brought a halt to millions of Texans to be able to go to work. With their home's

electricity out their refrigerated food had to be tossed out causing a food shortage. Public water suppliers weren't able to maintain a safe pressure to prevent bacterial infiltration from seeping into the resident's water system. This health concern forced millions of Texans to have to boil their water to make it safe for consumption. The large demand for bottled drinking water caused a shortage that eventually ran out.

Senator Carol Alvarado hosted and organized the event and Judge Joe Stephens arranged to get the use of the parking lot of the Uvalde Baptist Church on Uvalde Street to distribute from. I'm very grateful to my friends at United Aid Foundation who traveled from New York to bring water, food and other essential to East Harris County. So many people in need, happy our office can assist. Appreciate Congresswoman Garcia and

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Galena Park ISD employees receive bonus, pay raises



On Monday, February 8, the Galena Park I.S.D. Board of Trustees approved a one-time stipend of \$1,300 for all TRS-eligible District employees as a show of appreciation for their work and commitment to excellence throughout the ongoing pandemic. In addition, all teacher substitutes will receive a \$20 per day pay increase, and all auxiliary substitutes will receive a \$2/hour increase February 21, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

"Your work continues to be noticed and appreciated throughout our Galena Park community and GPISD is very blessed to have a school board who values the work our employees do each day," Dr. John Moore, superintendent of schools, expressed in the stipend letter distributed to all District employees.

Dr. Moore and several GPISD Board Trustees made a special appearance at several campuses and facilities to pass out letters and express their heartfelt appreciation to teachers and staff members.

Hector ‘s chips in for Winter Storm victims



Marcos Sanchez, of Hector’s Mexican Restaurant in Crosby, volunteer Lisa and Mike Amador stand inside the restaurant with sacks of food to be donated to those in need due to the Winter Storm in last Sunday.

CROSBY – Almost everyone lost power here but some had more provision for such disasters than others and many were devastated without recourse.

Attending these facts Mike Amador and his aide and sidekick decided to mobilize to get food to some who needed it most, locally. Mike Amador, father of Pastor Richard Amador, has many charity irons in the fire, helping with Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce, Churches United in Caring, various groups around and one of the founders of Eastside Veteran’s Celebration. Mike knows of local need. So, he went to Hector’s Mexican Restaurant in Crosby and purchased 15 varied dinners including enchiladas to distribute. That set him back

After learning of this, Marco Sanchez, with per-

mission from Hector Campa, owner of the restaurant, offered that next time the restaurant donate the food for the needy.

Mike and his sidekick returned the next day, picked up 15 more meals on Saturday and took them to locals, including elderly, widows, mothers with kids to feed, disabled and others all around Crosby and Newport. Hector’s Restaurant dished up some of their finest fair for the needy. Mike returned on Sunday to pick up seven more meals for distribution. Then on Monday he came back and retrieved six more for distribution donated by Hector’s Restaurant. Including Tuesday, some 47 meals were donated to feed hungry Crosby residents.

According to Mike Amador, “It really was a blessing to get this support for

our little effort from Hector’s Mexican Restaurant. They were so generous and Marcos was really good, he took the names and orders and put the names on the packages and listed them one to fifteen for me in order, so that all me and Lisa had to do was drive by and hand it to the people. I don’t walk so good anymore so that helped a lot.”

Mike and Lisa now support an emergency blood drive called Newport Heroes to take place Wednesday, March 3, from 1:30 p.m. until 6 p.m., to donate call Lisa Marie Smith at (979) 900-8033.

Hector’s Mexican Restaurant is located inside the Crosby Shopping Center, 105 Kennings Road, offering dine in, take out and delivery. A casual eatery, they feature Mexican Classics, a full bar and breakfast specials.

Texas Department of Insurance gives Winter Storm Insurance Tips

Winter Storm Insurance Tips

If your home has been damaged by a broken water pipe, fallen tree limbs or other winter damage, you should contact your insurance company to file a claim as soon as possible.

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) recommends the following tips to help make the process go smoother:

Make a list of damaged property. Take pictures or video of the damage. Don’t throw anything away until your insurance company tells you to.

Take steps to protect your home from further damage. Turn off the water and cover broken windows and holes in your roof if possible.

Save all receipts. Your policy may cover these costs.

Try to be there when the insurance company comes to inspect the damage. If you can’t stay in your home, leave a note with information on where you can be reached.

Keep a list of everyone you talk to at your insurance company. Be ready to answer questions about the damage.

Ask about additional living expenses. If you can’t live in your home due to the damage, your insurance policy may pay for some of those expenses.

For questions on how to file a claim, please visit the TDI website FAQ page or call the TDI Helpline from Monday to Friday between 8:00AM and 5:00PM at (800) 252-3439.

If you are unsure of who you should contact at your insurance company to file a claim, TDI has compiled a Company Lookup resource guide with updated information.

Icy 3 vehicle wreck on I-10 E. is fatal hit and run

According to Accident Investigator Deputy C.D. Capretta, February 15, at 7:10 p.m., Carol Williams drove her 1999 Chevrolet Silverado eastbound in the 14,800 block of I-10 East. The roadway was coated with ice, and due to the conditions she lost control of the vehicle and struck the retaining wall on the north side of the road causing the vehicle to rotate counter clockwise, coming to rest facing southeast. The collision stabilized and Ms Williams got out of the truck. At that point Eduardo Romero drove his 2016 Ford Fusion eastbound in the same dark icy location. He did not see the Chevrolet in the roadway and was unable to stop when he finally saw the truck. So, the Ford Fusion struck the Chevrolet on the right side. The force of that collision caused the Chevrolet to rotate clockwise striking the complainant, throwing her eastbound into the #3 eastbound lane. That collision came to a rest. At that time, an unknown make/model black four door sedan was driving eastbound in the #3 eastbound lane and struck the complainant as she lay in the roadway. The sedan failed to stop and render aid and left the scene. The complainant died at the scene due to injuries sustained in two of the collisions. The Harris County Sheriff’s Office has an ongoing investigation and seeks to know more of the black sedan please call (713) 221-6000.

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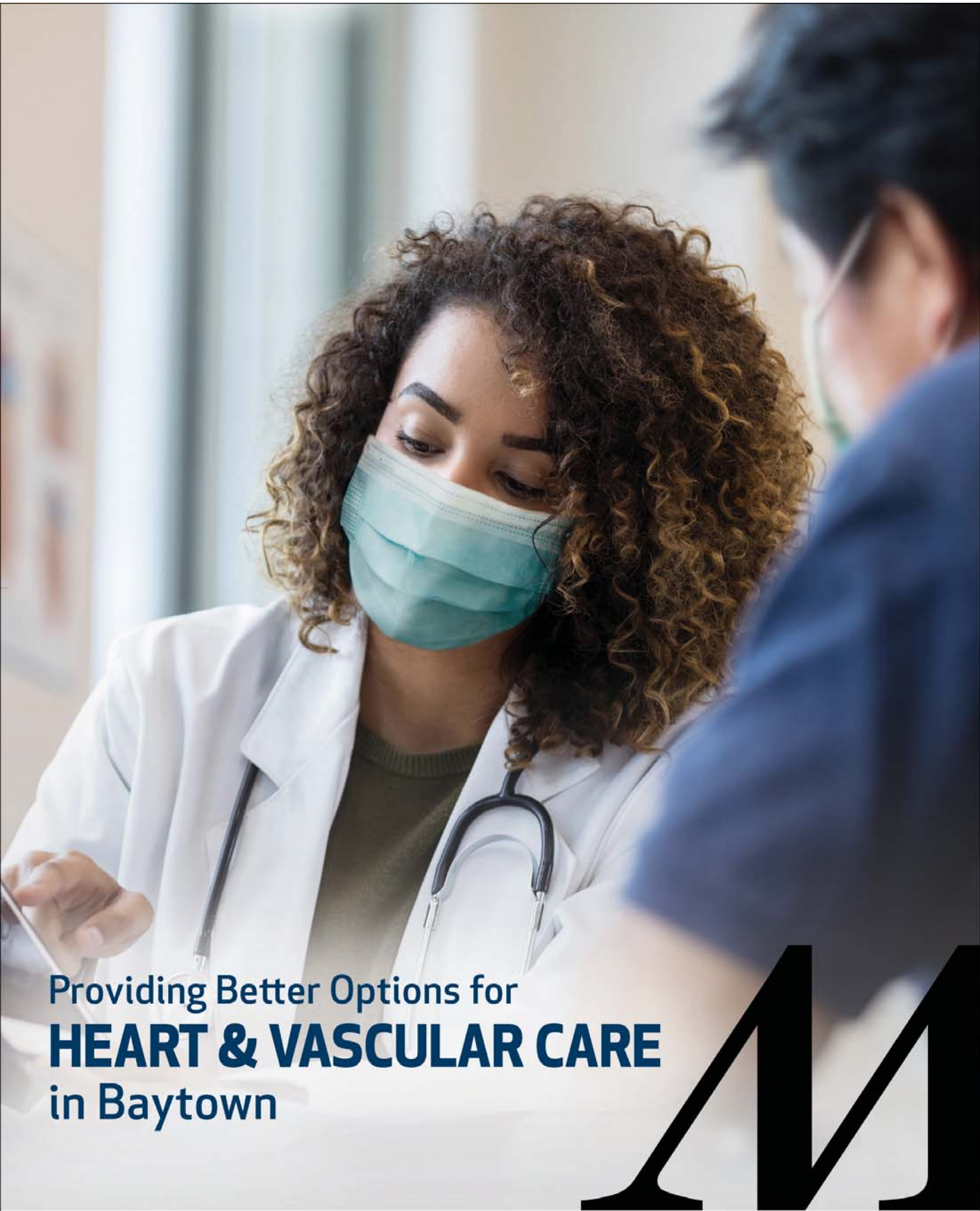
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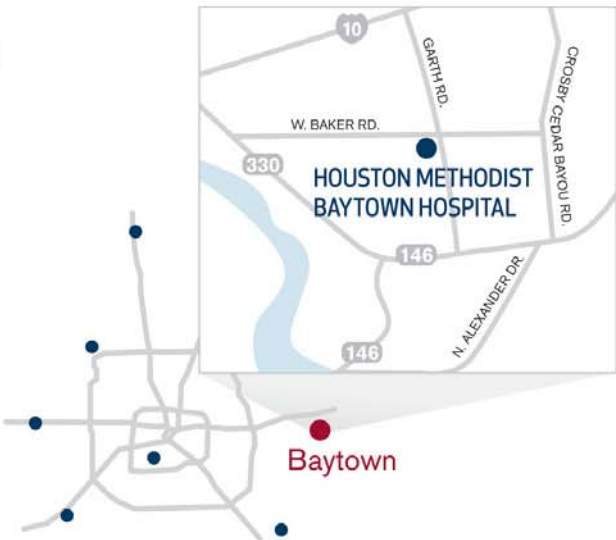
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PCT. 2 TALK
By Commissioner Adrian Garcia



Understanding Precinct 2

Dear Residents of Precinct 2

Even after living within the precinct lines for most of my life, now two years into my term as your County Commissioner, every day, I continue to learn so much about my neighbors I serve. For example, readers of this publication may not realize that the 4 publications that Gil manages (Northeast News, North Forest News, Highlands Star Crosby Courier, North Channel Star) ALL cover areas located within Precinct 2. On top of that, you all share a precinct with folks living as far south as Webster, just outside downtown in the East End, as well as parts of Huffman. None of my colleagues on Commissioners Court has within their precinct boundaries anywhere near as diverse of a geographic area as that of Precinct 2, not to mention that I also have more incorporated cities within my precinct than any other precinct in Harris County.

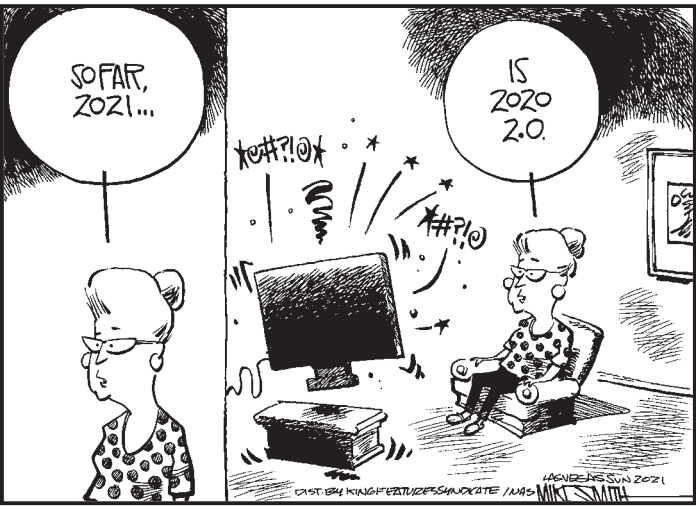
I've started this column because I want to speak directly to you and have you more connected to your county government. Many ask me what role the county has in their lives. To me, there are 4 pillars of priorities: infrastructure, economy/jobs, health, and public safety.

My top responsibility as your County Commissioner is managing infrastructure such as road, bridges, and flood control projects. When it comes to the economy and job issues, we focus on giving residents an opportunity to flourish and doing as much as possible to attract good paying jobs that will hire Precinct 2 residents. Finally, we work to improve health and public safety through investment in accessible care and law enforcement. As long as I have the opportunity to contribute this column, I will do my best to share the status of our work in each of the pillars.

I'm just about out of space for this introductory column, so I will close with the latest on the county's ongoing efforts to deal with the COVID crisis and distribute vaccines. Right now, supplies are extremely limited, so we urge everyone to be patient. The fastest way to get in line for the vaccine is to contact your current health care provider if you have one. Health care systems such as Methodist, Memorial-Hermann, or others are getting direct allocations of vaccines.

In addition, for anyone without a current health care provider, Harris County Public Health has opened a waitlist portal for anyone to sign up to be notified when doses allocated to the county become available. Please visit ReadyHarris.org or call (832) 927-8787 to get on the list. Again, supplies remain extremely limited, so exercise patience, and continue to follow protocols to keep you and your loved ones healthy until the vaccines arrive and can be delivered to your shoulders.

Hopefully soon, we will see either increased supply or other vaccines approved to be used. In order to achieve herd immunity and get back to normal, the shortage must end. Incidentally, I have sent President Biden a letter urging him to understand that Precinct 2 has challenges and that we need his administration to prioritize Harris County and our precinct. I'm not sure about you, but I look forward to the column I write celebrating the vanquishing of this vicious virus and returning to normalcy.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Millions of Texans dealing with water supply issues

Warmer temperatures over the weekend and continuing this week melted most of the snow from the state's roadways and roofs. But Texans are still dealing with broken pipes that flooded homes and businesses, damaged municipal water systems, and continued power outages in scattered areas, mainly in East and Central Texas.

At the height of the power crisis, more than 4 million Texans were without electrical service — a number that shrank to less than 32,000 as of Sunday, according to the PowerOutage.us website.

As of last weekend, more than half the state's population had some type of disruption in their water service, from having no water to low pressure, which made it necessary to boil water before safely using it for drinking, cooking or bathing. Tiffany Young, spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, reported Friday that more than 1,300 water supply systems and 62% of Texas counties were affected.

STATE'S POWER GRID 'MINUTES' FROM FAILING; ABBOTT URGES LEGISLATIVE ACTION

As electricity demand overwhelmed capacity last week during the height of the storm, the chief of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which operates the power grid for most of the state, told the media that the grid came close to having a catastrophic failure that could have taken months to repair. Grid operators began rolling blackouts to cut demand. "It needed to be addressed immediately," said Bill Magness, president of ERCOT. "It was seconds and minutes (from possible failure), given the amount of generation that was coming off the system."

Abbott last Tuesday



added reform of ERCOT as an emergency item this legislative session, calling the organization "anything but reliable." Also, Attorney General Ken Paxton has issued civil investigative demands to ERCOT and 11 power companies demanding documents and data related to the power outages, emergency plans, energy pricing and other items related to the winter storm power failures. Paxton said in a press release that ERCOT and other entities "grossly mishandled" last week's winter disaster.

Abbott met with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dade Phelan and eight members of the Legislature on Saturday to discuss how to address the spike in energy bills affecting many Texans after the power outages.

The Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT, also has begun an investigation into the outages. Chairman DeAnn Walker, said, "We must act swiftly to discover not only how this crisis came together, but also take meaningful steps to protect electricity customers."

TIPS ON FILING INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR DAMAGED HOMES

The Texas Department of Insurance offers several tips if filing a homeowner's claim for damage caused by broken water pipes, downed tree limbs or other

er damage from the storm. TDI advises contacting your insurance company or agent as soon as possible to file a claim. Also:

- Make a list of damaged property. Take pictures or video of the damage.
- Take steps to protect your home from further damage. Turn off the water, cover broken windows and holes in your roof if possible. Keep receipts on anything you spend to make temporary repairs.
- Try to be present when the insurance adjuster comes to inspect the damage or leave a note on how you can be reached.
- Keep a list of everyone you talk to at your insurance company.
- Get more than one bid, check references, and don't pay up front.

STORM SLOWS RATE OF VACCINATIONS ACROSS TEXAS

Scheduled COVID-19 vaccinations were rescheduled in metro areas and vaccine hubs throughout the state due to the storm.

People in Texas vaccinated with at least one dose passed the 3 million mark, and 1.313 million people were fully vaccinated as of Sunday. COVID-19 vaccine distribution will ramp back up as the state recovers from the winter storms, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Nearly 600,000 first doses are coming this week from the Centers for Disease Control and are being shipped to 563 providers in 230 Texas counties.

In addition, the state has ordered 364,830 second doses intended for people first vaccinated a few weeks ago. A TDSHS news release stated that people who had their second dose appointments delayed by the winter weather "should rest assured knowing that vaccine will be available, and their appointments will be rescheduled."

For more information, go to this site: <https://tinyurl.com/duocrcgb>. People without internet access can dial 2-1-1 to access information about vaccine providers.

COVID-19 CASES IN STATE CONTINUE TO DROP

While some reporting may have been delayed because of the storms, the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University of Medicine reported 33,423 cases in Texas last week — fewer than half reported the previous week. The number of new deaths also dropped by more than half, with 892 reported. Again, the numbers may be skewed by the storm's effects on power outages at Texas hospitals and other factors. We'll see what next week's numbers indicate.

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Entertaining Remington

I remember, a long time ago, when I used to have a social life.

My husband, Peter, and I have been visiting his sister, Lori, once a week while she battles cancer. She was in yesterday for another radiation treatment, and we are waiting to hear if she will be feeling well enough for a visit this weekend. And so we stay home, as we have since March of last year.

Lately, we have taken to picking up our groceries at the curb. I was skeptical. I'd never had another person choose my broccoli for me. They did a surprisingly good job, and it's one more thing we can do to feel a little safer while visiting Lori. But it's also a little sad because the grocery store is the only place I go.

Now, I go nowhere except on my long daily walk and to visit Lori. And the only person who comes to our house is our neighbor, Yvonne, and the dog, Remington.

Yvonne's dad is 90 and frail. He hasn't been out of his house other than for a couple of doctor appointments and the occasional drive around town. Yvonne is keeping extra safe so she can bring him meals and groceries. Yvonne just retired and thought she'd be going places and doing things she couldn't do while she was working. Instead, she's walking her son's dog, Remington.

Our twice-weekly visits from Remington have become the center of our social life.

Yvonne rings the doorbell and then steps back off the stoop. But Remington strains on his leash in anticipation. Yvonne confirms these visits are the highlight of his week.

Peter makes a wonderful smoked salmon, and we save the skin for Remington. I bring it out on a plate, along with a bowl of water. Remington eats the salmon and has a drink and then waits, poised, for the entertainment.

Entertaining Remington has become an elaborate affair.

Peter brings out exactly six "pub snacks," which are crackers he has renamed "pup snacks." He tosses them high in the air and Remington catches them. Peter calls this Remington's "circus trick," and Yvonne and I cheer wildly every time Remington catches a cracker. You can see Remington's fierce concentration as he performs for three adults, focused on his performance. It's a lot of pressure for one young dog, becoming the center of three adults' social calendar.

This routine has become so firmly established that, one day, I was late with the salmon and Peter tossed the crackers before its arrival. Remington was visibly confused but caught the crackers. Then, one by one, he carefully placed them on the step to eat after the salmon because he knew that was the way it was supposed to be done.

And all the while we have been entertaining Remington, we have missed important milestones, experiences we will never have, moments lost forever.

My parents are in their 80s and I missed both their birthdays. My niece turned 18, which is impossible to believe. I hardly recognize my nephew on Zoom. He seems to have grown a foot and his voice has changed. I have missed attending the theater, missed seeing the ocean, missed entertaining friends, missed going to restaurants, missed hugging my family. And those are just things I know I have missed.

Meanwhile, Remington competes twice weekly for the title of "World's Best Circus Dog," my only live entertainment for the past 11 months. "See you soon!" Yvonne says when she leaves.

"Goodbye, Remington!" I say, and Remington leaves, tail wagging.

I hope he comes back soon. Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com

top ten

Creative Hobbies During COVID

1. Trying new recipes

2. Gardening

3. Painting

4. Photography

5. Drawing

6. Creative writing


7. Dance

8. Interior design

9. Digital design

10. Non-fiction writing

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CHESTER J. STASNEY

October 6, 1929 ~ February 18, 2021 (age 91)

Heaven gained a beautiful angel as Chester J. Stasney, Sr. received his wings on February 18, 2021. He was a wonderful husband, Daddy, and PaPa. Chester was born to Frank and Vera Stasney of Crosby, Texas on October 6, 1929. While drafted into the Army, in 1951, he married his high school sweetheart, Marie Martin. They shared nearly 70 wonderful years of marriage. Chester and Marie moved to Highlands in 1953 and were pillars of the community. He and Marie belonged to St. Jude Catholic Church for 68 years and were among the oldest parishioners. Chester was instrumental in starting the annual church bazaar where he was head cook and his barbecue recipe was regarded as one of the best.

Chester worked for General Tire and Rubber Company followed by Bell Telephone prior to enlisting in the Army in 1950. After his service to our country, he returned to General Tire and Rubber and then Shell Oil Company. He spent the remainder of his career, 30 years, at Harris County Precinct 2. At the time of his retirement, he was administrative superintendent for the road and bridge department.

Chester was a proud member of the Highlands Rotary Club for 54 years, where he was the oldest surviving member. He was a co-founder of the Highlands Rotary Club



Chili Feast in 1975 where Chester's chili recipe became famous. He received the highest honor bestowed by the Rotary Foundation and was named a Paul Harris Fellow.

Chester made meaningful contributions to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo through his 40 years of service on various committees. He became a lifetime member in 2001. Chester also was appointed to the Emergency Services District #14 Board by Commissioner Jim Fonteno where he served for 20 years.

Chester is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Wilson, Lawrence, and James, his in-laws, Jordan and Pearlle Martin, his son-in-law, J.E. Bird, and grandson, Scott Bird. He is survived by his wife Marie, children Chester Joseph, Jr., Alabama, Elaine Marshall and husband Eddie, Highlands, Paul Stasney, Highlands, Leah Stasney, Houston, LaVern Kittsley and husband Dodd, New York, grandchildren, Christopher Bird, Brett Marshall, and wife Jessica, Seth Stasney, Payton, and Cooper Kittsley, great-



grandchildren, Aubrey Bird and Fitzgerald Marshall. He is also survived by his two younger sisters, June Ann Smesny and Malba Smesny, and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

Honoring the family as Pallbearers are Eddie Marshall, Dodd Kittsley, Christopher Bird, Seth Stasney, Brett Marshall, Payton and Cooper Kittsley, and Roy Selensky. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Highlands Rotary Club and ESD #14.

Arrangements are being handled by Sterling White in Highlands. All services will be held at St. Jude Catholic Church in Highlands. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 25, 2021, from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm with a Rosary at 6:00 pm. The funeral services will be held Friday, February 26 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Highlands Rotary Club, P.O. Box 892, Highlands, Texas 77562 where they will establish a scholarship in Chester's name.

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RONALD "RON" DALE DAVENPORT

Ronald "Ron" Dale Davenport, 71, of Dayton, Texas, passed away on Sunday, February 14, 2021, in Clear Lake, Texas. He was born on November 15, 1949, in Houston, Texas to the late Kenneth Davenport and Ira Rue Jones Davenport. Ron attended Glenna Park High until the age of 17, where he then joined the United States Army, proudly serving his country in the Vietnam War. On September 12, 1970, Ron married the love of his life, Debbie, and they began their lives together, raising their family in Channelview, Texas.

Ron was a person who pursued many interests, some of which included playing golf, mowing his yards, hanging out and swapping stories with his buddies and his brother, and tinkering around the house. Above all though, he truly loved fishing. In fact, while at the lake house, if it were raining and he could not fish, he could be found at Academy buying new fishing gear. Ron was extremely enter-



taining and naturally funny person who could always make you smile. He could walk in a room and light it up with his personality or charm a group with a great joke he heard at the plant. Ron was a tough man who instilled values in his children that they will be able to pass onto to their children as well. His family was his pride and joy and he worked very hard to ensure they were always taken care of.

Ron was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Robert Lynn Davenport and Deborah Ann Shubert; his niece, Carla Sisney; and two best friends, Kenny Arnold and

Melton Scroggins. He leaves behind to cherish his loving memory, his beloved wife of 50 years, Debbie Davenport; his children, Brandi Lynn Davenport, of Montgomery, Texas; Angie Lee Crew and husband Zachary, of Huffman, Texas; his grandchildren Trey Kosut and Bayley Kosut, of Montgomery, Texas, and Jayden Crew, of Huffman, Texas. He also leaves behind his brother, Buc Davenport and wife Jennifer, of Mont Belvieu, Texas and their daughters, Samantha, Sarah, Kaleigh, Kasey, and Keytee; his niece Monique Flatten, of Sheldon, Texas and a host of other loving relatives and friends which include his close patchwork brothers; Craig Wade, David Askew, Randy Goedrich, Mark, James and Lynn Faltyssek, and Chris Bumpas.

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By Dr. Mark Trice

Written by God

I'm sure you've seen a few different versions of the Ten Commandments over the years, including some that are pretty entertaining. I came across a copy of the Cowboy 10 Commandments not long ago. It keeps things fairly simple...because, you know, we cowboys are simple people.

1. Just one God.
2. Honor yer Ma & Pa.
3. No telling tales or gossipin'.
4. Git yourself to Sunday meet-ing.
5. Put nothin' before God.
6. No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
7. No killin'.
8. Watch yer mouth.
9. Don't take what ain't yers.
10. Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff.

This particular "translation" might make you smile, but the Ten Commandments are no joke. The fact is we sometimes take these ten sentences, in whichever form we read them, somewhat for granted – especially in today's culture. But have you ever considered that God Himself wrote them on stone? If not, look at Exodus 31:18: "And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." GOD wrote the Ten Commandments with His own hand.

That in itself testifies to their importance. They really are rules to live by. With that in mind, it pays to stop on occasion and honestly consider our lives in relation

to these words God wrote down not once, but twice. (Yes, thanks to Moses' loss of temper, he had to go back to God for another copy.)

Just look at #1. We know there is only one God and He reigns supreme, but it's easy to let other things get in between us and our relationship with Him – to "put other gods before Him." And I mean it when I say "us." As a minister, I stress the importance of putting God first because I face the same challenges everyone else does and recognize the dangers. I know that I have to ensure I don't risk walking into the same trap most of the world and much of Christianity falls into, that I'm not letting my personal time with God slide because the horses need tending or I'm exhausted from an especially long day or...

We all face that particular issue, whether the "thing between" has to do with school or kids' schedules or work or anything else. The traps are out there, lining the road. The key is to recognize them for what they are, know how easy they are to fall into, and avoid them at all cost. In other words, Christian, we must stay on high alert.

Checking ourselves against the rest of the Big Ten is important too, obviously. I trust you learned to honor your parents years ago, and hope you guard your heart from listening to gossip and your tongue from sharing it, that you're faithful to attend church services, etc.

Because when it's written by God you know it's vital for man.

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Uri yields Power Crisis,

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er Crisis is what they are calling the state's condition.

About 75% of the continental United States was covered with snow by the storm. Temperatures reached as low as 7 degrees on several nights. Grocery store supplies were depleted of milk products and

meats by the time the roads became usable for most.

Local first responders were tasked. Crosby's ambulance crews attended patients on medical devices by finding power support or supplying oxygen. Some patients were transported to Dayton for dialy-

sis as Crosby at that time had no water and private ambulances were unable to get them. Many patients were treated in their homes. Hospitals, in some cases, were unable to take patients due to power and water issues.

AOC raises \$5 million,

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cessful. Garcia told of how AOC began raising funds to aid the ice storm victims. The first day AOC quickly raised over a million dollars so she then decided to continue raising donations. On the second day, the day before her trip to Houston AOC had raised over two million and Saturday on the day she arrived here AOC had raised 3.2 million dollars. After leaving the HFB Garcia's took OAC out to some Houston communities to

visit and see first-hand how devastating the brutal storm struck millions of people.

Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez said, "Many Texas families and those across the country are already on the brink of financial collapse because of the COVID 19 pandemic that's preventing them from working. They can't afford another emergency like these ice storms. This can set people back for years, not just days." She said the funds raised will go to non-

profit organizations to help the elderly, homeless and hunger victims.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee said so many of the ice storm victims are essential workers, living on a low income budget, this places them in danger more so than others. These folks went without power and or water for days; we know they suffered and are still suffering. They're our brothers and sisters, let us not let them go hungry or without decent shelter.

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Those with appointments for their first or second vaccine doses, or waiting for their second vaccine appointment, will be contacted soon. HCPH needs additional vaccine to vaccinate everyone waiting for their second doses.

People who had their first vaccination were given cards with the type of vaccine they received and the date their next dose is due. This is not an appointment. Appointments are sent as text messages with the date, time, location and a QR code.

A delay of a few weeks between the first and second doses does not reduce the effectiveness of the vaccine.

Eligible groups being vaccinated at this time Groups 1A and 1B that include healthcare workers, people over 65 and those with underlying health conditions. If you are in an eligible group, register for the HCPH waitlist through: <https://vacstrac.hctx.net/landing>

Vaccine supplies are limited. If you are waiting to be vaccinated, don't get frustrated, get tested! Testing is still critically important to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Testing, wearing a mask and social distancing will help protect you and your family until there is enough vaccine for everyone. Testing is free and you get the results in 3-5 days. Children can also be tested at the sites listed below. Sign up at hpcptx.org or call 832-927-7575.

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A cut diamond with a large violet-red garnet inclusion

Measuring age

It isn't always possible to find out the age of a diamond by examining it directly. A better method is to look at tiny inclusions, which are crystals made from other minerals that are often found within diamonds. These give out a slight radioactive signal that scientists can measure to find out how old they are. This means flawless diamonds, that don't have any inclusions, are very difficult to date.

The method for determining age known as "Carbon Dating" is, unfortunately, of little help when it comes to diamonds. The accuracy of carbon dating reaches its limit when attempting to date an item older than 60,000 years old, thus falling way short of what's needed for diamonds.

A garnet within a diamond

The diamond in the image above contains a violet-red garnet. The garnet gives us a clue to the conditions and rock types that the diamond formed in, as scientists know the temperature and pressure that is needed for garnet to turn into its crystal form.

Other minerals turn into crystals at different temperatures and different pressures.

Finding accurate information

There is some debate about how accurate the evidence from inclusions is. Many inclusions are very old and so the diamonds they were found in may also have formed a very long time ago. However, some scientists think diamonds could have formed around the inclusions more recently.

The popular consensus is that the diamonds we can now see and touch are between 900,000 million and 3 billion years old.

Synthetic diamonds

Advances in technology mean that we can now create synthetic diamonds and these have increased our understanding of diamonds in the natural world.

By working out the conditions needed to create synthetic diamonds, we have also learned more about how and where real diamonds form, and where else we might hunt for them.

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Food Distribution,

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erated and controlled by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT, with an insufficient amount of power they were forced to begin rotating man-made power outages. Now some elected officials are demanding an investigation to look into why wasn't Texas the nation's largest fuel producer prepared to provide sufficient amounts of power in all kinds of weather.

Representative Hernandez said, "This last week millions of Texans across our state endured days without power and water due to the unprecedented cold weather event. I was glad to work with area elected officials, sponsors, and volunteers to distribute water and food to our neighbors in our community during this time of need."

Sponsors, State Representative Ana Hernandez, Houston Food Bank, City of Jacinto City, Constable Jerry Garcia, Pct. 2, Constable Silvia Trevino, Pct. 6,

Judge Victor Trevino III, Pct. 6, Plc. 1, Silver Eagle, Houston Distributing Company, Inc. and Houston Entrepreneur Society.

Senator Alvarado organizes Relief,

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Judge Joe Stephens for their efforts," Alvarado said.

United Aid Foundation (UAF) out of New York City provided the funding for everything given away. John Alex, UAF President is no stranger to helping Houstonians, he came here in August of 2017 after Hurricane Harvey to help the flood victims. It was then during his Harvey work he met Senator Carol Alvarado. When he learned of Texans devastated by the ice storm and hunting empty shelves for food and water he contacted Alvarado to give UAF's helping hand.

Knowing Houston had low supplies of food and water Alex and team members Cenovio Villa, Louis Cordona and Abby Hayo flew to New Orleans they bought all the supplies there, they loaded it in a rented Uhaul truck and drove it to Houston in time for the planned distribution day.

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None of these volunteers was looking for anything other than the satisfaction of helping others. On Sunday afternoon, Trey Narcisse, Founder and Executive Director of East Harris County Empowerment Council connected with a handful of local individuals from the Channelview ISD, Crosby ISD, Galena Park ISD and Sheldon ISD to host an online meeting to begin strategizing how to reach out to one of the most vulnerable groups in the area—our homebound Senior adults.

With all of the horrific stories of people freezing to death, dealing with broken pipes and the lack of water, our hearts turned to the elders in our community which may not have access to complete the many online applications for assistance. We talked about how even as last week Houston City Councilmember Dave Martin hosted a drive-thru water distribution as well as the events hosted by other groups helped many families, somehow many of the Seniors had been unable to get assistance.

From my own experience of working with Senior adults thru Constable Eagleton's RUOK? Program, I have heard many Seniors share about how lonely they are and how they rarely were able to leave home, even prior to the pandemic, except to visit Community Centers or to attend church. Now that they have been at home, alone for almost a year, many are showing signs of depression and anxiety. Several tell me weekly how many special occasions they have missed since March 13. And now, to add to the circumstances, the winter freeze had added many more issues.

The volunteers who came out on Tuesday to unload the pallets of water then loaded bottled water and cases of cookies into their own vehicles and went to deliver items to Seniors in the service area of EHCEC. None of the volunteers were concerned about gas money or if they would be recognized for their efforts. They all wanted to pitch in and help the Seniors. And as they made deliveries, Seniors began calling EHCEC to thank them and there were callers who were so emotional. One lady shared that she had been home alone with broken pipes and no electricity. Her home phone is a landline but since it is a cordless phone, which operates on electricity, she felt isolated from the world. She said the two teachers from Channelview ISD who delivered the water were more like angels.

If you know of a Senior in one of these four ISDs, please call me at 832-896-1633 or email me their name, phone number and address to charlotte.jackson@yahoo.com and EHCEC will add them to their database of Seniors for future distributions. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Kristina at KristinaZatopel@gmail.com

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