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## Five injured in four-car collision

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**SAN JACINTO COUNTY** — Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers investigated a crash on state Highway 105, near Magnolia Road, that occurred on July 12. The preliminary crash investigation indicates that at approximately 6:30 a.m., a 2002 Ford F-150 was traveling east, while

a 2004 Ford Expedition towing a trailer, a 2014 Ford F-350 towing a trailer, and a 2007 Ford F-150 were traveling west. The report states the driver of the 2002 Ford F-150, 55-year-old Daryl Pogue of Channelview, traveled into the westbound lane, causing a multiple vehicle crash. Pogue was transported to HCA Houston Healthcare in Kingwood for treatment of life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the 2004 Ford Expedition, 50-year-old Pedro Hernandez-Cabrera of Cleveland, was transported to HCA Houston Healthcare in Kingwood for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the 2014 Ford F-350, 29-year-old Melvin Valladares-Flores of

Cleveland, and two passengers, a 19-year-old and a 14-year-old, were transported to HCA Houston Healthcare in Conroe for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the 2007 Ford F-150, identified as 28-year-old Cesar Carcamo-Maldonado of Cleveland, was not injured. The investigation is ongoing.

## Tips to avoid post Beryl scams

Special to the News-Times

Scam artists often follow a large storm or disaster. The Texas Department of Insurance has tips to help recognize and avoid common contracting scams.

- Common contracting scams**
- The scam: A contractor asks you to sign something before giving you a repair estimate.
    - What to do: Read any paperwork carefully. Make sure it's not a contract, or you could get stuck paying a bill without ever seeing an estimate.
  - The scam: A contractor asks you to sign a contract with blank sections.
    - What to do: Don't do it. Never sign a contract with blank spaces. The contractor could fill those in later with higher costs or different work.
  - The scam: Contractor offers to waive your deductible or work it into the bid.

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Entergy crews work to restore power in the Cleveland area following the devastation from Hurricane Beryl. Entergy claims all customers able to safely receive power have had it restored. COURTESY PHOTO

## Entergy crews near the end of hurricane restoration

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**THE WOODLANDS** — Entergy Texas has safely restored power to nearly all customers affected by Hurricane Beryl. Hundreds of crews remain in the field to make repairs and turn the lights back on for communities hit hardest by the storm.

"Our customers and communities have been patient with us, and we thank them for their immense support as we worked around the clock to restore their

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## REPPING AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL

San Jacinto's own Charissa Arizpe (right) was named a delegate to the Republican National Convention, held recent in Milwaukee. Arizpe, along with Janis Holt (left) and Jeff Bradley, cast their votes to nominate Donald Trump as the Republican nominee for President of the United States. COURTESY PHOTO

## SNAP hot foods purchases approved

Special to the News-Times

**AUSTIN** — Gov. Greg Abbott announced today that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has received federal approval to allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients in 36 counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl to purchase hot foods and ready-to-eat meals with their benefits.

"As communities recover and rebuild from Hurricane Beryl, Texas continues working to ensure that impacted Texans have access to fresh, quality food," said Governor Abbott. "With power outages still affecting Texans, this federal approval for 36 counties will help eligible Texans purchase hot, ready-to-eat meals for themselves and their families. I thank the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for their

work to provide fresh, healthy foods for our fellow Texans in need."

"The ability to purchase hot food is a necessity for SNAP recipients who are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Beryl," said HHSC Deputy Executive Commissioner of Access and Eligibility Services Molly Regan. "Many families still cannot prepare meals due to power outages."

Federal approval allows SNAP recipients to purchase hot foods with their Lone Star Cards at participating retailers within the approved counties through August 14. Hot foods include rotisserie chicken, grocery store deli items, and other food that is hot at the point of sale.

The approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services applies to SNAP recipients in Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers,

Cherokee, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lavaca, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, and Wharton counties.

No action is required by SNAP recipients to receive this additional benefit. SNAP recipients in counties impacted by Hurricane Beryl can also request SNAP replacement benefits. For more information, visit the HHSC Receiving Disaster Assistance page.

Any Texan in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at YourTexasBenefits.com or by using the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits. To find local resources, such as food or shelter, dial 2-1-1 and select Option 1.

## Work continues to complete repairs on Lake Livingston Dam

Special to the News-Times

Work and repairs on Lake Livingston Dam continue.

Last week, the lake level is at 129.81 feet above mean sea level. It is anticipated that the lake level will fluctuate between 128.0 and 131.0 msl for the next three weeks.

The damage to the facility that still needs

to be repaired is below the spillway apron on the downstream side of the dam. There is no damage or leakage on the lake side of the dam.

The work is to put stronger fill material below the dam where original clay fill was washed out by high flows. Construction activities will require lowering the lake level to allow for the gates on the dam to be closed

for several hours at a time.

Progress is being made daily to help ensure that the dam will continue to function as designed, and divers are inspecting the work as it goes along. The dam performed as needed during the recent hurricane, and it is important to continue the work.

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LAKE LIVINGSTON DATA AS OF JULY 22

Current level.....	130.25 ft
Normal level.....	131.00 ft
Discharge.....	11667 cfs
Weekly rainfall total.....	2.18 in

TRINITY RIVER DATA AS OF JULY 22

Gauge Stage.....	14.11 ft
Category.....	Normal
Weekly rainfall.....	2.18 in





# When disaster strikes, we all unite

One thing about disasters and troubles, people rally around and help each other, especially in our area over this last week. Food distributions were held in many places and two large food trucks came to Shepherd.

One was hosted by the Church of Christ. Members volunteered to help give out a huge supply of food boxes, infant and personal care items, clothing and bedding, cleaning supplies and fans and more. Nearly 250 families were served by the Church members who worked tirelessly to make the difference. Other churches have also held distribution days and Shepherd City opened the Community Center to supply hot meals and cool shelter.

The Community and Children's Impact Center was asked to host a very large food truck originally destined for Houston but had to

**Did You Know**  
By Yvonne Cones



be rerouted to Shepherd. I believe the change would be the lack of power throughout Houston at the time but that is my thinking.

Shepherd Mayor Charles Minton asked Brenda Myers if she would head up the distribution since she has a large and very able group of volunteers who step up to help when needed. There were 67 volunteers unloading the truck with ice and water and food was given out to 600 people.

It was a long day for them all, but it started a movement among

some of the very younger ones to continue the good work. Brenda talked at her weekly Thursday meeting of how one youngster, Miles Stone enthusiastically helped with the others to knock on the doors of the seniors who live in the Senior Citizen complex in Shepherd.

Miles didn't need to have an adult to help. He amazed the adults around and he was made the first Hero of the Week, although he will continue to be a hero. He arranged for cards to be sent to seniors and others joined in with the plan to make Wednesday a day for cooking and giving out meals to the 32 senior units on South Byrd Avenue.

The idea to 'adopt' a senior who would have a link with the Impact Center members is in the works. Miles is 10 years old. When he spoke with his family around him,

he was confident but caring. He is the first Hero; Brenda explained that each week there will be another Hero chosen for their work in the community. The church which is hosting the meal-making is New Beginnings Fellowship in Shepherd.

Texas Glam Girls has moved to Coldspring. Dry cleaning, a clothes boutique and jewelry will be the same as when they were in Shepherd. In their place now is 'actus Rose Dry Cleaning. Tabatha, the owner, has a wonderful collection of clothes in her boutique from cute outfits for babies to women's. Jewelry and Scentsy items are also on sale, and the tanning booth is there still. The owner is still finishing up with some minor details, but you can see for yourself at 11231 Highway 150.

Christmas in July is on Saturday. Santa will be there. Running

from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. around the Courthouse, there will be vendors and food as well as local stores open for business with Christmas in mind. We can imagine cooler weather, can't we? Saturday also is Dog Adoption Day at the SJC Animal Shelter at 5480 FM 2025 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This is the place to find your adorable puppy or older dog.

If you like Bluegrass music, check out Rosalie's Cottage on the Square in Coldspring, which hosts this event. The store also has a wonderful collection of treasures. Call (936) 653-2100.

Contact the Shepherd Chamber of Commerce at (210) 995-7420 or the Coldspring Chamber at (936) 653-2184.

Yvonne Cones is president of the Shepherd Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Coldspring Chamber of Commerce.



Miles Stone was the Hero of the Week for his volunteer work. COURTESY PHOTO



The Impact Center gives an award for community service. COURTESY PHOTO



Shepherd Church of Christ distributed goods to nearly 250 families, including food, cleaning supplies, clothes and more. COURTESY PHOTO

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Rain/Thunder 81°/71° Chance of Rain 78% Wind E 4mph	Showers 86°/72° Chance of Rain 48% Wind SSE 4mph	Showers 843°/73° Chance of Rain 60% Wind SSE 4mph	Thunderstorms 86°/74° Chance of Rain 64% Wind SE 5mph	Scattered Thunderstorms 90°/74° Chance of Rain 47% Wind SSE 5mph	Partly Cloudy 92°/74° Chance of Rain 24% Wind SSW 5mph	Partly Cloudy 92°/73° Chance of Rain 19% Wind SSW 4mph

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twc.tamu.edu

Fire Danger Rating  
■ Low  
■ Moderate  
■ High  
■ Very High  
■ Extreme



**Richard Lynn Winfrey Sr.**

Richard Lynn Winfrey Sr. was born September 24, 1954, to Jess "Willard" and Joyce Martile (Williams) Winfrey in Houston, Texas. He passed away from this life on July 3, 2024, in Coldspring, Texas, at the age of 69.

He is survived by his children, Richard Lynn Winfrey Jr. and Megan Elizabeth Winfrey; brother, Tommy Winfrey and wife Debbie; grandchildren, Danielle Hammond, Addilyn Winfrey and Sarah Holt; as well as other loved ones and friends.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, brother, Gary Willard Winfrey, and sister, Vicky Joyce Winfrey.

A celebration of Richards's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Pace Funeral Home in Livingston, Texas with Brother Virgil Currie officiating.



**Richard Lynn Winfrey Sr.**  
Celebration on Saturday

**SCAM**

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What to do: Hire a different contractor. It's illegal for a contractor to waive a deductible or promise a rebate for the amount. The deductible is your responsibility, and your insurance company may ask for proof you paid it.

The scam: Contractor asks for a large down payment or full payment up front.

What to do: Never pay the entire bill up front and be wary if a contractor asks for a large down payment. When a disaster is declared, it's against the law for contractors from outside your area to ask for payment before they start work.

**Select a good contractor**

To avoid these and other scams:

- Try to use a local company if possible.
- Don't pay with cash. Paying with a

check or credit card creates a record of your payments to the contractor.

- Get multiple bids to help determine which ones are too high or too good to be true.

- Bids should include the company's name, phone number, and address.

- Call the Better Business Bureau and check the contractor's references.

- Ask for the contractor's certificate of insurance and bond certification. Call the companies listed to verify the coverage.

- Ask the contractor to tell you if they contact your insurance company about more work or costs.

- Report possible contracting scams to local law enforcement.

Visit [www.TDI.texas.gov](http://www.TDI.texas.gov) for more tips to avoid scams, information on insurance coverage for storm damage, and what to do if you disagree with your insurance company's decision. Call the TDI Help Line at 800-252-3439.

**SENIOR MENUS**

July 29-Aug. 2

Menus Subject to Change

• **Senior Citizens of San Jacinto County**  
936-653-4175

Call by 10:30 a.m. to reserve a meal.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday is Texercise. Tuesday is line dancing. Thursday is bingo. Friday is karaoke.

**MONDAY:** Fish planks, steak fries, coleslaw, hush puppies.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken fajitas, charro beans, Spanish rice.

**WEDNESDAY:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, greens, cornbread.

**THURSDAY:** Sausage, beans and rice, fried okra, cup salad, cornbread.

**FRIDAY:** Barbecue sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans.

• **Shepherd Senior Citizens Center** | 936-628-3733

Second Tuesday of each month includes birthday cake for dessert.

Bingo is July 24 and 31, and Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Bag Days are Aug. 2, 16 and 30. Craft Days are July 29 and Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 31.

**MONDAY:** Fried pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, ice cream.

**TUESDAY:** Spaghetti and meat sauce, greens, garlic bread, fruit.

**WEDNESDAY:** Sloppy Joes, pickles, onions, chips, fresh fruit salad.

**THURSDAY:** Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, fruit.

**FRIDAY:** Chicken spaghetti, greens, garlic bread, brownies.

**ENTERGY**

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power," Eliecer Viamontes, president and CEO of Entergy Texas. "Texans are tough, and we will continue to make the necessary investments to ensure our grid is as strong as the people in our communities."

Beryl, which barreled into the Gulf Coast area as a Category 1 hurricane, knocked out power to approximately 252,460 Entergy Texas customers on July 8. The storm brought heavy rain, max winds of up to 97 mph, and a tornado to the Entergy Texas service area.

Due to high winds and ground saturation during the tropical event, downed trees and other vegetation caused significant damage to 806 poles, 400 transformers, 979 crossarms and left behind approximately 150 miles of downed wire. Whether in the field or behind the scenes, a workforce of more than 2,400 helped safely turn the lights back on for Southeast Texas communities.

Outside of restoration efforts, Entergy

Texas also supported communities by donating \$125,000 to the American Red Cross for Beryl relief. Red Cross volunteers have been working very closely with the entire response community — government agencies, other non-profit groups, faith-based organizations, area businesses and others — to coordinate emergency relief efforts and get help to people as quickly as possible.

With storms events impacting the Gulf Coast region more often and with stronger intensity, Entergy Texas is making strategic investments to improve service reliability and make the Southeast Texas power grid more resilient against extreme weather events like hurricanes. In June of this year, the company filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for approval of Phase I of its comprehensive Texas Future Ready Resiliency Plan.

Once approved, the plan will benefit customers by decreasing future storm restoration costs by approximately \$129 million and reducing the duration of power outages following significant weather events by 4.5 billion minutes over the next 50 years.

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## It looks like this whole democracy thing is a placebo

One of the “so good it’s bad” movies I enjoy is “War of the Gargantuas,” which is a Godzilla-adjacent flick and one that in my head I was equating to the upcoming presidential election (it happened to be playing when I heard the news. Go figure).

That is until Sunday, when President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee, up and quit, calling the move as one that was in the best interest for his party and for the country.

Odd phrasing, that, putting party ahead of the country, but then again, only the most steadfast of sheep believe that the government actually cares about what happens to the country.

Before things get indignant, good intentions do not make good policy, and most policy decisions coming down the pike have been solely for the purpose of retaining power, irrespective of party.

It’s that retaining power stance that



### My Two Common Sense

By Tony Farkas  
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perplexes me now.

For years, particularly in the Trump era, we’ve been told that our democracy is under attack, and that the only way to keep it viable and keep the American dream alive was to not vote for neo-fascists. We’ve also been told that voting is sacrosanct and inviolate, and how can anyone mistreat people of color by requiring an ID to vote?

Except now, that no longer seems to matter.

Most states by now have either caucused or held primary elections, and those results have followed both Trump and Biden to their conven-

tions. While the Democrats will not hold theirs until August, it was pretty much assured Biden was a lock.

That, I believe, presents several problems; several states have already locked their ballots, meaning changes now shouldn’t be made; but the worst is that everyone that cast a ballot for Biden in the primaries have been told their votes are immaterial. As in, yeah, you wanted Joe, but since you didn’t read the fine print, you get (insert name here).

In his surrender letter, Biden threw his weight behind Vice President Kamala Harris. Other names that have been floated is Gov. Gavin Newsom of California, former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, and former First Lady Michelle Obama.

While I’m sure that’s name dropping to gin up some kind of interest, it not only speaks to the lack of care for the will of the people (which is the founding principle of our republic), it speaks to the need for the cur-

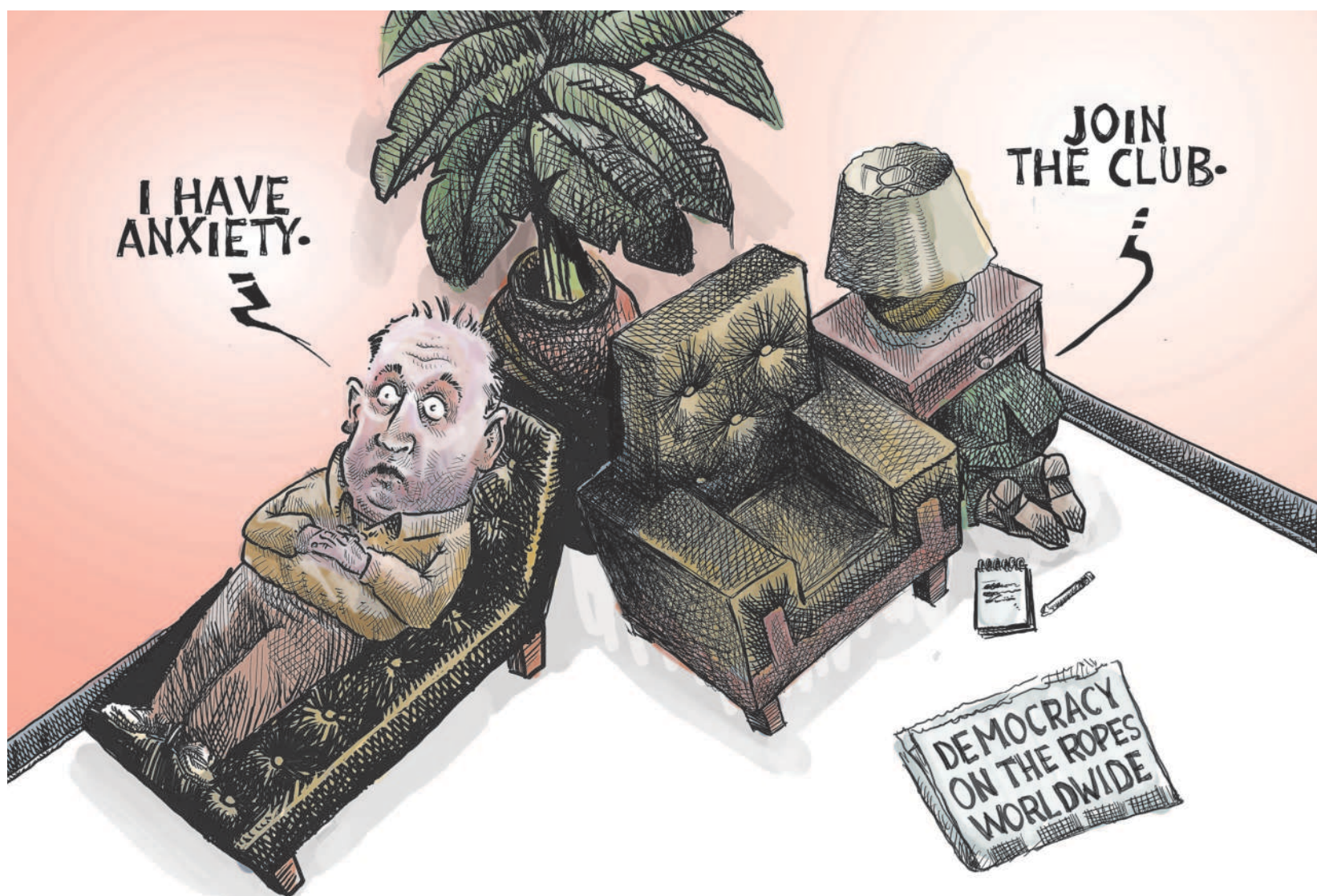
rent “powers that be” to not become the “powers that was.”

I’ve even heard that in order to force the acceptance of whatever candidate is called from the bullpen, the lawsuits will fly fast and furious.

Even in a democracy, that kind of underhanded bait-and-switch is frowned upon. But since voting rights are only a matter of discussion to keep the other guys out of office, it really isn’t a surprise.

At the end of his statement, Biden claims he will focus on the remainder of his presidency. While the debate on whether he is fit to lead since he is not fit to run for re-election is not part of this right now, it is yet another example of governmental disconnect with the people.

Let’s hope 2025 is the great reset. Tony Farkas is editor of the San Jacinto News-Times and the Trinity County News-Standard. He can be reached at tony@polkcountypublishing.com.



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# The Unsung Hero

In a story about Jesus feeding 5,000 people in John 6, there is an unsung hero. As the huge crowd was approaching Him, Jesus asked His disciple Philip where they were going to get enough food to feed such a crowd. Philip replied that half a year's salary would not be enough money to buy a meal for this gathering.

Apparently, news of this hospitality conundrum must have spread among the disciples because Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, approached Jesus with a lunch bucket and said, "A youth here has five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that for a crowd like this?" (John 6: 9).

You know the rest of the story.



**Dan's Divinities**  
By Rev. Dr. Dan Darby

Jesus had everyone sit down on the grass, thanked God for the meal, and distributed multiplied bread and fish. From a single lunch, 5,000 people ate all they could and there were enough leftovers that each of the 12 disciples filled their baskets with dried fish and bread. What a witness to the disciples about just who Jesus was, and the limitless abundance of grace in Jesus the Messiah.

The unsung hero of the story

is the young person who shared his lunch. True, Jesus is the one who demonstrated His divinity by multiplying the loaves and fishes, but the youth had faith enough to offer what he had to Jesus even though he knew that it was unimaginably insufficient. He could easily have had the opposite reaction.

When he overheard the disciples talking about the problem of how to feed the multitude without any resources, he would have realized that all these people were without a meal. Knowing he had a meal, he could have tried to hide it from others so that he, the prepared one, could have something to eat while others went hungry. He could have

said to himself, "What were the idiots thinking, coming out here in the wilderness without food? They deserve to be hungry."

Then, he could have quickly gobbled up his lunch before others really realized how hungry they were and grabbed his lunch. But such was not his reaction. He had enough faith and hope in Jesus to offer what he had to the Master.

You and I often feel that we don't have much to offer others. We are not experts. We don't have huge, almost unlimited resources. Our talents are limited to humming a tune while others can sing opera. What good would our little drop in the bucket do for others or for God

when there is a whole lake that needs to be filled? Our tendency is to withdraw, to hide, to feel useless, and to hoard what little we do have.

Jesus, however, calls us to faith. He calls us to believe that we have something to contribute. He calls us to believe that He can take our five mini-loaves and two tiny fish and work a miracle.

What are the needs that you see around you? Chances are, you cannot meet them all, but if you take what you have and begin to try, God will multiply your efforts and resources to the glory of Christ our Lord.

*Dr. Dan Darby is a retired United Methodist pastor.*



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# PUC outlines consumer protection rules

As the dog days of August approach and electric bills soar, the Public Utility Commission is reminding consumers of rules in place to protect them from having their power disconnected due to financial difficulties, especially during extreme heat.

"Ensuring the power stays on for all Texans, regardless of their financial situation, is a top priority for all of us at the PUCT," Executive Director Connie Corona said.

Several utilities have suspended disconnections to allow customers to recover from Hurricane Beryl, which caused widespread outages, particularly in the Houston area.

Consumer protection rules require electric providers to offer bill payment assistance programs, though electric cooperatives and municipally owned utilities in Texas are not subject to this rule; however, most offer some form of bill assistance. Options include a payment arrangement or a deferred payment plan.

Customers seeking assistance should start by contacting their electric provider. They can also learn what assistance programs are available in their area by dialing 211.

### Migrant apprehensions drop to 2021 levels

The number of migrants apprehended by federal officers in June was at its lowest level in more than three years, according to figures released by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol and reported by The Texas Tribune. Border Patrol



## Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders  
Texas Press Association

agents apprehended 83,356 migrants in June across the southern border, down from 117,901 in May and the lowest since January 2021, the month President Joe Biden took office.

"Recent border security measures have made a meaningful impact on our ability to impose consequences for those crossing unlawfully," acting CBP Commissioner Troy A. Miller said in a statement. "We are continuing to work with international partners to go after transnational criminal organizations that traffic in chaos and prioritize profit over human lives."

Biden issued an executive order, effective June 5, that essentially ended granting asylum to migrants.

Gov. Greg Abbott in previous statements has credited the state's multibillion-dollar mission, Operation Lone Star, for the decline in migrant apprehensions, The Tribune reported.

### Texas second-worst state for women's health outcomes

A new report from a national women's health nonprofit concludes Texas is among the lowest performing states for women's health outcomes, Texas Public Ra-

dio reported.

Only Mississippi ranked worse in the study by the Commonwealth Fund, which analyzed data on maternal mortality, insurance access and other factors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

One major issue is the lack of maternity care centers or obstetricians in many rural Texas counties, with 46 percent defined as "maternity care deserts." The state also ranked last in the country for health care access and affordability.

"It means that women enter their pregnancy having had less access to health care, particularly if they're poor or low income, and in a poorer health situation than they would have been in had they had health insurance coverage," said Sara Collins of the Commonwealth Fund.

### Feds OK SNAP hot-food purchases in Beryl-affected counties

Federal food assistance recipients in 36 counties affected by Hurricane Beryl can use their benefits to buy hot foods and ready-to-eat meals, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced last week.

The approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture applies to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients in Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Lavaca,

Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, and Wharton counties.

"The ability to purchase hot food is a necessity for SNAP recipients who are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Beryl," said HHSC Deputy Executive Commissioner of Access and Eligibility Services Molly Regan. "Many families still cannot prepare meals due to power outages."

No action is required of SNAP recipients to receive this additional benefit. To find local resources, such as food and shelter, dial 211 and select Option 1.

### Experts: Power outages likely to continue

Experts say widespread outages such as that caused in July by Hurricane Beryl, and in recent years by other weather-related events, are likely to continue in the future because the state's massive power grid is unprepared for severe weather events, The Tribune reported.

The state had 210 weather-related power outages from 2000 to 2023, according to data from the U.S. Department of Energy — more than any other state. In July, Beryl knocked out power to 2.6 million customers in Southeast Texas. That came on the heels of a mid-May windstorm, known as a derecho, that hit the Houston area with 100-mile-per-hour winds and knocked out power to 1 mil-

lion customers.

"It's like the big, bad wolf: huff and puff and blow the house down," said Michael Webber, an energy resources professor at the University of Texas at Austin. "And I don't think any utility or city designs for weather like that, at least not weather that frequent."

The state's stand-alone power grid will need decades of public investment in order to make it more resilient against storms, which down poles and power lines across Texas.

"The current distribution infrastructure isn't adequate apparently for the job at hand," Michael Skelly, CEO of Grid United, said. "What level of reliability do we want to try to get to and what are we prepared to invest?"

Both CenterPoint and Oncor have proposed investing billions to strengthen poles and wires, and install underground wires, but that will likely come at a cost to consumers.

"Ultimately, the bill is going to get loaded onto the backs of the customers, whether or not they were pleased with how [the power outage] was handled," Sandra Haverlah, president of the Texas Consumer Association, said.

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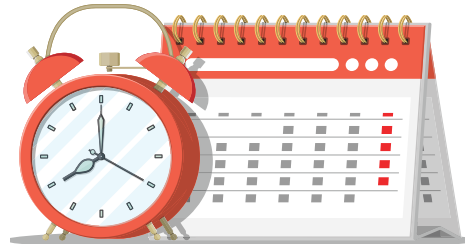
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For information, contact Freeman Judy Thompson at (936) 366-1905.

## Genealogy event set

The Walker County Genealogical Society and Huntsville Public Library are hosting the annual Summer Genealogical Weekend and Silent Book Auction.

The SGW is scheduled for Aug. 2-3 beginning at 10 a.m. each day at the HPL Staggs Community Room.

With nine different genealogical presentations offered starting with the basics, SGW is proud to have among its presenters Faye Jenkins Stallings, Jim Thornhill, Michele Bailey, and internationally known Lisa Louise Cooke.

During this same time frame, a silent book auction is held in the library from noon Monday through noon Aug. 3.

More than 800 books are for auction, representing all genres with all proceeds going to the HPL Johnnie Jo Sowell Dickenson Genealogy Room. Both events are free to the public and everyone is welcome. Registration is requested but not mandatory.

For more information, see the WCGS website ([wcgstx.org](http://wcgstx.org)) or the HPL website (<https://www.huntsvilletx.gov/171/Public-Library>) or contact Mary Kokot at HPL 936-291-5471.

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For more information, call Houston Food Bank at (832) 586-8579 or visit [www.houstonfoodbank.org/cap](http://www.houstonfoodbank.org/cap).

## Libraries seeks donations

The Coldspring and Shepherd public libraries are partnering with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth through 5 years.

To build a strong culture of reading for young children and increase early literacy

in San Jacinto County, the library is seeking donors to contribute to our project.

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For more information on the program, please visit [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com). To register, visit either library.

## Veterans museum hosts events

HEARTS Veterans Museum hosts HAM radio class/testing at the Walker County Storm Shelter on the second Saturday of every month from 9-11 a.m.

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# Report contaminated fuel to TDLR

## Special to the News-Standard

AUSTIN — Consumers who suspect that they may have purchased contaminated fuel after flooding caused by Hurricane Beryl hit southeast and east Texas should file a complaint with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation as soon as possible.

Intense flooding can sometimes cause water to enter underground fuel storage tanks and contaminate the gasoline supply.

If you suspect you purchased contaminated fuel, take these steps as soon as possible:

- File an online complaint with TDLR immediately. Choose Fuel Metering & Quality from the drop-down menu. It's important to file a complaint

as soon as possible – if the station gets deliveries between the incident and the investigation, it can be difficult to prove the fuel did not meet specifications because the contaminated fuel may be diluted or completely dispensed.

- When filing your complaint, be sure to include fuel receipts, fuel type, octane rating, pump number and as much information as possible about the station and any damage to your vehicle caused by the contaminated fuel.
- Alert the station management or chain headquarters to the issue. Most stations/headquarters will take action to stop selling the suspect gas and have it checked or remediated. Stations often will voluntarily reimburse the consumer for repairs. However, some stations will deny there's a problem,

which is why it's so important to file the complaint quickly so TDLR can investigate the quality of the fuel.

- Once TDLR receives a complaint, the department reviews the information to determine if it is appropriate to dispatch an investigator to the location to take a sample of the fuel for lab. If the sample is found to be contaminated, TDLR will take necessary action, depending on how the station responds to the reports of contaminated fuel.

Motor fuel dealers and operators are reminded to visually inspect motor fuel metering devices, filtering equipment and storage tanks to ensure there is no contamination and that all items are in proper working order.

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# Cooking out with the latest equipment



The phrase cooking out often equates to applying heat to steaks or burger anywhere other than in the kitchen, often outside on the patio using a gas or charcoal grill. My first memories of outdoor cooking goes back a long, long way to the late 50s when as a young boy, I watched my dad grill chicken halves over a pit he dug in the ground, with an expanded metal grill over a hot hickory fire. Later, he used a homemade smoker.

Daddy was an inventor of sorts. I remember all types of gizmos he thought up and constructed. He raised broiler chickens — 14,000 at a time — and he once drilled a hole in the flipper on a light switch, hooked a copper wire to it and attached the other end to a wind-up alarm clock. He would set his makeshift timer to turn the light on very early in the morning in order to give the chickens a few more hours to eat and put on weight before market. When the clock wind-up piece began to turn, it took up slack in the wire and pulled the light switch on.

One day he decided to turn a 55-gallon oil drum into a smoker— no more digging pits in the ground for cooking. Alas, he had no torch to cut the barrel in half or cut a hole for the stove pipe on top. I watched him use a quarter inch drill bit and drill hundreds, probably thousands of holes along the center of the drum and then meticulously take a hacksaw blade and completely cut the

barrel in half, lengthwise.

My uncle owned a small club aluminum smoker about 2 feet long. I believe it was made in Little Rock, Ark., back in the day. I watched him smoke turkeys on his little smoker, using a small charcoal fire with pecan wood for smoke on one end and the turkey completely filling the other end of the smoker. My uncle spent many hours tending the little smoker; he would begin smoking the turkey at daylight and slow smoke it 10 to 12 hours. I can taste that pecan-smoked turkey meat to this day.

I remember as a young boy taking some pork ribs and a grill out in the woods with some friends and grilling ribs on an overnight campout. My buddies and I thought the ribs were superb but what do 12-year-old boys know about barbecue other than the need for food and lots of it.

So, I get this outdoor cooking habit honestly. Through the course of a year, it usually fuels several of my columns and many meals at hunting camps.

My cooking arsenal consists of everything from a little mini smoker (you see them in the front of Buc-ees) to a big wood smoker mounted on a trailer. I have several homemade grills and cooking racks out in front of my little cabin behind the house where I do a great deal of my outdoor cooking. But my go-to piece of outdoor cooking gear for serious slow smoking has for years been my Smokin' Tex electric smoker. Through the years I've used my Smokin' Tex to cook hundreds of pounds of both game and domestic meat. Set at about 190 degrees and given 12 or so hours of slow smoking with a few ounces of pecan or hickory wood, it will turn a wild hog ham into a mouth-watering delight.

I watch a lot of YouTube videos and saw several 'how to' videos on cooking with what is called Rocket stoves. With a couple of Amazon gift cards burning a hole in my pocket, I decided to order one of these stoves a few weeks ago.

My wife asked a viable question, "What

do you need with something else to cook on?" She knows my love of outdoor cooking and really didn't wait for an answer. "OK," she said with a shrug of her shoulders, "guess I'm in for breakfast cooked on a device that uses twigs for fuel rather than our electric stove like most people use."

"But what if the electricity goes out," I replied. "Remember a few years ago when the power was out and I cooked a couple days in the fireplace?"

Rocket stoves come in many designs. The principal that makes them so efficient is an upward draft of heat from a fire, much like a stove pipe on a wood burning stove or the updraft from a fireplace. Many of these stove designs have an angled pipe welded to a vertical pipe into which small twigs or pieces of wood are burned. The heat from the fire is directed up the vertical pipe and becomes intensely hot compared to; say a campfire burning on open ground.

Rocket stoves are often homemade by folks that are good with a welding torch, but there are also many commercial varieties available. After watching several videos I locked in on a unit that I thought would suit my needs best. It is of the vertical pipe design with an open chamber near the base to insert small pieces of limbs or twigs for fuel.

It's important to use the stoves on a flat surface to keep them stable while cooking, they are designed for frying in skillets or using pots for stews, chili, etc. They supply a very hot fire at the top of the vertical smoke stack with a cradle that holds a skillet or pot. In the outdoors there is an unending supply of fuel in the form of dead branches or even pine cones can be used as fuel.

My first attempt at cooking with my little stove was a big success. I thought it best if I did a little solo test cook rather than risk disappointing a few guests. I amassed a good supply of dry twigs, used some crumpled paper to get the fire going and within five minutes, had a very intense fire at the top of the vertical pipe that in short order



This little rocket stove is the newest addition to Luke's outdoor cooking arsenal. PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

had the cooking oil up to temperature that was just right for frying the few catfish filets I had reserved for this practice run.

Will my little rocket stove be the only device I use for outdoor cooking? Definitely not, but I think it will be ideal to set up along the creek when my buddies and I are catching some fresh catfish or crappie for a quick shore lunch. Now, I can have a roaring hot fire going from twigs in a matter of minutes rather than having to wait for an open campfire to burn down to cooking coals. It's just something new in my cooking arsenal that I'm having fun with. I love experimenting with new ways to enjoy the outdoors.

Listen to "Outdoors with Luke Clayton and friends" wherever podcasts are found or visit [www.catfishradio.org](http://www.catfishradio.org).

# Schwertner, Miles face harrassment claim

By Renzo Downey  
The Texas Tribune

Texas senators were silent on Friday in the face of fresh allegations of sexual harassment revealed in a Texas Monthly investigation.

The reporting focuses on the culture in the upper chamber in the post #MeToo era, examining how rules meant to protect people from sexual harassment go unenforced.

Notably, the story cited an interview from an unnamed University of Texas at Austin student, who in 2018 complained that state Rep. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, sent her inappropriate texts through an encrypted messenger app, including a photo of his penis he called "proof of life."

Schwertner, whose district includes San Jacinto County, told investigators at the time that someone had used his phone and he did not send the photos. A University of Texas investigation did not clear him of wrongdoing but could not definitively prove that he sent the message from his own phone.

Schwertner, who was arrested on suspicion of driving drunk last year, has been restored to good standing in the Senate where he chairs a committee and is a close ally of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.

"It was just frustrating because all these people are saying he's such a good guy, he's a family man," the woman told Texas Monthly. "There's data evidence and there's time stamps and there's IP addresses" on the messages. "How is this still happening?"

The story also reports a new allegation from an unnamed Senate staffer who said

Schwertner followed her to a break room, hugged her and grabbed her butt. The staffer said he also asked her to connect with him on an encrypted messenger app.

Schwertner and his office did not respond to requests for comment.

The article surfaces a new allegation against Sen. Borris Miles, D-Houston, who was previously charged in an incident where he pulled a gun at a party where he allegedly kissed a woman against her will. He was acquitted, but sued by the woman, resulting in a settlement.

Taylor Coleman, a Houston-based political consultant, said Miles touched her inappropriately when they greeted each other at a party in 2016.

"He specifically grabbed me in for a hug, slid his hand down, and palmed my butt," she told the magazine.

Miles and his office did not respond to a request for comment.

In a statement to the Tribune, Patrick, who serves as the president of the Senate, pushed back against characterizations within the Texas Monthly story that the Senate workplace culture and policies allow sexual harassment to continue with little protections for victims.

"Texas Monthly has falsely maligned me and the nearly 75 different senators I have proudly served with as a senator and as lieutenant governor. The members and I take this issue very seriously," Patrick said. "Harassment of any type is not tolerated on my own staff. Each of my staff, including myself, has taken sexual harassment prevention training,

as have Senators and their staffs."

The office of Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, did not respond to requests for comment. Kolkhorst oversaw changes to the Senate's sexual harassment policy following a round of accusations about Texas lawmakers in 2017.

"The Senate's policy is robust and offers multiple avenues for victims to report sexual harassment without fear of retaliation while providing a fair and just process for those accused," Patrick said.

The story also takes aim at Thomas Larralde, former chief of staff for Sen. José Menéndez, D-San Antonio, who sent several drunk texts to a Senate intern. He was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving, and later fired.

In response to the story, state Rep. Ana-Maria Ramos, D-Richardson, posted the sign-up form to a self-defense class.

House Speaker Dade Phelan sent a letter to House members and staff advising them of the efforts the House has taken in recent years to combat sexual misconduct within the building.

"The persistence of sexual harassment in the Texas Capitol has been an enduring stain, perpetuated by a culture of silence and complicity," Phelan wrote.

He also noted that he recently directed the House Business Office to hire a designated human resources specialist before the next Legislature to provide support to offices and employees.

"While no solution is perfect, the House's proactive measures continue to transform our workplace into a safer and more respect-



ful environment that allows us to all better serve Texans," Phelan wrote.

The House put its General Investigating Committee to the test last year for its first time since its inception following the #MeToo movement. The committee investigated former state Rep. Bryan Slaton, R-Royce City, for accusations that he got a staffer who was under 21 drunk and slept with her. The committee's findings led the House to vote to expel Slaton, and the body received high praise for its handling of the matter.

In a statement to the Austin American-Statesman, Patrick also said "the Senate does not like" the House's model, saying, "it leaves too much room for politics."

This article originally appeared in The Texas Tribune at <https://www.texastribune.org/2024/07/12/charles-schwertner-borris-miles-texas-monthly-sexual-harassment/>.

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1 TXism: "if \_\_\_ rooster, he'll crow" (inevitable)

5 gorillas

6 TX Freddy Fender's "Wasted \_\_\_ and Wasted Nights"

7 TX Bob Wills' "Take \_\_\_ Back to Tulsa"

8 San Angelo is seat of \_\_\_ Green County

9 TXism: "got as much \_\_\_ a hibernating bear" (idle)

15 "Ben \_\_\_ Hospital" in Houston

16 TX Audie Murphy 1955 film about his war exploits: "\_\_\_ Back"

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27 TXism: "beller"

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41 cut off a branch

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9 TXism: "strong enough \_\_\_" (coffee)

10 TX Roy Orbison's "\_\_\_, Pretty Woman"

11 \_\_\_ Kalb, TX is in Bowie County

12 Nacogdoches is "The \_\_\_ in Texas"

13 TXism: "a mess of" (2 wds.)

14 Dionne1967 hit: "I \_\_\_ Little Prayer"

15 TXism: "he \_\_\_ to his own beat" (independent)

16 a road Texans have to pay to drive on

17 if your dog has \_\_\_ you're liable

18 how to clean a bookshelf (2 wds.)

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24 ABC's Bret and \_\_\_ Maverick

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# SBA loans available to Hurricane Beryl victims

Special to the News-Standard

**SACRAMENTO** — Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to Texas businesses and residents as a result of President Biden's major disaster declaration, U.S. Small Business Administration's Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman announced.

The declaration covers the Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker and Wharton counties as a result of Hurricane Beryl that occurred July 5-9.

"SBA's mission-driven team stands ready to help Texas's small businesses and residents impacted by Hurricane Beryl," said Administrator Guzman. "We're committed to providing federal disaster loans swiftly and efficiently, with a customer-centric approach to help businesses and communities recover and rebuild."

Francisco Sánchez Jr. associate administrator for the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the Small Business Administration, also stated, "As a native Houstonian, I am deeply concerned for communities now facing two historic disasters within a matter of weeks. Hurricane Beryl was catastrophic and deadly. The U.S. Small Business Administration is still on the ground responding to the derecho and will send reinforcements in response to Beryl. I was on the ground just days after the storm and I can assure Texans that the Biden-Harris Administration will be with them every step of the way. SBA will work across local, state, federal, business, and non-profit partners to make every possible resource available."

Businesses of all sizes and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2

million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available to businesses regardless of any property damage.

Disaster loans up to \$500,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$100,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property, including personal vehicles.

Interest rates can be as low as 4 percent for businesses, 3.25 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 2.688 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Interest does not begin to accrue until 12 months from the date of the first disaster loan disbursement. SBA disaster loan repayment begins 12 months from the date of the first disbursement.

As soon as Federal-State Disaster Recovery Centers open throughout the affected area, SBA will provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants. Additional information and details on the location of disaster recovery centers is available by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955.

# Patrick forms committee on weather issues

Special to the News-Times

**AUSTIN** — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick announced the creation of the Senate Special Committee on Hurricane and Tropical Storm Preparedness, Recovery, and Electricity.

Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, will serve as Chairman, and Sen. Phil King, R-Weatherford, will serve as Vice Chair. Schwertner's district includes San Jacinto County, and member Sen. Robert Nichols represents Trinity County.

Upon forming the committee, Lt. Gov. Patrick issued this statement:

"Texans are rightfully upset with the overwhelming failure of electric utility companies to restore power in a timely fashion following Hurricane Beryl. The electric utility companies' failure cannot be tolerated, especially when it was so obvious a storm was headed toward Texas. I am appointing this committee to review what happened and establish why certain electric utility companies appear to have been woefully unprepared for Hurricane Beryl. The Texas Senate will work to ensure electric utility companies respond more effectively to future storms."

Upon being named chair, Sen. Schwertner said in a statement:

"As Chairman of the Special Committee, I will focus on why electric utility companies failed to provide timely power restoration to millions of Texans and the decisive actions these companies will take to ensure this type of catastrophic failure never happens again."

The Senate Special Committee on Hurricane and Tropical Storm Preparedness, Recovery, and Electricity includes:

- Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, Chairman
- Sen. Phil King, R-Weatherford, Vice Chair
- Sen. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston
- Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston
- Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe
- Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen
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- Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo

# Vehicle repair or replacement

Special to the News-Times

Texans impacted by the storms and flooding April 26-June 5 may be eligible for FEMA assistance to repair or replace a vehicle.

FEMA provides financial help after a disaster for eligible expenses not paid by insurance or other sources. This may include repair or replacement of a vehicle. The damage to the vehicle must have been caused by the disaster and the vehicle must no longer be operable or safe to drive. Cosmetic repairs will not be covered. Other conditions include:

- Assistance is usually limited to one vehicle. If there is a second functional vehicle in the household, the applicant must certify in writing that the damaged vehicle is essential for household's daily use.
- The vehicle must comply with state registration and insurance requirements.

The vehicle must be owned or leased (not a rental) by the applicant, co-applicant, or household member.

The damaged vehicle must be an approved vehicle type, such as a car, truck, SUV or van.

To find out if you are eligible, you can apply to FEMA in several ways:

- Go online to disasterassistance.gov
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.
- Visit any Disaster Recovery Center. For locations and hours, go online to fema.gov/drc.

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## Legal/Public Notices

### San Jacinto County accepting bid for County Jail Repairs

San Jacinto County Legal Notice San Jacinto County Jail Repairs Bid #2165-07-24 San Jacinto County is accepting bids for repairs to San Jacinto County Jail caused by Hurricane Beryl. Bidder must be licensed and bonded. Bids must be submitted by hand or mail to: San Jacinto County Clerk, 1 State Hwy. 150, Room 2 Coldspring, Texas 77331. Sealed bids must be clearly marked with the words "BID #2165-07-24 San Jacinto County Jail

Repairs", Attention: Dawn Wright, County Clerk. Contact Maintenance Supervisor for more information at 936-653-2976. Sealed bids should be plainly marked as "BID #2165-07-24 San Jacinto County Jail Repairs" and should be addressed to Dawn Wright, County Clerk. Mail to 1 State HWY 150 RM 2, Coldspring, TX 77331 or Deliver to the 1st Floor, County Clerk's office of the San Jacinto County Courthouse, Coldspring, TX 77331.

### TABC application for Dollar General Store

Application is being made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit by Dolgencorp of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Dollar General Store #25634 located at

2170 S Byrd Ave, Shepherd, San Jacinto County, TX 77371. Officers of said Corporation are Steven R. Deckard, CEO, Kelly M. Dilts, CFO, Neal E. Miller, VP Tax, and Emily C. Taylor, EVP/Secretary.

### Notice of public hearing to create San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No. 2

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. On July 2, 2024 a petition to create San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No. 2 was received to be created and to operate under Article III, Section 48-e, of the Texas Constitution, as proposed by S.J.R. No. 27, Acts of the 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, and adopted by the voters at an election held November 3, 1987. The district's boundaries include: All area contained within the boundaries of the Waterwood Municipal Utility District No. 1 of San Jacinto County, Texas as it existed on June 27, 2024 (as described

in Certificate For Order with Order Excluding Land, Exhibit "B" by the Board of Directors of Waterwood Municipal Utility District No. 1, dated March 15, 2005, recorded under Volume 05-1739 pages 7449-7480, Official Records, San Jacinto County, Texas.). A public hearing will be held at San Jacinto County Annex 255 Live Oak, Coldspring, Texas 77331 on August 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., and each person who has an interest in the creation of the district may attend the hearing and present grounds for or against creation of the district.

### Multi-County Crime Stoppers

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**Featured Felons for the Week of 07-19-2024**

All warrants confirmed active as of 07-17-2024

LKA = Last Known Area of Residence (Street name and City)

<p><b>CUELLAR, Salvador</b> Hispanic / Male DOB: 12/05/89 Height: 5'06" Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-07-10566 Capias on Info Deadly Conduct/Discharge Firearm LKA: Woodland Grove Dr, Kingwood</p>	<p><b>FATH, Ryan Allen</b> White / Male DOB: 09/27/99 Height: 6'00" Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue Warrant: #24-07-10479 Capias on Info Assault Family/Household Member w/Prev LKA: Johnson Rd, New Caney</p>
<p><b>HERNANDEZ, Shaun Matthew</b> Hispanic / Male DOB: 08/31/72 Height: 6'01" Hair: Gray Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-04-06424 Capias on Info Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity LKA: Erickson St, Conroe</p>	<p><b>HIGH, David Kennard</b> Black / Male DOB: 01/24/71 Height: 5'10" Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-07-10471 Capias on Info Fraud Use/Poss Ident Info # Items &lt;5 ED LKA: Fisher Rd, Waller</p>
<p><b>JACKSON, Jay Russell</b> White / Male DOB: 12/12/60 Height: 5'08" Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-06-08599 Precept Sex Abuse of Child Continuous: Vic &lt;14 LKA: Sleepy Hollow Rd, Conroe</p>	<p><b>KING, Jeffrey Blaine</b> Hispanic / Male DOB: 09/11/59 Height: 5'07" Hair: Brown Eyes: Black Warrant: #24-01-00897 Warrant + Agg Assault w/Deadly Weapon LKA: Blanco River Ct, Spring</p>
<p><b>KITZMILLER, Glenn Alton</b> White / Male DOB: 10/15/71 Height: 5'10" Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-07-10472 Capias on Info Assault Family/Household Member w/Prev LKA: Johnson Rd, New Caney</p>	<p><b>MARTINEZ, Leonardo</b> Hispanic / Male DOB: 05/29/92 Height: 225 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-06-09927 Capias on Info Agg Sexual Assault Child LKA: Eday, Spring</p>
<p><b>MIXON, Rakana Leran</b> Black / Male DOB: 5/28/1977 Height: 5'10" Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Warrant: #24-07-10565 Capias on Info Sexual Assault Child LKA: Watson Crossing Way, Houston</p>	<p><b>ROJAS-ZAPON, Venancio Enrique</b> Hispanic / Male DOB: 2/22/2001 Height: 140 Hair: Black Eyes: Black Warrant: #22-05-06760 Bond Forfeiture Agg Sexual Assault Child LKA: Lone Star Ranch Dr, Conroe</p>

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## Announcements

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Kids Free Clothing Exchange is a non-profit organization providing free, gently used clothing for children ages 0-18 years of age living in Polk and the other 6 surrounding counties of Lake Livingston. Donations of new and gently used clothing are appreciated. We are in Onalaska, Hwy 190 at 3186. Open Friday and Saturday, 10-3. Kfceilonalaskatx.com (49-tfn-nc-PCE)

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ESTATE SALE July 19 - July 21. 652 East Taylor Lake Circle, Livingston. Vintage solid wood furniture, tools, men's clothing, books, computer desk and printer. (28-2t-cc-TCB)

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FREE - Coats for Kids is no longer open on a regular schedule, but if you are in need of a coat for your child, you can contact FBC Office at 409-283-2588 and leave a phone number where you can be reached. Someone will then contact you and arrange to meet you at the House of Hope to help you get a coat. (4-3t-nc-TCB)

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## Employment

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