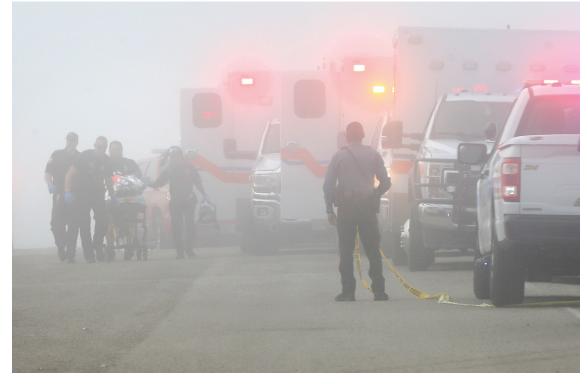
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**POLICE** | AVIATION

# Several dead after airplane crashes into Galveston Bay



**JENNIFER REYNOLDS**/The Daily News

Emergency personnel rush a victim of a plane crash to an awaiting ambulance Monday near the causeway in Galveston. A plane carrying eight people crashed into Galveston Bay west of the causeway.

#### By COREY GREINEISEN

The Daily News

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everal people were killed Monday afternoon when a Mexican military medical aircraft carrying eight people crashed into West Galveston Bay as it approached Scholes International Airport in heavy fog, triggering a large-scale, multi-agency search and rescue response west of the Galveston Causeway.

Authorities late Monday had not yet released an official death toll pending confirmation and next-of-kin notifications, but said the crash was being treated as a fatal aviation incident.

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Members of the Jamaica Beach Police Department's dive team launch their boat from the Crash Boat Basin off of Travel Air Road in Galveston on Monday after a plane crashed into Galveston Bay.

#### **GOVERNMENT** | MARITIME

## Seized Venezuelanlinked tanker reaches waters off Galveston

**By COREY GREINEISEN** 

The Daily News

#### » GALVESTON

Nearly two weeks after U.S. authorities seized a Venezuelan-linked oil tanker accused of operating as part of a so-called ghost fleet, the vessel has arrived off the coast of Galveston.

The Skipper, a very large crude carrier, reached the Galveston Offshore Lightering Area on Sunday, according to shipping data and Reuters.

The zone, roughly 50 miles

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**U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**/

via AP file photo

This image from video posted on Attorney General Pam Bondi's X account, and partially redacted by the source, shows an oil tanker being seized by U.S. forces off the coast of Venezuela on Dec. 10.

#### **GOVERNMENT** | MARITIME

### Coast Guard pursuing another tanker helping Venezuela skirt sanctions, US official says

By AAMER MADHANI

Associated Press

#### » WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.

The U.S. Coast Guard on Sunday was pursuing another sanctioned oil tanker in the Caribbean Sea as the Trump administration appeared to be intensitying its targeting of such vessels connected to the Venezuelan government.

The pursuit of the tanker, which was confirmed by a U.S. official briefed on the operation, comes after the U.S. administration announced Saturday it had seized a tanker for the second time in less than two weeks.



MATIAS DELACROIX/AP

Evana, an oil tanker, is docked at El Palito port in Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, Sunday.

The official, who was not authorized to comment publicly about the ongoing operation and spoke on the condition of

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#### **HOLIDAY** | TAMALES TRADITION

## County's Christmas tamale tradition going strong

#### By MASON H. LERNER

The Daily News

While much of the country marks Christmas with turkey, ham, or roast goose, Texas has its own long-standing holiday food tradition: tamales.

Tamales are woven so tightly into the Texan Christmas experience, they've become as much a part of the holiday table as gifts and decorations.

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**REYNOLDS**/

The Daily News Judith Molina adds a pork filling to the house-made masa as she makes tamales Monday at Famale Tameleria Tradicional, 2909 Market St. in Galveston. The restaurant grinds their own masa daily for their tamales.

#### **COMING SOON**



A week before Christmas, Meals on Wheels volunteers delivered more than just food to homebound seniors, they delivered gifts to remind them they're never forgotten.

#### **HOLIDAY** | NATIVITY SCENE Federal, state, local reps. laud

nativity scene **By DAVID MERCADO** 

#### The Daily News

» LEAGUE CITY

Federal, state and local officials gathered Monday at a nativity scene installed on public ground to celebrate Christmas and highlight what they believe to be the nation's Christian heritage.

U.S. Rep. Randy Weber, state

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