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Galveston OKs Clearview AI for police use

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Galveston City Council approved several investigative technology purchases and agreements for the police department at its May meeting last week — including facial-recognition software, digital forensics tools, a regional records-sharing system and equipment intended to im-



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prove investigations and emergency response. The approvals came as part of the council's consent agenda — which typically is a group of routine or noncontroversial items that are voted on together in a single motion, rather than being discussed

and voted on individually.

The consent agenda included a one-year subscription costing \$28,500 to Clearview AI, renewal of the department's Cellebrite Premium digital forensics package, participation in a regional Motorola PremierOne computer-aided dispatch and records management system, and acceptance of a donated drone, laptop and mapping software.

In this case not all of the con-

sent agenda items were necessarily non-controversial. Clearview AI, a facial-recognition platform used by law enforcement agencies across the country, including the Texas Department of Public Safety, has been on the losing end of a major privacy lawsuit in Illinois and has drawn scrutiny from privacy regulators in multiple countries over its collection of billions of internet-scraped images.

The software allows investigators to upload a photograph or image captured from video footage or other sources and run it through a large database of publicly available images collected from open internet sources.

The technology is intended to generate investigative leads rather than identify suspects on its own, Chief Doug Balli said.

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BUSINESS | GRAND OPENING



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Insha Vakaliyai pushes a laptop on a cart while pricing goods at the revamped Ziegler's Foods Supermarket in Dickinson on Thursday. Closed since Hurricane Harvey inundated the area in 2017, the store will reopen under new ownership.

Ziegler's Foods prepares grand opening

By **COREY GREINEISEN**
The Daily News

» **DICKINSON**

The shell of the old Ziegler's grocery store stood for nearly a decade as a reminder of Hurricane Harvey's devastation and the uncertainty that followed.

Now, after two years of reconstruction and months of anticipation among residents, the iconic Dickinson landmark is coming back to life.

Ziegler's Foods will celebrate its grand opening Friday at 2308 FM 517, marking the return of a name generations of Dickinson residents remember fondly.

Ziegler's roots in Dickinson

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Cathy Strahan stocks the produce department at the revamped Ziegler's Foods Supermarket in Dickinson on Thursday. Closed since Hurricane Harvey inundated the area in 2017, the store will reopen under new ownership.

WEATHER | MOSQUITO POPULATIONS

Wet spring, mild winter fuel mosquito comeback

By **DAVID MERCADO**
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» **GALVESTON**

After a dry spell last year, mosquito season is shaping up for a strong comeback in Galveston County after a mild winter and wet spring created favorable breeding conditions across Southeast Texas, public health officials and researchers said.

Mosquito populations appear to be running higher than last year but remain typical for



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a wetter Texas summer, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension entomologist Sonja Swiger and

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GOVERNMENT | US-IRAN WAR

House approves war powers resolution to halt military action against Iran, in rebuke of Trump

By **LISA MASCARO**
Associated Press

» **WASHINGTON**

The House for the first time Wednesday approved a war powers resolution that would halt the U.S. military action against Iran, defying President Donald Trump as a handful of Republicans joined with Democrats to end the three-month-long conflict that has reordered politics at home and abroad.

House Speaker Mike Johnson had tried to prevent an outcome that would show the mounting opposition to the war, abruptly

shutting down floor action two weeks ago when the resolution was on the verge of approval. But displeasure has only grown as the conflict drags on and as Trump struggles to negotiate a plan for peace.

"Enough is enough," said Rep. Gregory Meeks of New York, the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who led the effort.

"It is time for the president to do the right thing," he said. "The people are tired of suffering because of his war of choice

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IMMIGRATION | SEPARATED FAMILIES

Trump administration has separated dozens of children from their parents for a second time, AP finds

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Associated Press

In 2018, when he was just 3 years old, Ederson Galicia Alva

was taken from his mother's arms at the U.S.-Mexico border under the first Trump administration's family separation policy and kept apart from her in a government

facility for months. They were finally reunited after lawyers intervened. Then, in June of last year, he and his mother were separated a second time and ultimately sent

back to Guatemala, despite legal protections meant to keep them and families like theirs together.

After nearly a year in the indigent highlands of Guatemala,

Ederson's family was finally allowed to return to Florida last week, following a federal judge's

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