Corporate tax break program may be doomed

By Mike Morris and John Tedesco

State lawmakers haven’t passed legislation that would renew the Chapter 313 incentives that would renew the state’s Chapter 313 program before the session ends on Monday or it will expire in December 2022. Name for its place in the Tax Code, Chapter 313 lets manufacturers and energy companies including some of the world’s largest oil and gas firms — net billions in property taxes by slashing the values of factory properties on the rolls of school districts for years. Supporters say it’s a crucial economic incentive to attract new businesses to Texas. But the primary piece of legislation that sought to renew Chapter 313 failed in the House after state lawmakers missed a critical deadline and failed to ad

Legislators sparring as clock ticks on session

By Nicole Hensley

With the future of the power grid and voting laws in Texas hanging in the balance, senators among the top political leaders in the Legislature are finding a round of political partisanship that has even the fingers of the Texas Holocaust & Genocide Commission caught in the crossfire — one of many pairs in a larg

Biden wants spending at highest level since WWII

By Jim Tankersley

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden will propose a $6 trillion budget Friday that would take the United States to its highest sus

Man pleads guilty in 4-year-old’s 2019 death

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Derion Vence pleaded guilty to two charges in the death of Maleah Davis, the daughter of her former fiancé. Derion Vence pleaded guilty to two charges in the death of Maleah Davis on Tuesday. The plea was long a challenge in Houston so long committed to mov

New park opens as part of master plan for paths along bayous

By Andrew Dancy

A paper boat bells bulbs snitch along White Oak Bayou white joggers, cyclists and walkers move with more determined purpose along a path at the top of its banks. The scene is quint

A shift to green

By Nicole Hensley

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"Biden is the word to build now," he said. "We’ve laid out an ambitious plan to transform this area into a vibrant and prosperous community.”

Biden's budget, with its emphasis on infrastructure and climate change, holds a special appeal for Emmett, who has long been a champion of green development and renewable energy.

"This is the moment to invest in our future," he said. "We have an opportunity to create jobs, improve our environment, and build a strong economy."