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Council adopts city parks and recreation plan



BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy City Council Oct. 13 adopted a parks and recreation plan for the city as part of an ongoing comprehensive plan update. Gary Mitchell is president of Kendig Keast Collaborative. The city is working with Kendig Keast to update the city's comprehensive plan. Part of that update includes the parks and recreation plan that the council approved. In presenting the plan for approval, Mitchell said creating it provided a chance to assess the state of and the outlook for the city's parks. It also enabled officials to

consider both national guidelines and local input for how best to move forward. Officials expect the plan to improve Katy's position when applying for state-level grants for parks. Mitchell said there is money available, and the process for getting it is very competitive. The plan covers land both within the city limits and the city's extraterritorial area. The plan features a 38-page appendix of documented hopes, needs, concerns and ideas. Kendig Keast officials held six meetings with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, which led to a unanimous recommendation to adopt the plan the council approved. Mitchell said the plan shares good in-

sights on Katy in general, and what people appreciate about the city. He said the online survey received over 1,200 responses. "Nowadays, we're lucky to get 500 responses," Mitchell said. He said there were similarities between national criteria and what local citizens wanted. Priorities included:

- Increasing or improving amenities and existing parks.
- Ensuring safer access to parks and recreation facilities by bicycling and walking.
- Ensuring quiet places to connect with nature.

Gary Mitchell, Kendig Keast Collaborative president, addresses the Katy City Council Oct. 13.

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Katy city leaders welcomed a Belgian business delegation to Katy Oct. 13. Pictured from left to right are Paul Kurt, Katy Area EDC chairman; Byron Hebert, Katy city administrator; Yves Dubus, Belgian trade and investment commissioner; Philippe LaChapelle, Wallonia director of technology and strategic partnerships, Mayor Dusty Thiele, and Chuck Martinez, Katy Area EDC president.

Howdy, Partner: Belgian delegation visits Katy looking for business opportunities

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy promotes itself as the hub of three counties. Now it is aiming to be an even bigger hub. The Katy Area Economic Development Council hosted a Belgian busi-

ness delegation Oct. 13 at City Hall, where city officials welcomed them before they visited local businesses and attractions. While this is the first, or at least one of the first, visits by a Belgian delegation to Katy, they are familiar with Texas. Philippe LaChapelle is

director of technological and strategic partnerships at Wallonia, an export investment company headquartered in Brussels. LaChapelle said his first visit to Texas was in 2000, but he has been visiting regularly every year

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Committee considers items for inclusion on Royal ISD bond

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Members of a Royal ISD facilities advisory committee are now reviewing requests for items to be recommended for placement on a bond for district voters to consider next year.

Should committee members decide to put all the recommended items on the ballot, the price tag would be approximately \$148 million. The work would include new campus construction, comprehensive renovations and remodels to existing facilities, athletics facility updates, safety and security upgrades, and work on existing facilities.

Committee members recently took a bus tour of the district, with Superintendent Rick Kershner pointing out where residential developments are being developed. He said the district expects to grow by about 22,000 homes in the next few years. He said the Royal ISD student population is expected to grow by about 13,000.

Royal, like other area school districts, is experiencing a strong student population growth and is asking for resources to meet that growth. Kershner briefly reviewed the situation with other area districts and their respective bond elections.

- In Brenham, Kershner said, voters will be asked to consider two propositions, one of which is for a new junior high school (\$111 million). The other is for improvements to CTE facilities and programs (\$25 million).

- In Waller, Kershner said, voters will be asked to consider two propositions, one of which is for three new elementary campuses, safety and security upgrades, and an agricultural science facility, among other updates, renovations and infrastructure (\$363 million). The other proposition is for lifecycle replacements and safety security upgrades at Waller ISD Stadium (\$4.7 million).

- In Lamar CISD, Kershner said, voters will be asked to consider five propositions. One is a general-purpose proposition, covering safety and security upgrades, for new elementary campuses, a new medical middle school, renovations and inner additions, among other items (\$1.3 billion). The other propositions are for a new CTE center (\$189 million), technology upgrades (\$17 million), stadium improvements (\$5 million) and a new stadium in addition to the existing one (\$195 million).

Katy ISD voters in 2021 approved a \$676.2 million bond, Kershner said.

At its Oct. 13 meeting, committee members heard a presentation from Damion Hopkins, the district's athletic director. He described needed changes to Falcon Stadium to bring it up to date with current standards. Total cost is about \$6.4 million.

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Members of a Royal ISD facilities advisory committee gathered Oct. 9 at Falcon Stadium as part of an area tour in which district officials described the forthcoming housing developments in the area. Officials said the district expects about 22,000 homes, and an estimated new 13,000 students, in the next few years.

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Health care clinic and home health owners sentenced for fraud

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Two men, one of whom is a Fulshear resident, have been ordered to federal prison following their convictions of conspiracy to commit and committing health care fraud, U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery said.

A federal jury convicted Francis Ekene, 71, of Sugar Land, on all counts following a three-day trial. Friday, U.S. District Judge Sim Lake imposed a 120-month-term of imprisonment to be immediately followed by three years of supervised release. In handing down the prison term, Lake said that despite Ekene's health issues, it was important for him to serve his punishment.

Also convicted at trial was Alfred Olotin Alatan, 63, of Fulshear and formerly of Houston. He was previously sentenced to 120 months in prison.

Alatan was the owner of Colony Home Health Services, while Ekene

was the owner of Milten Medical Clinic. Both businesses were in Houston.

At trial, the jury heard that Alatan paid recruiters to bring patient information to be billed for home health services regardless of whether they needed it or not. Beneficiaries testified in trial and admitted they did not need home health services at the time the health care service providers billed them.

Additional testimony revealed a doctor had signed off on plan of care forms at the Milton Clinic when patients were not actually under his care.

Previous employees Susana Bermudez and Rita Kpotie Smith also testified. Bermudez admitted she and Smith operated both clinics and that Alatan was the leader of the scheme. Both Alatan and Ekene would consult Bermudez and Smith who directed them and provided as-

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Fussell Senior Center events announces upcoming events

- **Volunteer training**, Oct. 21—All current volunteers or anyone interested in volunteering at the Fussell Senior Center are encouraged to attend the center's volunteer training session on Oct. 21. Lunch will be served.
- **Senior Night Out**, Oct. 26—The center hosts its Senior Night Out at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 26. Midway Bar-B-Que will cater the dinner.
- **Senior Financial Exploitation Seminar**—The center hosts a presentation by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at 9 a.m. Oct. 27. The seminar presents information on how to protect the finances of older adults.

For more information on these and other Fussell Senior Center events, call the center at 281-391-4837.

Harris County Pct. 4 hosts its first Fall Harvest Festival Oct. 29

Harris County Pct. 4 hosts its first Fall Harvest Festival from 12-4 p.m. Oct. 29 at Bear Creek Pioneers Park, Pavilion 6, 15015 Clay Road, in Houston.

The event is a family fun-filled afternoon featuring free activities, including pony rides, a petting zoo, carnival games, children's crafts, a pumpkin patch, and much more. Come in costume and join the festivities. For more information, visit the website hcp4.net/events.

Harris County ESD 48 hosts open house Oct. 30

Harris County Emergency Services District hosts an open house in which the public can meet first responders, see live demonstrations, tour fire trucks and enjoy other fun activities.

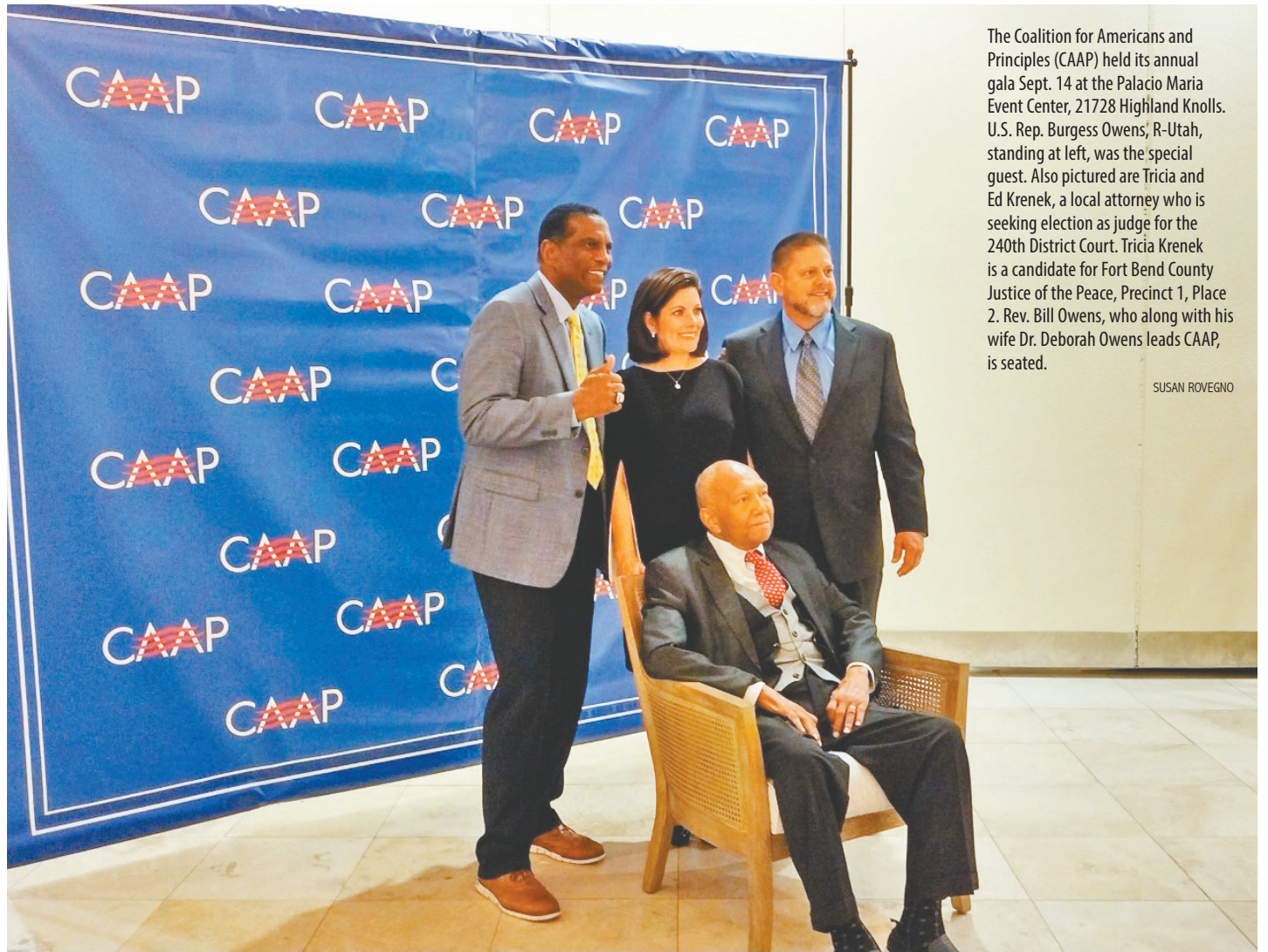
The open house is from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 30 at these three stations:

- Station 1, 24127 Western Center Dr.
- Station 3, 1773 Westgreen Blvd.
- Station 5, 21201 Morton Road.

Cagle sponsoring "Salute to Veterans" Nov. 11

Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle invites the public to join him in his "Salute to Veterans" from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Richard & Meg Weekley Community Center, 8440 Greenhouse Road, in Cypress.

Guests will enjoy patriotic music performed by the Brass Ensemble of Houston,



The Coalition for Americans and Principles (CAAP) held its annual gala Sept. 14 at the Palacio Maria Event Center, 21728 Highland Knolls. U.S. Rep. Burgess Owens, R-Utah, standing at left, was the special guest. Also pictured are Tricia and Ed Krenk, a local attorney who is seeking election as judge for the 240th District Court. Tricia Krenk is a candidate for Fort Bend County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2. Rev. Bill Owens, who along with his wife Dr. Deborah Owens leads CAAP, is seated.

SUSAN ROVEGNO

special guest speakers, and light refreshments.

For Katy residents age 50 and older, transportation is available from the Mary Jo Peckham Aquatic and Fitness Center, 5597 Gardenia Lane.

The "Salute to Veterans" is free, but reservations are required. Please register online at hcp4.net/events or call 713-274-4050 for assistance.

Cross Creek Ranch Gumbo Cookoff to benefit Fulshear Police Foundation

Cross Creek Ranch is hosting a gumbo cookoff from 1-5 p.m. Nov. 12 at Cross Creek Ranch, 6450 Cross Creek Band Lane, in Fulshear. Proceeds benefit the Fulshear Police

Foundation.

Admission to the cookoff is free. Gumbo "krewes" will serve their favorite recipes, with attendees voting for a winner. The event will feature live Zydeco music, classic cars, fire trucks and police vehicles, live sand silent auctions, games and more.

Admission to the cookoff is free. Deadline for entering the competition is Oct. 28. To register, call 281-299-6222 or email derek@swp3.com.

Parr Fest, set for Nov. 12, to raise money for Hope Impacts

Best of Both Worlds, a Van Halen tribute band, will perform at Parr Fest as part of a fundraiser for Hope Impacts.

Parr Fest is set for 2 p.m. Nov. 12 at 4407 Sport Flyers Lane, in Brookshire.

Hope Impacts, headquartered in Katy, connects those experiencing homelessness with organizations that provide safe housing, showers, meals, food pantries, medical services, dental services and so forth. Its vision is to create a sustainable solution for those experiencing homelessness in a supportive community in the areas they serve.

A portion of the ticket sales will go to Hope Impacts to support its mission of providing hope and dignity to those facing homelessness. For more information, visit hopeimpacts.org.

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- One hurt the Titanic
- Fine dense cloth
- Architectural structure
- Where Serena works
- Stringed instrument
- Estimate
- Where sailors work
- Popular Terry Pratchett novel
- Popular slow cooked dish
- Twisted Sister's Snider
- "Office Space" actor Stephen
- Put the ball in the net
- Ancient Greek city in Thrace
- High school math subject
- Looked into
- Rhode Island rebellion
- A pea is one type
- You can put it on something
- Where golfers begin
- Make a mistake
- Semitic Sun god
- Ancient Greek City

CLUES DOWN

- Triangular bone in lower back
- Building toy
- Pointed end of a pen
- Insect repellent
- College army
- Highly spiced stew
- Exploited
- Main course
- A bottle that contains a drug
- The most worthless part
- Everyone needs one nowadays
- Japanese wooden shoe
- Antelopes
- A way to cut
- Brooklyn hoopsters
- Gradually receded
- Ripped open
- College grads get one

28. Amino acid
30. Unruly gathering
32. Legislative body
34. Resembling pigs
35. Russian assembly
37. Take over for
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt

43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
45. Witnesses
47. Some build hills
49. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
50. Ancient people of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unwell

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

New cricket fields open at John Paul Landing Park

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle opened three new cricket fields Saturday at John Paul Landing Park in Cypress, giving sports enthusiasts a place close to home to play one of the world's most popular sports.

The precinct partnered with Triggers Colts Cricket League to plan and build the fields on vacant land at John Paul Landing Park.

"As cricket becomes more popular in Harris County, demand for fields continues to grow," Cagle said. "I'm proud Pct. 4's John Paul Landing will serve as one more location to play this popular sport."

Construction began in April. The precinct built the cricket fields and a paved trail. Triggers Colts Cricket League designed the fields and built the pitches.

Cricket, a bat-and-ball game similar to baseball, is played on oblong fields with wickets instead of bases and a pitch instead

of a mound. It is the second-most popular sport in the world, after soccer.

The project is the third sports field project undertaken by the precinct this year. Commissioner Cagle recently opened pickleball courts at Weekley Community Center and broke ground on soccer pitches at Burnett Bayland Park in Gulfton, in addition to beginning work on an Asian-style pavilion at Arthur Storey Park.

Visitors can access the new fields at 24502 West Road in Cypress.



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Changes include:

- Installing a new, eight-lane track. Hopkins said the existing track has only six lanes and does not meet UIL standards.
- Moving the field slightly to accommodate the new track, installing new field turn, and installing new, UIL regulation goalposts.
- Installing a new set of visitor bleachers, as the current ones are considered near the end of their lifecycle.
- Adding 200 seats to the home bleachers, repairing the existing bleachers and repairing

and painting the existing home bleachers.

- Renovating the restroom and putting in a new press box.
- Installing perimeter fencing around the track, upgrading and adding security equipment, and adding concrete sidewalks for excess abilities.

Kimberly Bow, who is volunteering to help lead the bond campaign, spoke of what would happen if a bond election fails and the district continues to grow.

"The issues won't go away," Bow said.

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- Developing a trail system.
 - Incorporating safety measures.
- Other items cited by residents included having more trees and tree preservation, having places/activities for families, and opportunities for exercise and fitness.
- Mitchell said the plan had six goals:
- Developing a trails and pathways network, with an emphasis on user safety and comfort.
 - Upgrading city park equipment and amenities, with the amenities to be consistent, durable and cost-effective.
 - Incorporating targeted upgrades to the off-leash dog park, looking at a potential connection to neighborhoods north of the park.
 - Incorporating a multi-objective site design for storm water management and conservation.
 - Meeting the needs of youth/adult sports, passive recreation, and community gathering spaces.
 - Including more recreational and leisure programming, promoting broader health and wellness.

The plan includes an inventory and aerial photos of the existing city parks. It also features a needs assessment that includes metrics published in the 2022 National Parks and Recreation Association Performance Review. Mitchell said the city is good on three of those metrics:

- 2,182 residents per park.

- 10.2 acres of parkland per 1000 a.cres.
- Geographic coverage of parks.

Mitchell said the city is low on the number of trails maintained.

City leaders will be looking at expanding the trails around Katy, and in doing so look at possibilities for connectivity. Mitchell said that a trail network spine along Cane Island Branch is at the core of these considerations. The goal would be to link destinations from that core trail. Existing local streets, sidewalks, and HOA pathways might be used towards that goal.

Officials expect to identify where bridges are needed and explore easement links. They also expect to consider ways to get over and under busy roadways in developing those trails.

"There are opportunities to make some nice connections," Mitchell said.

Ward A Council Member Dan Smith said it was exciting to see that the plan, which he described as high-level, lists funding sources for future parks projects.

Ward A Council Member Janet Corte said the plan had lots of information.

"I had to go through it a couple of times to absorb it," Corte said.

The plan is on the city website at cityofkaty.com/government/city-departments/parks-recreation/master-plan.

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sistance in carrying out the scheme within both offices.

At trial, the defense attempted to convince the jury they were not involved in the daily operations and did not know the provided services were unnecessary and fraudulent.

Alatan and Ekene were permitted to remain on bond and voluntarily sur-

render to a U.S. Bureau of Prisons facility to be determined in the near future.

Bermudez and Smith, both 55, and of Houston, previously pleaded guilty to their roles as co-conspirators in the scheme. Bermudez is currently serving 30 months in federal prison, while Smith is serving a 60-month sen-

tence.

The Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General conducted the investigation with the help of the FBI. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Tina Ansari and Grace Murphy prosecuted the case along with paralegal Judith Cardona helping with the case.

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since 2005. He guessed he has visited the state close to 40 times. Former Gov. Rick Perry declared LaChapelle an honorary Texan.

LaChapelle said he has become something of an ambassador for Texas.

"But you have to realize that coming from Europe, people don't naturally think of Texas, and it's important to explain what's going on in this great state," LaChapelle said. "They would go to the East Coast. They would go to the West Coast, but they would not think of the center of the United States. Because, first of all, it's a long trip to come here. It's about 10 hours of flight, so you need to come and it's very important to those companies. It's a leap of faith definitely that we've been advocating saying that Texas was the state on the march it was important to be there as well."

Yves Dubus is a trade and investment commissioner for Belgium. He has been headquartered in Houston for about 10 years, though his territory covers states north and east of Texas. He also has Katy ties in that his children attended Taylor High School.

"Our economy cannot survive without external links, and the best example for Texas was in 2016," Dubus said. "We brought a delegation of 240 businessmen strong under the leadership of Princess Astrid and had the pleasure to design her itinerary. We started in Austin. She visited with Gov. Greg Abbott at the time and was received by all the important people there. We organized on-to-one meetings for these people."

Chuck Martinez, Katy Area EDC president, previously worked for the Bryan-College Station EDC. Dubus said Martinez was active in organizing the Bryan-College Station portion of that trip. Martinez worked with the Belgians to take a look at what Katy has to offer.

"Chuck was involved also for the part when they came to the center of the trip to Bryan-College Station, because of our strong relationship at Texas A&M," Dubus said. "But she also visited San Antonio and the Alamo and knew all about the history of the independence of Texas, reminding us that the second country internationally to recognize Texas as an independent country was Belgium. The first one was the United States. Belgium, which gained its independence from Holland in 1830, was the second."

LaChapelle said Belgium presented itself like a well-kept secret.

"We don't speak enough about ourselves," LaChapelle said. "We are maybe humble to a fault, and that is definitely something we want to change as well because we definitely have a lot to offer in terms of economic cooperation, of scientific cooperation definitely going on."

LaChapelle said there is much to be done, and the hope is that new companies will see the potential in partnership.

"This is just the beginning for us, but you have to know that in general we are there to stay," LaChapelle said. "It's long-term that we see things, not a quick loan, and that's the best way to work."

High-end manufacturing, and the relatively higher paying jobs that come with such industry, is a key goal for Katy's economic development. Dubus said the delegation would be visiting companies from diverse industries, such as life science and space. He wanted the companies to see the potential connections to do business.

He said another goal is to establish connections on the innovation side.

"We have one of the best deep tech accelerators in the world," Dubus said, adding that they wanted to establish connections with the University of Houston.



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I borrowed money I didn't have to buy a really nice stereo system, too.

A few years after becoming self-employed, I had to get a line of credit to pay my income taxes.

Few things are less pleasant than taking on debt to pay your debt.

Being saddled with debt, therefore, is something I've worked hard to avoid throughout my life.

Borrowing isn't always wrong, for sure. Borrowing for a home or to buy rental properties has worked out very well for me.

But reckless borrowing never works out well, and I cannot avoid the Mt. Everest of debt my government has taken on through a variety of spending policies that I consider reckless.

The federal government now holds a record \$31 trillion in debt.

How much is a mind-boggling sum like \$31 trillion?

According to one calculator, it is 31,000 billion or 31 billion thousand.

Here's a number that may make a little more sense to you if you're not Janet Yellen.

MSN.com reports that \$31 trillion translates into more than \$93,000 of debt for every person in the country.

Our political leaders haven't worried much about our massive national debt because, for years, inflation rates were low and the interest rates on borrowed money also remained low.

Now inflation is going through the roof and the Federal Reserve hopes to tame it by increasing interest rates.

High interest rates are painful.

Consider: Not even a year ago, you could get a 3% mortgage. Now, the average is closer to 7%.

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Well, unfortunately for all of us taxpayers, the same pain is happening with the federal



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In other words, we'll need to borrow more money we don't have to pay interest on the money that we borrowed because we didn't have it.

debt.

When interest rates were very low, servicing our national debt was manageable.

But now interest payments are climbing fast and Fox Business says they are already projected "to be the fastest-growing part of the federal budget in fiscal year 2022, according to the Congressional Budget Office."

How big?

This year the cost of servicing the debt will be about \$400 billion, says the CBO. But within 10 years we'll be paying \$1.2 trillion.

We'll be spending more on debt than many of our major government programs.

In other words, we'll need to borrow more money we don't have to pay interest on the money that we borrowed because we didn't have it.

I may be an English major, but I've been worried about such a reckoning for a long time.

Consider that five years ago the federal debt was \$21 trillion—and it's grown \$10 trillion in that short period of time.

Consider that 20 years ago it was a piddling \$6 trillion.

These monstrous debt numbers have long been unsustainable and lots of people have been warning us what was coming. Heck, even I knew that historically low interest rates couldn't last forever.

And now the bill for our drunken debt party is coming due—and our national pain has begun.

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Have you hugged an etiquette expert lately?

“Were you raised in a barn?”

I never had the legendary Mrs. Montgomery as a teacher; but she was a senior class adviser and I needed her input on a school program script, so I made the rookie mistake of assuming her wide-open door meant I could forego the formality of knocking.

Thus, the piercing glare and the intimidating inquiry about sharing living quarters with cattle, swine and the occasional hobo (who was presumably condemned to a vagrant lifestyle because he insisted on CHEWING GUM IN CLASS).

The late Mrs. Montgomery would doubtless be delighted by the recent release of the centennial edition of Emily Post's definitive guide "Etiquette," completely rewritten by two of Ms. Post's great-grandchildren. The book is calibrated to bring decorum to a society complicated by Uber, online dating, Zoom meetings, artificial intelligence, self-checkout and the like.

Not that there aren't critics. ("Dude, they didn't list a single tuxedo shop specializing in tuxes that display your underwear for the whole world to see.")

Many others see the book as an indispensable referee in the clash between technology and manners. ("It only took me six months, Grandma, but I'm texting to thank



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you for saving my life by donating both your kid—oh, wait, here's another TikTok video. Gotta go.")

On the other hand (the hand reserved for firm handshakes, which — combined with making eye contact and smiling — will render everyone you meet so compliant that they will let you whack their butler repeatedly with a croquet mallet), most of us have a love-hate relationship with the demands of etiquette.

We love it when other poor slobbs get brought to justice and hate it when our own charming eccentricities are put under the microscope. ("Okay, smarty — which fancy fork am I SUPPOSED to use to scratch my bunion?")

The book arrives just in time for families torn apart by political disagreements. ("I really want to make my cousin eat crow, but she's a vegan and I need to know the non-fowl equivalent of crow.")

Yes, we live in a time when dinner parties and other invitation-only events are unreasonably stressful. ("I was going to bring a

'plus one,' but the math is too hard. Wish we had better school systems, like in Belgium and those other African countries.")

Guests expecting potent potables at a reception or society soiree face more awkward situations than ever. It used to be a question of "open bar" or "cash bar." Now it's just as likely to be a "let the next generation figure out how to pay for it" bar.

Sure, we chafe at arbitrary, hoity-toity rules of civility; but deep down most of us appreciate an authoritative voice. We know it's not going to kill us to say "please" or "thank you" or "let me pay half since the weight of my body piercings blew out your tires"; but we still like experts to compile the morbidity charts. ("Please" and "thank you" — declared mostly non-lethal. Still hashing out whether 'excuse me' is tied to chronic irritable bellybutton syndrome.")

If your parents failed to teach you all the niceties of polite society, don't despair. It's never too late to learn. When one door closes — another one has a Mrs. Montgomery wannabe waving a big stack of detention slips.

Party until the cows come home — unless it's your home, too.

Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."

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TRIBUTE

Teresa Gail Karpuk, mother, wife, friend, loyal and devoted partner of the many who loved her, passed away in her home on October 3, 2022 in Katy, Texas. She lived 64 years on this earth and will continue to live in the hearts of her two daughters and beloved husband. In life, Teresa loved the sound of moving water, whether ocean waves or a fountain's trickle. Sitting by the side of her outdoor pool, Teresa could transport herself to the beach, her favorite place. She inspired everyone around her to see beauty in simplicity.

Teresa will be missed by all who knew her; her heart was bigger than all the oceans she loved. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Andrew A. Karpuk Jr.; her daughters Brittany Karpuk and Lexi Karpuk; her brothers Clifford Strong, Keith Strong, and



TERESA GAIL KARPUK
1958-2022

Richard Strong; her sisters-in-law Charlene, Melissa, and LaDonna; her brother-in-law Alan Beir; and many other loving family members and friends. Teresa was predeceased by her parents, Kenneth Dean Strong and Mary

Evelyn Langley Strong, as well as her sister, Lesa Beir.

Teresa was born in Norman, Oklahoma on January 10, 1958, where she grew up. She attended The University of Oklahoma, and worked for The Limited. She opened new stores around the country and managed the two largest stores in the Southwest, which brought her to Houston to meet the love of her life, Andrew A. Karpuk, Jr., on St. Patrick's Day in 1985. On December 22, 1990, they were married in Burlington, Vermont. She lived most of her adult life in the Houston and Katy areas where she was actively involved in the Katy ISD. She celebrated the everyday joys of live music and good cooking, and was most fulfilled by caring for her family, and defined by her loyalty. Her greatest legacy is the strength and compassion of her

daughters.

The family received friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy. Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022 at the Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, in Katy, with Rev. Vincent Chacko, Celebrant. Interment in Forest Park Southwest Cemetery, in Richmond, Texas.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the National Fibromyalgia Association, 3857 Birch Street, Suite 312, Newport Beach, California 92660, www.fmaware.org.

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BRIEF

Seven Lakes Kids R Kids hosting party Saturday

Seven Lakes Kids R Kids Learning Academy is hosting a trunk or treat, a free event featuring candy, games, music and a party. The event is from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday at Kids R Kids, 10602 S. Fry Road. For more information, visit the website kidskids.com/seven-lakes/.

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GEORGE SLAUGHTER

The Rotary Club of Katy presented a check to Katy Cares at its Sept. 29 meeting. Pictured from left to right are Rocky Blair, Mayor Dusty Thiele, Dawid Pieterse, Thom Polvogt, Tara Wilson and Kate Maranacci.

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Katy ISD participates in annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Event

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The National Prescription Drug Take Back event is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Mark L. Hopkins Law Enforcement Center, 20370 Franz Road.

According to the DEA, pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision. Needles or sharp objects will not be accepted, and any liquids must be in prescribed containers.

"Last year, Katy ISD collected 385 pounds of expired and/or unused prescription drugs," Henry Gaw, Katy ISD police chief, said. "We want to remind the community that this service is free and anonymous with no questions asked of those individuals who decide to participate. We encourage the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting."

Collection efforts will take place in the lobby of the police department where residents can safely drop off unwanted medications. Through the National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative, the DEA and its partners across the country have collected nearly 16 million pounds of unused prescription medications.

Niche Best Schools list gives Katy ISD A+ grade

The 2023 Niche Best Schools list has named Katy ISD the #1 public school district in the Houston area for the second consecutive year, giving the district an A+ overall grade.

Out of 1,018 school districts ranked in Texas, Katy ISD took the top spot for the Greater Houston area and #12 in the state.

Each year Niche, a ranking and review organization for K-12 schools, assesses school districts from across the country. The organization's rankings are based on rigorous analysis of key statistics, reviews from students and parents, and data from the U.S. Department of Education. Ranking factors include state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality, public school district ratings, among other criteria.

"With over 92,000 students and four new schools in development, Katy ISD stands by its commitment



Royal ISD FFA members participated in the recent Waller County Fair.

to provide every student with a world-class education," Ken Gregorski, Katy ISD superintendent, said. "Our educators and staff are proud of the A+ that is found in the heart of our name. I am very honored to work with our Katy ISD family as they passionately teach and guide our future generations."

Several Katy ISD elementary, junior high and high schools also ranked among the Top 25 list for their respective categories.

Katy ISD Best Public Elementary School

- #1 Hayes Elementary
- #3 Kilpatrick Elementary
- #4 Alexander Elementary
- #5 WoodCreek Elementary
- #6 Stanley Elementary
- #7 Wilson Elementary
- #8 Griffin Elementary
- #9 Randolph Elementary
- #10 Jenks Elementary
- #11 Pattison Elementary
- #12 Holland Elementary
- #14 Rylander Elementary
- #15 Katy Elementary
- #23 Exley Elementary
- #24 Williams Elementary

Katy ISD Best Public Middle/Junior High School

- #2 Beckendorff Junior High
- #3 Beck Junior High
- #4 Tays Junior High
- #5 Seven Lakes Junior High
- #7 McMeans Junior High
- #9 Woodcreek Junior High
- #11 Cinco Ranch Junior High
- #14 Memorial Parkway Junior High

Katy ISD Best Public High School

- #4 Seven Lakes High School
- #6 Tompkins High School
- #7 Cinco Ranch High School
- #20 Taylor High School

For more information on Katy

ISD rankings, visit the Niche 2023 website at niche.com.

Royal ISD FFA competes at the Waller County Fair

Members of the Royal ISD FFA Chapter competed at the Waller County Fair on Sept. 28-Oct. 1. The chapter had 61 overall participants.

Market goats

- Kaylee Meader, 2nd Light
- Maddie Meader, 7th Light
- Maria Gomez, 2nd Light Medium
- Ramiro Ferro, 8th Light Medium
- Helena Ferro, 5th Light Medium
- Jeremy Danz, 5th Medium
- Jaylyn Danz, 3rd Light
- Valentine Ferro, 2nd Medium
- Elizabeth Ibarra, 8th Medium
- Evelyn Vahalik, 4th Medium
- Karl Vahalik, 8th Heavy Medium

Market Swine

- Rory Melton, Grand Champion
- Victoria Miller, 10th Heavyweight
- Shelby Woods, 11th Heavyweight
- Rafeel Marmolejo, 12th Heavyweight
- Ekon Ferro, 2nd Middleweight, Reserve Champion Swine Showman
- Kinleigh Guidry, 5th Middleweight, 3rd Middleweight, Champion JR Showman
- Deysi Rivera, 6th Middleweight
- Brianna Diezi, 2nd Middleweight
- Tania Ramirez, 8th Middleweight
- Angie Ramirez, 9th Middleweight
- Oscar Rivera, 3rd Lightweight

- Lauren Hillsman, 6th Lightweight
- Bryce Archer, 8th Lightweight
- Noe Arriaga, 10th Lightweight
- Anthony Aranda, 11th Lightweight
- Leo Rudeas, 12th Lightweight

Champion American Heifer, Reserve Champion Overall Heifer, 3rd Place Heavyweight ABC

- Kaylee Meader, 12th Place Heavyweight ABC

Market Steers

- Porter Jacob, 3rd Place Heavyweight American Steer
- Kinleigh Guidry, 4th Place Heavyweight Exotic Steer, 1st Place Junior Showmanship, 1st Place Cattle Herdsman
- Elyssa Pruner, 3rd Place Lightweight Exotic Steer

Rabbits

- Shelby Woods, 14th place Meat Rabbit Pen

Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship

- 3rd place Herdsman Award

Calf Scramble Heifer Show

- Avery Rongey, Grand Champion Heifer
- Kaylee Meader, 7th Place Scramble Heifer

Market Lamb

- Vanessa Garcia, 4th Light

Creative Living

- Raelee Hacke, Reserve Champion Photography, Intermediate Division
 - Daniel Sanchez, Woodworking Bench
 - Georgia Vahalik, Decorated Cake
- Participating in the calf scramble this year were FFA members Raelee Hacke, Kaelyn Hein, Jazbel Marmolejo, Rafael Marmolejo, Jacob Pisor, Elyssa Pruner, Deysi Rivera, Tate Seward and Kevin Weatherford.

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State program aids utility bill, future mortgage payments

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs announced households eligible for the Texas Homeowner Assistance Program can now apply for help paying past due and future utility payments. Additionally, income-qualifying households will have more time to stabilize their finances with future mortgage payments through the program.

"The State of Texas continues working to ensure all Texans have the opportunity to lead healthy and successful lives in our state, and through the Texas Homeowner Assistance Program, we are helping keep families in their homes, the lights on, and the water running," Abbott said. "Thank you to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for working tirelessly to support Texans who have experienced financial restraints in recent years. I encourage Texans who qualify for assistance to apply for this program to receive help with past due and future utility payments."

Each household can receive up to \$65,000 in total assistance, provided in the form of a grant. To be eligible, homeowners must meet the following criteria:

- Experienced a qualified financial hardship due to the pandemic after Jan. 21, 2020, such as lost income or increased expenses.
- Are behind on one or more payments: mortgage loans, property taxes, property insurance, homeowner/condo association fees, and/or utility bills.
- Have a household income at or below 100% Area Median Income (AMI) or 100% of the median income for the United States, whichever is greater.
- Own and occupy a home in Texas as a primary residence.

Since its launch in March, the program has disbursed more than \$175 million and assisted more than 18,000 unique households. Full program details, an eligibility screener, program dashboard, online application and more are available at TexasHomeownerAssistance.com.

For more information, call the program at 833-651-3874. Call center hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Help is available in multiple languages.

Utility bill assistance

The program can cover the past-due balance and up to three months of future payments for electricity, natural gas, propane, water and wastewater utility services, up to a maximum of \$10,000.

In addition to the overall program eligibility criteria, households must have a past-due utility bill dated within the last 45 days and must own and occupy the residence at the address listed on the past-due utility bill.

Qualifying households can apply for utility bill assistance regardless of whether or not they apply for mortgage relief or property charge help. If approved, payments will be made directly to the utility vendor on the applicant's behalf in the form of one lump sum. The \$10,000 maximum utility assistance is included in the \$65,000 per household cap.

Future mortgage payments

Households with no income or a debt-to-income ratio greater than 55% who are unable to continue making monthly mortgage payments can now qualify for mortgage reinstatement plus up to three months of future payments, up to the household maximum of \$65,000.

"We recognize many variables can affect one's ability to keep up with home-related expenses. By adding utility bill assistance and future mortgage payments, we can give them time to seek out housing counseling or legal aid services, work with their loan servicer to modify their loan terms, or even find ways to bolster their income," Bobby Wilkinson, department executive director, said. "It allows us to better meet people's unique needs."



Representing the Fort Bend County Sheriff's office and Northeast Fire Department Regional Dive Team are, left to right, Patrol Lt. Josh Dale, Patrol Major James Burger, Asst. Chief Manuel Zamora, Sheriff Eric Fagan, Fire Chief Travis Baxter, Asst. Fire Chief Robert Gomez, Capt. Donney Guebara, and firefighters Christian Bruner and Robert Valdez.

Agencies form regional dive team

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Northeast Fort Bend County Fire Department the Fort Bend County Sheriff's office have collaborated to form the first-ever regional Fort Bend County Dive and Water Rescue Team.

The sheriff's office is joining forces with the department and other local agencies, including the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office to better protect and serve the community. The partnership's goal is to provide extra support, additional resources, and a faster response time during emergencies with equipment that is well-maintained and quickly deployable.

The sheriff's office airboat will be stored and maintained at the department, where it will be protected from environmental hazards.

Fort Bend County Sheriff Eric Fagan and department Fire Chief Travis Baxter call the collaboration a win-win for the communities in which they serve.

"We deeply appreciate the efforts of Chief Baxter and his team as we pool our public safety resources, which include the courageous members of our dive team," Fagan said. "The use of our airboat by the fire department will enable the vessel to be quickly



Fort Bend County Sheriff Eric Fagan and Northeast Fort Bend County Fire Chief Travis Baxter pause for a snapshot with the sheriff's office airboat.

deployed where needed and will reach anywhere in Fort Bend County during a crisis or emergency."

The county-wide dive and water rescue team and the sheriff's office's airboat will greatly enhance the department's rescue response capabilities, Baxter said.

"This new addition to our rescue fleet will allow our team to access dif-

icult non-public areas such as rivers, man-made ponds and lakes, and low water crossings that may flood due to excessive rain water or fast-rising water," Baxter said.

The department is a nonprofit organization that was formed in 1972. It serves the emergency needs of citizens living in the unincorporated northeast corner of Fort Bend County.

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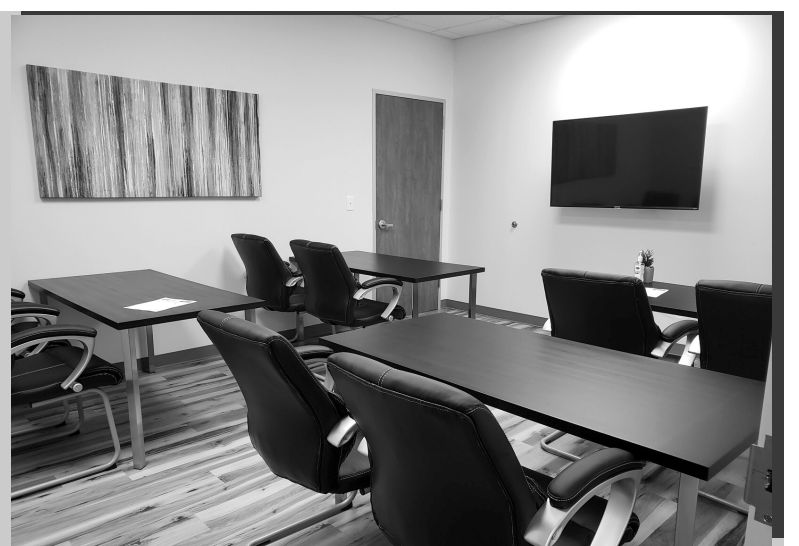
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Katy ISD holding tax ratification election

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy ISD voters will decide whether to ratify a \$1.3517 per \$100 property evaluation tax rate in the Nov. 8 election.

The district's overall tax rate dropped from \$1.3517 to \$1.3048 per \$100 property evaluation. The compression comes due to state law, which requires the district's maintenance and operations, or M&O, rate drop when property values increase.

The district's M&O rate reflects the \$0.0469, or 3.5%, decrease in the \$1.2 billion budget trustees adopted in August.

But district officials remain concerned about keeping and hiring new staff in light of a nationwide teacher shortage and a growing student population. The need for additional staff becomes clear as the district student enrollment continues to grow. The district presently has an enrollment of about 92,500 students and officials have said that figure is expected to be about 100,000 by 2030.

If Katy ISD voters approve the TRE, those \$0.0469 pennies will be added, so the total M&O rate will stay the same this year as last year. District officials said the money would go towards teacher and staff salaries, which are part of the M&O portion of the budget.

Trustees voted in August to put the measure on the ballot for voters to decide.

Using the newly adopted \$1.3048 rate, without the TRE, a property valued at \$363,366, with a taxable value of \$324,213, would have a tax bill of \$4,230. But if voters approve the tax rate, the rate remains at \$1.3517. The tax bill would be \$4,382, a \$152 increase.

The district has a website providing more information. The abbreviated URL for that website is bit.ly/KISDTRE.

Former trustee George Scott, an advocate of the plan, urged district families to get involved in the selection.

"Those of us who value Katy ISD for what it has done for our families and children must not remain on the sidelines, even should all hell erupt," Scott said. "Katy ISD is bigger than all of us individually combined. I pray that we can set aside differences, rise to the occasion, and keep highest Katy ISD the elite school district it has become."

The plan has its critics, including state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, whose district includes part of Katy ISD. Bettencourt said in September that a ratified school tax rate would wipe out state-mandated property tax relief.

Katy is not the only school district to schedule such elections. Numerous Southeast Texas school districts, including Alvin, Fort Bend, and Friendswood, have called for such elections.

Lamar Consolidated ISD voters in November will be voting on a bond issue. Meanwhile, Royal ISD is preparing a bond issue for the May 2023 election.

Voting in the November 2022 election: A primer

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy-area voters go to the polls Nov. 8 to make their choices for statewide offices such as governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, among other offices. Voters will also select officeholders and decide local issues, depending on their residency.

REGISTERING TO VOTE

The deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 8 election was Oct. 11.

To confirm that you are registered to vote, visit the Texas Secretary of State's voter portal website at teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do. The website has a dropdown menu that asks you to provide one of these items:

- Texas Driver's License and date of birth.
- Texas Personal Identification Number and date of birth.
- Election Identification Number (VUID) issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety and date of birth.

With that information, the database can look up your registration and confirm that you are registered to vote.

VOTING BY MAIL WHO'S ELIGIBLE

According to the Texas Secretary of State's office, you must meet one or more of these criteria to vote by mail:

- 65 years of age or older on Election Day;
- Sick or disabled;
- Expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day;
- Absent from the county of registration during the Early Voting period and on Election Day;
- Civilly committed under Chapter 841 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; or
- Confined in jail, but otherwise eligible.

VOTING BY MAIL NEEDED INFORMATION

According to the Texas Secretary of State's office, to vote by mail you must provide one of the following numbers on your ballot by mail and your mail ballot carrier envelope:

- Texas Driver's License.
- Texas Personal Identification Number.
- Election Identification Number (VUID).
- Last four digits of your Social Security number.

If you have not been issued any of these numbers, you must indicate so by checking the appropriate box on the ballot by mail or carrier envelope.

VOTING BY MAIL REQUESTING A BALLOT

To request a mail-in ballot, contact your county election administrator.

- In Harris County, contact Clifford D. Tatum, elections administrator, at 713-755-6965.
- In Fort Bend County, contact John W. Oldham, elections administrator, at 281-341-8670.
- In Waller County, contact Christy A. Eason, county elections administrator, at 979-826-7643.

The Texas Secretary of State's office said the early voting clerk must receive your marked ballot by:

- 7 p.m. on Election Day, or
- 5 p.m. the first business day after Election Day if the postmarked ballot was mailed within the United States from non-military voters and from any military voters who submitted an Application for Ballot by Mail ("ABBM"),
- by the 5th day after Election Day if your ballot is submitted from outside the United States.

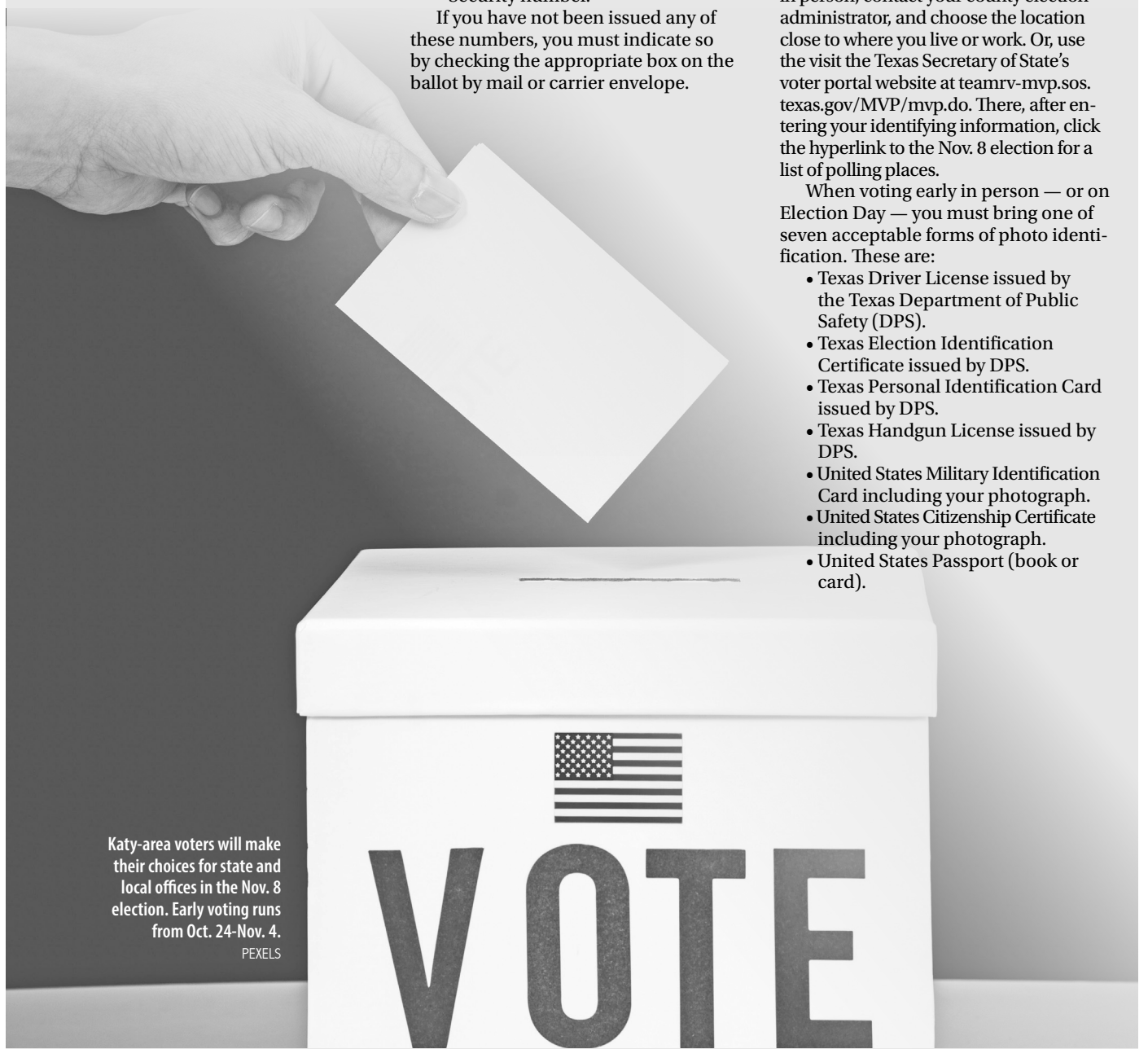
VOTING EARLY IN PERSON

Early voting runs from Oct. 24-Nov. 4.

For information on where to vote early in person, contact your county election administrator, and choose the location close to where you live or work. Or, use the visit the Texas Secretary of State's voter portal website at teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do. There, after entering your identifying information, click the hyperlink to the Nov. 8 election for a list of polling places.

When voting early in person — or on Election Day — you must bring one of seven acceptable forms of photo identification. These are:

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS.
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS.
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS.
- United States Military Identification Card including your photograph.
- United States Citizenship Certificate including your photograph.
- United States Passport (book or card).



Katy-area voters will make their choices for state and local offices in the Nov. 8 election. Early voting runs from Oct. 24-Nov. 4.
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ELECTION PREVIEW

Harris and Fort Bend County offices

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy-area voters in Fort Bend and Harris counties will select a county judge, while Harris County voters will also select a Pct. 4 commissioner. This is a brief overview of the candidates and their priorities. For the full version of their responses, visit the katytimes.com website.

FORT BEND COUNTY JUDGE

Incumbent KP George, a Democrat, faces challenger Trever Nehls, a Republican. Nehls is the brother of U.S. Rep. Troy Nehls. Trever Nehls did not return a candidate questionnaire.

If elected, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

1. Investing in public safety: Thankfully, because Fort Bend is already investing significantly into public safety, we will continue to hire more law enforcement personnel to keep our families safe.

2. Continuing to cut the tax rate: We have also brought the county tax rate to a historic low from \$0.56 cents per \$100 in 1990 to \$0.4 cents per \$100 in 2022. We will continue this downward trend.

3. Improving emergency services: As residents of the Gulf Coast, we have also upgraded our emergency management operations by ensuring resilient infrastructure, better technology, recruiting highly skilled staff, and developed relationships



KP GEORGE

to leverage in emergencies. I ask everyone to text "FBCAlert" to 888777 to sign up for emergency alerts. We will also continue to make new community partners to support residents whether setting up warming centers like the ones we implemented during the winter storm or even personal protective equipment distributions like we did during the start of COVID.

HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE

Incumbent Lina Hidalgo, a Democrat, faces challenger Alexandra Mealer, a Republican. Mealer did not return a candidate questionnaire.

If elected, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

1. Keeping Harris County safe: from natural disasters, from crime, and from any other threat to our health and well-being. I will continue to build on delivering a smarter, safer, and fairer criminal justice system for county residents through evidence- and data-driven policies and initiatives that work to keep us safer while not increasing mass incarceration.

2. Building an early childhood education system that gives every child in our county a fair start in life. During my tenure as County Judge, we've already made transformative investments in early childhood education. I want to continue the work to ensure every single kid in our County gets a strong start.

3. Continuing to strengthen our flood resilience and our disaster preparedness. We



LINA HIDALGO

need to make flood prevention a real priority. It took Hurricane Harvey for politicians to set a bond election for flood control. We've assembled a Community Flood Resilience Task Force to determine what it will really take to ensure we solve the flooding issues in our county.

HARRIS COUNTY PCT. 4 COMMISSIONER

Incumbent Pct. 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, a Republican, faces a challenge from Lesley Briones, a Democrat.

If elected, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

BRIONES: Crime. Like too many of us, I have been a victim of crime. I will work to fund law enforcement, increase neighborhood patrols, invest in crime-fighting technology, and prevent crime by interrupting the cycle of violence.

Affordability. I am a working mother who grew up in a working family. I get how hard it is to make ends meet when prices are rising. I will work to make life more affordable by cutting the tax rate, bringing down costs for essentials like health care and housing, and cutting government waste so we can all pay less.

Health care. I am the only candidate in this race who supports investments in public health and health care. I will redouble the county's efforts to convince the state to provide access to Medicaid insurance coverage to more than 200,000 uninsured Harris



LESLEY BRIONES

County residents. I will explore a potential bond measure to rebuild our public hospitals. I would also like to partner with Baylor College of Medicine and other health care providers to locate SmartPod mobile health clinics in areas without easy access to clinics or hospitals.

CAGLE: If re-elected, my top three priorities will be:

Public safety—The failed catch and release scheme (promoted by the majority on Commissioners Court) is allowing criminals to go back onto our streets to steal, rape and kill again. This has to stop...now!

If re-elected, I'll push to end their bail bond reform and keep our residents safe. Additionally, I will make sure that law enforcement gets the resources they need to protect you and your family. I have always supported our brave men and women who protect us, so it's no surprise that EVERY law enforcement organization has endorsed me, including the Harris County Sheriff's Deputies; the HPOU; MASO; Constables Mark Herman, Ted Heap and Phil Sandlin.

Flood control—After Hurricane Harvey devastated our community, we came together to pass the \$2.5 billion flood control bond to protect us from future flooding; dozens of projects have either been completed or are still in the works.

Property Taxes—Thanks to the failed policies of the majority on court, property taxes have risen almost as high as the crime rate. I'll reform the property tax appraisal system allowing you to keep more of your money.



R. JACK CAGLE

Royal ISD Board of Trustees

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Four positions are up for election to the Royal ISD Board of Trustees, with incumbents seeking re-election in two of those races. This is a brief overview of the candidates and their priorities. For the full version of their responses, visit the katytimes.com website.

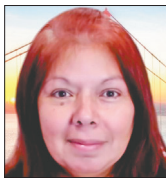
POSITION 1

Incumbent Adrian Rocha, a teacher and coach, faces Scott Hartman, who is self-employed, and Mona Chavez Rios, a mail carrier. Neither Rocha or Hartman returned a candidate questionnaire.

If elected, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

RIOS: I am very proud of our CTE program, and would like to see it continue to expand certifications, which will help our students succeed after they graduate. As we work together, we can make sure every student is "Ready for Success."

I promise to always remember that Royal belongs to you, and that these are your students and your money.



MONA CHAVEZ RIOS

POSITION 2

Incumbent Cheri Fontenot is not seeking re-election. Running for the seat are Perla Mariela Aguilar, a business owner, and Gary Cruseturner, an insurance agent.

If elected, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

AGUILAR: Number one is safety, hands

down. If we can't protect our students, staff and faculty when they come to our campuses every day, nothing else matters. This is something I intend to look at very closely as a board member. My second priority is career preparation/placement for our students. It is important to me that when our students graduate, they are prepared with the education that will help them succeed and be competitive in their next phase whether that be college, trade schools or going directly into the workforce. I think a combination of expanding our career and technical programs, as well as enhancing our student career counseling and mentorship opportunities, will help us launch our students into fulfilling careers post-graduation.

CRUSETURNER: Improvement of communication to all constituencies. Transparency in how the money is spent. Transparency of the curriculum to make sure our youth have all the access to the top resources.

POSITION 3

Incumbent Michael Glover is not seeking re-election. Running for the seat are J.J. Mounsey, a retired police officer, and Cori Hillsman Vahalik, an attorney and CPA.

If elected, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

MOUNSEY: Financial records made public online so the people being taxed know where their money is being spent. Get several



PERLA MARIELA AGUILAR



GARY CRUSETURNER

bids on projects.

Curriculum made available online so the parents know what their children are being taught. Other school districts already have this.

Children's safety. No child should have to be afraid to go to school for any event or daily classes.

VAHALIK: As a mother, I recognize the truth in the statement that the children are our future. My top priority will always be ensuring all the children of the district have a quality and useful education. Ultimately, the students are why this position exists, and we must recognize their priority in decision making. Ensuring that our older students have pathways to success both academic and career based and that our younger students are provided instructional support in early literacy and math will help our Falcons soar.

To that end, recruiting and retaining quality teachers and administrators is critical. Royal is competitive on pay. However, we are losing quality educators due to a perceived lack of support or difficult working relationships. Ensuring that our staff and administrators are supported will help bring quality people here and keep them once they arrive as will highlighting the successes of our students and their educators and promoting the phenomenal programs Royal ISD provides.

Finally, as a district we are the beneficiary of prior years, which have provided us with facilities and equipment, of which we should be good stewards. If elected, especially with regard to budgeting, one of my priorities will be to give a careful eye to the existing assets



J.J. MOUNSEY



CORI HILLSMAN VAHALIK

as well as the existing and future needs of the district.

POSITION 4

Incumbent Nathaniel Richardson Jr., an adjunct instructor, is seeking re-election. He faces Kent Kirby, a business owner, and Jimmy Meader, a subsea engineer. Richardson did not return a candidate questionnaire.

If elected, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

KIRBY: A good curriculum. Teachers. Building perspective. You want a nice, good, welcoming warm building where there proud to come to.

MEADER: A responsible bond to use on new facilities. We have to get in front of the growth, and we are behind already. We need functional facilities to educate our kids in. We don't need big and flashy buildings trying to look or spend the way our neighboring districts do. We can't afford those types of things right now.

Security in our schools. Our students need to focus on education, not have to worry about watching over their shoulder every day. We have a drug problem in the schools and we have to find a way to remove this issue from the schools. Bathrooms being closed due to smoke from many types of illegal paraphernalia in the school.

Technical training programs. We offer many awesome programs to our students through our CTE department. I feel like we should expand these types of certification programs to give those students not bound directly for college a step up on beginning a successful career.



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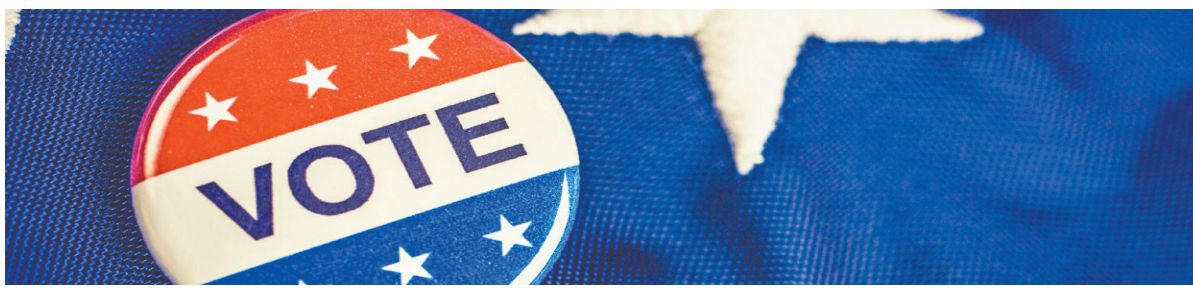
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Texas House of Representatives

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Five Texas House of Representative districts include part of Katy in their respective areas. Here is an overview of the Katy-area seats up for election and who is running for those seats. This is a brief overview of the candidates and their priorities. For the full version of their responses, visit the katytimes.com website.

DISTRICT 26

Incumbent Jacey Jetton, a Republican, faces challenger Daniel Lee, a Democrat.

Other than infrastructure and education, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

JETTON: As a husband, father, business owner, and former Army National Guardsman, I will continue to fight for real Texas values in Austin. I support Texas families by keeping our communities safe, ensuring every Texas child has access to high-quality education, improving our infrastructure, expanding access to family-centered healthcare, and cutting property taxes.

LEE: When one of us is poor, we are all poor. We need to expand Medicaid and insure more Texans, especially those that are not disabled and are low income. When our people are sick and our county hospitals take on their care, it actually costs us as Texans more money due to their lack of yearly doctor check-ups. This could lower overall costs. I believe that since 2014, Gov. Abbott and my opponent have failed us by refusing to expand Medicaid and foregoing \$5-6 billion a year from the federal government. This in turn will help us lower property taxes.

We need to clarify and codify our women's rights to healthcare during pregnancy. Just like any healthcare decision, it should be between an individual and one's doctor and no one else. A doctor should not get criminal or professional sanctions for doing his job which is look out for the health and life of one's client. Women that



JACEY JETTON



DANIEL LEE

are unwilling participants to the conception leading to a pregnancy should definitely have a choice in this healthcare decision.

Retired teachers need a cost-of-living adjustment and our retired teachers have earned that. We need to design a long-term plan for their health care costs.

DISTRICT 28

Incumbent Gary Gates, a Republican, faces challenger Nelvin Adriatico, a Democrat.

Other than infrastructure and education, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

ADRIATICO: Right to vote, education, and infrastructure. The redistricting is the biggest gerrymandering we've had. On education, we spend more money on inmates than on our educators. I don't know where our priority is. Our teachers are overlooked and underpaid.

GATES: Cutting property taxes, defending the border, promoting Texas energy, and supporting education are vitally important. Biden administration policies on energy and the border cause seemingly endless problems for Americans, and especially Texans. Texas energy is essential to world security right now. Finally, helping students prepare for the jobs of the future should be everyone's top priority.



NELVIN ADRIATICO



GARY GATES

DISTRICT 85

There is no incumbent in this race. Republican Stan Kitzman faces Democrat Larry Baggett.

Other than infrastructure and education, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

BAGGETT: I will push to eliminate 100 percent property taxes for all senior citizens on primary property. We all know as we age, our ability to continue working is affected and why should our senior citizens fear losing the home or property after working so many

years. We have to give them a real finish line.

Ensure our law enforcement officers have the ability not only physically but legislation that supports them while serving the State of Texas.

I will push to ensure the voters get the chance to vote on TEXTIT. The federal government failed the state of Texas and many others. I continue to put politics over the people.

No one needs permission to decide to be free. Most importantly I want Texans to be able to vote on Texas' future. I stand committed to support the Texas Constitution and the U.S. Constitution.

KITZMAN: Food security. We must protect production agriculture in order to meet the needs of Texans. With a rapidly changing landscape, food and fiber must not be left out of the plan.

Secure the Texas border. No sovereign country can survive unchecked immigration. It is vital to the survival of the people of Texas that the crime associated with an unsecure boarder be halted.

Property taxes: Relief from climbing property taxes simply has to be put in place. I am confident that this will be a priority for the coming Legislature.



LARRY BAGGETT



STAN KITZMAN

DISTRICT 132

Incumbent Mike Schofield, a Republican, faces challenger Cameron "Coach Cam" Campbell, a Democrat.

Other than infrastructure and education, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

CAMPBELL: If you look at the landmass, House District 132 is humongous. I want to make House District 132 like what Fort Worth is to Dallas, but for Houston. I want to see us focus on science, engineering and math, and entrepreneurship. We need to be laying the groundwork, and you have to have the game plan to do this.

I want to promote trade education in schools. In our day we had shop classes. College is fantastic, but it's not for everybody and that's okay.



CAM CAMPBELL

I want to be an advocate for access, particularly for those with disabilities. I want to create a sounding board to identify needs and ensure that we can meet them.

SCHOFIELD: My three biggest priorities for next session are 1) making sure your neighborhood is safe by preventing Harris County from defunding the police who keep us safe, or letting dangerous criminals out of jail on PR bonds so they can terrorize us, 2) securing our border, and 3) stopping the never-ending property tax increases that have made it hard for Texans to afford to continue to live in their homes.

When the current Harris County government de-funds the constables and sheriff's officers who patrol our neighborhoods, and the judges in downtown Houston favor the rights of the criminals over your right to be safe, criminals learn that they can get away with crimes in your neighborhood without any repercussion. Once that happens, there is nothing protecting your family's safety in your community and in your home.

No one should have to live in fear of criminals breaking into their houses and cars, and no one should have to leave their home because their own government taxes them out of it with excessive property taxes. I will fight to ensure that you can afford to stay in your home and that you can feel safe in your home and in your neighborhood.



MIKE SCHOFIELD

DISTRICT 135

Incumbent Jon Rosenthal, a Democrat, faces challenger Michael May, a Republican. May did not return a candidate questionnaire.

Other than infrastructure and education, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

ROSENTHAL: The things that called me to politics are still my top priorities: public education, access to healthcare, and the ongoing battle against bigotry and injustice. I've added to other causes: voting rights and bodily autonomy. On public education, I want to separate standardized test scores from public education school finance, because I believe it corrupts the system to have the money depend on the test scores.



JON ROSENTHAL

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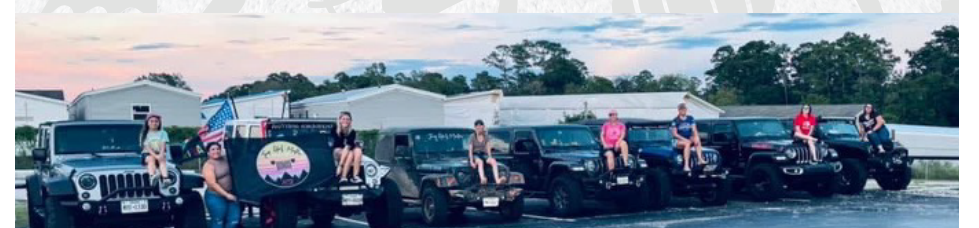
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WEEK OF OCTOBER 21

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Scores

- Tompkins 55, Morton Ranch 21
- Taylor 35, Mayde Creek 3
- Jordan 31, Seven Lakes 21
- Cinco Ranch 35, Paetow 24

Thursday

- Paetow vs. Seven Lakes, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Mayde Creek vs. Tompkins, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

Friday

- Jordan vs. Taylor, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

VOLLEYBALL

Friday

- Jordan vs. Tompkins, 4:30 p.m.
- Katy vs. Seven Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Morton Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Taylor, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

- Seven Lakes vs. Cinco Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Jordan, 5:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Katy, 5:30 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Paetow, 5:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Monday

- Class 6A Region III meet, 8 a.m., Kate Barr Ross Park

Cinco Ranch defense steps up in big win over Paetow

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch's offense has been getting it done all season.

The Cougars came into this week having scored over 40 points in six of seven games this season, and in every game in district play, and they had had over 200 passing yards in every game in District 19-6A through the season as well.

Cinco Ranch had leaned on their offense to get wins and they had delivered, but things changed on Friday.

On Friday, the Cougars (6-1, 5-1) found themselves in a defensive slugfest, a spot the team hadn't been in all year, as they traded blows with Paetow (3-4, 3-4), going back and forth all night long.

Yet in the end, it was still Cinco that came away with the victory behind a huge defensive performance and rushing attack, topping Paetow 35-24 and moving to 5-1 in district play.

"We knew there would be a game where we had to step up defensively and this was it," said junior cornerback Taytum Johnson. "We have to know we can never settle as a defense and that's what we've been working on. We had a good game two weeks ago, we were better last week and then we stepped it up even more this week, we have to keep doing that every week from now on."

The Cinco defense was stout on the night, holding Paetow to under 100 yards passing and holding the Paetow run game when they needed to while also coming away with two turnovers and multiple huge fourth down stops, helping a Cinco offense along the way that struggled at times throughout the game.

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SURGING FALCONS

SURGING TOMPKINS TOPS MORTON RANCH, WINS THIRD STRAIGHT

BY TYLER TYRE
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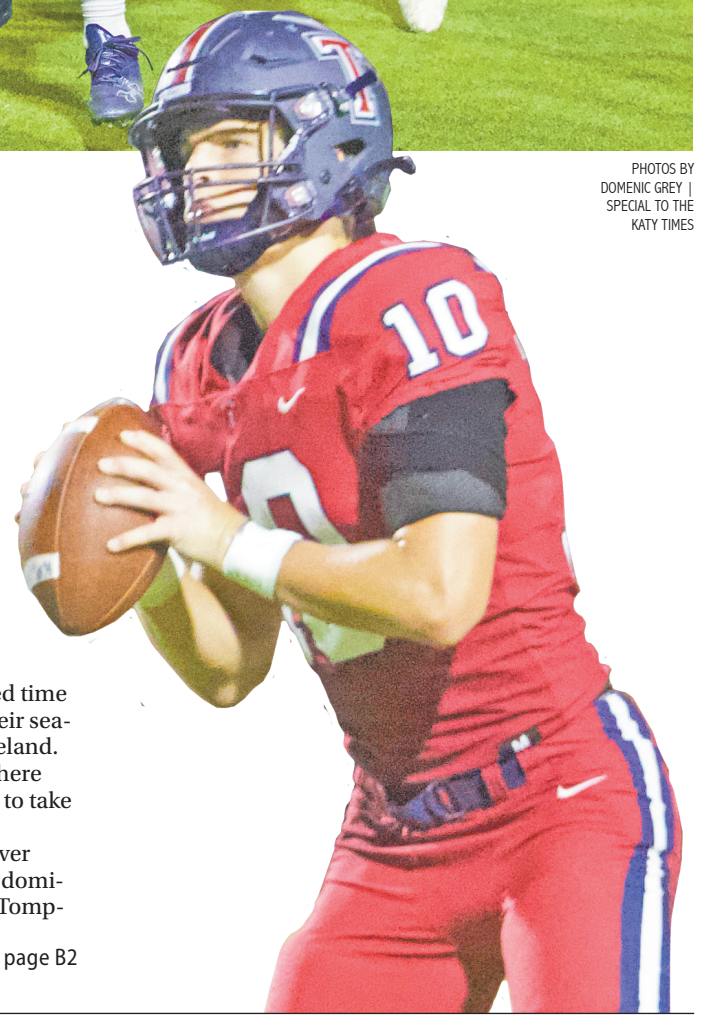
Tompkins just keeps improving.

The Falcons brought a young team into this season, and they needed time to mature. There were encouraging signs early, a hard fought win in their season opener against Cy-Ranch and a strong performance against Bridgeland.

But back to back losses to open District 19-6A play showed areas where the young Falcons needed to grow, and showed a need for the Falcons to take steps to raise their game.

But the Falcons have answered questions any could have of them over their past three games, handily beating Seven Lakes and Taylor before dominating Morton Ranch on Thursday at Rhodes Stadium, 55-21, moving Tomp-

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D.J. Hicks receives All-American jersey

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

D.J. Hicks had been waiting for this moment.

It was a moment of joy and a dream fulfilled on Friday for Hicks, as the senior put on his Under Armour All-American jersey for the first time in front of a crowd of students at the Paetow gym.

The moment was years in the making for Hicks, who had made it a goal to be invited to the game and to play at the highest level.

"It's always been a dream of mine to play in the game," Hicks said. "I've been watching people play in the game since I was a kid. I grew up watching people like Jordan Elliott and others go and play in that game. So to get here, to know I'm going to play in that game and to see my jersey for the first time is just a dream."

The crowd cheered and celebrated as Hicks showed off his jersey as they celebrated his accomplishment. The 5-star Texas A&M commit knew it was a special moment. And the moment was made sweeter by how

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DJ Hicks and David Hicks Sr. pose for a photo after DJ Hicks received his Under Armour All-American jersey at the Paetow gym on Friday.



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"It really helped us out as an offense," said senior quarterback Gavin Rutherford. "Just knowing that we had our defense back there to get us the ball back and get us the ball back, get stops on fourth downs, they even had a huge fourth and goal stop to keep them out of the endzone and I told the guys 'this is the most proud I've been of the defense all season.' They really showed up today, they knew what the gameplan was and went out and executed it."

It took until the second quarter for either team to get on the board, but Cinco Ranch finally broke through with a 5-yard touchdown pass from Rutherford to Seth Salverino to take the lead. Just as soon as the Cougars struck, Paetow came back with a score of its own, capitalizing on a huge run by Alex Kilgore and then getting a touchdown on a 4-yard run by Damyron Phillips, as the two teams went into the half tied at seven apiece.

Cinco came out and drove down the field, getting into the red zone, but Paetow made a huge play, as Christian Hurd intercepted a throw to an out route and brought it back 91 yards for a Paetow touchdown to give the Panthers the lead. But Cinco didn't miss a beat and adjusted right away.

"We know every game is going to be different," Rutherford said. "Not every game is going to be a blowout and not everything is going to click every game. But these are the types of games that help us grow because we know we didn't do our best, but it was a good win. One more point than them is what matters and we did that and got the win."

The Cinco pass game hadn't been working up until that point and the Cougars made an adjustment, deciding to pound the run game, not just with their running backs, but with Rutherford as well. Rutherford led then down the field and scored on back to back drives to give the Cougars the lead with touchdown runs of five and 62 yards. Rutherford ended the night with 192 yards on the ground and that was a huge part of Cinco's success offensively.

"Gavin really extended plays with his legs tonight and that's a strength for him," said Cinco Ranch head coach Chris Dudley. "He's not too proud to where he feels like he needs to sit back and chuck it all the time, if he's got an opening he's going to scramble and he's not afraid to lower his shoulder. The way he extended drives with his legs really helped us."

Paetow tied things up once again early in the fourth quarter on a 10-yard Kilgore run, but Cinco answered back with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Rutherford to Noah Abboud. Paetow trimmed the lead on a field goal, but were unable to take advantage on their next possession, as Johnson came away with an interception, his third in as many games, and the Cougars put the game away when Rutherford ran in a 24-yard touchdown with just over a minute remaining in the fourth quarter.

"Taytum just has very good instincts," Dudley said. "That's one of his strong suits — he understands what offenses are trying to do and when they're trying to throw and

go his way. He's done a really great job of elevating and getting the ball on all of those interceptions and he's got that competitive edge where he wants it. Each of the last three games his interceptions have been crucial for us."

The win sets the stage for what could decide the district championship next week when the Cougars take on Katy in a matchup between the teams in first and second in the district standings.

Cinco Ranch isn't shying away from how big the matchup is or saying it's just another game — they know what is at stake and they're embracing it.

"Everyone wants to beat Katy — that's not a secret and we want to do that too," Rutherford said. "Cinco was the last ones to do it before Tompkins and we want to do it again. But it's not enough to just want it. We're going to need to put in a good day of practice every day, put together a good gameplan and then execute. It's going to be a dogfight next week."

CINCO RANCH 35, PAETOW 24

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|-------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Paetow | 0 | 7 | 7 | 10 | -- | 24 |
| Cinco Ranch | 0 | 7 | 14 | 14 | -- | 35 |

Second quarter

CR: Gavin Rutherford 5 pass to Seth Salverino (Santiago Taborda kick) 6:40
P: Damyron Phillips 4 run (Gabriel Schaeffer kick) 4:47

Third quarter

P: Christian Hurd 91 interception return (Schaeffer kick) 7:45
CR: Rutherford 5 run (Taborda kick) 5:25
CR: Rutherford 62 run (Taborda kick) 2:15

Fourth quarter

P: Alex Kilgore 10 run (Schaeffer kick) 10:55
CR: Rutherford 15 pass to Noah Abboud (Taborda kick)
P: Schaeffer 20 field goal, 5:56
CR: Rutherford 24 run (Taborda kick) 1:17

Team stats

| | PAETOW | CINCO RANCH |
|---------------|----------|-------------|
| First downs | 10 | 17 |
| Yards rushing | 42-214 | 29-320 |
| Yards passing | 95 | 141 |
| Passes | 9-19-0-1 | 10-31-2-2 |
| Punts | 5-36 | 4-36 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Penalty-yards | 9-100 | 3-30 |

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Cinco Ranch: Gavin Rutherford, 12-192-3; Sam McKnight, 8-64; Eric Eckstrom, 6-35; Noah Abboud, 2-7; Paetow: Damyron Phillips, 20-112; Koby Truehill, 1-4; Brock Nichols, 8(-1); Derrick Johnson, 2(-6);
Passing – Cinco Ranch: Gavin Rutherford, 9-30-130-2-2; Seth Salverino, 1-1-11-0-0; Paetow: Brock Nichols, 7-13-77-0-1; Koby Truehill, 2-6-18-0-0;
Receiving – Cinco Ranch: Colton Michalec, 1-53; Noah Abboud, 4-45-1; Seth Salverino, 4-39-1; Paetow: Jason Blue, 5-39; Van Keith Brown, 1-25; Jabari Bush, 2-20; Justin Stevenson, 1-11;

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kins into third in the district standings.

"We've grown each week and we've learned from our wins and our losses," said Tompkins head coach Todd McVey. "We're going in and doing a good job of fixing mistakes, but it doesn't end here and we know we have to continue to improve. We know that even now we have to get better at every position with who we are each and every snap. It's a simple concept, but hard to achieve and that's what we're focused on and working on."

It was a complete team effort from top to bottom from the Falcons. The offense got things going early, the defense forced four turnovers and even Tompkins' special teams got in on the action, scoring two touchdowns.

"This all comes down to the gameplan from the coaches," said senior linebacker Griffin Simonton. "They put it together and from Monday on we knew what we needed to do and what to expect. Our ability to study film, trust each other as a team and execute our job and that gameplan really just was exemplified tonight."

Wyatt Young continued to take steps as the Falcons' starting quarterback and made an immediate impact on Tompkins' first drive, running in a four-yard touchdown to give the Falcons the lead.

Morton Ranch then got pushed back toward their own goal line and on a third and long, Josh Davis stripped Josh Johnson of the ball and Simonton picked the ball up and ran in a touchdown from 15-yards out. Young followed that up with another running score from 45 yards out to make things 21-0 and Caleb Komolafe made it a four-score game shortly before the end of the first half.

"It's been a change and I had to get settled into being the quarterback as quick as I could," Young said. "I hadn't played quarterback since my freshman year but I knew this is what's best for the team and I'm just embracing it."

Morton Ranch tried to get back into the game with a surprise outside kick to start the second half, but Tompkins was waiting and ready, and Trevor Davie returned the inside 50 yards for another Tompkins score.

Santana Scott finally got Morton Ranch on the board midway through the third quarter when he ran in a 7-yard touchdown, but Tompkins answered back, as Caleb Blocker ran in a touchdown from 11-yards out. Morton scored again on a 1-yard run from Ryan Hall but Tompkins instantly gained the momentum back when Matthew Ogunrin returned the ensuing kickoff 74 yards for a touchdown.

"We knew they had a good outside kick setup and we studied that Cinco Ranch game," McVey said. "We worked on that because we knew that it might get used against us and that was one phase of the game that I can say I was very proud of. The kids reacted, they were ready for it and they blocked for it just like we talked about. It's fun when you work on something like that all week long and then they come out and execute it"

Morton got one final score late on an 18-yard touchdown pass from Josh Johnson to Jairon Davis before Tompkins closed things out with a 10-yard touchdown by Dylan Rodriguez.

The win was a huge one for the Falcons as it brings them a step closer to securing a playoff spot, and gets them out of the jam packed fourth place spot in District 19-6A.

But for the Falcons, it's just another week, they went 1-0, that's the important thing and now they have to make sure they continue to do that next week as well.

"We just have to stay hungry, do our job and stay together," Simonton said. "We're 1-0 on the week so it's on to Monday and we'll see how that goes. For us, it's just another game on the schedule and we have to continue to look at it that way every week and just make sure we go 1-0."

TOMPKINS 55, MORTON RANCH 21

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|----------|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| M. Ranch | 0 | 0 | 7 | 14 | -- | 21 |
| Tompkins | 14 | 14 | 6 | 21 | -- | 55 |

First quarter

T: Wyatt Young 4 run (Andrew Horner kick) 2:55
T: Griffin Simonton 15 fumble return (Horner kick) 1:07

Second quarter

T: Young 45 run (Horner kick) 10:46
T: Caleb Komolafe 26 run (Horner kick) 3:23

Third quarter

T: Trevor Davie 50 kick return, 11:55
MR: Santana Scott 7 run (Angel Rincon kick) 5:34

Fourth quarter

T: Caleb Blocker 11 run (Horner kick) 11:20
MR: Ryan hall 1 run (Rincon kick) 7:59
T: Matthew Ogunrin 74 kick return (Horner kick) 7:46
MR: Josh Johnson 18 pass to Jairon Davis (Rincon kick)
T: Dylan Rodriguez 10 run (Horner kick) 2:06

Team stats

| | M. RANCH | TOMPKINS |
|---------------|-----------|----------|
| First downs | 18 | 14 |
| Yards rushing | 42-204 | 27-177 |
| Yards passing | 105 | 73 |
| Passes | 10-16-1-0 | 4-7-0-0 |
| Punts | 2-34 | 1-35 |
| Fumbles-lost | 4-3 | 0-0 |
| Penalty-yards | 6-55 | 9-100 |

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Tompkins: Caleb Komolafe, 10-64-1; Wyatt Young, 3-58-2; Caleb Blocker, 11-42-1; Dylan Rodriguez, 2-7-1; Chris Gilbert Jr., 1-6; Morton Ranch: Santana Scott, 20-142-1; Ryan Hall, 14-75-1; Josh Johnson, 7(-6);
Passing – Tompkins: Wyatt Young, 2-5-48-0-0; Chris Gilbert Jr., 2-2-25-0-0; Morton Ranch: Josh Johnson, 10-16-105-1-0
Receiving – Tompkins: Matthew Ogunrin, 3-53; Alejandro Alvarez; Morton Ranch: Jairon Davis, 2-29-1; Mike Gerald, 2-28; Santana Scott, 2-25; Cameron Hudson, 3-16; Adam Willis, 1-7;

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Katy head coach Gary Joseph watches as his players warm up after a rain delay before a game between Katy and Atascocita at Legacy Stadium.

WEEK 9 KATY ISD PREVIEWS

Katy, Cinco meet; district title potentially on the line

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

All games District 19-6A

THURSDAY

Paetow (3-4, 2-3) vs. Seven Lakes (1-6, 1-4), 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: did not play

- Paetow is in a must win situation. The Panthers fought admirably last week against Cinco Ranch, putting up a tremendous defensive performance and bringing everything they had for 48 minutes despite going through an exhausting, tumultuous week leading into the game. Paetow stayed in the game for three and a half quarters and held Cinco Ranch to a season low in passing yards, but in the end it wasn't enough as the Panthers fell to 2-3 in district play, tied for sixth and a game back of the fourth and final playoff spot with three weeks remaining in the regular season. Paetow's defense did everything they could in the game, holding Cinco Ranch to 141 yards passing and forcing the Cougars into three turnovers. Offensively, Paetow went back to its roots, running the I formation and the teams run game largely benefitted from that, with Damyron Phillips running for 112 yards and a touchdown, Alex Kilgore running for 70 yards and a score and Jamarious Bates rushing for 35 yards. But the Paetow pass game continued to struggle, as they gained 95 yards through the air. With that result, Paetow will probably need to win out the rest of the way to make the playoffs.

Seven Lakes meanwhile, also fell back into the loss column this past week, coming up short against Jordan despite a strong showing.

Seven Lakes was never able to get the ground game going, rushing for just 83 yards in the loss, and had to rely on the pass game, which got them 147 yards.

On defense they struggled mightily to contain Jordan, giving up just under 500 yards of total offense and were unable to force turnovers that could have turned the game around.

The Spartans are playing for pride at this point, and will need their defense to step up this week, while their run game will need to be at its best to compete with a stout Paetow front seven.

Mayde Creek (2-6, 0-6) vs. Tompkins (5-2, 3-2), 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Tompkins 72, Mayde Creek 7

- Mayde Creek's struggles continued last week, as they fell to 2-6 on the year after a loss to Taylor.

The Rams' pass game had success on the night with sophomore quarterback Cole Jensen at the helm, as he completed 14 of 23 passes for 128 yards, but three interceptions turned what would have been a good stat line into a bad day for the quarterback. The run game continued to be an issue for the Rams, as they averaged three yards per carry while rushing for 98 total yards. But it was defense where the team had its most trouble, as Taylor managed 310 yards on the ground and completely controlled the game from start to finish. Tompkins meanwhile, had a dominating performance against Morton Ranch, as all three phases showed up and shut down Morton Ranch in the win.

Tompkins needed only 250 yards of total offense to score 55 points. Caleb Komolafe led the team on the ground with 64 yards while Wyatt Young rushed for 58 and Caleb Blocker had 42, and Tompkins needed only 73 yards through the air as their dominant defense forced three turnovers and the Falcons also scored two special teams touchdowns.

The win was the Falcons' third straight and moved them into a tie for third place in district with Jordan. The Falcons are looking for another this week, that would move them even closer to clinching a

playoff spot. Mayde Creek is looking to put a good end point to the season in the last three weeks and set themselves up for future success.

FRIDAY

Jordan (4-2, 3-2) vs. Taylor (3-4, 2-3), 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Did not play

- Jordan put together another good game last week, using a very strong offensive performance to top Seven Lakes and keep themselves among the top of the pack of contending playoff teams.

It was another efficient and strong day for Colin Willetts, who threw for 250 yards and completed 10 of 14 passes for three touchdowns, averaging 25 yards per completion. Andrew Marsh continued to prove himself among the best receivers in the district, catching five passes for 104 yards and a touchdown while Zechariah Sample had 93 yards receiving and a score. Ifeanyi Monye had 110 yards rushing while Chad Gasper had 82 yards and a score on the ground. The Jordan defense did its job in limiting the Seven Lakes run game as the Warriors were able to pull away for the win in the second half.

Taylor also kept themselves in the playoff hunt by beating Mayde Creek, but will have a very hard road the rest of the way, facing Jordan and Katy in two of the team's last three games and needing in all likelihood to win out the rest of the way.

It was the Taylor run game that led the way for them over Mayde Creek, as they combined for 310 yards on the ground, with Dante Archie rushing for 164 yards and two touchdowns and Joe Jefferson rushing for 106 yards and another touchdown, while Jefferson added 58 yards and two touchdowns through the air. The Taylor defense also had a big day, limiting Mayde Creek to just over 200 yards of total offense in the game.

This will be a game of opposing styles, as Jordan will try to play fast with an explosive offense and Taylor will try to slow things down, ground and pound in the run game and keep that Jordan offense off the field for as much time as possible.

Katy (7-0, 5-0) vs. Cinco Ranch (6-2, 5-1), 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Katy 49, Cinco Ranch 3

- Katy has yet another chance at an undefeated regular season, and the Tigers' biggest hurdle comes this week against Cinco Ranch.

But Katy is in a great position coming off its bye week and being fully rested for the teams biggest game so far this year. Katy had a dominant outing in its last game, beating Paetow easily in a shutout. Dallas Glass was once again a strong point, running for 119 yards and two touchdowns and Seth Davis also ran for two scores. Caleb Koger threw for 199 yards, completing eight of 14 passes for two touchdowns to no interceptions, with Micah Koenig having 84 yards receiving and a touchdown and Oliver Ginn catching two passes for 74 yards. And Katy's defense was once again exceptional, as they held Paetow to under 100 yards of offense.

Cinco Ranch continued their win streak last week, with the Cougars' defense stepping up in the team's worst passing game of the season.

The Cinco Ranch defense forced Paetow into two turnovers and limited the Panthers all night when they got into the redzone, including a fourth and goal stop. Meanwhile, Gavin Rutherford made up for a not great passing day and two interceptions by rushing for 192 yards and two scores to lead the offense.

The Cougars will need their offense to be back in sync in this game if they are to beat Katy while the defense will again need to be at its best. Katy will hope to pound Cinco Ranch with its run game and pressure Rutherford as Paetow was able to do last week, hoping that that will keep the talented quarterback at bay.

DISTRICT 19-6A STANDINGS

| | Team | W | L | District W | District L | District PF | District PA |
|----|--------------|---|---|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | Katy | 7 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 217 | 57 |
| 2 | Cinco Ranch | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 307 | 191 |
| 3* | Tompkins | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 180 | 105 |
| 3* | Jordan | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 176 | 172 |
| 5 | Morton Ranch | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 233 | 252 |
| 6* | Paetow | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 113 | 176 |
| 6* | Taylor | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 143 | 174 |
| 8 | Seven Lakes | 1 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 115 | 169 |
| 9 | Mayde Creek | 2 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 58 | 267 |

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Katy ISD Provides Screenings for Students with Suspected Disabilities

The Katy Independent School District Special Education Department provides screenings for students with suspected disabilities in an effort to identify every student with a disability who lives within the district's boundaries. The screenings are designed to help identify children who may qualify for the district's special education programs.

Students with all categories of disabilities between the ages of three and 21 can be provided with services to ensure their successful participation in school. These services and supports may be provided through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act. Special Education services are also available to children who are visually and/or auditory impaired starting at birth.

If you are aware of a child who may be challenged with a disability, please contact the Katy ISO Special Education office at 281-396-2066. The Special Education office will coordinate efforts to evaluate the student and, if eligible, ensure that the student is provided with supports and services needed to benefit from instruction. Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions or concerns.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS WALLER COUNTY

Waller County plans to submit application(s) to the Texas General Land Office pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)'s Regional Mitigation Program. Accordingly, Waller County is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Firm (individual/firm) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections, and assist with the development of a master drainage plan. These services are being solicited to assist Waller County in its application preparation and project implementation of a CDBG-MIT contract(s) to support eligible activities in Waller County. Please submit four (4) hard copies of your proposal of services (Proposal) and a statement of qualifications (Statement) in addition to one digital copy saved in PDF format to the address below: Attn: Alan Younts—County Auditor 836 Austin Street, Suite 221 Hempstead, TX 77445. Proposals and Statements shall be received by Waller County no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2022, to be considered. Waller County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Vendors are encouraged to submit proposals. Waller County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

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|  <p>NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITY</p> <p>STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF WALLER § CITY OF PATTISON §</p> <p>TO ALL THE DULY QUALIFIED, RESIDENT ELECTORS OF THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF PATTISON:</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the CITY OF PATTISON (the "City") FOR ELECTORS IN THE CITY'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION on November 8, 2022 ("Election Day"), calling an election:</p> <p>AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE PATTISON MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND THE IMPOSITION OF A SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BENEFICIAL TO THE DISTRICT.</p> <p>SECTION 1: The Election shall be held on the 8th day of November 2022 the City, which is a uniform election date pursuant to Section 41.001, Texas Election Code, for the purpose of AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE PATTISON MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND THE IMPOSITION OF A SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BENEFICIAL TO THE DISTRICT.</p> <p>SECTION 2: The polling places for precinct 106, 315, and 416 listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 8, 2022, at:</p> <p>SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "B"</p> <p>SECTION 3: THE MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE SHALL BE CONDUCTED EACH WEEKDAY AT AND HOURS OF:</p> <p>SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"</p> <p>SECTION 4: Applications for ballot by mail may be mailed to early voting clerk at the following address:</p> <p>Waller County Elections 816 Wilkins Hempstead, TX 77445 979-826-7643 c.eason@wallercounty.us vote@wallercounty.us</p> <p>Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2022.</p> <p>Issued this 14th day of October 2022.</p> <p> Mayor Joe Garcia</p> |  <p>AVISO DE ELECCIÓN PARA MUNICIPIO</p> <p>ESTADO DE TEXAS § CONDADO DE WALLER § CIUDAD DE PATTISON §</p> <p>A TODOS LOS ELECTORES RESIDENTES DEBIDAMENTE CALIFICADOS DE LA JURISDICCIÓN EXTRATERRITORIAL DE LA CIUDAD DE PATTISON:</p> <p>POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una elección en la CIUDAD DE PATTISON (la "Ciudad") PARA ELECTORES EN LA JURISDICCIÓN EXTRATERRITORIAL DE LA CIUDAD el 8 de noviembre de 2022 ("Día de las Elecciones"), convocando a una elección:</p> <p>AUTORIZAR LA CREACIÓN DEL DISTRITO DE DESARROLLO MUNICIPAL DE PATTISON Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO SOBRE LAS VENTAS Y EL USO A LA TASA DE LA MITAD DEL UNO POR CIENTO CON EL FIN DE FINANCIAR PROYECTOS DE DESARROLLO BENEFICIOSOS PARA EL DISTRITO.</p> <p>SECCIÓN 1: La Elección se llevará a cabo el día 8 del 20 de noviembre 22 la Ciudad, que es una fecha de elección uniforme de conformidad con la Sección 41.001, Texas Election Code, con el propósito de AUTORIZAR LA CREACIÓN DEL DISTRITO DE DESARROLLO MUNICIPAL DE PATTISON Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO SOBRE LAS VENTAS Y EL USO A LA TASA DE LA MITAD DEL UNO POR CIENTO CON EL PROPÓSITO DE FINANCIAR PROYECTOS DE DESARROLLO BENEFICIOSOS PARA EL DISTRITO.</p> <p>SECCIÓN 2: Los lugares de votación para losprecintos 106, 315 y 416 que se enumeran a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., el 8 de noviembre de 2022, a las siguientes 17:00 a.m., a las 7:00 p.m., el 8 de noviembre de 2022, a:</p> <p>VÉASE EL ANEXO "B" ADJUNTO</p> <p>SECCIÓN 3: EL PRINCIPAL LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA POR COMPARECENCIA PERSONAL SE REALIZARÁ TODOS LOS DÍAS LABORABLES A LAS HORAS Y HORAS DE:</p> <p>VÉASE EL ANEXO "A" ADJUNTO</p> <p>SECCIÓN 4: Las solicitudes de boleta por correo pueden enviarse por correo al secretario de votación anticipada a la siguiente dirección:</p> <p>Elecciones del Condado de Waller 816 Wilkins Hempstead, TX 77445 979-826-7643 c.eason@wallercounty.us vote@wallercounty.us</p> <p>La solicitud de boletas por correo debe recibirse a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. del viernes 28 de octubre de 2022.</p> <p>Emitido este 14 día de octubre de 2022.</p> <p> Alcalde Joe Garcia</p> |
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EXHIBIT "A"

EXHIBIT "B"

NOVEMBER 8, 2022
JOINT GENERAL/SPECIAL ELECTION
EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

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| PERMANENT LOCATIONS | Monday | OCT 24 | 8 AM – 5 PM |
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| Waller County R&B Annex – 775 Bus 290, Hempstead, Tx (Main) | Tuesday | OCT 25 | 8 AM – 5 PM |
| Waller Civic Center, 3007 Waller St., Waller, Tx | Wednesday | OCT 26 | 8 AM – 5 PM |
| Waller Co. Community Center, 21274 FM 1098, Prairie View, Tx | Thursday | OCT 27 | 8 AM – 5 PM |
| Brookshire Convention Center, 4027 5th St, Brookshire, Tx | Friday | OCT 28 | 8 AM – 5 PM |
| | Saturday | OCT 29 | 7 AM – 7 PM |
| | Sunday | OCT 30 | 10 AM – 4 PM |
| | Monday | OCT 31 | 7 AM – 7 PM |
| | Tuesday | NOV 1 | 7 AM – 7 PM |
| | Wednesday | NOV 2 | 7 AM – 7 PM |
| | Thursday | NOV 3 | 7 AM – 7 PM |
| | Friday | NOV 4 | 7 AM – 7 PM |

** EXTENDED HOURS HIGHLIGHTED IN RED **

| 2022 WALLER COUNTY ELECTION DAY LOCATIONS | |
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| VOTING PRECINCT | POLLING LOCATION |
| 101 | St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 811 14th St., Hempstead, Tx |
| 102 | Waller Co. Annex (Road and Bridge), 775 Bus. 290 Hempstead, Tx |
| 103 | Waller Co. Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Tx |
| 104 | Waller Co. Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, Hempstead, Tx |
| 105 | Rolling Hills Vol. Fire Dept., 31601 FM 1736, Hempstead, Tx |
| 106 | Mt Zion Church, 40998 Mt Zion Rd., Brookshire, Tx |
| 207 | Champion Cowboy Church, 27633 FM 1488, Hockley, Tx |
| 208 | Waller ISD Administration Building, 2214 Waller St., Waller, Tx |
| 209 | Field Store Co. Bldg. (JP2), 27388 Field Store Rd., Waller, Tx |
| 210 | Waller ISD Administration Building, 2214 Waller St., Waller, Tx |
| 311 | Memorial Student Center, PVAMU, Student Lounge, Prairie View, Tx |
| 312 | Prairie View City Hall, 44500 Bus. Hwy. 290 East, Prairie View, Tx |
| 313 | Monaville Fire Dept., 13631 Cochran Rd., Waller, Tx |
| 314 | Adam's Flat Building, 36249 FM 529, Brookshire, Tx |
| 315 | Adam's Flat Building, 36249 FM 529, Brookshire, Tx |
| 416 | Pattison Vol. Fire Dept., 2950 FM 359, Pattison, Tx |
| 417 | JP 4 County Bldg., 32225 U.S. Highway 90 Business Brookshire, Tx |
| 418 | JP 4 County Bldg., 32225 U.S. Highway 90 Business Brookshire, Tx |
| 419 | Brookshire Convention Ctr., 4027 5th St., Brookshire, Tx |
| 420 | Katy VFW, 6206 George Bush Dr., Katy, Tx |

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KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDER FOR VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Texas Education Agency has informed the Katy Independent School District ("District") that the District's maximum compressed tax rate for maintenance and operations ("M&O") for the 2022 tax year will be lowered by 4.69 cents, from 96.17 cents for the 2021 tax year to 91.48 cents for the 2022 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the District's tax rate for interest and sinking fund (I&S") to pay interest and principal on debt approved by the District's voters will remain the same for the 2022 tax year as it was in the 2021 tax year, at 39 cents; and

WHEREAS, the District's total tax rate has been reduced from \$1.5166 for the 2018 tax year, to \$1.3517 for the 2021 tax year, a reduction of 16.49 cents; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Trustees has determined that it is necessary to maintain the same M&O tax rate, I&S tax rate, and total tax rate for the 2022 tax year as was in effect for the 2021 tax year, in order to fund the District's budget for the 2022-2023 school year that meets the educational needs of the District's students and that allows the District to remain competitive in terms of salaries and benefits for teachers and other District employees; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Board that was properly noticed in accordance with law on August 22, 2022, the Board approved a M&O tax rate of 96.17 cents, an I&S tax rate of 39 cents, and a total tax rate of \$1.3517 for the 2022 tax year, which are the same M&O, I&S, and total tax rates as were in effect for the 2021 tax year; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Section 26.08 of the Texas Tax Code, the Board calls and orders a special, voter-approval tax rate election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022, for the purpose of determining whether to approve the tax rate adopted by the Board for the District.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT THAT:

A voter-approval tax rate election shall be held on November 8, 2022, at the polling places designated herein, between 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of voting for or against the following proposition:

"Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.3517 in the Katy Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 8.19% in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$.0469."

This election shall be administered by, and held jointly with, Fort Bend County, Harris County, and Waller County. All election judges, alternative judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, central counting station officials, and other personnel designated by Fort Bend County, Harris County and Waller County to conduct the elections in the precincts covered by the Order are hereby appointed and confirmed.

On election day, a voter may vote at a location within the District that is designated as a voting location by Fort Bend County, Harris County, or Waller County (Exhibit A).

For early voting, a voter may vote at a location within the District that is designated as an early voting location and at the personal appearance times and dates by Fort Bend County, Harris County, or Waller County (Exhibit B).

Applications for ballots by mail ("ABBM") should be mailed to be received no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) October 28, 2022. Applications should be mailed to:

FORT BEND COUNTY
Election Administrator's Office
4520 Reading Road, Suite A-400
Rosenberg, Texas 77471
281-341-8670
voter@fortbendcountytexas.gov

HARRIS COUNTY
Election Administrator's Office
1001 Preston
Houston, Texas 77002
713-755-6965
voters@harrisvotes.com

WALLER COUNTY
Election Administrator's Office
816 Wilkins Street
Hempstead, Texas 77445
979-826-7643
voter@wallercounty.us

An application must be received by the Clerk for Early Voting by 5:00 o'clock p.m. on October 28, 2022. Additionally, if any application for ballot by mail (ABBM) is faxed or mailed, or if a federal postcard application (FPCA) is faxed, then the applicant must submit the original application to the Early Voting Clerk by mail so that the Clerk receives the original not later than the fourth (4th) business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If the Early Voting Clerk does not receive the original ABBM or FPCA by this deadline, then the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA is incomplete, and the Clerk cannot send the applicant a ballot.

Pursuant to Section 63.0013 of the Texas Election Code, an election officer may give voting order priority to individuals with a mobility problem that substantially impairs the person's ability to move around. A person assisting an individual with a mobility problem may also, at the individual's request, be given voting priority. Disabilities and conditions that may qualify for voting order priority include paralysis, lung disease, the use of portable oxygen, cardiac deficiency, severe limitation in the ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition, wheelchair confinement, arthritis, foot disorder, the inability to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest, or use of a brace, cane, crutch, or other assistive device.

The Board of Trustees shall canvass the returns and declare the results not earlier than the later of the following: (1) the third day (3rd) day after the election (November 11, 2022); (2) the date on which the early voting ballot board has verified and counted all provisional ballots, if a provisional ballot has been cast in the election; or (3) the date on which all timely received ballots cast from addresses outside the United States are counted, if a ballot to be voted by mail in the election was provided to a person outside the United States. The Board of Trustees shall canvass the returns and declare the results not later than the fourteenth (14th) day after the election-day (November 22, 2022).

The President of the Board of Trustees, or his/her designee, shall cause to be posted a Notice of Election, stating in substance the content of this Order, the time and place of such election, the places where the polls shall be open, and all other matters which are required by law to be stated in the Notice of Election. The Notice of Election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, the Texas Education Code, as amended, and any other applicable laws, state or federal. Such posting is to be done at least one time not more than thirty (30) days (October 9, 2022) or less than ten (10) (October 29, 2022) days before the day of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and posted not later than the 21st day (October 18, 2022) before the election and remain posted continuously through election day on the bulletin board used for notices of meetings of the Board of Education, and also on the District's website. The Notice of Election shall also be posted on the District's website. Additionally, the President of the Board of Trustees, or his/her designee, shall deliver notice of this election to the Fort Bend County, Harris County, and Waller County Clerks not later than the 60th day before the election (September 9, 2022). The President of the Board of Trustees, or his/her designee, may cause the publication of notice of this election in such other places as he/she deems necessary and advisable.

The President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to do any and all things legal and necessary in connection with the holding of the election and to give effect to the intent and purpose of this Order, including having all election materials (i.e., this Order, the notice of election, all early voting materials, and forms the voters may be requested to sign) printed in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese, or Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese translations thereof shall be made available in the circumstances permitted and the manner required by law.

Issued this 22nd day of August 2022.

/s/ Greg Schulte
Greg Schulte, President

/s/ Ashley Vann
Ashley Vann, Secretary

DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE KATY ORDEN PARA LA ELECCIÓN DE TASA DE IMPUESTO CON APROBACIÓN DE LOS VOTANTES

EN VISTA DE QUE la Agencia de Educación de Texas ha informado al Distrito Escolar Independiente de Katy ("Distrito") que la tasa de impuestos reducida y máxima del Distrito para mantenimiento y operaciones ("M&O") para el año fiscal 2022 bajará 4.69 centavos, de 96.17 centavos para el año fiscal 2021 a 91.48 centavos para el año fiscal 2022; y

EN VISTA DE QUE la tasa de impuestos del Distrito para intereses y fondo de amortización ("I&S") para pagar el interés y el capital sobre deuda aprobada por los votantes del Distrito seguirá igual para el año fiscal 2022 como fue en el año fiscal 2021, a 39 centavos; y

EN VISTA DE QUE la tasa de impuestos total del Distrito se redujo de \$1.5166 para el año fiscal 2018 a \$1.3517 para el año fiscal 2021, una reducción de 16.49 centavos; y

EN VISTA DE QUE la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito ha determinado que es necesario mantener la misma tasa de impuestos M&O, tasa de impuestos I&S y tasa de impuestos total para el año fiscal 2022 como estaba vigente para el año fiscal 2021, para poder financiar el presupuesto del Distrito para el ciclo escolar 2022-2023 de manera que cubra las necesidades educativas de los estudiantes del Distrito y permita al Distrito seguir siendo competitivo en materia de salarios y beneficios para los docentes y otros empleados del Distrito; y

EN VISTA DE QUE en una asamblea de la Junta que fue informada adecuadamente en conformidad con la ley del 22 de agosto de 2022, la Junta aprobó una tasa de impuestos M&O de 96.17 centavos, una tasa de impuestos I&S de 39 centavos y una tasa de impuestos total de \$1.3517 para el año fiscal 2022, tasas de impuestos M&O, I&S y total iguales a las vigentes para el año fiscal 2021; y

EN VISTA DE QUE, en cumplimiento de la Sección 26.08 del Código Tributario de Texas, la Junta convoca y ordena una elección especial de tasa de impuestos con aprobación de los votantes a celebrarse el 8 de noviembre de 2022, para el propósito de determinar si se aprueba o no la tasa de impuestos adoptada por la Junta del Distrito.

AHORA, POR TANTO, LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ORDENA QUE:

Se celebrará una elección de tasa de impuestos con aprobación de los votantes el 8 de noviembre de 2022, en los lugares de votación designados en la presente, en el horario de 7:00 en punto de la mañana a 7:00 en punto de la tarde, para el propósito de votar a favor o en contra de la siguiente proposición:

"Ratificar la tasa del impuesto ad valorem de \$1.3517 en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Katy para el corriente año, una tasa que producirá un aumento del 8.19% en ingresos del impuesto de mantenimiento y operaciones para el Distrito durante el corriente año en comparación con el año anterior, lo que significa \$.0469 adicional".

Esta elección será administrada y celebrada en forma conjunta por el Condado de Fort Bend, el Condado de Harris y el Condado de Waller. Por la presente, se designan y confirman todos los jueces de la elección, jueces alternos, funcionarios, miembros del consejo de boletas de votación anticipada, funcionarios de la estación central de conteo y demás personal designado por el Condado de Fort Bend, el Condado de Harris y el Condado de Waller para celebrar las elecciones en los precinctos que esta Orden abarca.

El día de la elección, un votante puede votar en un lugar dentro del Distrito que esté designado como lugar de votación por el Condado de Fort Bend, el Condado de Harris o el Condado de Waller (Anexo A).

Para la votación anticipada, un votante puede votar en un lugar dentro del Distrito que esté designado como lugar de votación anticipada y en los horarios y fechas de votación anticipada en persona por el Condado de Fort Bend, el Condado de Harris o el Condado de Waller (Anexo B).

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo ("ABBM") deberían enviadas por correo postal para ser recibidas antes del cierre del horario de atención (5:00 p.m.) del 28 de octubre de 2022. Las solicitudes deberían ser enviadas por correo a:

CONDADO DE FORT BEND
Election Administrator's Office
4520 Reading Road, Suite A-400
Rosenberg, Texas 77471
281-341-8670
voter@fortbendcountytexas.gov

CONDADO DE HARRIS
Election Administrator's Office
1001 Preston
Houston, Texas 77002
713-755-6965
voters@harrisvotes.com

CONDADO DE WALLER
Election Administrator's Office
816 Wilkins Street
Hempstead, Texas 77445
979-826-7643
voter@wallercounty.us

El Oficial de Votación Anticipada debe recibir la solicitud para las 5:00 p.m. en punto del 28 de octubre de 2022. Además, si alguna solicitud de boleta de votación por correo (ABBM) se envía por fax o correo, o si una solicitud de postal federal (FPCA) se envía por fax, en ese caso el solicitante debe enviar la solicitud original al Oficial de Votación Anticipada por correo postal para que el Oficial reciba el original a más tardar el cuarto (4.º) día laborable después de recibir la ABBM por correo electrónico o fax o FPCA por fax. Si el Oficial de Votación Anticipada no recibe la ABBM o FPCA original para esta fecha límite, en ese caso la ABBM enviada por correo electrónico o fax o la FPCA por fax está incompleta, y el Oficial no puede enviar al solicitante una boleta de votación.

En virtud de la Sección 63.0013 del Código Electoral de Texas, un funcionario electoral puede establecer un orden de prioridad para votar para personas con problemas de movilidad que dificultan considerablemente su habilidad para moverse. También se le podrá dar prioridad para votar a una persona que brinda asistencia a alguien con problemas de movilidad, si la persona lo solicita. Las discapacidades y condiciones que pueden cumplir con los requisitos para recibir un orden de prioridad para votar incluyen parálisis, enfermedad pulmonar, uso de oxígeno portátil, deficiencia cardíaca, limitación grave para caminar debido a artritis, una condición neurológica u ortopédica, uso de silla de ruedas, artritis, trastornos del pie, incapacidad de caminar 200 pies sin parar para descansar, uso de aparato corrector o de soporte, bastón, muletas o algún otro dispositivo auxiliar.

La Junta de Síndicos hará el escrutinio de los resultados y declarará los resultados no antes de lo que suceda después entre las siguientes opciones: (1) el tercer (3.º) día después de la elección (11 de noviembre de 2022); (2) la fecha en la que el consejo de boletas de votación anticipada haya verificado y contado todas las boletas provisionales, si se han emitido votos con boletas provisionales en la elección; o (3) la fecha en la que todas las boletas recibidas oportunamente con votos emitidos de direcciones fuera de Estados Unidos sean contadas, si una boleta para votar por correo postal fue provista en la elección a una persona fuera de Estados Unidos. La Junta de Síndicos hará el escrutinio de los resultados y declarará los resultados no después del décimo cuarto (14.º) día después del día de elección (22 de noviembre de 2022).

El o la presidente de la Junta de Síndicos, o su representante designado, hará que se coloque un Aviso de Elección, que indique básicamente el contenido de esta Orden, el horario y el lugar de dicha elección, los lugares donde abrirán las casillas de votación y todos los demás asuntos que la ley exige sean indicados en el Aviso de Elección. El Aviso de Elección será preparado en conformidad con las disposiciones del Código Electoral de Texas y sus enmiendas, el Código de Educación de Texas y sus enmiendas, y cualquier otra ley aplicable, estatal o federal. Dicha colocación debe realizarse por lo menos una vez no más de treinta (30) días (9 de octubre de 2022) antes ni menos de diez (10) días (29 de octubre de 2022) antes del día de la elección en un periódico de circulación general en el Distrito y no más tarde del vigésimo primer día (18 de octubre de 2022) antes de la elección y el aviso deberá permanecer colocado ininterrumpidamente hasta el día de elección inclusive en el tablero de anuncios utilizado para para los avisos de las asambleas de la Junta de Educación y también en el sitio web del Distrito. El Aviso de Elección también será colocado en el sitio web del Distrito. Además, el o la presidente de la Junta de Síndicos, o su representante designado, entregará el aviso de esta elección a los secretarios del Condado de Fort Bend, del Condado de Harris y del Condado de Waller a más tardar el 60.º día antes de la elección (9 de septiembre de 2022). El o la presidente de la Junta de

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Síndicos, o su representante designado, pueden hacer que se publique el aviso de esta elección en ciertos otros lugares que considere necesario y aconsejable.

Por la presente, se autoriza e instruye al Presidente y a la Secretaria de la Junta de Síndicos, en nombre de la Junta de Síndicos, a atender todos y cada uno de los aspectos legales y necesarios en conexión con la celebración de la elección y a dar curso a la intención y el propósito de esta Orden, incluso tener todos los materiales electorales (es decir, esta Orden, el aviso de elección, todos los materiales de votación anticipada y formas que los votantes puedan tener que firmar) impresos en inglés, español, chino y vietnamita o traducciones al español, chino y vietnamita de los mismos se pondrán a disposición en las circunstancias permitidas y la manera requerida por ley.

Emitido a los 22 días del mes de agosto de 2022.

/firma/ Greg Schulte
Greg Schulte, Presidente

/firma/ Ashley Vann
Ashley Vann, Secretaria

不得晚於選舉前第 60 天（2022 年 9 月 9 日）。理事會主席或其指定人士可安排將本選舉通知發布在其認為必要且適宜的其他場所。

現授權並指示理事會主席及秘書長代表理事會，開展與舉行上述選舉有關的一切合法及必要的行動，並貫徹本命令的意圖及目的，包括以英文、西班牙文、中文和越南文打印所有選舉資料（即本命令、選舉通知、所有提前投票資料和可能要求選民簽字的表格）；應在情況允許和根據法律要求的方式下提供西班牙文、中文和越南文翻譯。

發布日期：2022 年 8 月 22 日。

/簽名/ Greg Schulte
Greg Schulte, 主席

/簽名/ Ashley Vann
Ashley Vann, 秘書長

Katy 獨立學區 選民准許稅率選舉命令

鑑於，Texas 州教育局已通知 Katy 獨立學區（下稱「本區」），本區 2022 納稅年度的維護和運營（下稱「M&O」）最高壓縮稅率將從 2021 納稅年度的 96.17 美分下調 4.69 美分，即 2022 納稅年度稅率為 91.48 美分；以及

鑑於，本區利息和償債基金（下稱「I&S」）（用於償付本區選民批准之債務的利息和本金）的 2022 納稅年度稅率將與 2021 納稅年度相同，即 39 美分；以及

鑑於，本區總稅率已從 2018 納稅年度的 1.5166 美元降至 2021 納稅年度的 1.3517 美元，降幅為 16.49 美分；以及

鑑於，本區理事會已確定有必要在 2022 納稅年度保持與 2021 納稅年度相同的 M&O 稅率、I&S 稅率及總稅率，以便為本區 2022-2023 學年預算提供資金支持，藉此滿足本區學生教育需求，並使本區在教職員工的薪酬和福利方面保持競爭力；以及

鑑於，在 2022 年 8 月 22 日依法給予適當通知的理事會會議上，理事會批准了 2022 納稅年度的 M&O 稅率（96.17 美分）、I&S 稅率（39 美分）以及總稅率（1.3517 美元），這些稅率與 2021 納稅年度的實際 M&O 稅率、I&S 稅率及總稅率相同；以及

鑑於，依照 Texas 州稅法第 26.08 節的規定，理事會選下令於 2022 年 11 月 8 日舉行一項選民准許稅率特別選舉，以確定是否批准由本區理事會採納的稅率。

故此，本區理事會現命令如下：

另外還應於 2022 年 11 月 8 日上午 7:00 至晚上 7:00，在由本命令指定的投票所舉行一項選民准許稅率選舉，籍此對以下提案作出贊同或反對表決：

「批准本年度在 Katy 獨立學區徵收 1.3517 美元的從價稅率，該稅率將導致本區本年度的維護與運營稅收入比上一年增加 8.19%，即提高了 0.0469 美元。」

上述選舉應由 Fort Bend 縣、Harris 縣及 Waller 縣負責管理並與之聯合舉行。特此任命並確認所有選舉法官、候補法官、書記官、提前投票選票委員會成員、中央計票站官員，以及由 Fort Bend 縣、Harris 縣及 Waller 縣指定在本命令所涵蓋的投票區內舉行選舉的其他人員。

選民可於選舉日前往本區範圍內被 Fort Bend 縣、Harris 縣及 Waller 縣指定為投票地點的地方投票（附件 A）。

如需提前投票，選民可於親自出席提前投票的時間和日期（附件 B），前往本區範圍內被 Fort Bend 縣、Harris 縣及 Waller 縣指定為投票地點的地方投票。

郵遞選票申請（下稱「ABBM」）應在 2022 年 10 月 28 日辦公結束（下午 5:00）前寄達。申請應郵寄至：

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申請表必須在 2022 年 10 月 28 日下午 5:00 前由提前投票書記官收妥。此外，若通過傳真或電子郵件發送了郵遞選票申請 (ABBM)，或通過傳真發送了聯邦明信片申請表 (FPCA)，申請人須以郵寄方式將申請表原件呈交至提前投票書記官，書記官收到申請表原件的時間不應晚於收到電郵或傳真寄出的 ABBM 或傳真寄出的 FPCA 後的四 (4) 個工作日。如果提前投票書記官未在此截止期限前收到 ABBM 或 FPCA 原件，則電郵或傳真寄出的 ABBM 或傳真寄出的 FPCA 將視為不完整，書記官將無法向申請人寄發選票。

依照 Texas 州選舉法第 63.0013 節，個人如有嚴重影響其移動能力的行動不便問題，選舉官員可給予投票次序優先權。對於為行動不便者提供協助的人士，在個人要求下，也可給予投票優先權。可能讓您有資格獲得投票次序優先權的殘疾和疾病包括：癱瘓，肺部疾病，使用便攜式氧氣，心臟缺陷，因關節炎、神經系統疾病或骨科疾病而導致行走能力嚴重受限，須坐輪椅，關節炎，足部疾病，在不休息的狀態下無法行走 200 英尺，或使用支具、拐杖、腋杖或其他輔助器具。

理事會應在以下日期前（以較遲者為準）審核選票報告並宣布選舉結果：(1) 選舉日後第三 (3) 天（2022 年 11 月 11 日）；(2) 提前投票選票委員會已確認並計算所有臨時選票的日期——若選舉中投下臨時選票；或 (3) 從美國以外的地址及時收到的所有選票被計算的日期——若選舉中應以郵寄方式投票的選票被提供給了美國境外的人士。理事會應在選舉日後第十四 (14) 天（2022 年 11 月 22 日）前審核選票報告並宣布選舉結果。

理事會主席或其指定人士應安排張貼選舉通知，大體陳述本命令的內容、上述選舉的時間和地點、開放投票的場所，以及依法須在選舉通知中說明的所有其他事項。選舉通知的編製應符合 Texas 州選舉法（修訂版）、Texas 州教育法以及任何其他適用的州或聯邦法律的規定。上述通知應在本區廣泛發行的報紙上刊登至少一次，刊登時間不早於上述選舉之日前的三十 (30) 日（2022 年 10 月 9 日），不晚於上述選舉之日前的十 (10) 日（2022 年 10 月 29 日）；並且上述通知應張貼於本區用於張貼教育委員會會議通知的公告欄上及本區網站上，張貼時間不晚於選舉之日前的第 21 日（2022 年 10 月 18 日），且始終張貼於上述公告欄直至選舉日。選舉通知亦應發布在本區網站上。此外，理事會主席或其指定人士應向 Fort Bend 縣、Harris 縣及 Waller 縣行政書記官提供上述選舉的通知，且通知時間

KHU HỌC CHÍNH ĐỘC LẬP KATY LỆNH YÊU CẦU TỔ CHỨC CUỘC BẦU CỬ MỨC THUẾ DO CỬ TRI PHÊ DUYỆT

XÉT THẤY RẰNG, Cơ Quan Giáo Dục Texas đã thông báo cho Khu Học Chánh Độc Lập Katy ("Học Khu") rằng mức thuế suất tổng hợp tối đa của Học Khu cho bảo trì và điều hành hoạt động ("M&O") cho năm thuế 2022 sẽ giảm thêm 4.69 xu, từ 96.17 xu cho năm thuế 2021 xuống còn 91.48 xu cho năm thuế 2022; và

XÉT THẤY RẰNG, mức thuế suất của Học Khu cho quỹ lãi suất và dự phòng ("I&S") để trả tiền lãi suất và vốn cho khoản nợ đã được các cử tri của Học Khu phê chuẩn sẽ vẫn giữ nguyên cho năm thuế 2022 như trong năm thuế 2021, ở mức 39 xu; và

XÉT THẤY RẰNG, tổng mức thuế suất của Học Khu đã giảm từ \$1.5166 cho năm thuế 2018 xuống còn \$1.3517 cho năm thuế 2021, tương đương mức giảm 16.49 xu; và

XÉT THẤY RẰNG, Hội Đồng Quản Trị của Học Khu nhận định rằng cần phải duy trì mức thuế suất M&O, mức thuế suất I&S, và tổng mức thuế suất như cũ cho năm thuế 2022 như áp dụng cho năm thuế 2021, để cấp quỹ cho ngân sách của Học Khu cho năm học 2022-2023 để đáp ứng nhu cầu học tập của các học sinh trong Học Khu và cho phép Học Khu duy trì vị thế cạnh tranh về lương bổng và quyền lợi cho các giáo viên và các nhân viên khác của Học Khu; và

XÉT THẤY RẰNG, tại một cuộc họp của Hội Đồng Quản Trị, là cuộc họp đã được thông báo họp thứ theo luật vào ngày 22 tháng Tám, 2022, Hội Đồng Quản Trị đã phê chuẩn mức thuế suất M&O là 96.17 xu, mức thuế suất I&S là 39 xu, và tổng mức thuế suất là \$1.3517 cho năm thuế 2022, tương đương với mức thuế suất M&O, I&S, và tổng mức thuế suất áp dụng cho năm thuế 2021; và

XÉT THẤY RẰNG, chiếu theo Mục 26.08 của Bộ Luật Thuế Vụ Texas, Hội Đồng Quản Trị yêu cầu và ra lệnh tổ chức một cuộc bầu cử thuế suất do cử tri phê chuẩn đặc biệt vào ngày 8 tháng Mười một, 2022, để xác định có phê chuẩn mức thuế suất mà Hội Đồng Quản Trị của Học Khu đã thông qua hay không.

VÌ VẬY, HỘI ĐỒNG QUẢN TRỊ CỦA HỌC KHU RA LỆNH NHƯ SAU:

Một cuộc bầu cử về mức thuế suất do cử tri phê chuẩn sẽ diễn ra vào ngày 8 tháng Mười một, 2022, tại các địa điểm phòng phiếu quy định trong tài liệu này, từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối, để bỏ phiếu thuận hoặc chống kế hoạch đề nghị sau đây:

Phê chuẩn khoản thuế giá trị tài sản là \$1.3517 trong Khu Học Chánh Độc Lập Katy cho năm hiện tại, mức thuế này sẽ dẫn đến tăng 8.19% phần trăm doanh thu thuế hoạt động và bảo trì cho Học Khu cho năm hiện tại so với năm trước, có nghĩa là thêm \$.0469."

Cuộc bầu cử này sẽ được điều hành và đồng tổ chức bởi các Quận Fort Bend, Quận Harris, và Quận Waller. Tất cả các trưởng ban bầu cử, trưởng ban dự khuyết, thư ký, thành viên của ban bỏ phiếu sớm, viên chức của trạm kiểm phiếu trung tâm, và các nhân sự khác do Quận Fort Bend, Quận Harris, và Quận Waller chỉ định nhằm tiến hành các cuộc bầu cử này trong các phân khu bầu cử được nêu lên trong Lệnh này theo đây được bổ nhiệm và xác nhận.

Vào ngày bầu cử, cử tri có thể bỏ phiếu tại một địa điểm nằm trong Học Khu mà Quận Fort Bend, Quận Harris, hoặc Quận Waller ấn định là địa điểm bỏ phiếu (Phụ Lục A).

Để bỏ phiếu sớm, cử tri có thể bỏ phiếu tại một địa điểm nằm trong Học Khu mà Quận Fort Bend, Quận Harris, hoặc Quận Waller ấn định là địa điểm bỏ phiếu sớm và vào ngày giờ đích thân tới bỏ phiếu sớm (Phụ Lục B).

Các đơn xin lá phiếu bầu bằng thư ("ABBM") vui lòng gửi qua thư bưu điện và phải nhận được trễ nhất là cuối giờ làm việc (5 giờ chiều) Ngày 28 tháng Mười, 2022 Đơn xin vui lòng gửi qua thư bưu điện tới cho:

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Đơn phải đến tay Thư Ký phụ trách Bỏ Phiếu Sớm trễ nhất là 5 giờ chiều ngày 28 tháng Mười, 2022. Ngoài ra, nếu đơn xin lá phiếu qua bưu điện (ABBM) được fax hoặc gửi qua bưu điện, hoặc nếu một đơn xin bưu chính liên bang (FPCA) được fax, thì đương đơn phải nộp mẫu đơn ban đầu cho Thư Ký Bỏ Phiếu Sớm bằng thư để Thư Ký nhận được bản gốc không muộn hơn ngày làm việc thứ tư (4th) sau khi nhận được bản ABBM hoặc fax được gửi qua email hoặc fax. Nếu Thư Ký phụ trách Bỏ Phiếu Sớm không nhận được bản gốc của ABBM hoặc FPCA trước thời hạn chốt này, thì ABBM qua email hoặc fax, hoặc bản FPCA được fax đến được tính là không đầy đủ, và Thư Ký không thể gửi lá phiếu cho đương đơn.

Theo qui định của Mục 63.0013 của Bộ Luật Bầu Cử Texas, một viên chức bầu cử có thể ưu tiên thứ tự bỏ phiếu cho các cá nhân có vấn đề về vận động làm hạn chế đáng kể khả năng tự thân di chuyển của người đó. Người đi theo giúp đỡ cá nhân có vấn đề về vận động, theo yêu cầu của cá nhân đó, cũng có thể được ưu tiên thứ tự bỏ phiếu. Những khuyết tật và các điều kiện cho phép nhận được sự ưu tiên thứ tự bỏ phiếu bao gồm bại liệt, bệnh phổi, sử dụng bình oxy di động, thiếu máu tim, giới hạn nghiêm trọng về khả năng đi bộ do tình trạng viêm khớp, thần kinh, hoặc điều kiện chỉnh hình, ngón xe lăn, viêm khớp, chân khuyết tật, không có khả năng đi bộ 200 feet mà không dừng lại để nghỉ ngơi, hoặc sử dụng nẹp, gậy, nạng, hoặc các thiết bị hỗ trợ khác.

Ban Quản Trị Học Khu sẽ kiểm phiếu và công bố kết quả sớm nhất là vào ngày sau cùng của các ngày sau: (1) ngày thứ ba (3) sau ngày bầu cử (11 tháng Mười một, 2022); (2) ngày mà ủy ban phụ trách bỏ phiếu sớm xác thực và đếm tất cả phiếu bầu có điều kiện, nếu phiếu bầu có điều kiện được bầu trong cuộc bầu cử; hoặc (3) ngày mà tất cả các lá phiếu bầu được gửi từ bên ngoài Hoa Kỳ được nhận và đếm kịp thời, nếu có cung cấp lá phiếu bầu qua thư trong cuộc bầu cử cho một người ở bên ngoài Hoa Kỳ. Hội Đồng Quản Trị sẽ kiểm phiếu và công bố kết quả trễ nhất là vào ngày thứ mười bốn (14) sau ngày bầu cử (22 tháng Mười Một, 2022).



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NOVEMBER 8, 2022 (November 8, 2022)

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Rutherford named Ford Tough Player of the Week

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Gavin Rutherford has surpassed anyone's expectations in his senior season.

The Cinco Ranch quarterback, who entered the season already holding virtually every school passing record, has continued to improve and find ways to help the Cougars win, week in and week out.

Rutherford's efforts have earned him praise this season, and none was higher than the honor he earned for his performance against Jordan in week seven, as Rutherford was named the Class 6A Ford Tough Player of the Week for his efforts in leading the Cougars to a 53-41 win.

"I was really appreciative to get the award, and when I learned I had won it I truly was kind of in shock," Rutherford said. "But I really look at this as a team award. You have to have an offensive line that's doing its job, you have to have receivers that are catching the ball and making plays, running backs doing their job and the defense has to be getting the ball back for you. It was really a team award in my eyes for a whole group effort."

Rutherford had one of his best games of the season in the win and Cinco Ranch needed it, as he completed 16 of 22 passes for 448 yards and four touchdowns while also rushing for 57 yards and another score. And the win was an important one for Cinco as it moved the Cougars into second in the district standings.

"We just went out there and did our job and when we executed well — we can have days like that consistently," Rutherford said. "We went out there knowing that it was going to be a big game. We knew they were making some noise coming into 6A and we just wanted to prove ourselves too. But we just went out and execute, they had some athletes but we were able to have a really good day."

While Rutherford was quick to defer praise to his teammates, Cinco Ranch Coach Chris Dudley knows how integral the signal caller has been for the team and he praised his quarterback and what he has done for the team.

"It's a prestigious thing — you look at 6A in Texas and all of the schools that are out there and the great players, it's a huge accomplishment to be named the best player of the bunch in any given week," Dudley said. "That was his third 400 yard passing game this year and it's just great that people are noticing his talent, because he doesn't seek it, but when those honors come in it makes him proud, it makes the coaches and team proud and it makes our school proud."



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Above: Cinco Ranch's Gavin Rutherford takes a snap during a game between Cinco Ranch and Tompkins at Rhodes Stadium. Right: Cinco Ranch's Gavin Rutherford carries the ball picking up a first down for the Cougars in their UIL area playoff game against Memorial last season.

Rutherford already owns the Katy ISD career records for passing yards, completions and touchdown passes, but for Dudley and company the best part about Rutherford is his ability to lead and how he continues to get better. And the coaching staff can't wait to see how far Rutherford can lead them the rest of the way.

"Our kids just gravitate toward him," Dudley said. "He really is the perfect example of buying into the culture that we came in and set four years ago. We always say 'I am because we are,' and it's all about understanding that your individual success is largely dependent on the others around you. He understands that and he's selfless and that's such a rare thing. He's just so grounded and he really is the alpha and the leader for us."



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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to **Katy West Municipal Utility District**, will be received at the office of Quiddity Engineering, LLC, 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, Texas 77449, until 10:30 a.m. Local Time, Thursday, October 27, 2022, and then publicly opened and read for "Katy Court Lift Station No. 1 for Katy West Municipal Utility District, Harris County, Texas." In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. Details for the Microsoft Teams information will be provided to all plan holders on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 via Civicast. It will be each bidder's responsibility to ensure they receive the Microsoft Teams details prior to the bid opening.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Construction of Katy Court Lift Station No. 1

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Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivicastUSA.com: search Katy Court Lift Station No. 1/05257-0057-00. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

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much time he and his father, Paetow interim head coach David Hicks Sr., had put in to this to make sure that moment happened.

"It's been a lot of work and a lot of dedication," Hicks said. "Me and my dad, we would get up early every morning at 6 a.m. to work out and get me ready, even during two-a-days, and he's meant a lot to all of this. A lot of my passion or the sport came from him and I've learned so much from him. All the workouts, the practices and everything to get here — it's made it worth it to have this experience."

The game will be held 2 p.m. Jan. 2 in Orlando Florida at Camping World Stadium, and Hicks cannot wait to enjoy and experience the game. Hicks is the first player from Paetow to be named an Under Armour All-American.

"I just want to go out there and have fun and enjoy the whole thing when I get there," Hicks said. "I definitely want to show what I can do and showcase my talent, but the most important for me out there is to have a good time and have fun with the whole thing."

But right now, Hicks' focus is on Paetow, the Panthers are right in the middle of the playoff hunt, with everything to play for in the next few weeks, and Hicks and the rest of the team want to make the rest of the season memorable.

"I'm looking forward to getting back to football and showing what we can do," Hicks said. "We still have a lot to prove, but we have a really good team and we have a chance to do something special here. I just want to let the whole world know what Paetow can do."



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DJ Hicks is presented with his Under Armour All-American jersey as David Hicks Sr. looks on during Friday' pep rally at the Paetow gym.

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