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Making some changes

Battlehops Brewing innovates to keep playing games

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Battlehops Brewing on the west side of Katy is changing the way it does business in order to keep customers playing games. Under current executive orders from Tex. Governor Greg Abbott, the brewpub would ordinarily not be able to be open because it makes 51% or more of its revenue from alcohol sales – or at least it did.

To comply with the order, owners JD Merritt and his wife Jessica Merritt have essentially turned the brewpub into a board game shop and snack bar that just happens to sell beer to go, they said. Jumping through the hoops of the orders and trying to stay open has been stressful, Jessica said.

"It's been so stressful. We just celebrated our first anniversary (for the business) during the last three months," Jessica said. "The first year of any business is going to be crazy, but this has just compounded it."

To help game players minimize the number of places they visit during an outing to play games, the Merritts have added more food items to their menu, JD said.

"Our aim is to make sure we can keep people here so they don't have to leave just to go eat," Jessica said.

The expanded menu includes hot dogs, burgers, chips and popcorn and an expanded nonalcoholic drink menu, she said. Over the next few weeks, Battlehops will also be adding soft drinks, and will continue to serve their own root beer which is brewed in-house.

The business has also looked at ways they could help the community, Jessica said. Board games often involve math and history, so the game room is offering what they've dubbed "Battlehops Gameschool." This event is a game session where

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Former Katy Mayor passes

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Former city of Katy Mayor John Morrison passed away Wednesday, Aug. 7. John had served on the council from 1978-79 and became mayor in 1979, serving in that position until 1983 according to a city of Katy Facebook announcement. He was born May 10, 1925 and was 95 years old when he died peacefully in his home near Chireno, Tex.

"He was an essential part of building the foundation upon which this city stands and he will always hold a historic place in the Katy community," the city's announcement on Facebook said.

John served as part of the original charter commission and was involved in Katy obtaining its home rule charter in 1981, bringing him the nickname of "Charter Mayor."

Morrison is preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Bobbie Morrison.

While many Katy residents may remember him for his service to the city, his wife Emily Morrison remembers him as her husband who loved music and traveling.

The pair had met when their paths crossed in New Mexico as she was visiting a friend and he was at a Rotary International event.



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John Morrison and his wife, Emily Morrison, pose for a photo. Morrison passed peacefully at home Aug. 7. Morrison was 95 years old.

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Paetow High School Principal Mindy Dickerson (left) and Katy ISD Emergency Management Coordinator Ruben Martinez (right) pose with tables showcasing some of the supplies the district has procured to protect students, teachers and staff from the novel coronavirus as a return to classrooms approaches. R. HANS MILLER

Katy ISD prepares for return

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

While students entering classrooms is still weeks away at the earliest due to the decision to use distance learning through Sept. 8, Katy ISD is preparing to provide a safe environment for students attending classes in person through extensive purchasing of personal protective equipment – also known as PPE.

"We were already buying that type of material," said KISD Emergency Management Coordinator Ruben Martinez. "We just upped our game."

School is set to begin Aug. 19 and teachers returned to campuses Aug. 7 to prepare their classrooms for students to return. The prep time includes training on keeping students compliant with the district's safety protocols put in place to protect campuses from COVID-19 outbreaks, Paetow High School Principal Mindy Dickerson said.

About half of Katy ISD's roughly 82,000 students will

return to campuses in September while the other 50% or so attend the Katy Virtual Academy, KISD staff said.

The district began ordering PPE in the during the spring semester shutdown, Martinez said, but with classes approaching they've also continued stockpiling supplies needed to keep everyone on campus safe, he said.

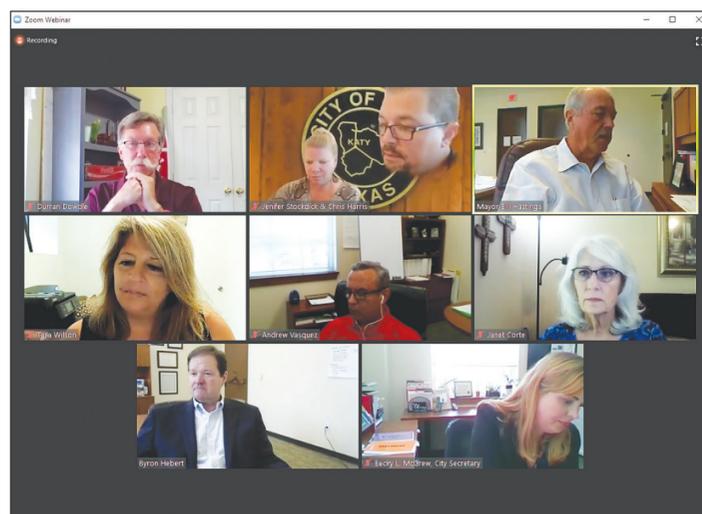
Since then, the district – which had already purchased PPE for nurses and the athletics departments, as well as for the Miller Career Center which has an EMS training program – tapped into its suppliers to get the needed PPE. In addition, the Texas Education Agency stepped in and helped to distribute protective gear to school districts across Texas, which was helpful, Martinez said.

Supply lines for PPE are strained, Martinez said, but through partnering with the TEA and the district's suppliers, Martinez said he is confident the district has what it needs to get started for the first month and a half.

"And now the state is saying there's going to be a second

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Katy approves election, tax rate process



Katy City Council met via Zoom video conference Aug. 10 at 4 p.m. The regular meeting time of 6:30 p.m. was pushed up at Mayor Bill Hasting's request.

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy City Council voted to approve a Nov. 3 election at the governing body's Aug. 10 meeting which was held at 4 p.m. via virtual conferencing. Council members also approved a new process to calculate the city's tax rate and for city staff to move forward in seeking funding for coronavirus relief.

The Nov. 3 election will replace the election that was supposed to have taken place in May but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The At Large, Ward A and Ward B seats are set to appear on the ballot, though the At Large position was effectively won by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris already as no challengers stepped forward to take his seat.

In contrast to Harris' uncontested run, Ward B has four candidates vying for a seat at the dais. Incumbent Durran Dowdle will face Sam Person, Steve Pierson and Rory Robertson in a four-way election for the Ward B seat. Diane Walker and Dharminder Dargan are running against incumbent Janet Corte for the Ward A seat.

Property taxes and finances

The council acted to adopt a new method for calculating

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Arc of Katy celebrates 30 years of support

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

The Arc of Katy held a celebration Aug. 3 recognizing 30 years in operation supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The celebration included a socially distanced parking lot parade that was streamed on Facebook Live for those who couldn't attend to enjoy.

"We are so thankful for all the support for our hugely successful 30th Anniversary celebration," said Fred Shafer, president of The Arc of Katy. "During these times, when it's easy to get down, the caring Katy community and our participants' families really showed how to adapt and rally together to help us celebrate this milestone."

The parade featured 36 vehicles, some of which were decorated to celebrate the milestone the non-profit organization had reached. The city of Katy provided a pair of motorcycles to lead the parade as well as a police car and fire truck. In addition, custom cars were fea-

tured such as a 2014 Lotus Evora S and a 2016 Polaris Slingshot.

Cookies from Ooh La La Dessert Boutique and gift cards from Chick Fil-A were donated and given away in goody bags for participants.

While the event was not a fund raiser, donations were still made, according to an Arc of Katy press release. A total of more than \$4,400 was raised in support that Shafer said was much needed.

"Although this was not a fundraiser, one kind gentleman drove up at the end of the parade and provided a \$2,000 donation," Shafer said.

Several community leaders stepped in to provide supportive messages to the organization including Mayor Bill Hastings, Katy Area Chamber President Matthew Ferraro, State Representative Gina Calanni and Arc of Texas Chief Executive Officer Jennifer Martinez.

"We are so blessed to have the support of the wonderful Katy community," Shafer said. "Our participants truly enjoyed celebrating our 30th Anniversary."



A woman waves happily to the crowd at the parade which supported the organization which provides much needed social and other programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Participants in the Aug. 3 celebration enjoy The Arc of Katy's birthday bash as best they can in the era of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the safety measures necessary, participants said they enjoyed themselves.



A young man holds up a sign celebrating the Arc of Katy's 30th anniversary during the parking lot parade.

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Hospital earns level 3 designation

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital has been designated as a Level 3 Trauma Center by the Texas Department of State Health Services after consistently demonstrating its ability to provide advanced trauma life support, evaluation, stabilization and diagnostic services. This designation advanced Memorial Hermann Katy from a Level 4 to a Level 3 Trauma Center.

"This designation is an example of how Memorial Hermann Katy takes the lead in serving our community and beyond," said Heath Rushing, Sr. Vice President and CEO of Memorial Hermann Katy.

Memorial Hermann Katy is part of Memorial Hermann Health System's integrated trauma network, the only such system in Greater Houston. The integrated trauma network, which includes Memorial Hermann Life Flight, provides life-saving care



R. HANS MILLER

Memorial Hermann's Katy location has been certified as a Level 3 Trauma Center.

for trauma victims before, during and after their injuries.

Level III Trauma Centers have a team of trauma physicians and nurses available to assess the patient upon arrival. Patients that require more comprehensive care are managed and stabilized before being transferred to a Level I or Level II Trauma Center. As part of its Level III status, Memorial Hermann Katy

provides educational opportunities in trauma care for the community including Stop the Bleed training and various prevention education and screening events.

"Trauma is recognized as a leading cause of preventable death. Giving patients in our area access to high quality trauma care at a trauma center could be critical in saving a life," Rushing said.

KCM receives new cargo truck

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy Christian Ministries received a new cargo truck in late July for their food pantry operations in the Katy area. The truck is an achievement that has been a goal for the nonprofit that provides a variety of services including domestic violence intervention and counseling, social services, crisis counseling and food assistance to those in need.

"My heart is so full and thankful to our partner churches that made this gift possible," KCM Executive Director Deysi Crespo said.

The new vehicle cost about \$30,000 and was funded with contributions from money provided by Katy area churches including Second Baptist, Kingsland Baptist, The Fellowship, Parkway Fellowship, Redeemer Community, Grace Fellowship, Living Stones Church Katy and Grace Community Fellowship West Houston, Crespo said.



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The new truck for KCM's food pantry operations will help haul food donations to where they can be distributed at community food distribution events, among other things.

The new vehicle will support operations for KCM's food pantry primarily but will also support special events such as Santa's Sleigh and school supply drives.

Crespo said she was excited about the vehicle because it would allow KCM to provide services to more people in times of need.

She also said she was extremely grateful for the public's support during the COVID-19 pandemic over the last few months as

memorial donations have increased. She truly appreciates the families that have lost loved ones reaching out through their grief to support the local nonprofit.

Thus far, the vehicle has been used to haul produce to food distributions and other similar functions and has already proven to be very useful in helping the community, Crespo said.

"A true blessing to the community we serve," Crespo said.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Corrode
- Jean Paul __, author
- Hebrew unit of dry measure
- A type of scientist
- Greek goddess of discord
- For Red Sox MVP
- It checks your speed
- Made dirty
- The First State
- Lodgings
- Spiritual leader
- Bradley Int'l Airport code
- Native American people
- Sharp pain
- Touch
- Slowly disappears
- Indigenous Russian people
- Narrative poem
- Some are bad
- Small quill feathers
- Tattles
- Popular Easter entree
- Beneficiary
- Clothed
- Payroll firm
- Lower Normandy's largest city
- Binary compound of halogen
- The Fighting Irish
- Skilled, paid worker
- Eyelashes
- The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Large, stocky lizard
- Made poisonous
- Former US Secretary of State
- Sticky substances
- A type of gin

CLUES DOWN

- To return an echo
- Displace
- Japanese religion
- Predilections
- Partial
- Poisonous plant
- Road open
- Atomic #81
- Accomplished American composer
- Oh, God!
- Potato state
- Most melancholic
- Supportive framework
- Hollywood's Pacino
- A title for women
- Popular Grammys alternative
- Check
- Bolivian river
- South Dakota
- Wonderful
- Supervises flying
- Commercial
- More (Spanish)
- Even distribution of weight
- "Arabian Nights" hero
- Compact mass of a substance
- Bachelor of Laws
- Halfback
- Some of it is ground
- They play in the trenches
- Atomic #18
- Chinese Prefecture
- Fabrics
- Being in a direct line of descent from an ancestor
- In slow tempo
- Flood
- Long-necked bird
- Secondary school
- Artificial intelligence
- Structure by the water
- Lather
- What happens there stays there
- A bone
- The Great Lakes State

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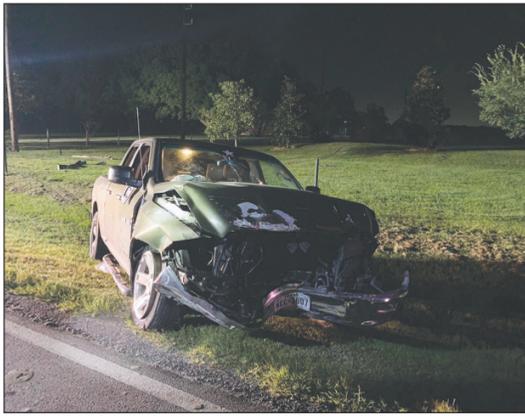
Accident on Katy Hockley Cut Off Rd. sends 7 to ER

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

A late Saturday accident sent seven to area hospitals after an incident in the 4800 block of Katy Hockley Cut Off Road between a Dodge Ram and another vehicle. Investigators suspect intoxication on the part of the 24-year-old driver of the pickup.

The accident occurred as the driver of the Ram nearly rear ended another vehicle in the southbound lane, swerved into the northbound lane and back to the southbound lane, subsequently struck a Chevy van driven by a 51-year-old male with four passengers.

The 24-year-old male was taken to Memorial Hermann hospital via Life Flight with a head injury. The remaining



Several people went to the hospital after this Dodge Ram rear ended another vehicle Saturday evening on Katy Hockley Cut Off Road.

driver and passengers were transported to area hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries.

An investigation is ongoing pending blood analysis of the driver of the Dodge Ram.

Arnold retires from Katy PD

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy Police Department Sergeant Scott Arnold retired July 31 after more than 30 years in law enforcement, KPD announced via social media. Arnold served in law enforcement from 1986 to 1990 at Houston PD and in multiple roles at KPD from 1990 until his retirement, KPD Chief Noe Diaz said.

"A unique trait Sergeant Arnold possessed was passion. Passion for a job is something everyone struggles to hold onto, especially in law enforcement. Sgt. Arnold always displayed pride in wearing the Katy Police Department Badge. He loved his profession and performed it amicably, and he loved the city he worked for as well as his coworkers," Diaz said.

During his time serving the profession he

loved, Arnold was a KPD officer from 1990-91, then was promoted to patrol sergeant, a role he performed until 1997 when he became the department's administrative sergeant, Diaz said.



SCOTT ARNOLD

Arnold enjoyed interacting with the public during his time on the force and was proactive about educating young Katy residents, Diaz said. He would routinely schedule station tours throughout the year with groups from local schools and scouting troops and would visit daycares throughout the community.

Diaz praised Arnold as the "epitome of a public servant" and said he would have a legacy that would carry through for the city for years.

"He was a team player and had a positive outlook on all situations. His dedication to the department and the citizens of Katy shined through every day," Diaz said.



R. HANS MILLER

Dovetail Antiques in downtown Katy was burglarized early in the morning of Aug. 5. The front door was smashed in and the perpetrator made off with the cash register and merchandise.

Burglar captured after Katy PD investigation

By R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Taylor Walton, 21, of Houston has been charged with felony burglary of a building after a security alarm early in the morning on Aug. 5 at Dovetail Antiques in downtown Katy alerted police to a burglary there. After reviewing security footage at the store, Katy Police Department investigators were able to identify Walton's vehicle which led to his arrest.

"Detectives then located the vehicle in the Houston area. With the assistance of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the vehicle was stopped, and Detectives were able to place Walton in custody for the burglary of the antique shop without incident," a KPD press release said.

Items belonging to



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Taylor Watson, 21, of Houston was arrested and later confessed to burglarizing multiple antique stores in the Houston area, including one in downtown Katy.

Dovetail were located inside Walton's vehicle and he later confessed to the crime after being interviewed by investigators. He also admitted to burglarizing other antique shops in the Houston area.

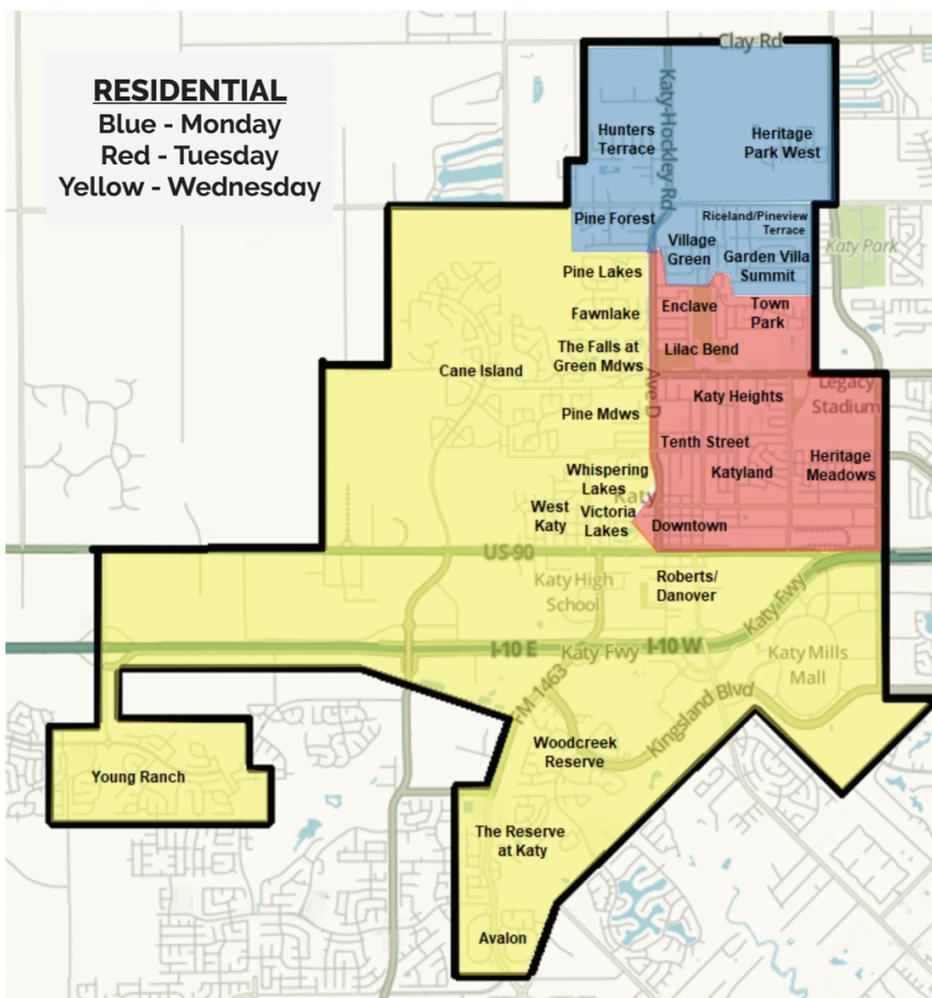
The Flock Safety System of cameras located throughout the city helped identify Walton's vehicle as the truck associated

with the investigation. The system helps the department monitor traffic into and out of certain portions of the city and can help investigators determine if a vehicle was in the city at the time of a crime.

"We want to thank the Department of Public Safety and Harris County District Attorney's Office for their assistance," the KPD press release said.

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Last hurrah over V-J day?

My first knowledge of the War in the Pacific probably came from then-new episodes of “McHale’s Navy” and the 20-year-old “Made in Occupied Japan” dishware that my mother collected.

Seemingly overnight, I find myself struggling to do justice to the topic of the 75th (!) anniversary of V-J (Victory over Japan) Day.

(Japan declared total surrender to the Allies on August 15, 1945. Many nations do use the 15th for V-J Day remembrances, but President Truman delayed the official U.S. commemoration until September 2, when the formal surrender document was signed aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. I guess, like the coroner of “Oz,” Truman wanted to ensure that imperial Japan was “not only merely dead, but really most sincerely dead.”)

World War II veterans (from both the European Theater and Pacific Theater) were all around me when I was growing up. They were neighbors, churchgoers, shopkeepers, government officials, coaches and more. I never thought they were a dime a dozen, but I did take it for granted they were... immortal.

Again, seemingly overnight, most of those veterans are now deceased or in failing mental/physical health. Ditto their spouses, their older children (who aided the war effort by planting Victory Gardens and collecting scrap metal) and an alarming number of their younger children (my generation – the postwar Baby Boomers).

This 75th anniversary is a sobering milestone. 76th or 80th or 90th anniversaries just aren’t as catchy, and by the time the 100th anniversary of V-J Day arrives, only a handful of centenarians with adult memories of World War II will be around for interviews. (Undoubtedly, they will credit a diet of lard-dipped Marlboros.)

As time marches on, “Today In History” articles will mention 75th anniversaries of Churchill’s “iron curtain” speech, the rise of Red



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China, the beginning of the Korean conflict, etc.; but details of World War II will be even more “irrelevant” than they are now. (This will delight some people. I just read of a young man in Great Britain who demands that schools skip teaching about the war because the Holocaust and warfare are too “intense” for modern sensibilities.)

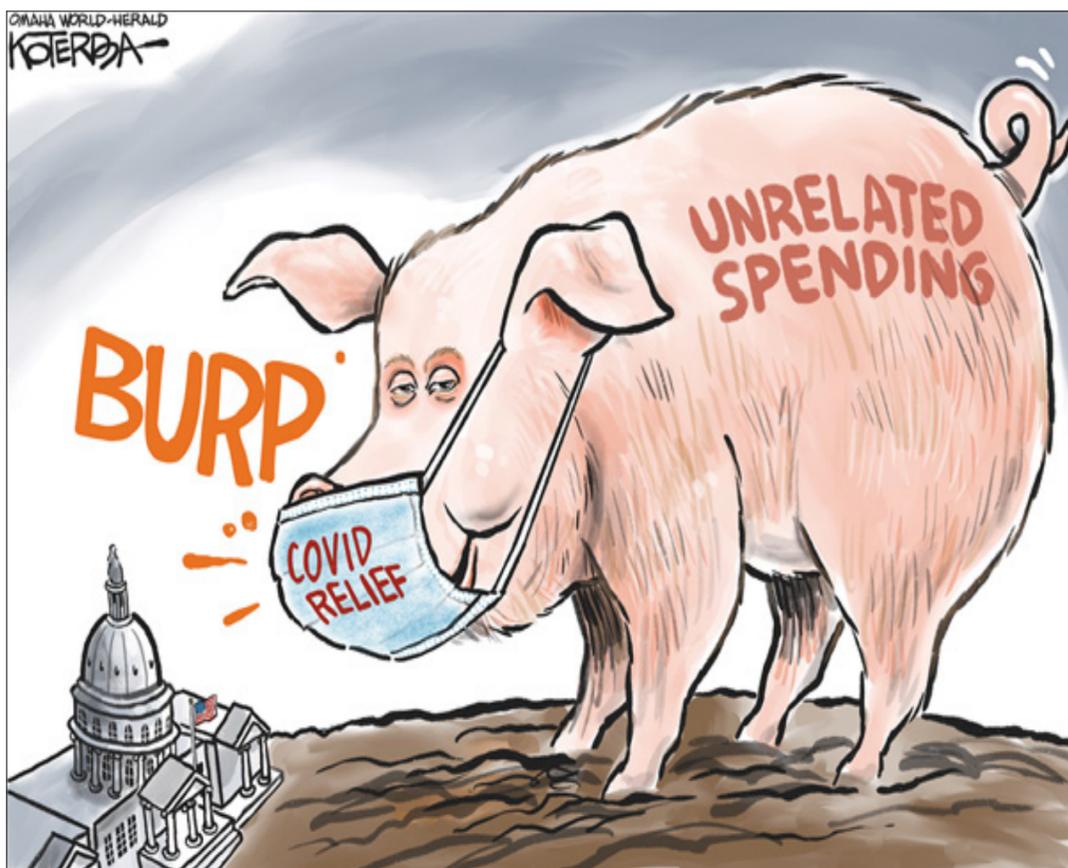
So, regrettably, this is sort of a “last hurrah” for the Greatest Generation.

That’s why we should all make the most of the occasion. Fly your flag proudly. Dig out a dusty family scrapbook. Ponder how Gen. Douglas MacArthur’s magnanimous treatment of post-war Japan led to friendly ties today. Pray that world leaders may go another 75 years without using an atomic bomb in combat. Do something thoughtful for a veteran, whether they served as sniper or mail clerk.

Contemplate how V-E Day and V-J Day impact your everyday life. We tend to focus on the totalitarian nightmare we would face in 2020 if the Axis Powers had won; but even if the Allies had eventually triumphed, every additional day of combat would have increased casualties. One of my college professors confided that – until Japan’s surrender – he was scheduled to be in the first wave of Marines to serve as cannon fodder on the beaches. Many of us would never have been born if not for the efforts that brought the war to a close in summer 1945. Did I just feel someone walking on my grave?

Finally, mark your calendars to make every Veterans Day and Memorial Day more special than the last.

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Care catastrophe courtesy Harris Health

When the public Harris Health system acquiesced or conspired with the Harris County Commissioners’ Court several years back to slash the number of hospital beds in half at its Ben Taub and LBJ Hospitals, it and county leaders charted a self-destructive path that would inevitably endanger its indigent patients as it has during the current COVID-19 crisis.

Charting a fool’s path in the absurd notion that public health had to ‘compete’ with the private sector for indigent healthcare patients in one of the largest and still-growing metropolitan areas of the United States was public policy insanity at its inception.

By choosing the ideological ambience of healthcare over the stark reality of dramatic and persistent and never-not-growing need in Harris County, it sabotaged its mission and jeopardized its patients.

The specter of Ben Taub losing its Level I trauma status is much more than a rhetorical scare tactic.

The current consequences? With COVID-19’s vicious surge overwhelming the strategic and purposefully-slashed capacities of Ben Taub and LBJ Hospitals, into the hundreds of indigent patients with a range of vital, medical needs such as actual cancer treatment and range of other time-sensitive medical procedures that would make a mockery of the notion of ‘elective’ care wait and wait and still wait.

Tragically, it took the COVID-19 crisis to expose the predictable consequences of phony compassion coupled with malfeasant public policy.

From the early days of March through July, Harris Health and Harris County have quarantined the empirical reality of the consequences on the incredible healthcare needs of the community’s indigents statistically dominated by patients of color. When will the decision makers who created this problem and those that have come after them commit to revealing the statistical truth behind the human beings who have and are being damaged? However, what Harris Health and



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the county did to itself is but chapter one of this saga.

Chapter two is the story of the broader medical community’s apparent disinterest or unwillingness to accept reasonable numbers of transfers to help at least ease the plight of indigents in the Harris Health system with serious medical needs not labeled COVID-19.

There is no assertion to be made here that all hospitals in Harris County have not confronted enormous challenges over the past five months with more to come. Likewise, there is no intent to use this column to bury readers in numbers at this point.

However, thanks to data reporting by a regional healthcare advisory council known as SETRAC, we can strongly deduce (but not prove) that major private or non-profit hospitals not named Ben Taub or LBJ were better able to protect the delivery of time-sensitive medical needs to its patients during this period.

These missing numbers are knowable and the people who know the numbers are knowable. It will take political or journalistic courage to get to the bottom of this. The public system needed and deserved some relief from the broader healthcare community despite its own role in creating its situation.

Big questions

Did the public health system ask its fellow hospitals for temporary help in accepting transfers?

Did powerful forces in the Texas Medical Center and others directly aligned with major hospitals play hardball with Harris Health in its time of need?

On a day by day basis, did the broader medical community understand how the public health system saves it ‘financial bacon’ every day of every year pre-COVID and will return to doing post-COVID?

Finally, consider these facts

Over the past two decades, Harris County taxpayers have pumped literally billions of property tax dollars into the public health care system.

Were it not for that, the profits and the cash flows of the private and non-profits alike would have been financially devastated.

Bottom lines

Harris Health and commissioners must reverse course; must undo what it did; and restore the draconian cuts in hospital capacity while protecting Ben Taub’s Level I Trauma status.

The broader public health community from the Texas Medical Center to the major private and non-profit hospitals should recognize the daily impact the Harris Health system literally has on their financial viability. Stop playing political hardball with the health and safety of the public system’s indigent patients in times of crisis.

The commissioners’ court should put at least some new Harris Health board members that will be proactive, aggressive, and ‘in-your-face’ advocates for public healthcare – not just in name but in reality.

George Scott is the former president of a Harris County non-profit public policy research group – Tax Research Association which was funded by many of major energy, legal, and industrial corporations of Harris County. During that time, he served as a member of then-Harris County Hospital District Board of Managers in 1999 and part of 2000. He is an advocate for the restoration of Harris County’s financial support of that organization which is now known as Harris Health.

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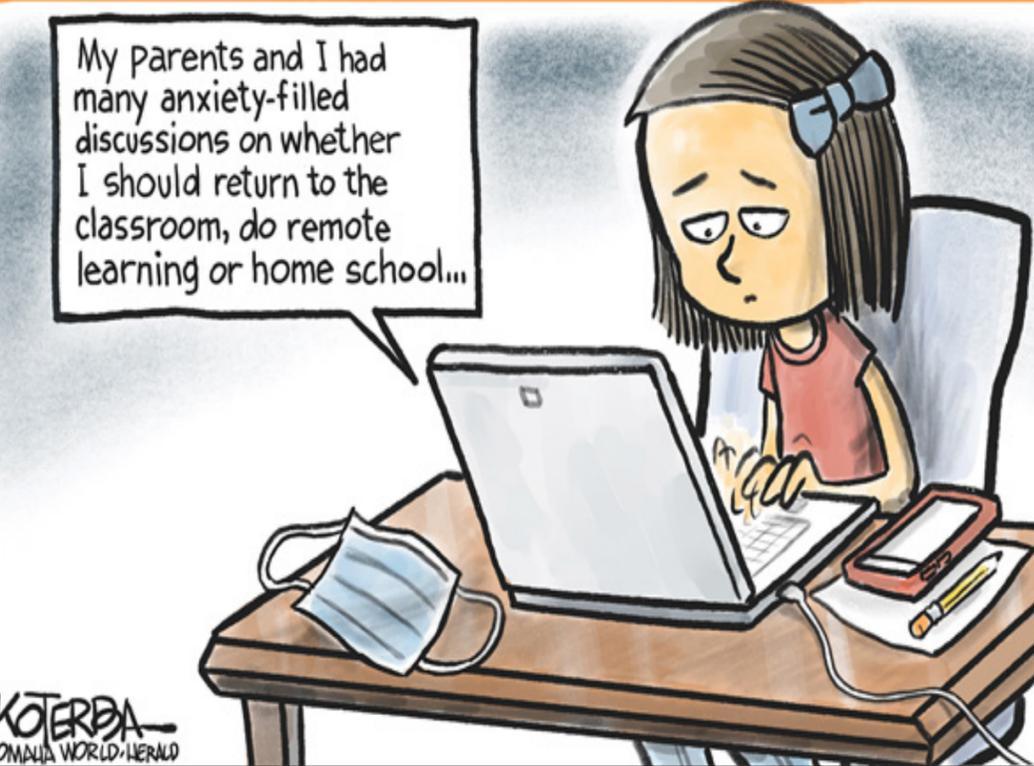
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Clyde N. Williams went to be with our Lord and Savior on August 2, 2020 at Katy Methodist Hospital. He was born January 3, 1939 in Houston, Texas, the son of Johnnye and Lorain Williams.

Clyde graduated from Bellaire High School and went on to receive an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Houston. He served six years in the army reserve and had a very prestigious career in the air conditioning industry that he enjoyed very much.

Clyde is survived by his loving wife Glenda of 56 years, his son Glenn, and grandchildren Regan and Beau Williams, whom he loved spending time with.



CLYDE NATHAN WILLIAMS
1939-2020

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 A.M., August 14th, at Katy's First Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Houston Area Parkinson Society (haponline.org) would be appreciated.

GEARING UP

Katy ISD has worked with the Texas Education Agency to procure personal protective equipment for students, teachers and staff. Ruben Martinez, the district's emergency management coordinator, estimates the equipment on hand – listed below – should be enough for at least the first month and a half of in-person instruction, if not more.

- 135,000 adult reusable masks
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- 10,250 face shields
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- 341,000 gloves (medium and extra large)
- 630 touchless thermometers
- 8,788 gallons of hand sanitizer
- 49,680 sanitizing wipes
- 1,650 face shields
- 4,000 desk shields for staff

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issue (of PPE, so) we feel pretty confident that we'll make it through the rest of the semester," Martinez said.

While safety protocols are what one would expect such as having children wear face coverings, sanitize their hands and desks and socially distancing, the district is also encouraging teachers to utilize campus spaces in a way that promotes social distancing and getting parents to prepare their children for a return to class, said Paetow High School Principal Mindy Dickerson.

"A lot of this is training, and a lot of this is training parents to do self-checks in the morning," Dickerson said.

Parents are being asked to check their students prior to sending them to school to make sure they aren't showing symptoms, Dickerson said.

Dickerson said resupply of PPE will be processed by each campus' school nurse and administrative staff who will tap into supplies the district keeps on-hand in its warehouse.

"Our nurses and nurse aid are going to keep a running total and when they need a resupply then they will work with our financial clerk to make sure that they get a resupply," Dickerson said.

Parents of special needs

students have said they are concerned about the impact returning to school will have on their children who have developmental disabilities such as Autism or Down Syndrome.

Dickerson said campus administrators understood parents' concerns for their special needs children and will be working with parents to find solutions that are right for each child. Face coverings will still be required, but the type of face covering can be identified by the parent and student so long as the method chosen covers the nose and mouth fully, she said.

"We're also really looking at our specialized classrooms to make sure that we have (solutions)," Dickerson said. "We're looking into some plexiglass partitions and we do know that there are some children that aren't going to tolerate a mask well and we just want to make sure that we keep them safe."

Parents should reach out to their child's campus for assistance in identifying the best solution for their special needs student, she said.

Dickerson said she has missed seeing students on campus after an extended break from it.

"I am absolutely excited to see the students. I haven't seen the kids except one day at graduation since March and ... I'm excited to get them back in the building."

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the property tax rate for the year in what the Katy Director of Finance Andrew Vasquez said was a procedural change in the way rates are calculated that could lead to a small decrease in the tax rate. The change comes about after Senate Bill 2 became law during the last session of the state legislature.

"This is a change in the factors of the calculation, so what used to be called the roll back tax rate, and this is basically the same," Vasquez said.

Vasquez explained that, under the new calculation which factors in total property value in the city, the city's population and the city's current budget, the city could potentially decrease its tax rate by about 3% this year, though details have not been finalized and there are other factors that would need to be examined. If the city moves to raise taxes, an tax rate election may be necessary under the new law.

The city also agreed to enter into an agreement to help obtain coronavirus relief funding. At about \$55 per person, the city could obtain hundreds of thousands of dollars to assist with economic relief and recover of the city from the COVID-19 pandemic, city staff said.

Fire matters

Multiple contracts were awarded relating to operations at the fire department.

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parents can bring their children to play games that teach history or focus on math skills, Jessica said.

Going virtual

Innovation has also come with expanding the inventory the company offers and offering online sales for everything, Jessica said.

Board games have been added for sale and JD said he'd been pleasantly surprised with how well game sales have been going. The games range in price from about \$10 to about \$50 and can be ordered for pickup curbside, just like their entire food and drink menu – those picking up alcohol still have to be 21 years old and have ID when they pick up their orders if alcohol is included.

The pub hasn't stopped brewing though and Katy's beer aficionados can still pick up the brewpub's Chocolate Rye IPA, Collaboration, Black is Beautiful and Luchasaur Rex Vienna Lager – but those items have to be ordered to go, Jessica said. That's one of the stipulations allowing the gaming pub to stay open and keep moving forward during the COVID-19 pandemic under Abbott's orders. Wine from Erma Rose Winery, another local Katy business is also available for curbside pickup.

Serving the beer pre-packaged rather than on tap is more expensive and finding cans is sometimes a challenge, Jessica said, but providing the curbside service for alcohol and keeping the game room open as a family-friendly and socially distanced location

with good food keeps the place going, Jessica said.

They've also expanded their marketing to new social media platforms and groups which has allowed them to spread the word about their new mode of operation, Jessica said.

Keeping it clean

The Merritts understand the need for safety and have set up measures to ensure social distancing on the game room floor which features about 600 games for patrons to check out and play, JD said. The games in the game library can be checked out only once per week and are then quarantined until it is safe to use them again.

"We're following all of the guidelines," Jessica said. "We follow the same rules as restaurants."

Tables which hold a maximum of eight board gamers are spaced more than six feet apart to ensure social distancing and guests are asked to wear masks when they aren't eating or drinking, Jessica said.

In addition to the regular cleaning required for any food establishment, Battlehops has increased its efforts to sanitize the tables and other items patrons come into contact with.

In the end, the Merritts are working to keep the game room safe and profitable to take care of their kids, whom they've decided to home school the first semester of this school year. JD said keeping Battlehops Brewing clean and running smoothly is vital, because it's what keeps him working.

"I can't afford to get sick. If something happens and I get sick, I can't work and keep things going," he said.



CITY OF KATY/KEEP KATY BEAUTIFUL

Morningstar Storage in downtown Katy was recognized with the Katy Proud Business Award by Keep Katy Beautiful at the beginning of the meeting. The business was recognized for its dedication to the city and its charitable work.

A contract for about \$7,300 was awarded to Stryker, a company out of Portage, Mich. for repair and maintenance of a variety of department equipment. Equipment included consists of stretchers, manual cots, stair chairs and power-load systems for ambulances according to a memo from Fire Chief Rusty Wilson.

Another maintenance agreement with Municipal Emergency Services out of Houston will provide maintenance for firefighters safety

masks. The contract includes annual servicing, flow testing, hydrostatic testing and fit testing. Warranty and non-warranty repairs are not covered under the contract.

Finally, Council approved an agreement with Blinn College to provide training to students at the educational institution on an ongoing basis. According to the agreement, the city will provide Blinn students who are also KFD staff to complete their hands-on experiences.



R. HANS MILLER

JD Merritt and Jessica Merritt have refocused their business, Battlehops Brewing, to be more versatile during the COVID-19 pandemic.



COURTESY BATTLEHOPS 3

In addition to expanding the business' food menu, Battlehops has added games for sale and expanded their game library from about 400 to about 600 games that can be checked out and played.

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Katy ISD announces coaches of the year

By COLE McNANNA
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

The Katy ISD Athletics Department recently announced its coach of the year award winners for the 2019-2020 school year and honored eight coaches as well as an athletic trainer for their efforts in some coronavirus-shortened seasons.

The two high school boys' coach honorees came from the gridiron with Chad Simmons and Mike Rabe leading Taylor and Mayde Creek on historic football campaigns, respectively. The high school girls' coach was Cinco Ranch's Danielle Wells after a seventh area championship on the volleyball court this decade.

Simmons and the Taylor Mustangs had a record-breaking run through the postseason and ultimately finished 9-6 and clinched their first state semifinal appearance in school history despite a 5-5 regular season. Program

records were set and only 10 of the 22 starters of the last game of the season graduated last year leaving a dozen players with healthy starting records for this year's season.

Rabe similarly made some noise with the Mayde Creek Rams after they put together their best season since 1997 and earned their first playoff victory since then in their first postseason appearance since 2008. In the offseason, Rabe was hired to be the head football coach of the new Jordan High School, which will start playing varsity football in 2022 after the biennial realignment of the University Interscholastic League.

On the girls' side, Wells continued the success she's had with the Cinco Ranch Cougar volleyball program. The squad finished its district schedule as undefeated District 19-6A champions and secured its seventh area championship this decade. Eleven seniors held a roster spot last year but plenty of the returners played meaningful sets for Cinco

Ranch and will look to continue the success this fall.

For his role in helping the Taylor football team on its historic season, offensive line coach Travis Sharp was honored with the high school boys' assistant coach of the year award. Of course it helps when the starting line weighs a combined 1,435 pounds but with a stable of solid backups, Sharp was able to rotate guys in to keep the Mustangs fresh in the trenches.

Tompkins' Robert Ownby and Alyssa Batiste took home the high school girls' assistant coach of the year honor after district championships for both of their teams.

Ownby was an assistant for the girls' basketball team that finished the season as undefeated district champions and earned its first postseason victory since the 2015-2016 season. Batiste and the girls' wrestling team similarly won a district championship as well as claimed a regional championship

en route to finishing as state runners-up on the mat.

Another Tompkins representative was honored with the Charlie Stevens Trainer of the Year Award, named after Katy ISD's recently retired athletic trainer who blazed a new trail in greater Houston school sports medicine. Dallas Allmon was responsible for keeping the Falcons healthy this past year and was recognized for his efforts with the award.

At the junior-high level, a few more basketball coaches were honored for successes on the court. Beck Junior High head girls' basketball and athletic coordinator Kristi Corn was honored with the girls' coach of the year award after the Bulldogs claimed their district championship this past winter.

On the boys' side, Tays' Billy Huff and McDonald's Cal Varner were selected as the junior high boys' coaches of the year after successful seasons in their own right.



Forty-two Katy athletes honored

By COLE McNANNA
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

In the winter sports installment of academic all-state award winners handed out by the Texas High School Coaches Association and Texas Army National Guard, 42 Katy ISD student-athletes earned recognition.

Katy High led the way with 16 representatives spread across swimming (7), basketball (5) and wrestling (4) and Seven Lakes and Taylor were not far behind with 10 and nine total honorees, respectively. Paetow (4), Cinco Ranch (3) and Mayde Creek (1) rounded out the district's total winners.

"We understand that students' performance in the classroom can sometimes be difficult to manage while participating in athletics, but their hard work has not gone unnoticed," said an announcement on the THSCA website. "The THSCA Academic All-State Teams recognize high school athletes who excel in GPA, class rank and ACT/SAT score. The students are being recognized as a team member based on their scores in these categories."

The website said head coaches of respective sports could nominate a senior athlete, trainer or manager that is in good standing with the team, of good moral character and has an overall GPA of 92 or above. The academic all-state teams were split up in four levels: elite, first team, second team and honorable mention.

Katy High School had three student-athletes make the elite team, four each made the first and second team and five more earned honorable mention.

KATY SWIMMING

Shivani Kapoor, ELITE; Tristan Sealy, ELITE; Zach Oldham, 1st team; Jamie



FILE PHOTO

Bayli Balawa was among 42 Katy ISD student athletes recognized for performance in uniform and in the classroom by the Texas High School Coaches Association and Texas Army National Guard.

Morgan, 2nd team; Brianna Cannon, honorable mention; Chase Masten, honorable mention; Sarah Skelton, honorable mention

BASKETBALL

Casper Belaiter, ELITE; Joy Jegede, 1st team; Lauren Keller, 1st team; Titan Doll, 2nd team; Kendall Lewis, honorable mention

WRESTLING

Nick Carpenter, 1st team; Preston Satterfield, 2nd team; Tyler Sliman, 2nd team; Lauren Welch, honorable mention

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— THSCA

SEVEN LAKES SWIMMING

Vineet Paidisetty, ELITE; Seungjoon Ahn, 1st team; Chase Cooke, 1st team; Chloe Ho, 1st team; Immanuel Aihevba, 2nd team; Mazen Malak, 2nd team; Noah Frison, honorable mention; Jocelyn Hill, honorable mention; Imanee Yates, honorable mention

BASKETBALL

Bayli Bulawa, 2nd team

TAYLOR SWIMMING

Tyler Kopp, ELITE; Martina Caridad, 1st team; Sarah Cornelius, 1st team; Lauren Turney, 1st team; Andrew Alcott, 2nd team; Semion Dyadkin, 2nd team; Calvin Newcomb, 2nd team; Emma Sticklen, 2nd team

BASKETBALL

Luc Mefford, honorable mention

PAETOW SWIMMING

Aaron Posadas, 1st team; Samantha Figueroa, 2nd team; Chase Stanley, 2nd team; Elizabeth Reyes, honorable mention

CINCO RANCH BASKETBALL

Derek Dickenscheidt, 1st team; Chris Ngene, 2nd team; Israel Inikori, honorable mention

MAYDE CREEK BASKETBALL

Brandon Aguilar, 2nd team

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Janet Lee Mettey, née Anderson, 57, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2020 in Katy, TX.

Janet was born December 3, 1962 in St. Louis, MO. Her family moved to Katy, TX in 1976.

She is a 1981 graduate of Katy High School and has worked in the mortgage industry for 35 years, the last 12 years with Envoy Mortgage, LTD in Mortgage Origination.

She enjoyed her family and would always be up for a get together. Whether it was for a holiday or just burgers, beer & a competitive game of washers in the backyard or a spirited game of cards, Janet would be there. An avid sports fan, she enjoyed all sports at all levels. She especially enjoyed watching her nieces and nephews participate in sports. She also enjoyed attending monster jams.

Janet was a loving wife, devoted daughter, sister, aunt, great-aunt and friend. She will be missed by all who loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Teresa Anderson, her brother, Lt Col (Retired) James Anderson and sister, Lisa Poteet. She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Troy A. Mettey, and stepson, Aaron Mettey (Lindsey). Brothers: Joe Anderson, John Anderson (Wanda), Jerry Anderson (Cheryl), Richard Anderson (Sandy), Robert Anderson (Yvette), Roger Anderson (Heather). Sisters: Nina Healy, Jean O'Brien (Tim)



JANET LEE METTEY
1962-2020

Sister-in-Law: Karen Anderson and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Janet's family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of Memorial Hermann Hospital-Katy as they worked diligently, compassionately and with great professionalism to make her final days as comfortable as possible.

A vigil service for Janet was held Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Katy Funeral Home, 23350 Kingsland Boulevard, Katy, TX 77494.

A memorial mass was held Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, 1530 Norwalk Dr, Katy, TX 77450. Followed by a Graveside Service at Forest Park Westheimer, 12800 Westheimer Rd. Houston, TX 77077.

Graveside services for Clifford Bristol "Cliff" Peavy, 57, of Katy, formerly of Hudson, were held Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Largent Cemetery with Billy Penn officiating.

Cliff was born April 7, 1963 and passed away Monday, August 3, 2020 in Houston after a brief illness. He was born to Asa Gibson "Gip" and Dorothy Aimee (Woodworth) Peavy in Lake Charles, Louisiana, but he got to Texas as fast as he could crawl!

He spent his days in Hudson chasing after his brothers, fishing, hunting, and trying his best to crawl from the witch his brothers had told him lived in the tree above the house.

Cliff went to Stephen F. Austin State University to become a CPA. While there he found Linda while he was working at the library. They danced, joked, laughed, and found an extremely strong connection. One of his friends said Cliff always referred to Linda as "his lovely bride". From the day they were married and the cake did not arrive as expected (and had to go to grocery stores and buy every cake found) Cliff learned to be "the calm in the storm".

Cliff was proud to be a member of the Sons of The Republic of Texas. He was a Texan through and through and was "a pretty good windmill man" who believed in Big Foot, aliens, friends, and family. He brought three beautiful souls into the world - Caitlin Virginia, Elizabeth Bristol, and William Asher Peavy and they made his life complete, until Izzy was added as a member of the family (with Cliff officiating) until his precious granddaughter Alinea arrived and his heart was forever wrapped around her tiny finger.

Cliff held many jobs in his life but the one that brought him the most satisfaction was being at home in the arms of Linda with his family. The words that have been spoken about Clifford are: one of the good ones,

the kindest man you will ever meet, selfless, loving, funny dad joke king, and loving, and one might add if you ever needed Cliff he would be the first to arrive and help. It has been said that through life's trials and challenges that you find out who your friends are. Well, Cliff was one hell of a friend! If you wanted a beer drinking buddy then Uncle Cliff was your man, you want a human lie detector he was one, you want someone who found joy in uncomfortable moments well I guarantee Cliff was smiling and relishing the situation all the way!

Above all this man was a true southern gentleman. So go build your windmills and deer blinds, cut some geodes with your dad, shoot pool left handed with your mom, place some golf bets with your friends, and bring Texas to Heaven my friend!

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Linda (Darlington) Peavy of Katy; daughters and son-in-law, Caitlin and Israel Lopez of Katy and Elizabeth Peavy of Houston; son, William Peavy of Katy; granddaughter, Alinea Lopez; brothers and sister-in-law, Asa Peavy and Woody and Tina Peavy, all of Hudson; sister-in-law, Karen Briley of Nacogdoches; brother-in-law, Marc Darlington of Houston; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Charles Peavy.

Pallbearers and partners in crime will be Terry Simmons, John Mark Long, Derek Briley, Israel Lopez, Greg Pirtle, Zane Peavy, Johnathan Peavy, Larry Dabose, and Roy Carroway.

Honorary pallbearers will be Woody Peavy, Asa Peavy, and Marc Darlington. Memories and condolences may be added at www.carrowayfuneralhome.com.



CLIFFORD BRISTOL PEAVY
1963-2020

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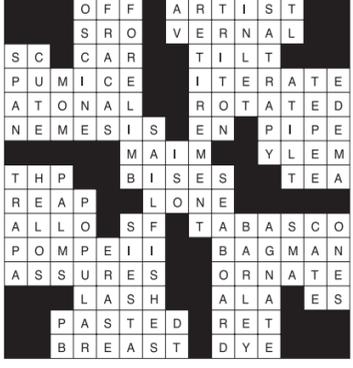
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The Zoning Board Of Adjustment Of The City of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct A Public Hearing On **Thursday, August 27, 2020, At 1:00 P.M.** By Teleconference At 888-475-4499, Meeting ID: 873 9351 8375, On Docket No. 2020-06, The Application Of **Katy Pin Oak Retail Partners, LTD.**, Present Owners, Under Section 22.5-3 Of The Zoning Ordinance. Address Of The Lot To Be Affected: **1250 Pin Oak Road**, In The "C-2" General Business District. Property Description: **Reserve B, Block 1, Lifemark Medical Center Partial Replat of Reserve "E" in Fort Bend County.**

It Is An Appeal Of An Order And A Determination Made By An Administrative Official In The Enforcement Of The Zoning Ordinance And A Request For A Variance On The Rear Yard Set Back.

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It Is An Appeal Of An Order And A Determination Made By An Administrative Official In The Enforcement Of The Zoning Ordinance And A Request For A Variance On The Side Yard Building Setback Of Seven And A Half (7.5') To Be Reduced To Five Feet (5').

David Minze, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment

NOTICE

The Zoning Board Of Adjustment Of The City of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct A Public Hearing On **Thursday, August 27, 2020, At 1:00 P.M.** By Teleconference At 888-475-4499, Meeting ID: 873 9351 8375, On Docket No. 2020-03, The Application Of **David Winkelmann and Terri Austin**, Present Owners, Under Section 22.5-3 Of The Zoning Ordinance. Address Of The Lot To Be Affected: **1207 Cottage Oak Lane**, In The Woodcreek Reserve Planned Development District. Property Description: Lot 5, Block 1, **Woodcreek Reserve Section 7 in Fort Bend County.**

It Is An Appeal Of An Order And A Determination Made By An Administrative Official In The Enforcement Of The Zoning Ordinance And A Request For A Variance To The Platted Side Yard Building Setback Of Seven And A Half (7.5') For The Placement Of A Shed.

David Minze, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for **Hauling Sludge and Landfill Disposal – 2020** will be received at City of Katy Municipal Building, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20, 2020.**

The Owner is the City Of Katy, Texas

The successful bidder(s) will be required to enter into a contract with the Owner.

A Cashier's Check or Certified Check payable, without recourse, to the Owner or an acceptable Surety Proposal Bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total bid, including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute bonds in forms provided as outlined in the Contract Documents. Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and Maintenance Bond, in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required.

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in bids.

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Ordinarily, they only lived about 70 miles apart in Texas and their meeting was happenstance, Emily said. They had both lost their first spouses to cancer and connected through mutual experiences.

"We decided we wanted to make a new chapter in our lives and spend the rest of our lives together, and we did," Emily said.

John and Emily were married in 2007, she said.

Emily said many Katy area residents would have known John from his time running BG's Fried Chicken where Snappy's Café & Grill is located now. The business' name came from Bobbie's first name and John's middle name, George, which is what he had been known as up until he joined the Army Air Corps just three days after graduating high school and the military's culture changed that.

John served in the military from 1943 to 1946, Emily said. He was also a realtor and entrepreneur with multiple businesses.

John did a lot for the city, according to those that knew him, but Emily said it was the charter he was most pleased with. Emily said he'd considered staying in politics but chose to put his family ahead of political aspirations. In recent years, he and Emily travelled together and had taken to singing to entertain residents at retirement homes, she added.

"Every day he got up singing," Emily said. "At 95 his voice was still really good."

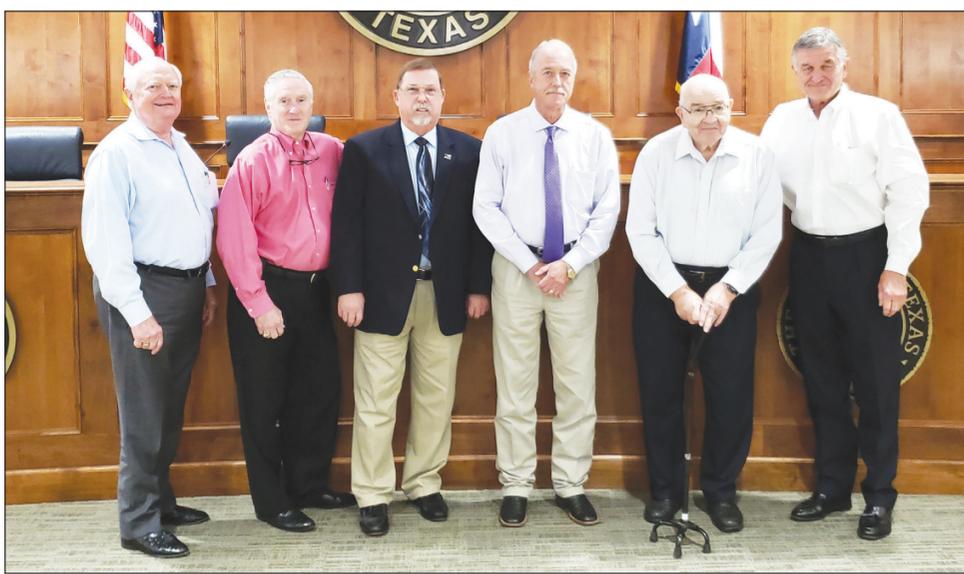
His granddaughter, Jennifer Adams of Katy, said John was also an avid gardener and that gardening with her grandfather was one of her fondest memories. Adams said her grandfather was always singing and had made up a song that included all of her children's names in it.

"My gramps loved to sing and I especially loved when he would sing to my kids," she said.

She also said the fireworks shows in Katy were a part of her grandfather's legacy to the community.

"He got the fireworks in Katy really going. The really big ones. He was the starter of that," Adams said.

In a joint announcement honoring John G. Morrison Day on Aug. 8, Katy's living former mayors



Morrison (second from right) poses with several former city mayors. Katy's living mayors socialize regularly to discuss city happenings and a shared heritage. Morrison served as mayor from 1979 to 1983.



CITY OF KATY

Morrison loved creativity and not only sang but painted as well.



CONTRIBUTED BY THE MORRISON FAMILY

Morrison (front in blue) poses for a silly picture with his family. He was known for his sense of humor, family members said.



CONTRIBUTED BY THE MORRISON FAMILY

Morrison joined the U.S. Army Air Corps just three days out of high school and served for three years.



CONTRIBUTED BY THE MORRISON FAMILY

Morrison was a pastor and his faith was very important to him.

explained how important John's work for the city was and expressed their respects for him as a leader in the Katy community.

Mayor Bill Hastings said he has known Morrison for more than 40 years before either of them had decided to enter local politics, and that he felt Morrison was a good friend and a fine man that he was grateful to spend time with.

"John loved Katy and was proud to be a part of everything 'Katy,'" Hastings said. "John loved the Former Mayors Luncheons and was

able to attend as recently as the fall of 2019. He will be greatly missed."

Former mayor Hank Schmidt, who served in that office from 1995 to 2001 said Morrison loved the city and worked hard to give back to the city and make Katy a better place.

Doyle Calendar, who succeeded Schmidt from 2001 to 2007 as mayor said, "(Morrison) did a great job for our citizens and was a leader in our community with a smile always on his face and a song in his heart."

Fabul Hughes, who served as mayor from 2013 to 2017, said Mor-

risson was a good man whom he had known since he operated BG's Fried Chicken. Hughes and Morrison had both attended church at Katy First Methodist where Morrison was involved in nearly every aspect of the church, especially when music was involved.

"Everything he did was with love and he took great pleasure in serving others," Hughes said. "He was not one to let the grass grow under his feet."

Chuck Brawner, who followed Hughes' time in office until 2019

said Morrison did a great job as mayor with a good vision for the charter which set the foundational document up well for the city.

"The city of Katy thrived under John's leadership and the inception of the Home Rule Charter opened the door for future economic development," said Skip Conner, who served as mayor from 1991-95. "John was a great man and a great leader."

A private graveside service honoring John was held at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Carthage, Texas.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

A tax rate of \$ 0.099394 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.099394 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.095631 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.099102 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.099394 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** exceeds the voter-approval rate for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48**.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48**, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48**.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at 21201 Morton Road, Katy, Texas 77449.**

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48 may take action on the proposed tax rate on August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at following the hearing to be held.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO COVID 19 MEETING RESTRICTIONS. PLEASE REVIEW THE MEETING NOTICE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE 72 HOURS BEFORE THE HEARING TO DETERMINE IF THE HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON OR VIA CONFERENCE CALL.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** may petition the **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** will be the voter-approval tax rate of the **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48**.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR:	Bret Fossum, Russell Solomon, Sam C. Henderson and Michael S. Fleming
AGAINST:	None
PRESENT AND NOT VOTING:	None
ABSENT:	Marshall Kramer

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.100000	\$0.099394	decrease of \$0.000606 OR -.606%
Average homestead taxable value	\$245,234	\$248,912	increase of 1.49%
Tax on average homestead	\$245.23	\$247.40	increase of \$2.17 OR .884703%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$12,617,646	\$13,639,868	increase of \$1,022,222 OR 8.10%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the District Counsel for **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48** at (713) 984-8222 or pierce@coveler.com or visit www.hcesd48.org for more information.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

A tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2**.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.100000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.096363 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.100429 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.103888 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at 26950 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Katy, Texas 77494.**

Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2 may take action on the proposed tax rate on August 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at 26950 Cinco Ranch Blvd., Katy, Texas 77494.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING MAY BE CONDUCTED VIA CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO COVID 19 MEETING RESTRICTIONS. PLEASE REVIEW THE MEETING NOTICE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE 72 HOURS BEFORE THE HEARING TO DETERMINE IF THE HEARING AND ADOPTION MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON OR VIA CONFERENCE CALL.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the **Board of Commissioners** of **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

FOR:	Tom Raia, Marti Thorne and Robert Miller
AGAINST:	None
PRESENT AND NOT VOTING:	None
ABSENT:	Jack Hazel

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.100000	\$0.100000	decrease of \$0.000000 OR
Average homestead taxable value	\$298,903	\$303,930	increase of 1.682%
Tax on average homestead	\$298.90	\$303.93	increase of \$5.03 OR 1.682%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$6,965,953	\$7,292,973	increase of \$327,020 OR 4.69%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the District Counsel for **Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2** at (713) 984-8222 or pierce@coveler.com or visit www.fbcisd2.org for more information.

Extra unemployment benefits remain uncertain

By VALERIA OLIVARES, MATTHEW WATKINS and PATRICK SVITEK
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

The amount of unemployment benefits coming to Texans remained up in the air Monday as confusion persisted over President Donald Trump's weekend executive orders designed to provide economic relief from the pandemic.

On Saturday, Trump ordered that eligible unemployment recipients receive an extra \$400 weekly — but only if states administer the funds and provide \$100 of that amount. The order prompted bipartisan questions from governors about the administrative burdens and costs for states, along with questions about whether Trump had the constitutional authority to issue such an order.

On Monday, Texas leaders didn't say whether the state would pay the money. The Texas Workforce Commission issued a statement to multiple news outlets that it's "currently reviewing the presidential memoranda and will provide additional information as soon as it becomes available."

Gov. Greg Abbott, meanwhile, expressed hope that Congress



BY MIGUEL GUTIERREZ, JR. | THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Around 1.6 million Texans were receiving the extra unemployment benefits before funding for them expired in July. An executive order from President Donald Trump could see legal challenges and Texas may have to pitch in a quarter of the cost for the additional benefits proposed.

would reach a deal and fully fund the extra benefits, saying he'd spoken with Vice President Mike Pence and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin about the issue.

"The Trump administration continues to negotiate with the Democrats in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House on a reformed package that would provide full funding

for those unemployment benefits," he told KAUZ in Wichita Falls. "I will think that what will eventually happen is that the Trump administration and the Democrats will reach a deal."

For weeks, 1.6 million Texans were receiving an extra \$600 weekly thanks to federal legislation designed to help keep Americans

and businesses afloat. Funding for those benefits expired at the end of July, and Congress has been unable to reach a deal to restart the payments.

Trump's orders on Saturday sought to circumvent Congress, though he'll likely face legal challenges about whether that's allowed. The order aims to divert money allocated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for hurricane relief into the unemployment supplement. Trump's order calls on states to use money from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund — or other state funding — to pay for its share of the unemployment benefits.

States across the country have been hit hard financially by the pandemic. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar projected in July that the state would face a \$4.6 billion deficit in 2021 and that revenue for the current two-year budget period would be \$11.5 billion less than originally estimated.

But even if it were to hold up in court, it remains unclear how exactly Trump's order would work. CNN reported Monday that the U.S. Department of Labor issued guidance that states could count their existing unemployment

payments toward the \$100 they are required to contribute. If that were the case, it would possibly lower the supplemental payments Texans receive to \$300 per week, according to the report.

Governors on Monday urged Congress to reach a deal to extend the program legislatively.

"The best way forward is for the Congress and the Administration to get back to the negotiating table and come up with a workable solution, which should provide meaningful additional relief for American families," said New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat and the chair of the National Governors Association, and Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, a Republican and the NGA vice chair.

The Democratic U.S. House has already passed a bill that would authorize \$600 weekly payments funded by the federal government as part of a massive and sweeping \$3.4 trillion measure. Republican leaders in the Senate meanwhile have pushed for a narrower proposal, and have accused Democrats of holding the extra payments hostage in negotiations. Talks did not appear to be progressing Monday and, while the Senate remains in session for negotiations, it has not scheduled votes.

TEXAS ELECTION DATES 2020

Tex. Gov. Greg Abbott has extended early voting to allow those that are concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic to vote in person. In addition to the presidential election this November, there are several local, state and federal elections that Katy area voters will need to be aware of. Katy Times will be covering those elections regularly leading up to the dates voting booths are open to ensure readers are informed. The chart below indicates dates readers should be aware of as they prepare to vote and incorporates Abbott's extended early voting period.

First day to apply for ballot by mail	Jan. 1, 2020
Last day to file for write-in candidacy in the general election or state elections	Aug. 17, 2020
Last day to file for write-in candidacy in local elections	Aug. 21, 2020
Deadline to register to vote	Oct. 5, 2020
First day of early in-person voting	Oct. 13, 2020
Last day to apply for ballot by mail (received, not postmarked)	Oct. 23, 2020
Last day of early in-person voting	Oct. 30, 2020
Last day to receive ballot by mail (if not postmarked)	Nov. 3, 2020
Election Day	Nov. 3, 2020
Last day to receive ballot by mail (if postmarked)	Nov. 4, 2020

SOURCE: Texas Secretary of State



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The Grand Lakes Municipal Utility District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held by teleconference. To join the call dial 1-877-304-9269 and use the access code 401268 #. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: William Shutt, Nicole Whitman, Katherine Elofson, Anand Maru, Dennis Shumard

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Tax rate	\$0.54000/\$100 Adopted	\$0.54000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised value	\$338,950	\$341,774
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average taxable value	\$338,950	\$341,774
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,830.33	\$1,845.58
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$15.25 0.83%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operating and maintenance and contract rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, water Code.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

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