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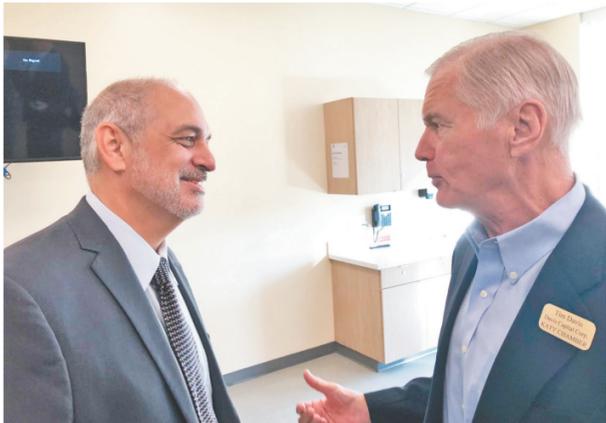
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Katy Area EDC working on big projects



BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy Area Economic Development Council is pursuing economic leads representing \$22 billion worth of projects, its president said.

Chuck Martinez, the Katy Area EDC president, spoke at the Sept. 1 Katy Area Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Chuck Martinez, left, of the Katy Area Economic Development Council visits with Tim Davis of Davis Capital Group at the Sept. 1 Katy Area Chamber of Commerce meeting.

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"We've got about 82 prospects that are currently in our charts that we're actively working in," Martinez said. "The majority of them came from the state of Texas. The state of Texas gets an inquiry, they cast it out into the communities, and the communities that have the right opportunity present that to those candidates, those companies to consider."

Martinez said of those 82 prospects, the Katy Area EDC is "pushing hard" on about 55 of them.

"It represents over a \$22 billion pipeline of projects that were going after with over 48,000 jobs that are potentially here," Martinez said. "Now, if you do the math and one

person gets the job and typically there's a family is so involved associated with them, now you're talking times four. And that's now starting to look at the potential impact of those that were working on and that's not necessarily saying that were involved in every project is coming into our area, but this is a snapshot in terms of what the opportunities are."

Of the total leads since January, Martinez said 59, or 72%, came from the state. He said the other 23, or 28%, came from regional agencies. Martinez said 47 of these leads involve manufacturing opportunities.

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City looks to adopt \$54.8 M budget

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy City Council will later this month consider adopting a \$54.8 million budget and a \$0.44 per \$100 property valuation rate to help pay for it.

City Administrator Byron Hebert presented the proposed budget at a workshop Thursday afternoon at City Hall. The overall budget is a \$2.9 million, or 5.68% increase, from last year's approved budget of \$52 million budget.

"We are anticipating a 4% salary adjustment starting October 2023," Hebert said. "If you look from last year's budget to this year's budget, we have an increase of \$4.5 million, and \$2.5 million of that is an investment back into our employees."

Hebert said the proposed budget calls for the addition of six full-time employees. These positions include one patrol officer, paramedic/firefighter, street maintenance worker, permit clerk, museum coordinator, and fleet mechanic.

Hebert said the city prides

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VOICE of the TIGERS

Bill Haskett enjoys decades-long role calling the action

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

When it comes to Katy football, Bill Haskett just might have the best seat in the house. He's the public address announcer for Tiger home games at Legacy and Rhodes stadiums.

It takes a lot of work to be a successful announcer. Haskett arrives at the stadium one and half hours before kickoff. There, he reviews player rosters and commercial scripts he will be reading during the game. He said it helps to have a microphone presence. Don't get too close to, or too far from, the microphone. It also helps to have a love for the game, he said.

Having poise in the press box is also important. Haskett recalled

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Bettencourt warns TREs, if approved by voters, will wipe out state-mandated property tax relief

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Last month, Katy school trustees set a tax ratification election, called a TRE, for placement on the November ballot. If approved by voters, the district would make up for lost revenues, and that money would go towards educator salaries. But a state senator warned Thursday that the TRE, if approved, would "wipe out" the property tax relief state legislators intended.

Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, represents a district that includes much of Katy ISD. He said in a statement that an approved TRE could mean taxpayers could pay the same property tax rate as they did last year and get no property tax relief.

"Even though the state is buying down the M&O (maintenance and operations) tax rates all over the state, individual school districts may be absorbing that decreased rate," Bettencourt said. "In a year of record appraisal increases, to have a TRE in November is a



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really bad deal for taxpayers if it passes. These TREs would take the tax rate right back up to the same rate as last years, with taxpayers incredibly unhappy with the results."

The district's overall tax rate dropped from \$1.3517 to \$1.3048 per \$100 property evaluation. This \$0.0469, or 3.5%, decrease is reflected in the district's maintenance and operations rate. The compression comes due to state law, which requires the M&O rate drop when property values increase.

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.

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.

If voters or ratify the tax rate, the rate would be, as it was last year, \$1.3517. Using the previous example, the tax bill would be \$4,382, a \$152 increase.

Regardless of the TRE's outcome, Katy-area property owners can expect to pay more because property values have risen, despite the lower tax rate. The district's student population continues to grow, with an expected enrollment of 100,000 students expected by 2030, Superintendent Ken Gregorski said.

The M&O rate funds educator salaries. Trustees in May gave teachers and hourly workers a 5% raise, with all other personnel receiving a 3% increase. The raise comes as districts competing to hire and retain teachers amidst a nationwide teacher shortage.

Position 6 Trustee Rebecca Fox said at the August meeting that trustees have been talking about the TRE for some time. She said the TRE, if approved, would go for people.

"We need to be able to pay them more," Fox said. "This money will go for people. It won't be a blank check to do whatever we want. I just want people to know that should we choose to call for an election, this money is for people. Other school districts have been doing it. It's been on our radar for a while. My view is to ask the people to tell us what they want. Here is your choice in the ballot box. What do you want us to do?"

Bettencourt said an approved TRE would provide the district with an additional \$23 million plus another \$1.9 million from the state.

"I'm hitting the alarm button on that because the Texas taxpayer should be making that decision fully informed," Bettencourt said. "This was not the spirit, nor the intent,

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City officials recognize McCaul

Katy city officials Thursday honored U.S. Rep. Mike McCaul, R-Austin, for his service to the city. McCaul, whose congressional district includes the Waller County and Harris County portions of the city, will lose the Harris County portion due to redistricting. The Harris County portion has been moved to Congressional District 8, now represented by Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands. Brady is retiring from office this year. Running to succeed Brady are Democrat Laura Jones and Republican Morgan Luttrell. McCaul will continue to represent the Waller County portion. He is running for re-election against Democrat Linda Nuno. U.S. Rep. Troy Nehls, R-Richmond, represents the Fort Bend County portion. He is running for re-election against Democrat Jamie Jordan.

McCaul cited work on the SAFER grant, which enabled the city to hire new firefighters, along with efforts to establish a Texas National Guard in Katy following Hurricane Harvey in 2017, among other accomplishments. City Administrator Byron Herbert said McCaul was a great friend to the city.

Midway BBQ Restaurant working to reopen

Midway BBQ, 6025 Highway Blvd., is still preparing to reopen, but a company spokesman said Thursday that a gas line remained to be installed and the restaurant still had to undergo some inspec-

tions. No official reopening date has been set. Officials had previously hoped to reopen by Sept. 1, but had cautioned of reconstruction and inspection delays. Despite the delay, Midway continues to serve meals at its long-established Midway Meat Market location, 5901 Highway Blvd. Midway also opened Midway BBQ Jr., 6191 Highway Blvd., to accommodate its customers. The "junior" location has been closed as the restaurant prepares to reopen.

The rebuilt restaurant will feature a third smoker in a new smoker room, an expanded service kitchen and food service line. It will also feature a new catering kitchen, new bakery kitchen area, larger dessert case and retail area. Improvements have also been made to the restaurant's semi-private dining room and the private banquet room has been redesigned. The restaurant, long a Katy icon, burned in February 2021. The damage to the interior of the building was a total loss and the rebuilding effort began from scratch.

Investigators ask public for help in identifying a suspect wanted for assault

Investigators are asking for the public's help in identifying a suspect who entered the Venus Nail Salon at 1103 S. Mason Rd. At around 5 p.m. Aug. 7, the woman asked the salon employee for multiple specific nail applications. When the employee was finished, she told the female the bill was \$280, but the female refused to pay, saying she had no money. A second request for payment was refused. The employee locked the business door and called 911 to report the suspect. The female began knocking over items in the store and then punched the employee with a closed fist several times. She then grabbed the door remote and fled from the store. The suspect is described as a black female, early 20s in age. She is about 5'10" tall and weighs 130-140 lbs. Anyone with information on this suspect is urged to call the Harris County Sheriff's Office Violent Crime unit at 713-274-9100 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect in this case. Information may also be reported submitted online at crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. Only tips and calls directly to Crime Stoppers are anonymous and eligible for a cash reward.



U.S. Rep. Mike McCaul visits with Mayor Dusty Thiele, Katy school trustee Dawn Champagne and Ward B Council Member Gina Hicks at a small ceremony Thursday morning at City Hall.

PHOTOS BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER

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Katy lifts stage 3 water restrictions

The City of Katy Aug. 29 rescinded the stage 3 (severe) drought conditions and mandatory restrictions on water usage.

After meeting with ARKK Engineers and city officials, Mayor Dusty Thiele determined all criteria have been met to deactivate the drought contingency plan at this time.

Conditions leading to this decision included:

- The city has seen over a 50% reduction in water usage, compared to the days immediately preceding entering stage 3 (severe) drought conditions. (Over the past five-day period water usage has averaged 4.636 million gallons per day, which is 45% of the system's current water supply capacity.)
- Level of groundwater submergence of the water wells has begun to rebound as water usage has reduced. These trends are expected to continue with the pattern of rainfall predicted to remain in place over the next one-week period.
- Stage 1 (mild) drought conditions—trigger of 75% of water supply capacity and stage 2 (moderate) drought conditions—trigger of 80% of water supply capacity are

not met or present at this time.

City officials said city wells are still rebounding from the long, severe drought that has impacted everyone state-wide. Officials asked all city citizens, businesses, and HOAs to continue to use their best efforts to conserve water.

Fort Bend County lifts burn ban

The Fort Bend Commissioners Court Aug. 23 rescinded the burn ban that had been in effect since June 21.

Fort Bend County first responders have been advised to follow Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) guidelines for outdoor burning, which include:

- No fire can be left unattended.
 - There must be some form of fire protection on-site — hose, fire extinguisher, shovels/rakes, bulldozer, etc.
 - No fire should be within 50 feet of a residence or structure.
 - No burning at night.
- Officials said some parts of the county have not received much rain, so citizens are encouraged to use extreme caution when burning.

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- Hebrew calendar month
- British thermal unit
- Brews
- One of Thor's names
- Decorative scarf
- Clothes
- _ : denotes past
- A way to address a lover
- Commercial
- Utters repeatedly
- Google certification (abbr.)
- Taxis
- Belgian village in Antwerp
- Talk excessively
- Broad volcanic crater
- Surgical instrument
- Listens to
- Revelation of a fact
- Paddles

CLUES DOWN

- Protein-rich liquids
- Musician Clapton
- Wine
- When you hope to arrive
- Something one can get stuck in
- Midway between east and southeast
- Mothers
- German river
- Israeli city ___ Aviv
- Discharged
- Areas near the retina
- Greek mythological sorceress
- Very unpleasant smell
- "___ Humbug!"
- White poplar
- Journalist Tarbell
- Teachers
- One older than you
- Long Russian river
- Run batted in
- Beloved Hollywood alien
- Holiday (informal)
- Furniture with open shelves
- Argued
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Cars have them
- Volcanic craters
- Made of fermented honey and water
- Shelter for mammals or birds
- One who utilizes
- Moves swiftly on foot
- Builder's trough
- Architectural wing
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- Pacific Standard Time

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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itself on public safety.

"Both chiefs (Police Chief Noe Diaz and Fire Chief Kenneth Parker) understand that," Hebert said. "They know that if people don't feel safe, they're not going to shop. If people don't feel safe, they're not going to go about in your city. So, we've got to make sure we keep a high presence of safety and you can see that. In our budget, it's 54% of the total general fund budget, an increase in public safety over previous years. It is primarily due to salaries. Public Safety's total increase is \$1.8 million. That's a 9.3% increase so were not defunding our public safety."

The city last month created a new community development department, the purpose of which is to oversee the city's planning, permits and inspections. Hebert said, however, that no new positions were created for that department.

"We didn't create new positions," Hebert said. "They were already here. We just moved people into a department."

In a letter to the council introducing the proposed budget, Hebert said city staff is prepared for what he called a "proactive response" to several catastrophic scenarios.

"Recognizing that our revenues have not been impacted near the previous projected worst-case scenarios, the city is restoring the budget, slowly to pre-COVID conditions as possible," Hebert wrote. "The goal is not to deplete services to the citizens while preserving a balanced budget and raising rates as a

last resort."

Hebert said 84% of the city's revenue comes from three sources: property tax (40%), sales tax (38%) and services (5%). The proposed budget calls for \$40 million in general fund revenues, \$9.9 million in enterprise fund revenues, \$3.4 million in debt service revenues and \$1.5 million and hotel occupancy revenues.

The proposed property tax rate, \$0.44 per \$100 property valuation, is a decrease from \$0.447168 per \$100 property valuation. Hebert wrote the 2023 revenue from property tax is projected to increase by \$1.1 million, a 7% increase from fiscal year 2022. He wrote that the increase is based on a reduced tax rate from the previous year on a larger taxable tax value of residential and commercial property.

Hebert wrote sales taxes for 2022 outperformed the projected budget amount. But while current sales tax collections are strong, Hebert said further opportunities to develop the commercial financial engine that feeds the city its share of sales tax is becoming more limited.

"The current projection of sales tax for fiscal year 2023, at \$14,905,586 remains conservative under the looming economic recession and consequences of instability in Europe due to war," Hebert wrote.

The council is expected to conduct public hearings on both the proposed budget and tax rate, and adopt both, at its Sept. 26 meeting.

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Other opportunities involve accommodation/food services, construction, information, mining/gas, real estate, technical services, utilities, and wholesale trade.

Martinez said Texas "is on everyone's mind" because of the strong business culture in the state.

"When companies are coming into the marketplace, they feel welcomed," Martinez said. Referrals can come from the governor's office, commercial real estate developers and brokers, professional service firms, regional economic development office peers, chambers of commerce, and professional associations.

Martinez said it was important to have a proactive approach, which means relationship marketing, community networking with businesses and groups, doing industry research to identify gaps and trends and regularly engaging with Katy Area EDC members and others.

"Being on the defensive side doesn't win games," Martinez said. "Being proactive does. Part of the role that I've been doing for the last six months is trying to strategize and position our organization to win. Part of that is this relationship marketing. Being able to get out and network with the community on the things that you're interested in. We've been on this listening tour and will be staying on this listening tour to hear what the community

wants to do in terms of its growth. Part of that is also doing our own intelligence and terms of where the industries are going, where are the gaps in the Houston marketplace."

Martinez said the Katy Area EDC focuses on four things: recruiting companies, helping existing companies grow, supporting the local community or ecosystem and raising the profile of the Katy-area marketplace.

Martinez said the Katy Area EDC is working to welcome a Belgian delegation that will visit Katy in October. He also promoted an upcoming Katy area networking night, set for Sept. 24, at a Houston Dash women's soccer game. Tickets are \$25 and include round-trip park and ride from the METRO Grand Parkway facility at the Grand Parkway-1-10 intersection.

"We're about to celebrate our 20th anniversary next year," Martinez said. "We're a nonprofit organization and we talked about the roles that we do as an organization. We simply provide information to the process for companies to make that decision to be in our area."

Martinez, who previously held a similar role in Bryan-College Station, has been in Katy since February. Since coming here, he said, he has been "networking as crazy as I can, meeting with everybody that I can and I'm just very appreciative of the community atmosphere that's here."

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or the expectation of passing property tax relief as this example shows nearly \$100 or more than \$200 of higher tax bills."

Bettencourt said taxpayers must stay vigilant and be aware of any taxing unit that may be trying to short-circuit their property tax relief.

"The bottom line is this: if there are zero tax rate cuts in any district, there is no tax relief for the hard-pressed Texas taxpayers there," Bettencourt said. "Because there is no central database collection of these elections, this could be happening all over

the state."

Bettencourt said citizens can check on property tax bills and the property tax rate setting process on the Texas Property Tax Directory website, the abbreviated URL for which is bit.ly/3D1wofE.

Numerous Southeast Texas school districts, including Alvin, Fort Bend, and Friendswood, have called for such elections.

The district has established a webpage with more information about the election, the abbreviated URL for which is bit.ly/3QWckuw.

VOICE

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once having a spotter who would "go ballistic" when the Tigers scored a touchdown. Haskett recalled he had to keep the microphone turned off between plays for that reason. Today, he works with Marc Jankowski, who's involved in Katy real estate. Jankowski helps Haskett identify who made the play, or if there's a penalty flag on the field somewhere.

Even though both men remained poised during Katy's win over Atascocita Friday night at Legacy Stadium, Haskett turned on the microphone only when he had something to say after a play.

"I try to be factual and try not to be biased," Haskett said. "I went to an announcing school in Houston ISD one year. The guy said, you're not there to be a cheerleader. The cheerleaders are out there on the field. Just tell them what it is. You might be for a team, but you try not to show that."

Debbie Decker, the district's athletics director, said Haskett's love for the kids shines through in his work.

"He takes his job as public address very seriously," Decker said. "He's always well prepared. He's just a pleasure to work with."

Haskett's ties to Katy football go back to the program's beginning. He said his father was the quarterback of the first Tiger team, in 1939.

"They were 1-8 or something like that," Haskett said. "The coach had to go to the rice fields, and recruit the players off the tractors. It was a rough start, but they got better."

Haskett himself didn't play football. He played cornet in the band instead. He graduated in 1961 and remembers Katy's first state championship team, in 1959.

"I was there, certainly," Haskett said. "It was just unreal. We just played some teams that had talent, but our team just pulled together and did a great job."

The state title game was played in Brownwood, which is 275 miles northwest of Katy. Haskett recalled that everyone turned out the lights when leaving town to go to the game.

After graduating from Katy, Haskett attended and graduated from Sam Houston State University. He met and married his wife, Cindy, and got involved in education as a career. He began teaching in 1967 and helped keep sports statistics for his school's teams, and even occasionally performed public address duties.

Haskett returned to Katy ISD in 1978. He became Katy High School principal in 1981.

Mike Johnston, the coach who led the Tiger turnaround and for whom the Legacy Stadium field is named, said the turnaround never would've happened without Haskett. Johnston said Haskett helped secure facilities and equipment for Tiger student-ath-

letes.

"He was my savior," Johnston said. "It was rough the first four seasons."

The Tigers struggled in the first years of the Johnston era. Katy won only eight games those first four seasons, 1982-85. Haskett described that time as pretty sad.

"Mike was under a lot of criticism, a lot of armchair people telling them how to do things," Haskett said. "But he turned things around, got kids' attention, and got a good program going."

Under Johnston, the Tigers won state championships in 1997, 2000 and 2003. Gary Joseph served as defensive coordinator under Johnston before taking over as head coach in 2004. Under Joseph, the Tigers won state championships in 2007, 2008, 2012, 2015 and 2020.

Joseph said Haskett, as principal, worked with Johnston and the other coaches to improve the athletics program, including helping in the hiring of coaches.

"He's a great man," Joseph said of Haskett. "I can't say enough about the class guy he is. He's got a heck of a wife, Cindy. She's been beside him ever since I've known him. I appreciate him, and he knows that. He does the public address for our games, and I'm proud of him for doing that."

Haskett has seen all nine Tiger state championship football teams, all as a fan and most of them as public address announcer. Yet perhaps Haskett's most meaningful call came in 1999, and had nothing to do with championships.

That year, Haskett recalled, Katy honored the members of its first football team. Haskett introduced them to the crowd, and he got to introduce his father, then in a wheelchair after having a leg amputated.

"It was very special," Haskett said. Haskett said he doesn't remember precisely when he began as Voice of the Tigers. But he's been at it for decades now. On occasion, he serves as the voice of other Katy ISD programs. It depends on scheduling and availability.

Decker said the district has a crew of announcers and other game support personnel, such as ticket takers, scoreboard operators, and so forth. At times, someone cannot work a particular game. Haskett often steps up at such times. On Thursday night, and again on Saturday, he operated the stadium scoreboard.

"He's always one of the first to step up," Decker said.

Bill and Cindy Haskett both have stepped up. Bill retired as principal in 1996 and served as community involvement and special projects. He retired from the district in 2005. Cindy continues to serve as a substitute teacher.



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The elephant in the college classroom

Half of that goes to the bank for your college fund!"

That's what my father told me in the 8th grade, when I got my first paycheck for waking up at 5:30 a.m. to ride my bike a few miles to Cool Springs Driving Range before school, where I plucked golf balls for a dollar an hour.

My dad had six kids to feed on a single income, after all. Paying my full college tuition bill was never going to be an option.

There was only one option for me: work.

When I got a little older, I started mowing lawns to make more money than the driving range could ever pay.

When I got my driver's license at 16, I decided I'd become a stone mason. Retaining walls were all over the place in hilly Pittsburgh. I hit the motherlode with that entrepreneurial decision and by the time I was 17 I had four people working for me.

The "young man saving for college" line resonated with customers, and I was able to fund almost all of my first-year college costs with the money my back-breaking labor was able to net.

Money was still tight, though. After paying for my first year of college, I needed to borrow some money for the next three years—and I was grateful that those government-backed funds from banks were available to me.

But to keep my borrowing to the bare minimum, I worked all year while in college.

I worked in the Penn State cafeteria, waking early to help prepare breakfast, then clean dirty plates.

I sold my plasma twice a week—a money-making enterprise that nearly killed me and terrified my mother.

During my senior year, I became manager of a creepy rooming house.

It was dank and old, but it was cheap and, in addition to the free rent, the owner paid me to shovel coal into the auger, maintain the lawn and make frequent household repairs.

The high point of my college-work career was becoming a bouncer at Penn State's legendary Rathskellar bar—still



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the coolest thing I ever did.

I see now I was lucky to attend college in the early 1980s. Myelearningworld.com reports that in the last 50 years college tuition costs have risen five times the inflation rate.

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Now President Biden wants to forgive \$10,000 in college-loan debt for millions of kids who willingly took it on—even though college grads, over time, eventually earn more than most of those who did not attend college.

The trouble is, debt cannot simply be "forgiven"—especially when it amounts to more than \$300 billion.

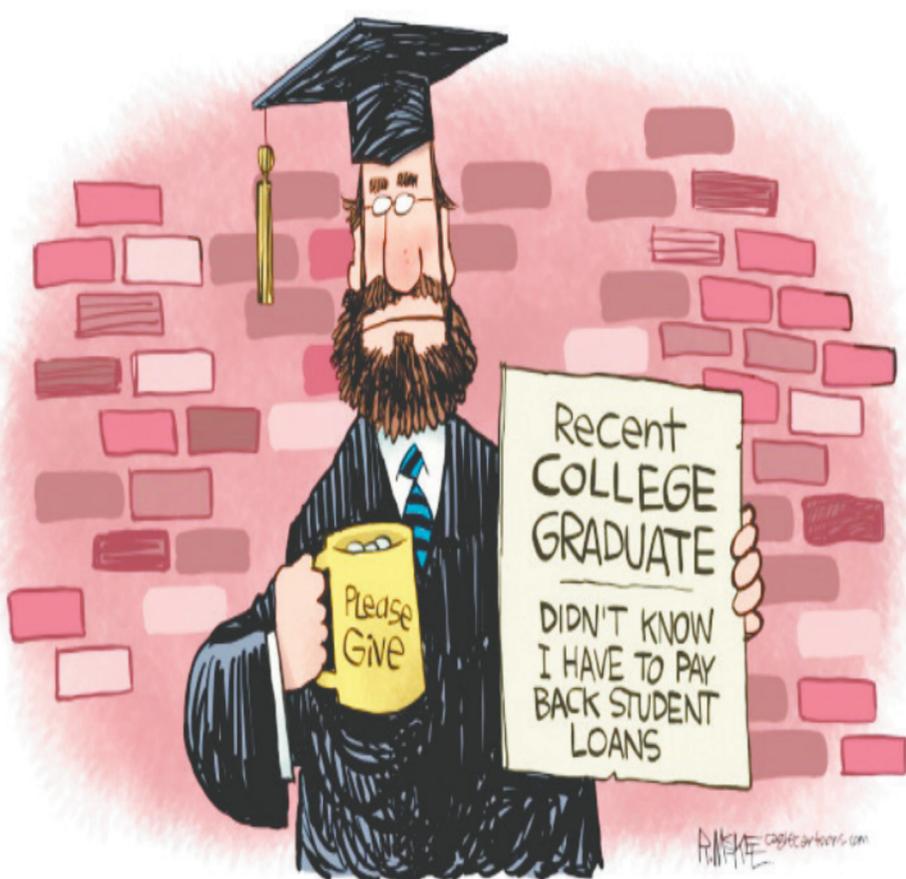
It can only be transferred to taxpayers like me who scrimped and saved and took on a dozen crummy jobs to avoid taking on student-loan debt.

That's the big, fat elephant in the college classroom.

Here's another certainty:

Repaying other peoples' debt obligations is going to be as fun as plucking golf balls off dew-covered grass at 5:30 a.m. every morning.

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How will you celebrate Magellan's 500th anniversary?

When does a 500th anniversary require an asterisk?

If you're a fan of trivia and myth-busting, you've doubtless heard umpteen repetitions of "George Washington didn't really have wooden teeth," "Napoleon wasn't short," "Lemmings don't commit mass suicide" and "Ferdinand Magellan didn't sail all the way around the world."

Sure enough, Magellan was killed two years into the three-year voyage to circumnavigate the globe. (That probably saved him from an ugly scene at home. Before he set sail, he told Mrs. Magellan he was just going to the corner market to buy a pack of Marlboros. She should have been tipped off by the Doc Brown-ish "Where we're going, we don't need roads!" comment, but love is blind.)

On the other hand, a milestone is still a milestone. Sept. 8 marks the 500th anniversary of Spanish navigator Juan Sebastian Elcano's return to Spain in the only vessel to survive Magellan's 1519 expedition to the Spice Islands. (Posh Spice, meet Scurvy Spice.)

I guess Magellan (rather than Elcano) sticks in the public consciousness because of expert PR work. You know, "Magellan would have sailed all the way himself if not for that 'getting killed in the Philippines' thingie." I need a publicist myself. ("Danny Tyree cured the common cold, except for that 'not getting his butt off the sofa



DANNY TYREE
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

and doing research' thingie.")

So perilous was Magellan's journey that another 55 years passed before Sir Francis Drake accomplished the second circumnavigation of the globe. Well, the perils and the bad Yelp reviews Magellan wrote combined to slow down copycats.

Magellan had an incalculable impact on the entire world. He helped give empirical support for the idea of the earth being spherical. (Many of his contemporaries took an attitude of "Follow the science—but not off the edge of the world! Aaaiieeee!")

He discovered (to his chagrin) the vastness of the Pacific Ocean, discovered South American animals unknown to Europeans and inspired indigenous peoples to learn phrases such as "Indigenous peoples? No indigenous peoples around here. Just good ol' white European males with no gold or anything."

I understand that Magellan met with heaps of skepticism before embarking on his voyage. Pondering the circumnavigation aspect, one shade-tree philosopher drawled, "You can't get here from

here."

Even after Elcano's return, the doubts persisted. ("They filmed the whole journey out in the desert somewhere. I'll bet Magellan had Neil Armstrong on speed-dial.")

Merchandise and commemorations tied to the anniversary are getting people worldwide revved up, but some folks remain blasé. This includes those who loathed World History in school and others who are all too familiar with people (like my late father-in-law) who go All the Way Around the World to tell a story. ("The 3/16-inch wrench didn't work, so I got my trusty 7/32-inch wrench off the front seat...or was it the floorboard...?")

Magellan's pioneering efforts seem quaint nowadays, since we have jet planes, satellites and TV spoilers traveling around the world with breathtaking speed.

But Magellan was one of the giants of the Age of Exploration. For all the talk of a Mars mission, we're now stuck in the Middle Age of Exploration.

("Glad I didn't become an astronaut. I just want to send my hot younger girlfriend to get my cholesterol medicine while I let my imagination run free as I listen to my favorite podcast: 'Only Laxatives in the Building.'")

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Mary Rachel Treece Thiele of Fulshear, Texas, devoted mother and wife, passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 28, 2022 at the age of 81. Mary was born July 27, 1941 in Clarinda, Iowa to Charles Elmer Treece and Roberta Neil Treece. Mary is survived by her beloved husband, Robert L. Thiele; daughter, Tracey Michelle Galetti; son, Colin Robert Thiele; granddaughters, Jamie and Sadie; grandsons, Cooper and Beau; great-grandson, Raighden, and brothers, Thomas Treece, David Treece, John Treece, and sister, Ann Treece Vacek. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Mary graduated from Yoakum High School in 1959. She attended South-



MARY RACHEL THIELE
1941-2022

west Texas State College and graduated in 1962. After meeting in first grade, she married her high school sweetheart Robert L. Thiele on July 28, 1962, and celebrated 60 wonderful married years in 2022. She

supported Robert during his senior year at Texas A&M and received her master's degree from Texas A&M University in 1989 to become a proud Aggie herself.

An educator, she loved her elementary kids and spent 30 years teaching in Giddings, Ft. Worth, Beaumont, Alief, and mostly Katy, TX, taking breathers for child-rearing, moves, and living in Brazil. Cooking for family and friends was a passion she loved. She loved being in nature and hiking trails – especially any leading to a waterfall or old-growth trees. Flowers were special to her. She knew all their names and could identify most wildflowers at highway speeds.

An avid reader and collector, a favorite pastime was

perusing collectable shops and used book shops while RVing and seeing America. Over 50 years camping, boating, and water skiing on Lake Ouachita, AR attests to that being her favorite place. Snow skiing, even while on oxygen, was her sport.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 10:00 AM First United Methodist Church, Fulshear 8201 Harris Street Fulshear, TX 77441 281-346-1416

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a local food bank or

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Walter Lee Golbow took his final flight west to our Lord on Sunday, August 28, 2022. Walter was born the youngest son of Joe and Loraine Golbow on May 19, 1944 in Houston, Texas. He grew up in Addicks, Texas and graduated from Katy High School in 1962. He served during the Vietnam conflict from 1965-1966 in the U.S. Army Combat Engineers. Walter was a mentor to many in the field of auto mechanics, racing, aviation, and gun-smithing. He was a gentle, adventurous soul who was loved by many.

Walter is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Stanly Golbow and his wife Betty and Thomas Golbow and his wife Bernice; as well as his lifelong best friend, Beverly Hoffpauir-Schneider. Walter is survived by his nephews, niece and their spouses and families, Eric Golbow, Jeff Golbow, Ben Hoffpauir, and Amy Hoffpauir-Hansen; as well as numerous close friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at the Schmidt Funeral Home East Avenue Chapel, in Katy, with Rev. Fred Willis officiating. Interment in Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston.

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WALTER LEE GOLBOW
1944-2022

Housing market shows signs of cooling

BY JOSHUA FECHTER
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

After years of sharp rises in home prices and competition to buy a home amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Texas housing market is starting to cool off.

Until recently, buyers competing for a limited supply of homes routinely had to pay more than the asking price and make offers on the spot. Now there are more homes for sale in Texas than at any time since fall 2020—when the state's pandemic housing crunch kicked off in earnest.

Home sales in Texas declined by more than 5% in the three months from

April to June compared with the same period last year, data from the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University show. The Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas saw similar drop-offs. In Austin, home sales have fallen more sharply—by 12%.

And after two years of a red-hot market, many sellers have cut prices to try to lure buyers who are facing higher mortgage rates, bloated home prices and inflation. That's a sign that buyers are starting to gain an edge, real estate experts told The Texas Tribune.

"It's still a seller's market," said Elizabeth McCoy, a Fort Worth real es-

tate agent. "But certainly we're seeing buyers be able to have a little bit more choice. And that's such a good thing."

That's a marked shift from the height of the pandemic when historically low mortgage rates and a shift to working from home drove buyers to snatch up houses so fast that the state's supply plummeted and home prices rose an average of 28% between the start of the pandemic and the end of 2021.

Since the Federal Reserve began raising interest rates in the spring to try to slow rampant inflation, pushing mortgage rates higher too, the trend has begun to reverse across the state.

This story has been edited for length.

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SUSAN ROVEGNO



CANE ISLAND

Cane Island is among Katy's fastest growing neighborhoods.

Cane Island, the big idea community

BY TIMOTHY GENE SOJKA
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

I have a unique perspective on Cane Island. About 10 years ago, I enjoyed the hospitality of a new developer moving to Houston area, Rise Communities. Dan Naef, the head of the company, promised a lighted entrance enrobed in nature, a club house, pool and gym worthy of a Las Vegas resort and extravagant events to engage homeowners. He even promised a Cane Island Big Rig with a retractable movie screen to promote Cane Island and show blockbusters on event nights.

As a realtor callused by the recent mortgage crisis, foreclosures, and communities retracting their earlier commitments, I vowed to myself to just enjoy the drinks and the overflowing shrimp cocktail bar. I assumed there was no way this new company could keep its promises.

After my tenth or twelfth trip to the shrimp bar (no one was counting, it was awesome), Dan asked his guests to step outside the event. The Cane Island Big Rig awaited, in all its glory. I felt the scales fall from my eyes, and I became a Cane Island believer.

Since then, my team has sold dozens of homes in this community. Every community's journey features challenges. Still, Cane Island has performed in great economies and challenging ones. The community boasts incredible amenities, is zoned to sought-after schools and features a unique bent on what a neighborhood can do for their residents.

Sought after schools

Cane Island is zoned to great Katy ISD schools. Robertson Elementary, the district's newest school, opened last month and serves Cane Island. The incredible educators and strong volunteer base assure great learning opportunities for students. Additionally ties to Katy High School ensure exciting fall football for residents. According to Vickie Geiger, a top Perry Homes sales professional, the community's fountains even change colors when the Katy Tigers win a game.

Home values

Homes range in size from about 2,000 square feet to over 6,000. Prices have risen based on a vibrant economy and the strength of the community. Still, homebuyers can purchase homes from about \$400,000 to almost \$1.5 million.

Cane Island features some of the country's top home builders, including Perry, Highland, David Weekly, Chesmar, Coventry and Shea Homes. The community also features a custom section with William David and Cason Graye.

Is Cane Island for you?

Geiger said Cane Island features "small town charm with resort style amenities and all the conveniences of a large city only six minutes to I-10." Residents rave about the Oaks Restaurant, where many can walk to the establishment and can dine in casual elegance without leaving the community.

Jason Leff, a Highland Homes sales consultant, said the Oaks is his daughter's favorite restaurant because she meets other kids and plays outside in the lawn at Cane Quarter every time they go.

"The sense of community is palpable throughout," Leff said. "I'm 12 years in the industry, and I really don't think I've seen a more tight-knit community."

The community city architecture, the Conservatory, and master plan led the Greater Houston Builders Association to name Cane Island the community of the year a few years ago. I highly recommend potential buyers tour the community during the day and at night, to see Cane Island shine.

I started and will end this article in the same way. I am a believer in Cane Island, because from the beginning, and still today, the community keeps its promises.

Remember, you're not just selecting a home, you selecting your children's school, where you eat, and accessibility to parks. Select carefully, and reach out to a real estate professional if you have any questions.

Timothy Sojka, is the broker of the See TIM Sell Team, at Keller Williams, where his team has sold over 2,000 homes. Tim is also the author of the Amazon #1 political thrillers Payback Jack and Politickill.

Seats, sponsorships still available for KCM Transforming Lives Gala

CONTRIBUTED AND STAFF REPORTS

Tickets and sponsorships remain available for the annual Katy Christian Ministries Transforming Lives Gala, set for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at Safari Texas Ranch in Richmond.

State Rep. Mike Schofield, whose Harris County district includes much of Katy, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The event features a dinner, entertainment, and both a silent and live auction with dozens of items up for bid. Noted auctioneer and former Waller County Judge Glenn Beckendorf will serve as auctioneer.

The gala is KCM's largest fundraiser of the year and provides much-needed

funding for its year-round operations and programs. KCM has hosted its gala for the last 18 years.

KCM has played a number of roles in the Katy community, including:

- Addressing food insecurity through its food pantry and community gardens.
- Alleviating poverty, preventing homelessness and evictions through its social services department.
- Providing crisis intervention and counseling for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse through its crisis center.
- Providing necessities like clothing, furniture and household items through vouchers through its resale stores.

In 2021, KCM tracked and reported its impact as follows:

- 2,475 new victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse received help through the KCM Crisis Center.
 - 12,217 households received help meeting basic needs such as emergency rental and utility assistance through KCM social services.
 - 50,222 hours were served by volunteers at KCM.
 - 1,614,247 lbs. of food distributed to families in need by the KCM food pantry.
- KCM encourages the public to be a part of this year's celebration and help them reach their fundraising goal of \$135,000.
- For more information on sponsorships, tickets, and silent auction items, visit the website at kcm.org/gala.

AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS BREAKFAST



SUSAN ROVEGNO

These three young ladies—Gabby, Uriel and Michelle—helped with serving at the Veterans' Breakfast, hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary. The breakfast took place Saturday morning at the Elks Lodge, 1050 Katy Fort Bend Road. According to their mother, Hope Kabore, American Heritage Girls is similar to a scouting organization, but based on faith and service to the community, whose goal is to raise women of integrity.



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This map depicts the route for the Katy Rice Festival Parade.

Sponsors, volunteers sought for annual Katy Rice Festival

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Sponsorship and volunteer roles remain open as Katy Rice Festival organizers finalize preparations for the festival, which will be Oct. 7-9 in Downtown Katy.

The festival takes place between 1st Street and 4th Street and Avenue A and Avenue D. Tickets are \$10, with free admission for children 12 years of age and under. Free parking is available at the Merrell Center, 6301 S. Stadium Dr. A free shuttle service will take people from the Merrell Center to and from the festival.

Festivities are from 6-10 p.m. Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 8, and 12-6 p.m. Oct. 9.

The Katy Rice Festival Parade, set for Oct. 1, is also seeking entries. Parade entry fee is \$25 per entry. Nonprofit groups and schools are free. Organizers encourage all parade entries to decorate their floats and vehicles, particularly with rice, historic, or Katy themes. Awards

will be given in three categories: Best Use of Rice, Best in Show, and Most Creative. Winners will be announced, with trophies awarded before the start of the parade.

The parade lineup starts at 7:30 a.m. in the Katy Church of Christ parking lot, 5458 E. 5th St. All entries must be in place no later than 8:30 a.m. Late arrivals might not be granted entry into the parade route. Parade judging will take place in the staging area.

Parade entry deadline is Sept. 23. For more information about the parade, visit the parade page at katyricfestival.com/parade.

The Rotary Club of Katy takes the net proceeds from the festival and donates them to local student and charities through scholarships and donations.

Prospective volunteers are asked to visit the volunteer page on the Katy Rice Festival website, the abbreviated URL for which is bit.ly/3RBsC0N. They are asked to review the job listings, decide what jobs they

wish to do, and what shifts they wish to work, and complete the form.

Sponsorship deadline is Friday. Sponsorship levels range from \$250-\$10,000. For more information on sponsorships, visit the sponsorship page at katyricfestival.com/sponsors, complete the form, and return it to katyricfestival@cityofkaty.com, or drop off the completed form at the receptionist desk at City Hall, 901 Ave. C.

Vendor deadline was Aug. 8. The festival began in 1978 and draws visitors from across Texas and other states. The first such celebration, called a "Sellabration," was intended to honor the local rice farmers and their contributions to the local economy. The festival became known as the Rice Harvest Festival when it was held the second weekend of October in 1981.

The City of Katy took over festival sponsorship from the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce in 2018, and changed the name to the Katy Rice Festival.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KCM hosting second annual teacher blessing day Sept. 10

Katy Christian Ministries will be hosting its second annual teacher blessing day, which provides teachers the with free classroom supplies and refreshments.

The event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the KCM, 3506 Porter Road.

Willow Fork Park hosting nature photography walk Sept. 17

The Friends of Willow Fork Park are hosting a free nature photography walk from 8-9 a.m. Sept. 17 at the park.

Christa Denning, a Katy-based

photographer, will lead a guided nature walk around the park while sharing insight on photographing wildlife. Come learn why an hour after sunrise is known by photographers as the golden hour.

The walk begins at the Willow Fork Park pavilion at 8 a.m.

Willow Fork Drainage District and Katy ISD developed Willow Fork Park, which sits at the northwest corner of 99/Grand Parkway and Cinco Ranch Boulevard, north of Cinco Ranch High School.

Waller County Fair set for Sept. 22-Oct. 2

Fair organizers are inviting female-only cornhole teams to

participate in a tournament at the Waller County Fair.

The fair runs Sept. 23-Oct. 2 at the Waller County Fairgrounds, 21988 FM 359, in Hempstead.

Among other attractions, the fair features an open barrel race on Sept. 23 and a breakaway event tie-down on Sept. 25.

The fair is also inviting ladies-only cornhole tournament teams to compete in a tournament over three consecutive Sundays—Sept. 11, 18, and 25. Registration begins at 12 p.m., with bags flying at 1 p.m. Cost is \$40/team.

Cornhole teams participating in all three Sundays have a chance to win buckles, coolers, and chairs. There is a cash payout every Sunday.

For more information, call the fair at 979-826-2825 or visit the website wallercountyfair.com.

Katy ISD announces 2023 high school graduation dates

Katy ISD announced its graduate ceremony dates for its high schools. Ceremonies for each school begins at 8 p.m. at Legacy Stadium, 5174 Franz Road.

Here are the schools and their scheduled dates:

- Paetow: May 18.
- Katy: May 19.
- Taylor: May 20.
- Mayde Creek: May 21.
- Cinco Ranch: May 22.
- Morton Ranch: May 23.
- Seven Lakes: May 24.

- Tompkins: May 25.
- Jordan: May 26.

Big Z's Pizza & Brew hosts Hispanic Heritage Festival Sept. 17

Big Z's Pizza & Brew, 2004 S. Mason Road, is staging a Hispanic Heritage Festival. The festival will feature live music, a loteria, a bouncy house, and other attractions.

The festival will be from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 17 at the restaurant.

Vendors are still being sought. To register, visit the website, the abbreviated URL for which is bit.ly/3Rhw6FY.

— CONTRIBUTED AND STAFF REPORTS

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 161 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal:	C. Kight, K. Scully, J. Schubert, J. Kaiser & M. Harris
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
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.8800 /\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.8500 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.030 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-3.4091%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$620,195	\$681,269
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ (34,063)
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$620,195	\$647,206
Tax on average residence homestead	\$5,457.72	\$5,501.25
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$43.53 0.7976%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas 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.

Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 163 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Brazos Room, Houston, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal:	J. Hundl, R. Patrick, J. Ring & O. Cabello
AGAINST the proposal:	(none)
PRESENT and not voting:	(none)
ABSENT:	A. Yoder

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.890 /\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.820 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.070 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-7.8652%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$601,241	\$673,662
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$601,241	\$673,662
Tax on average residence homestead	\$5,351.04	\$5,524.03
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$172.99 3.2328%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax 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.

The 86th Texas 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.

Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

Ivybrook Academy opens Peek Road campus in Katy

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Ivybrook Academy, an award-winning half day pre-school that is growing rapidly across the nation, has expanded its footprint in Texas with the opening of its first campus in the metro Houston area. The newly constructed school is located at 3120 Peek Road in Katy.

Ivybrook Academy, headquartered in Charlotte, is nationally recognized for its progressive approach to pre-school. The school's curriculum combines time-tested teaching methods, including Montessori, Reggio Emilia, and Multiple Intelligence research. This hybrid approach toward learning provides a customized education that respects each child's individual voice and instills a life-long love of learning at a young age.

Ivybrook Academy Katy owners Iyngiere and Dama Ziworitin are very excited to debut the progressive way of learning to the area.

"We are thrilled to share Ivybrook's unique curriculum with families who live and work in Katy," says Iyngiere. "As parents of two children, we strongly believe that the early years' experiences are the core foundation of a child's future."

Charity Oglesby-Barnard serves as principal of the Katy campus. She has worked as an early childhood educator for more than 20 years. "I'm a firm believer that every child has the right to a proper education and that all teachers are the unsung heroes of our society," says Oglesby-Barnard. "I thoroughly enjoy working with our students every day, and I look forward to watching each of them flourish as young learners."

Ivybrook Academy co-founder and CEO Drew McWilliams says the brand is excited to expand its presence in Texas.

"Katy is such a family-oriented community, and we're thrilled to in-

"Katy is such a family-oriented community, and we're thrilled to introduce Ivybrook to families in metro Houston."

—Drew McWilliams, Ivybrook Academy co-founder and CEO

roduce Ivybrook to families in metro Houston," McWilliams said. "Our mission is to deliver Ivybrook's progressive approach to early childhood education to the entire country. Opening our first Houston area location is a big step in making that dream a reality."

Ivybrook Academy Katy offers half day classes to students aged 18 months through pre-kindergarten. The staff is scheduling tours. You can visit the campus website to schedule a visit or by calling 281-909-4411.

Ivybrook Academy opened its first campus in 2007 in Weddington, N.C. Founded by first-grade teacher Jennifer McWilliams and her husband, Drew, Ivybrook Academy seeks to provide the multidimensional opportunities students deserve in communities across the United States.

Ivybrook Academy offers a progressive approach to early childhood education combining aspects of the Montessori method, Reggio Emilia, and Multiple Intelligence Research. The balanced curriculum values students' individual voices within their vibrant communities with the goal of cultivating compassionate citizens who find joy in learning.

With 50 campuses spread throughout the country, Ivybrook Academy is committed to bringing its award-winning model to children throughout America.

For more information, visit ivybrookacademy.com/.

ROCKIN' RETROFEST



SUSAN ROVEGNO

City Administrator Byron Hebert demonstrates his guitar skills, albeit on a blown-up balloon guitar, Saturday at the Retrofest in Downtown Katy. The event included a live throwback band, costume contest, a disco lounge and bar, retro arcade games, and food trucks.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 151 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Friday, September 30, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., at Inframark Water & Infrastructure Services, 2002 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 100, Katy, TX 77449. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: K. Gier, N. Shipley, L. James, J. Ciarella & C. McFarland
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
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.890 /\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.850 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.040 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-4.4944%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$373,587	\$421,309
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$373,587	\$421,309
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 3,324.92	\$3,581.13
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$256.21 7.7057%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas 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.

Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 199 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: M. Wilson, T. Glazer & P. Huinker
AGAINST the proposal: (none)
PRESENT and not voting: (none)
ABSENT: W. Stewart & J. Hammonds

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*
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.600 /\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.600 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.0000%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 0	\$ 0
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 0	\$ 0
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 0	\$ 0
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$0.00 0.0000%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

* There were NO residential homesteads for comparison purposes.

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Katy Christian Ministries receives grant

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy Christian Ministries is one of 20 organizations that accepted grant money from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance for providing services to Gulf Coast area veterans and their families.

Kevin Barber, of Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston, presented the grant money to these organizations, totaling \$5.45 million, on Tuesday.

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Gulf Coast Region is a multicounty area ranging from Walker County in the north to Matagorda County in the south, and Colorado County in the west to Chambers in the east.

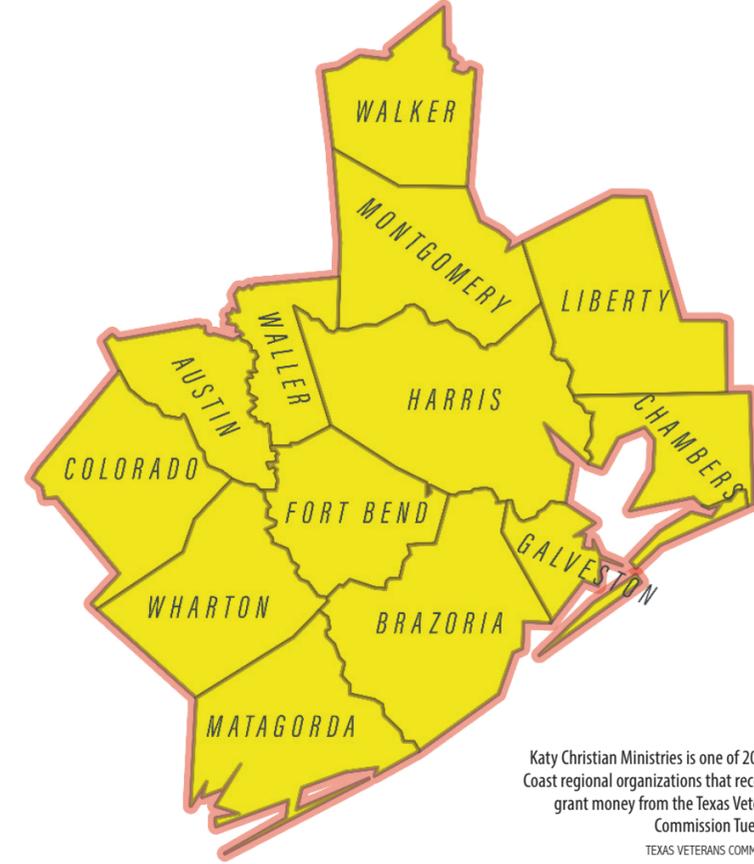
KCM accepted a \$200,000 general assistance grant. The money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in Fort Bend, Harris and Waller Counties with financial assistance services.

Texas Veterans Commission commissioners approved these grant awards in May as part of an overall grant program providing 139 grants, totaling over \$31.47 million to over 120 organizations across Texas and estimated to serve more than 22,000 veterans.

Since 2009 through the current 2022-2023 grant cycle, over \$234 million in grant funding has been awarded through 1,100 FVA grants, serving an estimated 400,000 Texas veterans and their family members.

"We thank the members of the Texas Legislature for creating this grant program in 2009, and their continued support of all Texas veterans and their families," TVC Chairwoman and Navy veteran Laura Koerner said.

The grants support a wide range of services from emergency financial assistance to transportation, legal services to family support services and home modification to rental and mortgage assistance. The commission awards



Katy Christian Ministries is one of 20 Gulf Coast regional organizations that received grant money from the Texas Veterans Commission Tuesday.
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grants in five categories: general assistance, housing for Texas heroes, veterans' mental health grants, veterans' treatment courts and veteran county service officers.

Funding for these grants is generated primarily by the Texas Lottery Commission's games designated for veteran support. Other sources of funding for the grants come from individual donation options on drivers' licenses, licenses to carry a handgun, outdoor recreation licenses for hunting and fishing, and vehicle registrations.

Veterans needing assistance can find the organizations providing help in their area and how to contact them at tvc.texas.gov/grants/assistance/.

Other grant recipients and their services include:

- Liberty County Veteran Services accepted a \$50,000 veterans county service office grant to provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in Liberty County with financial assistance services.

- Houston Volunteer Lawyers accepted a \$150,000 general assistance grant. This money will provide veterans and surviving spouses in 17 counties across the FVA regions with pro bono legal services.

- Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels accepted a \$200,000 general assistance grant. This money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in Fort Bend and Waller Counties with supportive services.

- Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Pro-

gram accepted a \$200,000 veterans treatment court grant. This money will provide veterans in Montgomery County with veterans; treatment court services.

- Northwest Assistance Ministries accepted a \$200,000 general assistance grant. This money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Walker and Waller counties with financial assistance services.

- Galveston County is accepting a \$250,000 veterans treatment court grant. This money will provide veterans in Galveston County with veterans' treatment court services.

- Grace After Fire accepted \$250,000, which includes two grants. A general

assistance grant will provide veterans, and veteran dependents in 26 counties across four FVA regions with financial assistance services. A veterans mental health grant will provide veterans and veteran dependents in 26 counties across four FVA regions with peer support services.

- Hope for the Warriors accepted a \$250,000 general assistance grant. This money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in 254 counties with financial assistance services.

- Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston accepted a \$250,000 general assistance grant. This money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Liberty and Montgomery counties with supportive services.

- Cenikor Foundation accepted a \$300,000 veterans mental health grant. This money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in 128 counties across four FVA regions with clinical counseling services.

- Family Houston accepted a \$300,000 general assistance grant. This money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Waller and Waller counties with financial assistance services.

- Fort Bend County accepted a \$300,000 general assistance grant. This money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in Fort Bend County with financial assistance services.

- Harris County Veterans Services Department accepted a \$300,000 veterans county service office grant. This money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in

Harris County with financial assistance services.

- Houston Area Urban League accepted a \$300,000 general assistance grant. This money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in 13 counties across this region with financial assistance services.

- Lone Star Legal Aid accepted a \$300,000 general assistance grant. This money will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in 72 Counties across four FVA regions with Pro Bono Legal Services.

- Meals on Wheels Montgomery County accepted a \$300,000 general assistance grant. This money will provide veterans in Montgomery County with supportive services.

- U.S. VETS-Houston accepted \$400,000, which includes two grants: A veterans mental health grant will provide veterans in Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, and Montgomery counties with clinical counseling services. A general assistance grant will provide veterans in Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, and Montgomery counties with homeless veterans' support services.

- Easter Seals Greater Houston accepted \$450,000, which includes two grants. A general assistance grant will provide veterans in 19 counties across two FVA regions with financial assistance services. A veterans mental health grant will provide veterans, veteran dependents and surviving spouses in 43 counties across two FVA regions with clinical counseling services.

- Rebuilding Together Houston accepted a \$500,000 housing for Texas Heroes grant. This money will provide veterans in Harris County with home modification services.

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office preparing for National Night Out

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Citizens, along with business and community leaders of unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County, are invited to join their neighbors and meet with Fort Bend County sheriff's deputies during the 38th Annual Texas National Night Out, the nation's night out against crime.

This year, Fort Bend County citizens will celebrate National Night Out on Oct. 4 by joining their neighbors at neighborhood block parties all across the county. Registration is required and is now open for groups wishing to have a sheriff's office representative attend their gathering.

National Night Out is an annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Across the county, neighborhoods, homeowners' association, and citizens' groups will host block parties to encourage neighbors to get to know each other and local law enforcement agencies to help make their community safer.

"Our deputies always enjoy meeting the citizens we serve and share a common goal to keep our families and property safe," Sheriff Eric Fagan said. "National Night Out is a terrific opportunity to meet one-on-one with our deputies in a fun and engaging setting." While some neighborhoods host

outdoor gatherings, others join in by turning on their front porch light in support of each other and law enforcement.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- Generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations.
- Let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The deadline to register to ensure a visit from the Sheriff's Office is Sept. 30. To register and learn more, contact Deputy Gerard Argao at socp@fort-bendcountytx.gov.



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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Paetow High science teacher selected for Texas Education Policy Fellowship Program

Paetow High School science teacher Aletha Williams has been selected to be a part of the 2022-23 cohort of the Texas Education Policy Fellowship Program.



ALETHA WILLIAMS

The 23-member group includes education leaders and professionals from across the state and is coordinated by Texas Tech University.

Williams is also founder of Change Agents of Katy ISD. According to its Facebook page, the group creates affinity groups for districts, with a purpose to get more teachers of color in the classroom for students of color. The group comprises teachers, parents, and community leaders.

Gifted and Talented program applications open

Katy ISD announced parents of kindergarten students who would like their child to be part of the Challenge (Gifted and Talented) program may refer them for screening.

Deadline for completing and submitting the Elementary Parent Checklist is Sept. 30. For more



KATY ISD

Harris County Pct. 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, center, presented a proclamation honoring the Class 5A state champion Paetow football team before its Aug. 26 opener against Conroe at Legacy Stadium. Pictured with Cagle are, from left, trustee Greg Schulte, Paetow principal Mindy Dickerson, and trustees Dawn Champagne and Leah Wilson.

information, visit the website, the abbreviated URL for which is bit.ly/3TERwhE.

Katy ISD open registration for community education courses

Katy ISD has opened registration for its Fall 2022 Community Education courses. The courses, open to the general public, enable people to develop their interests, learn new skills and make new friends.

Courses are available in art, business, computer skills, culinary, dance, finance, health and wellness, home and garden, music, personal safety, real estate and Spanish.

For more information and to register, visit the website, the ab-

breviated URL for which is bit.ly/3Re6cCV.

Katy ISD recognizes September as Attendance Awareness Month

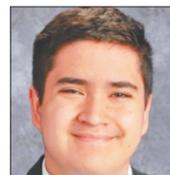
Katy ISD is recognizing September as Attendance Awareness Month, which is also a nationwide recognition of the connection between regular school attendance and academic achievement. For more information, visit the website attendanceworks.org.

ILTexas Students Receive National Recognition from College Board

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Texas is proud to announce that six students from Katy-Westpark High School (KWHS) have been selected to the College Board's National Recognition Program.

The recognition is for their "academic achievements in school and outstanding performance" on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) or Advance Placement (AP) exams, according to the board.

The students selected for the program are Aaron Huegel (NHRA), Adefolarammi Adeyemi (NAARA), Andrew Lorente (NHRA), Axel Joya (NHRA), Divine Favour Akinbobola (NAARA), and Paola Olvera (NHRA).

Awards are separated into four categories based on the students'

background including:

- National African American Recognition Award = NAARA
- National Hispanic Recognition Award = NHRA
- National Rural and Small Town Award = NRSTA
- National Indigenous Award = NIA

"The students' hard work to prepare for college paid off with honors from the CollegeBoard's National Recognition Programs," Angela Ayers, principal of ILTexas KWHS principal, said. "These students have exemplified the ILTexas mission through their academic performance and service to our school community."

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS



KATY ISD PHOTOS

Above: Taylor High School AP Capstone diploma recipients Mariam Elsharkawy, Minkyu Lim and Melissa Huang. Right: Tompkins High School AP Capstone diploma recipients Kaushik Jayaprakash, Ahana Bhat, Bhavika Kamma and Navya Kavuri.



Katy ISD celebrates AP Capstone diploma recipients

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

To receive a high school diploma is a lifetime achievement. At Katy ISD, 106 students will have not one, but two diplomas after earning the AP Capstone Diploma. Eleven additional students have earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate during the 2021-22 school year. The AP Capstone diploma program helps students develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration

and presentation skills that are critical for academic success.

"We proudly recognize the achievements of our Katy ISD students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program," Joan Otten, GT & advanced academics director, said. "Our AP Capstone students and teachers showed extraordinary commitment while facing historic challenges. This meaningful college readiness program will serve our students well after high

school,"

To receive the AP Capstone diploma, students must earn scores of three or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP exams. To receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate, students must earn scores of three or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research. Over 2,200 schools participated in the AP Capstone program worldwide during the 2021-22 school year. Approximately 14,100 students

earned the AP Capstone diploma, and 9,200 earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

Unlike traditional AP subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project-based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations and individual essays completed

throughout the year. Instead of focusing on one specific academic discipline, AP Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary where students are empowered to create research projects based on topics of personal interest. Students are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management and presentation skills needed to

complete their projects.

The College Board Advanced Placement Program gives students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. AP exams, with scores of three or higher, have multiple benefits including earning college credit, advanced placement as well as saving students time and money.

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Katy's Seth Davis runs in a 57-yard touchdown during Friday's game between Katy and Atascocita at Legacy Stadium.

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Katy outlasts Atascocita in thriller

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seth Davis kept pounding the rock all night.

The senior running back was searching, waiting for the run where he could bust the game open, but it didn't seem to be coming like they always do for the Mississippi State commit.

Davis, waited all night, staying behind his offensive line, staying patient and waiting for the opportunity to make a game winning

play against Atascocita.

Davis' time finally came late in the fourth quarter, as he broke off a 57-yard run and handed Katy a one possession lead with just over a minute remaining in the game, as Katy came out 35-28 winners in a stiff test against Atascocita on Friday at Legacy Stadium.

"I just had to stay patient and wait for that chance," Davis said. "my offensive line got me a good hook block, so I went and I cut inside first before I cut out. I was in the open field and I was just able to make a play. Against guys like this, you just have to make

one cut and go so that's what I tried to do. Luckily I was able to do that for the big play and go score."

It was a stern test that Katy faced from Atascocita as two teams ranked in the state's top ten met in the second week of the season.

The Tigers were faced with resistance all night, with Atascocita taking the lead in both the second and the third quarters, but both times and with the game tied down the stretch the Tigers had the answer as well.

See **TIGERS**, page B3

Taylor shuts out George Ranch for season's first win

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

ROSENBERG — There is a lot of motivation inside the Taylor locker room this season.

The Mustangs don't like how last season went, they don't like where some picked them to finish district and they don't like being overlooked.

Taylor has used this motivation throughout the offseason and summer and into the season.

And after earning their first win of the year the Mustangs wanted to let everyone know how they felt.

"This motivation has been building since last year," said senior quarterback Joe Jefferson. "Everyone just has been lifting each other up and there's this huge sense of wanting to prove everyone wrong. It's one of the key things we talk about, we want to play with a chip on our shoulder and go out there and work every day. This year is a different story than last year and we're ready to write it."

The Mustangs' improvements were on full display Thursday, as Taylor (1-1) earned a shut out victory over George Ranch (0-2), 16-0, to earn its first win of the season.

It was a terrific defensive display from the Mustangs, as they allowed just 108 yards rushing and 59 yards passing and even without a turnover were able to secure the shutout, as they completely shut down the George Ranch offense throughout the night.

It was the exact type of defensive performance head coach Chad Simmons was looking for and he was extremely proud of what his team was able to accomplish.



Taylor celebrates its win over George Ranch at Traylor Stadium.

TYLER TYRE

"The guys really just started playing with a whole lot of confidence," Simmons said. "There's really nothing that fancy about it, the kids are just learning to read their kids and playing hard and everyone is taking care of their job. I was really proud especially how we responded when George Ranch was able to start building something on offense. It's really hard to shut out anyone, so doing that gives them confidence. It's fun to play defense when you see that kind of success."

And the Taylor offense did its part as well, driving the ball methodically down the

field and controlling the clock while scoring points.

The Mustangs got on the board midway through the first quarter on an Alei Sabek 23-yard field goal after driving the ball inside the red zone and setting up a short attempt. Sabek then doubled Taylor's lead in the second quarter with another short field goal, before they again methodically drove down the field and scored on a 6-yard pass from Chase Cobbin to Ian Flynt.

See **TAYLOR**, page B10

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Scores

- Katy 35, Atascocita 28
- Tompkins 38, Bridgeland 14
- Mayde Creek 49, Waller 27
- Morton Ranch 56, Kingwood Park 28
- Taylor 16, George Ranch 0
- Klein Oak 40, Cinco Ranch 35
- Cy-Ranch 22, Paetow 7
- Kingwood 17, Jordan 10
- Klein 44, Seven Lakes 41

Friday

- Tompkins vs. Katy, 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium
- Morton Ranch vs. Paetow, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Saturday

- Mayde Creek vs. Jordan, 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium
- Taylor vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Friday

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

Tuesday

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

TENNIS

Friday

- Cinco Ranch at Fort Bend Travis, 3 p.m.
- Katy vs. Richmond Foster, 3 p.m.
- Paetow at Waller, 3 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Dawson, 3 p.m.

Saturday

- Tompkins at Memorial, 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday

- Jordan vs. Cinco Ranch, 3 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Katy, 3 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Seven Lakes, 2 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Morton Ranch, 3 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Strake Jesuit, 3:45 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday

- Mayde Creek at College Park meet, 7:30 a.m.
- Jordan at Deer Park meet, 8 a.m.
- Katy at Clear Falls meet, 8 a.m.

Saturday

- Cinco Ranch at Brenham meet, 7 a.m.
- Seven Lakes at Cy-Fair 4K, 7:45 a.m.
- Paetow and Taylor at Magnolia meet, 8 a.m.
- Tompkins at Strake Jesuit Relays, 8 a.m.

Morton Ranch continues hot start in win over Kingwood Park

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Morton Ranch believes they have what it takes to make noise this season.

The Mavericks have offensive weapons all over the field, they have experience unlike many and many of the teams in years past, and they have confidence in themselves.

That confidence was apparent on Saturday night, as the Mavericks used a huge offensive performance to beat Kingwood Park 56-28 and move to 2-0 on the season.

"It's huge how we've started the season," said senior running back Santana Scott. "There's a lot of momentum that we've gained in these first two games

See **MAVERICKS**, page B5



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WEEK 3 KATY ISD PREVIEWS

Big time games in first week of district

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

FRIDAY

District 19-6A

Mayde Creek (2-0) vs. Jordan (1-1), 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Did not play

• Mayde Creek and Jordan meet in a battle of two teams both looking to prove themselves this season.

Whichever way the matchup goes, it will be a first — for Jordan it would be the first district win in school history, while for Mayde Creek it would be the first head coaching district win for J Jensen.

The Rams have had a strong start to the season his year, earning two blowout wins in their first two games and coming off a 49-27 victory over Waller in the second week of the season.

Carldell Beard had a very strong and efficient game against Waller, completing seven of 12 passes and throwing for 125 yards and two touchdowns without throwing an interception. Jeremiah Hill was the biggest weapon in the passing game in the game, catching two passes for 49 yards while Beau Bankston also caught two balls, gaining 34 yards receiving.

Jeremiah Hill led Mayde Creek on the ground with 52 yards on 16 carries while Beard had 30 yards and Quintin Davis had 18 yards receiving. Eric Nelson had a good day on defense, causing three fumbles and coming away with an interception.

Jordan comes off a hard fought game which the Warriors lost 17-10 to Kingwood. The Warriors tied things at 10 in the fourth quarter before ultimately falling to Kingwood.

Colin Willets had a good game at quarterback, completing 16 of 29 passes and throwing for 173 yards, but he did throw an interception.

Sophomore receiver Andrew Marsh once again led the way receiving wise for Jordan, as he caught ten passes for 100 yards while Nathan Salz caught three passes for 47 yards and Zechariah Sample also had three receptions for 26 yards.

It was a decent day running the ball for the Warriors as Ifenyi Monye



Katy's Adam Jackson dives over Atascocita defenders to score a touchdown during Friday's game between Katy and Atascocita at Legacy Stadium.

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had 15 carries for 60 yards, Chad Gasper carried the ball eight times for 48 yards and Willets had 13 yards rushing and a touchdown.

But the Warriors struggled with pass defense, allowing 208 yards through the air and a touchdown in the game. Kingwood also gained 112 yards on the ground. Jordan will want to come in with something to prove though as they play their first game ever in district play, but Mayde Creek will be just as amped and ready.

It will be a very intriguing matchup between the teams as both have good offenses and thrive taking the ball away, and both will be extremely motivated heading into the game.

Morton Ranch (2-0) vs. Paetow (1-1), 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last Year: Paetow 43, Morton Ranch 14

• Morton Ranch and Paetow will take on each other for the third straight season, with Paetow trying to keep its perfect record against the Mavericks alive and Morton Ranch trying to get off to a strong start in district.

The matchup has turned into a rivalry game, as players on both teams know each other very well and Paetow pulled some students from Morton Ranch when the school opened.

The Mavericks come off a strong win over Kingwood Park in the second week of the season, in which the team had 353 yards on the ground and 158 yards through the air, while holding Kingwood Park to just 216 total yards.

The Mavericks' offense clicked on every level. The run game pounded away with both Santana Scott and Ryan Hall gaining over 100 yards, and the team's pass game was great on the play action, with Josh Johnson thriving. Johnson is already off to a great start this season, as he already has 296 yards and two touchdowns to no interceptions in the air, Mike Gerald has been Johnson's top target on the season, already having six receptions for 170 yards and four touchdowns, while Cameron Hudson gives the team options in the passing game.

Paetow comes off a 22-7 loss to Cy-Ranch in the team's second game of

the season, as the Panthers dropped to 1-1 on the year.

The Panthers' offense once again struggled to get anything going in the game.

Derrick Johnson rushed for 35 yards for Paetow while Koby Truehill was efficient but safe with the ball, completing nine of 12 passes for 91 yards and a touchdown. Justin Stevenson led the Panthers with four receptions for 72 yards and a score. But turnover on downs and a fumble by Truehill derailed the offense throughout the night.

The Panthers' defense was good against the ground attack but also struggled against a good pass game from Cy-Ranch.

Paetow allowed 233 yards through the air and 112 yards to wide receiver Carson Littlefield, but held Cy-Ranch's top rusher to 39 yards on 15 carries. However, Paetow did allow a rushing score.

It was the Panthers' first loss with Lonnie Teagle as head coach and now they turn their attention to district and another matchup which they feel they can win.

It will be a battle of strengths in the game, as Paetow's defense has done lots of good things against both the pass and run early in the year, but the Mavericks boast both a strong run and pass game with athletes at every offensive skill position.

• Katy and Tompkins meet in the first week of district in a matchup that could decide the top of the district standings come regular season's end.

This has been the big matchup in the district over the past few years and it's looking like this year it could be the same way, with both teams looking extremely impressive throughout their first two non-district games.

Katy faced one of the toughest teams in the state last week in Atascocita and held on to win with a last minute touchdown. The Tigers showed prowess both in the run game which is to be expected and in the pass game, as the Tigers had 200 yards passing and senior quarterback Caleb Koger had a very good game, proving why he is a three-year starter for the program.

The Katy defense also came to play, shutting down the Atascocita run game for most of the night, but they did struggle at times containing the Eagles' pass game.

Tompkins comes off a 38-14 trouncing of Bridgeland last week to stay perfect on the season.

Chris Gilbert Jr. once again had a strong game, as he has gotten off to a good start this season while the Tompkins run game and defense continues to prove itself against good competition. And the run game was strong for Tompkins again for the second straight week.

Tompkins held Bridgeland to just 84 yards rushing on 20 carries, with leading rusher Kendall Burns only gaining 52 yards. Bridgeland was able to find some success in the pass game, throw-

ing for 190 yards but they also intercepted Bridgeland twice, once again showing the Falcons' propensity to force turnovers.

Tompkins will come into the matchup confident, but so will Katy, and both have already proven themselves against some very strong teams around the area and it again looks to be one of the best matchups the district will see this year.

It will be a battle between the two teams, and the biggest question in the matchup will be can Tompkins defense slow down the Katy run game and can the Katy defense keep the explosive Tompkins pass game in check.

Taylor (1-1) vs. Cinco Ranch (1-1), 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Cinco Ranch 49, Taylor 20

• Cinco Ranch and Taylor meet in the first week of district play and both come into the game with a 1-1 record.

The Cougars got off to a terrific start the first week of the season with a blowout win over College Park, but lost a shootout to Klein Oak, 40-35 in the second week of the season.

The Cinco defense struggled in the game against a good Klein Oak team.

Lorenzo Scheerhorn threw for 259 yards, completing 21 of 34 passes and throwing for two touchdowns, while the Klein Oak run game also had success. Keishaun Wooten ran for 141 yards and Scheerhorn ran for 116 and Klein Oak had four touchdowns on the ground. The Cougars especially struggled against Kaleb Black in the pass game, as he caught 11 passes for 142 yards.

The Cinco offense once again had success, with Gavin Rutherford leading the way, but it wasn't enough in the matchup.

Taylor earned a win over George Ranch to move to 1-1 on the season last week and boasted a strong run defense and run game. The Mustangs only allowed 59 yards on the ground and 108 yards through the air and contained George Ranch to just eight first downs in the game.

Offensively, Taylor rushed for 268 yards with many players chipping in and kept penalties at a minimum as they wore down the George Ranch defense and were successful on offense as the game went on.

The game will come down to which team's defense can show up and stop what the other team wants to do, with Taylor needing to stop an explosive pass and run game for Cinco Ranch, and Cinco needing to stop a powerful Taylor run game that tries to wear down defenses as games go on.

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Katy's Caleb Koger runs in a touchdown during Friday's game between Katy and Atascocita at Legacy Stadium.

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TIGERS
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"We knew coming into this that we had to stick to our gameplan," said Katy quarterback Caleb Koger. "We know what we are going to do, and it was a good game plan. We executed it and wore down the defense and it eventually got us the win. It was a great win."

Koger himself had a strong performance, throwing for 200 yards and completing 11 of 21 passes to go with two passing touchdowns while also rushing for 20 yards.

And Koger was the one who got Katy on the board in the first quarter, turning a bootleg into a 14-yard scramble for a touchdown.

Atascocita came back to tie things early in the second quarter on a 14-yard pass from Zion Brown to Claude Slaughter and the Eagles then took the lead on a pass from Brown to Kyran Lee. But Katy had the response, as Davis tied things at 14 with 30 seconds left in the half on a 1-yard touchdown run.

Davis ended the night with 187 rushing yards and two touchdowns on the ground. "Every time they scored, we would just tell ourselves, 'it's ok, we're good, we can't give up on ourselves,'" Davis said. "We kept fighting and that's what got us over the hump."

Katy then retook the lead in the third quarter on a 22-yard pass from Koger to Adam Jackson, and after Atascocita tied it again Koger found Micah Koenig for a 13-yard score to again give Katy the lead.

Jackson saw lots of time in the second half at receiver after J.R. Ceyanes went down and made the most of it, leading the team with five catches for 70 yards to go along with his touchdown.

"We had seem Adam do it all summer and fall camp and at the end of the day it's a matter of getting an opportunity," Joseph said. "Adam got that opportunity and he made the most of it tonight. There's no doubt he helped our football team tonight and that's a big part of what we're trying to do with these games is develop that depth."

Atascocita tied it up once again with 2:45 remaining, leaving ample time for Katy to drive down the field and for Davis to make his big game winning run.

"We weren't afraid to run it at any point and that kind of defines us," Koger said. "Even when we got stopped, even when it was late in the game, we kept pounding it and that got us the win. This was a fun game."

Katy will have only have one week

before they take on another big time team though, as they face Tompkins to begin District 19-6A play in week three of the season. But Katy is experienced, and they're ready for another challenge.

"We still have lots we can improve," Davis said. "The biggest thing is for us to go out there, work hard in practice and prepare for another tough football team. We just have to pay hard every single day, that's what it boils down to."

KATY 35, ATASCOCITA 28

Atascocita	0	14	7	7	--	28
Katy	7	7	7	14	--	35

First quarter

K: Caleb Koger 14 run (Hunter Ondrush kick) 3:02

Second quarter

A: Zion Brown 14 pass to Claude Slaughter (Yusuf Ibrahim kick) 11:56
A: Brown 35 pass to Kyran Lee (Ibrahim kick) 5:54
K: Seth Davis 1 run (Ondrush kick) 0:30

Third quarter

K: Koger 22 pass to Adam Jackson (Ondrush kick) 7:26
A: Tory Blalock 4 run (Ibrahim kick) 5:21

Fourth quarter

K: Koger 13 pass to Micah Koenig (Ondrush kick) 7:15
A: Blalock 1 run (Ibrahim kick) 2:45
K: Seth Davis 57 run (Ondrush kick) 1:01

Team stats

	ATASCOCITA	KATY
First downs	18	18
Yards rushing	23-81	38-219
Yards passing	263	200
Passes	20-38-2-0	11-22-2-0
Punts	3-40.3	3-43
Fumbles-lost	3-0	2-1
Penalty-yards	5-34	5-40

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Katy: Seth Davis, 29-187-2; Caleb Koger, 3-20-1; Dallas Glass, 4-13; Chase Johnsey, 1-0; Romarion Tillman 1-(-1); Atascocita: Tory Blalock, 18-64; Zion Brown, 5-17;
Passing – Katy: Caleb Koger, 11-21-263-2-0; Seth Davis, 0-1-0-0-0; Atascocita: Zion Jones, 20-38-263-2-0;
Receiving – Katy: Adam Jackson, 5-70-1; Oliver Ginn, 1-61; Micah Koenig, 4-55-1; J.R. Ceyanes, 1-14; Atascocita: Darrell Gill, 8-97, Kyran Lee, 5-80-1; Christian Hicks, 3-46; Justin Montgomery, 3-26; Claude Slaughter, 1-14-1;

Katy ranked in top five of state rankings

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy remained in the top five of the Dave Campbell Texas Football state rankings this week's Class 6A UIL State Rankings, staying at No. 5 after a last minute win over Atascocita, which is ranked No. 10 in the state rankings.

Despite the win, Katy was unable to move up in the rankings, with Austin Westlake retaining the No. 1 spot, North Shore at No. 2, Southlake Carroll at No. 3 and Duncanville at No. 4, as each of the top four earned victories and stayed undefeated on the season.

Tompkins moved up one spot in the rankings to No. 11, after a big win over

Bridgeland where the Falcons had a dominant display.

The Falcons moved up one spot in the rankings after the win, into the spot previously occupied by Arlington Martin, who moved up to No. 9.

Atascocita stayed at No. 10, one spot above Tompkins, despite the loss to Katy after the Eagles put up a very hard-fought game and narrowly came up short.

Paetow fell out of the rankings after a loss to Cy-Ranch, as the Panthers were ranked at No. 24 last week.

Allen, Klein Cain and Waxahachie all entered the rankings after not being ranked last week. Bridgeland also fell out of the rankings after its loss to Tompkins, dropping from No. 22 after only managing 14 points.



Tompkins' Caleb Blocker celebrates a TD with Ashton Funk during the UIL area playoff game between Tompkins and Jersey Village at Pridgeon Stadium in Houston.

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CLASS 6A					Rank	School	(Record)	Week 2	Prv rank
1	Austin Westlake	(2-0)	W	1	14	SA Northside Brennan	(1-1)	W	16
2	Galena Park North Shore	(2-0)	W	2	15	DeSoto	(1-1)	L	7
3	Southlake Carroll	(2-0)	W	3	16	Alvin Shadow Creek	(2-0)	W	17
4	Duncanville	(2-0)	W	4	17	Prosper	(2-0)	W	18
5	Katy	(2-0)	W	5	18	Dripping Springs	(2-0)	W	19
6	Denton Guyer	(2-0)	W	6	19	Jersey Village	(2-0)	W	20
7	Spring Westfield	(2-0)	W	8	20	Austin Vandegrift	(1-1)	W	21
8	Rockwall	(2-0)	W	9	21	Round Rock	(2-0)	W	23
9	Arlington Martin	(2-0)	W	11	22	Temple	(2-0)	W	2
10	Humble Atascocita	(1-1)	L	10	23	Allen	(1-1)	W	NR
11	Katy Tompkins	(2-0)	W	12	24	Klein Cain	(2-0)	W	NR
12	Dallas H. Park	(2-0)	W	14	25	Waxahachie	(2-0)	W	NR
13	Cibolo Steele	(2-0)	W	15	<i>Dropped out: No. 13 Lake Travis, No. 22 Cypress Bridgeland, No. 24 Katy Paetow</i>				

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The WALLER COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the office of Allen Boon Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston Texas 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal: George Griggs Huntoon III, Neil Andrew Williams, E. Kay Shepard

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: George J Hittner, Sara J Burson

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.80000 /\$100	\$0.80000 /\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$0.00	\$0.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$0.00 0.00%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas 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.

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

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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the City of Pattison will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed FY-22-23 Budget. The Public Hearing will be held Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 7 p.m.

The Public Hearing will be held at the City Hall of Pattison, 3410 First Street, Pattison, Texas 77466.

The proposed budget is posted on the website: <https://pattison.texas.gov/financial-transparency/>.

Contact the City Secretary at 281-934-3715 or via email at citysecretary@pattison.texas.gov with any questions.

Any person may attend and may participate in the public hearing.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to Quiddity Engineering, LLC, Attention Brian T. Geier PE., will be received until 11:00 a.m. Local Time, Friday, September 22, 2022, and then publicly opened and read at 6330 West Loop South, Suite 150, Bellaire, Texas 77401 for "Construction of Paving Facilities in Beckendorff Road Street Dedication Section 3 for Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 4, Harris and Waller County, Texas".

In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the addressed above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. To join via Microsoft Teams, the number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 688-171-388# when prompted.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Construction of Paving Facilities in Beckendorff Road Street Dedication Section 3.

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, September 15, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. The number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 226-212-759# when prompted.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than two percent (2%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. If a certified cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the bid opening.

Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com search Beckendorff Road Sec 3 Paving. 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.

A bidder submitting electronic Bids must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2371 Electronic Bidding rules and all electronic Bids and Bids Securities must be submitted through www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidder must register on this website in order to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website.

By submitting a Bid, bidder acknowledges and agrees that the Contract Documents may be accepted, executed or agreed to through the use of an Electronic Signature, as defined by and in accordance with Owner's Electronic Signature Rules for Construction Contracts.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

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NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT MEETING PLACE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 151

To the residents and taxpayers of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 151 (the "District") and to all the persons interested in the meetings of the Board of Directors of such District:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors, at a meeting held on August 22, 2022, outside the boundaries of the District, established an official office at the offices of Quiddity Engineering, LLC, 2322 West Grand Parkway N., Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449 for the purposes of receiving bids on certain public works projects, administering construction contracts for such projects, receiving correspondence related to such contracts, and for the storage of the plans and specifications of such projects. In addition, an out-of-District meeting place was established at the offices of Quiddity Engineering, LLC, 2322 West Grand Parkway N., Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449.

Said meeting place is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public. All residents and taxpayers of the District and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend any meetings of the Board of Directors at such location.

/s/ Louis James
Secretary, Board of Directors

Public Service Announcement: Fair Housing, It's the Law

To promote fair housing practices, The City of Pattison encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the Texas Workforce Commission at (888) 452-4778 or (512) 463-2642 TTY: 512-371-7473.

Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability

The City of Pattison does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. The Mayor has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8).

Citizen Participation & Grievance Procedures Notice

The City of Pattison has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Block Grant Programs (TxCDBG). Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at 3410 First Street Pattison, TX, 77466-0223 during regular business hours. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling the Mayor, Civil Rights Officer at (281) 934-3715. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if s/he wishes to file a complaint or grievance about TxCDBG activities. A person who has a complaint or grievance about any services or activities with respect to the TxCDBG project, may during regular business hours submit such complaint or grievance, in writing to the City Secretary, at P.O. Box 223, Pattison, TX 77466-0223 or may call (281) 934-3715. The City of Pattison will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within fifteen (15) working days where practicable.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

The City of Pattison does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

Aviso Publico: La Equidad en la Vivienda, Es La Ley

Para promover prácticas de vivienda justa, La Ciudad de City of Pattison anima a los posibles propietarios de vivienda e inquilinos a que conozcan sus derechos conforme a la Ley Nacional De Vivienda Justa. El Título VIII de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1968, según enmendada, prohíbe la discriminación contra cualquier persona por motivos de raza, color, religión, sexo, discapacidad, estado familiar u origen nacional en la venta o renta de unidades en el mercado de la vivienda. Para obtener más información sobre vivienda justa o para informar sobre una posible discriminación de vivienda equitativa, llame a la Comisión Laboral de Texas al (888) 452-4778 o (512) 463-2642 TTY: 512-371-7473.

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Participación Ciudadana y Procedimientos de Quejas Aviso

La Ciudad de City of Pattison ha adoptado procedimientos de quejas y reclamos relacionados con sus programas de Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). Los ciudadanos pueden obtener una copia de estos procedimientos escritos en 3410 First Street, City of Pattison, TX, 77466-0223 durante el horario comercial habitual. Los ciudadanos también pueden solicitar que se les envíen los procedimientos por correo llamando al Mayor, Oficial de Derechos Civiles, en (281) 934-3715. Estos procedimientos describen los pasos que debe seguir un ciudadano si desea presentar una queja o reclamo sobre las actividades de TxCDBG. Una persona que tenga una queja o reclamo sobre cualquier servicio o actividad relacionada con un proyecto del programa TxCDBG, puede presentar dicha queja o reclamo durante el horario comercial habitual, o por escrito a City Secretary, a P.O. Box 223, City of Pattison, TX 77466-0223 o puede llamar a (281) 934-3715. La Ciudad de City of Pattison hará todo lo posible para responder con plenitud a las quejas dentro de los quince (15) días hábiles cuando sea posible.

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and we have that momentum now heading into next week, which is a big game for us. We've been working towards the season and been trying to put things together and tonight really just is going to help us continue to build on what we've been doing this year."

The Mavericks put up 353 yards rushing to go with 158 yards receiving in the win as the Morton Ranch offense was explosive all night.

Both Scott and junior running back Ryan Hall ended the night with over 100 yards rushing to lead the team, while senior quarterback Josh Johnson had 52 yards rushing.

"Josh can throw it and run it, and then Santana and Ryan are different types of backs and they get things done in the run game, while Mike Gerald is a huge threat in the pass game," said Morton Ranch head coach Ron Counter. "We just feel really confident in those guys every time we step on the field and we really executed tonight. It was a really good game and test for us."

Scott got the Mustangs on the board first in the first quarter, capping off a 11-play, 77 yard drive with a 10-yard touchdown run. Morton Ranch doubled their lead just three minutes later on a 60-yard play action pass from Johnson to Cameron Hudson, before Ryan Hall got his name on the scoresheet at the end of the first quarter on a 60-yard touchdown run to put Morton Ranch up 21-0.

Kingwood Park got on the board in the second quarter but Morton Ranch responded right back, with Johnson hitting Mike Gerald on a 33-yard pass, and after another Kingwood Park score, Johnson found Gerald again for a 54-yard touchdown off a play action, giving the Mavericks a 35-14 lead at halftime.

Johnson finished the night five of 10 passing for 158 yards and three touchdowns while Gerald caught three passes for 92 yards and two touchdowns.

"Every defense has to crash to account for Santana and that opens so much for the pass game," Johnson said. "Two of my touchdowns came off of play action where they were all coming into the box because of the run game, with Santana, Ryan and me as running threats. It causes a lot of chaos for a defense because they have to worry about that. Then when we hit those passes there's really not an answer because they have to respect both."

Kingwood Park scored to start second



Morton Ranch's QB Joshua Johnson #9 delivers a pass during a conference game between Cinco Ranch and Morton Ranch at Rhodes Stadium in Katy.

half before Hall answered back for Morton Ranch, Scott and Hall both scored once more each down the stretch as the Mavericks rolled in the second half to the win.

"Really our run game comes down to our offensive line and they do a great job, all the credit goes to them," Scott said. "They make the holes and we just stay patient and wait for it. We know they're going to make a hole for us every time and that makes our job as running backs so much easier."

Things will only get tougher now for Morton Ranch, as they take on Paetow in

the first week of district play. The Mavericks know it will be a tough test, especially without having the depth they would like. But the Mavericks are looking forward to what's next in district play and proving themselves against a tough matchup every week.

"They're a great team and it's both of our first district games this year so to add on to that that there's kind of a rivalry with this game. The kids will be really hyped up on both sides. We know that it's going to be a tough game but every game in this district is tough and we know we can compete."

MORTON RANCH 56, KINGWOOD PARK 28

Kingwood Park	0	14	7	7	--	28
Morton Ranch	21	14	7	14	--	56

First quarter

MR: Santana Scott 10 run (Angel Roberto Rinco kick) 6:39
MR: Josh Johnson 60 pass to Cameron Hudson (Rinco kick) 3:45
MR: Ryan Hall 60 run (Rinco kick) 0:13

Second quarter

KP: Patrick Overmyer 40 pass to Pierce Richards (Wyatt May kick) 11:11
MR: Johnson 33 pass to Mike Gerald (Rinco kick) 4:33
KP: Overmyer 20 run (May kick)
MR: Johnson 54 pass to Gerald (Rinco kick) 1:07

Third quarter

KP: Overmyer 32 pass to Brady Jones (May kick) 7:30
MR: Hall 1 run (Rinco kick) 1:37

Fourth quarter

MR: Scott 2 run (Rinco kick) 11:00
KP: Overmyer 6 pass to Hayden Bender (May kick)
MR: Hall 2 run (Rinco kick) 1:05

Team stats

	KINGWOOD PARK	MORTON RANCH
First downs	11	18
Yards rushing	20-65	45-353
Yards passing	151	158
Passes	12-22-3-0	5-10-3-0
Punts	3-16.6	3-27.3
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Penalty-yards	6-40	8-86

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Morton Ranch: Santana Scott, 23-168-2; Ryan Hall, 13-133-3; Josh Johnson 9-52; Kingwood Park: Patrick Overmyer 8-42-1; Isaiah Perez, 10-13; Pierce Richards, 1-8; Brayden Moronko, 1-2
Passing – Morton Ranch: Josh Johnson, 5-10-158-3-0; Kingwood Park: Patrick Overmyer, 12-22-151-3-0
Receiving – Morton Ranch: Mike Gerald, 3-92-2; Cameron Hudson, 1-60-1; Jairon Davis, 1-6; Kingwood Park: Pierce Richards, 8-91-1; Brady Jones, 2-42-1; Hayden Bender, 2-18-1

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT September 14, 2022, 9:00 A.M. COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM, WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE The Waller County Commissioners' Court will conduct a Public Hearing under the Authority of Chapter 251.152, Transportation Code, to consider the renaming of Pederson Road to Texas Heritage Parkway from (IH-10 to the Fort Bend County Line). All interested persons are encouraged to attend and participate in the Public Hearing.			SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE The Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 1 will hold a meeting at 6:30 P.M., on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at Willow Fork Country Club, 21055 Westheimer Parkway, Katy, Texas 77450, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2022. The proposed tax rate is \$0.076380 per \$100.00 of value.			NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT September 14, 2022, 9:00 A.M. COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM, WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE The Waller County Commissioners' Court will conduct a Public Hearing under the Authority of Chapter 251.152, Transportation Code, to consider the establishment and the installation of "No Thru Trucks" signs at the following roads: Clapp Road – "No Thru Trucks" Sterling Road – "No Thru Trucks" All interested persons are encouraged to attend and participate in the Public Hearing.		
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Texans ready for test against Colts to open season

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Houston Texans are ready to go. The Texans start the season Sunday with their home opener, taking on divisional foe Indianapolis in an important game even if it is only week one.

The Texans are looking for improvements out of their young roster this year, and a good game against a strong Colts side would be a good step in the right direction.

"So much has gone into getting to this spot where we are right now," said Texans head coach Lovie Smith. "The draft, new jobs for so many guys in the building, training camp and preseason games. And we're here healthy, that's the most important thing. It will be a good game for our guys to develop in their roles. We're playing a really good opponent, the Colts have been a good team for a while. Now we have to go take care of business."

The Texans will have to take care of business with many young faces on both sides of the ball. A second-year quarterback is taking the helm for his first full year as a starter in Davis Mills, a rookie taking over as the starting running back and young players at both wide receiver and at the offensive line.

Then on the defense, there are rookies in major roles in the secondary and the front seven, and all will have to step up for the Texans to be successful over the weekend.

"Everyone has to have a first time for everything," Smith said. "You're excited about it and I'm sure those are the thoughts going through the rookies mind. But our guys are smart, and they know football. I'm excited about seeing them play and again as a rookie, they'll continue to keep getting better every week."

The Colts come off the season where they narrowly missed the playoffs but had a successful year. They bring back last year's leading rusher in the NFL in Jonathan Taylor and a good threat in the pass game in Michael Pittman Jr.

They also traded for veteran



Houston Texans running back Rex Burkhead (28) carries the ball during an NFL preseason game between the Texans and the 49ers in Houston, Texas, on August 25, 2022.

SCOTT W. COLEMAN

quarterback Matt Ryan over the offseason, adding a great presence to the locker room and a consistent performer on the field at qb, something the team sorely missed last year an that will make things an even bigger problem for Houston as they attempt to get win No. 1.

"The most important thing we can do defensively is stop the run,

we have to do that every week," Smith said. "Every NFL team is going to have a good running back and Taylor is one of the best in the league. It's going to take us gang tackling, running to the football and meeting them at the point of attack on every play. It will be a big challenge, but we have to compete with them. We didn't do that last

year, they dominated us, we have to show up this year."

But the Texans know most of all, the focus must be on themselves and what the team can control, not on what the Colts can or can't do. And they know that that focus is what can make them successful in the season opener.

"What they did last year, they

dominated us at their place and they dominated us at our place, that's motivation and we don't run from it," Smith said. "A lot of what happened came from mistakes we made in all three phases. We feel like we've corrected a lot of that, that's why we can't wait to see exactly how far we've come since that day and last season."

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Katy West Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 12:00 noon, at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: S. Corbin, G. Whitt, C. Davis, S. Wallingford & L. Lindley
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 \$ 0.800/\$100 Adopted	This Year \$ 0.800/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.800/\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.800/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.0000%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$0	\$0
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$0	\$0
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0	\$0
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$0.00 0.0000%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

* There were NO residential homesteads for comparison purposes.

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Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Woodcreek Reserve Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., at the Katy Civic Center, 910 Ave. C, Katy, Texas 77493. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: C. Foster, C. Caruthers, D. Cresap, M. Sheahan & J. Perkins
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 \$ 0.580/\$100 Adopted	This Year \$ 0.530/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.580/\$100 Adopted	\$ 0.530/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.050 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-8.6207%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$444,018	\$498,902
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	-\$31,081	-\$49,890
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$412,937	\$449,012
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,395.03	\$ 2,379.76
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		-\$15.27 -0.6376%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax 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.

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Dallas Keuchel returns to form with Round Rock Express

BY ZACH SMITH
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

The last year has been a rollercoaster for Dallas Keuchel.

From the Chicago White Sox to the Arizona Diamondbacks and finally, to the Texas Rangers organization, something was a little off with the two-time All-Star and 2015 Cy Young Award winner.

The only one that could fix it was him. "I needed to corral some things," Keuchel said. "I know myself well, but it was taking a little bit longer than expected. The journey has been something that I've never had to do before. At this point, I feel like I'm back to doing the things I want to do on the mound consistently, that's really the main thing."

Keuchel signed a minor-league contract with the Rangers and was assigned to the Express on July 27.

He made four starts with Round Rock and boasts a 1-0 record with a 2.31 ERA with 22 strikeouts and 11 walks. He struck out six batters across seven innings in a 4-0 win over the El Paso Chihuahuas on Aug. 19, his only start at Dell Diamond.

"I've seen the Rangers plenty of times, so I know where they've been, and I know the kind of rebuilding they were doing and how close they are to being very competitive again," Keuchel said. "You can never have too many veteran voices in the big leagues, especially with such a young team."

Keuchel returned to the big leagues on Saturday, allowing seven runs on 11 hits and one walk in 5.1 innings as the Rangers lost to the Detroit Tigers. In eight games with the White Sox, Diamondback and Rangers, his ERA is 8.84.

The 34-year-old lefty quickly worked his way up to the big leagues after being selected in the seventh round by the Astros in 2009. He won a World Series and took home five gold glove awards in Houston.

Injuries were something he hadn't really struggled with until this year, but it was a hurdle he said he was prepared for.

"Wondering whether I still had it in me wasn't really there, I just had to get back to being healthy," Keuchel said. "Getting to the mountaintop is cool, but at the same time, it's hard to start there. Injuries take a toll and you never can plan for those."

While he was with the Express, Keuchel was an open book.

When someone with big-league experience and success such as Keuchel speaks, it carries more weight to up-and-coming players than any coach could ever offer.

"You guys want to have a career like he's had? Watch what he does," Express manager



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

In four starts for the Round Rock Express this season, Dallas Keuchel is 1-0 with a 2.31 ERA and 22 strikeouts across 23.1 innings.

Matt Hagen said. "Everything is deliberate and intentional, and he doesn't leave anything to chance. There's a purpose to what he's doing. He's got something to prove."

Keuchel never had any doubt that he could return to form once he got healthy.

One thing he did learn is how grateful he is to play the game he loves.

"There are certain things along the way that you appreciate more," Keuchel said. "I remember the struggle along with the success because the struggles will always get you where you want to go."

“There are certain things along the way that you appreciate more. I remember the struggle along with the success because the struggles will always get you where you want to go.”

—Dallas Keuchel

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 124 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Friday, September 23, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Ste. 2600, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: Paula Bays, John Batawrous, Jarrett Simpson, Luther J Moller, Michelle O'Neil

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 \$0.86000 /\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.81000 /\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.86000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.81000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.05000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-5.81%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$293,626.00	\$326,118.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$293,626.00	\$326,118.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$2,525.18	\$2,641.56
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$116.37 4.61%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax 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.

Mandatory election not required due to unused increment.

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

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 9 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on September 21, 2022 at 10:00 am at Prosperity Bank, 1515 Grand Parkway, Katy TX 77450. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: Lewis E Ernest, John Campbell, Harvey Nelson, Chris Forrest, Gregg Haan

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 \$0.390000/\$100 Adopted	This Year \$0.370053/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.390000/\$100 Adopted	\$0.370053/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.019947
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-5.11%
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$298,789	\$330,811
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled persons exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$298,789	\$330,811
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,165.28	\$1,224.18
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$58.90 5.05%

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate the governing body of Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 9 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of Operations of the District.

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax 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.

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Emma Regin playing key role in Texas soccer's success

BY ZACH SMITH
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Emma Regan might not be the flashiest on the Texas soccer roster, but there might not be a more important player to the Longhorns' success.

The fifth-year senior, who has led the team in minutes played over the last two seasons and made her 61st consecutive start, scored her first career goal from the run of play on Sunday, helping Texas beat Florida 3-2 at Mike A. Meyers Stadium.

"I don't need to be flashy," Regan said. "At the end of the day, I just want to win games."

Regan has evolved from a true defender when she first got to Texas in 2018 to a holding midfielder over the last two seasons. She started all 22 matches last season in addition to all 12 in the COVID-split 2020 season.

She leads all non-attackers on the Texas roster this season with five shots on goal and has played all but nine minutes through the first three games.

"I think my job is to be the workhorse in the middle, and I try to set that example every game, whether I'm scoring or not, which I'm usually not," Regan said. "The more I can communicate and lead by example and grit it out in the middle, it makes their job easier."

Even if there's not a player wearing the armband on the field, Regan fills that role for the Longhorns in every other way.

"There isn't a player in our organization that wouldn't say how important she is to each of them and our squad," Texas head coach Angela Kelly said. "I'm just grateful we have a player like that."

Sophomore Trinity Byars scored two goals on Sunday, including the game-winning goal from an assist by freshman Liz Worden, with just over 10 minutes left in the match to give the Longhorns a one-goal lead.

"My teammates put me in a great position," Byars said. "It felt great to get back on the score-



Emma Regan scored a goal in Texas' 3-2 win over Florida on Sunday afternoon. She has started 61 straight matches for the Longhorns.

ZACH SMITH

sheet."

Youth is expected to play a huge role for Texas this season, led in part by Byars and fellow sophomore midfielder Lexi Missimo, who were both named 'Players to Watch' by the United Soccer Coaches.

Missimo was also named to the watch list for the MAC Hermann Trophy, the college soccer equivalent of the Heisman Trophy.

Missimo was named Big 12 Freshman of the Year after scoring nine goals and adding a league-high and Texas freshman record 14 assists for 32 total points, good for fourth in the Big 12.

Byars led the Longhorns in

goals with 12 and scoring with 34 points while ranking second with 10 assists and 67 total shots.

The Longhorns opened the season with a dominant 5-0 win against Lipscomb on Aug. 18 and were led by Worden, a freshman, who scored two goals and added an assist in her collegiate debut.

"We're a young but old team," Kelly said. "The young players bring experience, and they've played at high levels, and we have our older players that kind of solidify everything. We're not a naive squad in the least, but we can play a little smarter."

Texas dropped a 2-0 result to top-ranked North Carolina on Thursday in front of 3,264 fans, the eighth-largest crowd in pro-

gram history.

The Longhorns head out west for games at Oregon on Thursday night and at Gonzaga on Sunday afternoon before returning home to take on Utah State, UTRGV, Texas Southern and UCF to finish off non-conference play.

Big 12 action begins with back-to-back road games, on Sept. 22 at TCU and Sept. 25 at Texas Tech.

"Our morale is really good right now coming off a win," Regan said. "I think we can keep this momentum going on the road. We face some different opponents from a different conference, but I think we're ready. We're always ready for a new challenge."

“There isn't a player in our organization that wouldn't say how important she is to each of them and our squad. I'm just grateful we have a player like that.”

—Angela Kelly, Texas head coach

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS-WALLER COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 1:30 PM at 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal:	Lonnie Lee, Jennifer White, Steve Dornak, Valerie Davis
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
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.93000/\$100 Adopted	\$0.93000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.00000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$431,872.00	\$549,538.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$3,781.00	\$61,505.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$428,091.00	\$488,033.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$3,981.25	\$4,538.71
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$557.46 14.00%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code. The District has issued bonds and is required to levy a debt service tax rate to support the payment on such bonds.

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

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The FORT BEND COUNTY M.U.D. #34 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on September 27, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2500, Houston, TX 77056. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal:	Billy Haehnel, James Marken, Jose Torres, and Craig Hajovsky
AGAINST the proposal:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	Sean Piper

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.61000/\$100 Adopted	\$.59000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ - .02000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-3.27%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 368,290	\$ 407,716
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 368,290	\$ 407,716
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,246.56	\$ 2,405.52
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$ 158.96 7.07%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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Six Cougars named to senior bowl watch list

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Houston Football had six players named to the 2023 Senior Bowl watch list, the Senior Bowl committee announced Wednesday.

The six players consist of quarterback Clayton Tune, wide receivers Nathaniel Dell and KeSean Carter, defensive end Derek Parish, linebacker Donovan Mutin and safety Gervarius Owens.

On the offense, Tune heads into his third season as the team's starting quarterback, coming off a landmark season where he finished the year with career-highs at 287 completions, 3,550 passing yards and 30 passing touchdowns in 14 games. Currently sitting fifth in passing touchdowns and seventh in passing yards in program history, Tune looks to climb further up the Cougar record books in his last season.

Dell combined with Tune in what was one of the most dangerous combinations in the country last season. The Dayton Beach, Florida native heads into 2022 as one of the top returning wideouts after recording 90 receptions for 1,329 receiving yards and 12 receiving touchdowns last season. His stat line ranked first in the American Athletic Conference last season as his 12 touchdowns ranked eighth nationwide.

Carter returns for his second season with the Cougars after recording 26 receptions for a career-high 331 receiving yards and one touchdown in nine games last season. After missing the last five games of the 2021 season due to nursing a foot injury, Carter returns as a fifth-year player and the most experienced receiving option behind Dell in Tune's available receiving options.

On the defense, Mutin was a force for the Cougars as he led the team in total tackles with 77 and finished second on the team with three forced fumbles while also posting 46 solo tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, two sacks and one fumble recovery. One of the focal points of last season's defense, Mutin returns to the program as a veteran and as one of the top linebackers in The American.

Starting all 14 games last season, Parish tallied the fourth most tackles on the team at 56 with 26 solo tackles, while also finishing second on the team in tackles for loss with 12.5 and third most sacks with 5.5. Parish now leads the exclusive "Sack Ave." heading into the 2022 season, a unit that helped boost the Cougars defense to be ranked sixth nationally in total defense.

Owens played a large role in the secondary for the Cougars last season, posting the fifth most tackles on the team with 52 while also registering 33 solo takedowns, four tackles for loss, five pass broke ups and two interceptions, including a 45-yard pick-six against Tulsa. Heading into the new season, Owens becomes one of the veterans in defensive coordinator Doug Belk's secondary.

The Senior Bowl watchlist preliminarily highlights and ultimately selects many of college football's best seniors to compete in Mobile, Ala. They will then be able to showcase their talents and boost their stock before potentially being invited to attend the NFL Combine and submit their names to the NFL Draft taking place next April.



Above: Houston Cougars wide receiver KeSean Carter (20) carries the ball after a reception during an NCAA football game between Houston and SMU on October 30, 2021 in Houston, Texas. Left: Houston Cougars wide receiver Nathaniel Dell (1) at the line of scrimmage during an NCAA football game between Houston and Texas Tech on September 4, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

PHOTOS BY SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Brookshire-Katy Drainage District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the year 2022-2023 on September 19, 2022 at 8:00 AM at 1111 Kenney Street, Brookshire, Texas 77423.

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FOR the proposal: ARNOLD ENGLAND, PAT KEELING, DAVID WELCH, BLAKE BECKENDORFE, JOHN CHISUM

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

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
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>0.074165</u> /\$100 Adopted	<u>0.065430</u> /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ <u>-0.0087</u> /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		<u>-11.78</u> %
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ <u>320,314</u>	\$ <u>392,034</u>
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ <u>320,314</u>	\$ <u>392,034</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ <u>237.56</u>	\$ <u>256.51</u>
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted and percentage of decrease	\$ <u>18.95</u> <u>7.98</u> %	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

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The 86th Texas 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.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 57 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 10:00AM at the office of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, STE 2600, Houston TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: Bill Lyle, Randy Rodriguez, Chris Tolle, Gina Babineaux, Steve McConnell
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
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.88000 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.83000 /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.05000 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-5.68%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$379,297.00	\$420,783.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$379,297.00	\$420,783.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$3,337.81	\$3,492.50
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$154.69 4.63%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax 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. However, a mandatory election is not required this year due to the application of unused increment on the tax rate in accordance with the Water Code. The District has infrastructure that requires regular operations, maintenance, and repairs that necessitates the levy of an operations and maintenance tax in an amount to maintain the infrastructure in good and working condition.

The 86th Texas 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.

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“The whole team was on the same page — the offense, defense and special teams — it was a real team performance,” said junior defensive back Cyrus Reyes. “On defense we were just flying around and trying to make plays when we read our keys. That’s what the coaches want us to do and we were able to do it tonight.”

The run game was the path to success for the Taylor offense, as they ended the night with 268 rush yards and Jefferson, Cherron Lewis and Dante Archie all finished the game with over 50 yards on the ground.

And that’s exactly how things were supposed to work for Taylor, as they wanted to come in, establish the ground game and use the team’s strong offensive line and running game to make a

difference.

“We knew coming in that we were going to run the ball until they give us a reason to throw,” Jefferson said. “We ran it and we jammed it down their throat as much as we could. We’re a team where if we’re doing the same thing and it’s positive, then we’re going to keep it going and that’s what happened tonight. We ran it all night and then we mixed in the pass as we needed to.”

Sabek added a third field goal in the fourth quarter after another strong drive from Taylor — this one from 35-yards out, to seal the win — and it was a happy Taylor locker room as everyone exited the field.

“It was relieving to get this win,” Reyes said. “We know every team doubts us and so

every team the whole way, we’re going to have to try to upset. People aren’t going to look down on us anymore — we’re going to prove ourselves.”

Taylor starts District 19-6A play next against Cinco Ranch and they know how tough of a challenge it will be, but at the same time, the team is looking forward for another chance to prove themselves.

“This was exactly what we had to see happen,” Simmons said. “We put together one good half last week against Cy-Woods but we weren’t able to put together a whole game. The second half wasn’t very good. To come out here and put two halves together is huge — now we just have to keep building on that as we go forward.”

TAYLOR 16, GEORGE RANCH 0

Taylor	3	10	0	3	--	16
George Ranch	0	0	0	0	--	0

First quarter

T: Alei Sabek 23 field goal, 6:41

Second quarter

T: Sabek 25 field goal, 10:57
T: Chase Cobbin 6 pass to Ian Flynt (Sabek kick) 3:38

Fourth quarter

T: Sabek 35 field goal, 3:52

Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalty-yards	5-50	8-67

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Taylor: Cherron Lewis, 12-105; Dante Archie, 12-83; Joe Jefferson, 8-52; Chase Cobbin, 5-28; George Ranch: Hayden Drinkard, 9-36; Jaden Shelton, 10-23; Deion Drinkard, 2-0;
Passing – Taylor: Joe Jefferson, 2-7-23-0-0; Chase Cobbin, 2-3-9-0-0; George Ranch: Deion Drinkard, 11-21-108-0-0
Receiving – Taylor: Daniel Bruns, 1-17; Ian Flynt, 1-6-1; Alexandro Zubia, 1-6; Alei Sabek, 1-3; George Ranch: Gregor Jones, 5-51; Jackson Muckelroy, 2-38; Jaden Shelton, 1-15; Hayden Drinkard, 1-3; Bryce Odum, 2-1;

Team stats

	TAYLOR	GEORGE
RANCH		
First downs	14	8
Yards rushing	37-268	21-59
Yards passing	32	108
Passes	4-10-1-0	11-21-0-0
Punts	1-11	3-34

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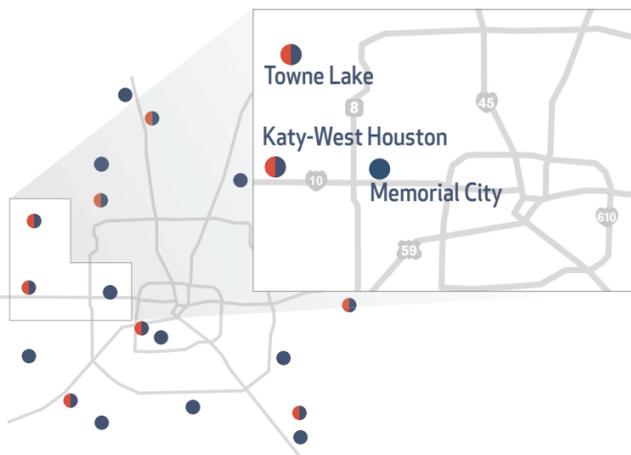
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