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CHANNEL CURRENTS

SEP. 1, THURSDAY
Pct. 2 Public Safety Meeting
Meeting for the public at Bill Neal Athletic Center, Channelview ISD, 828 Sheldon Road, Channelview on Thursday, September 1 at 6:30pm.
Commissioner Adrian Garcia and the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) for updates on overall public safety and programs in this area.
Information, 346-217-5958 or Cindy.Miller@pct2.hctx.net.

SEP. 2, FRIDAY
NC Chamber Luncheon
The North Channel Chamber will hold its regular monthly luncheon on Friday, September 2 at the San Jacinto College North Monument Room.
Speaker will be Jacqueline Young-Hall of Port Houston Maritime.
Lunch for members \$20, non-members \$30. Reservations at 713-450-3600 or info@ncachamber.com.

SEP. 10, SATURDAY
Teen Youth Summit
Judge Lucia Bates invites all Teens to this event, at Goose Creek Memorial High School, 6001 E. Wallisville Rd, Baytown 77521. 10:00am to 2:00pm.
The Summit is designed for 7th thru 12th grade students. Free Event, lunch, prizes, information, door prizes. Info 713-274-0900.

HS FOOTBALL SEASON OPENER: GP Yellowjackets defeat GCM Patriots in OT 37-36

By Allan Jamail

GPISD Stadium – Houston, TX. ~ In their first game of the season the home team Galena Park Yellowjackets (GP) (5A-D2) and Goose Creek Memorial Patriots (GCM) (5A-D1) battled back and forth with lead changes. Both teams are in 5A. The 4th quarter ended in a 29-29 tie putting the non-district contest into overtime. Head Coach Spiro Amaranos' Yellowjackets got the opening kickoff and scored early on their first drive. GCM followed with a TD, ending the 1st quarter tied, 7 – 7.

In the 2nd quarter the Jackets senior running back Jonathan Gutierrez



#24 Jonathan Gutierrez, Jacket's senior running back scoring 1 of his 4 touchdowns accounting for 24 points. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

scored again for his 2nd touchdown (TD). GP's kicker Oswaldo Flores had his extra point kick blocked. Before the 1st half ended with 5 seconds on the clock Flores



#12 Daniel Gomez, Jacket's sophomore quarterback drives over three Patriot defenders for the overtime winning score. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

kicked a 20 plus yard 3 point field goal. Ending the 1st half with a 16 – 7 Jackets lead. In the 3rd quarter it was all GCM's

quarterback Cameron Davis who scored both a rushing and passing TD. He threw lots of passes and was never sacked in the backfield due to his elusiveness. The Jacket's defense forced him to scramble, but because he was so hard to grasp and pin down he made good yardage. The 3rd quarter ended with the GCM gaining the lead 21 – 16.

In the final 4th quarter GP's Gutierrez ran for another TD. Coach Amaranos and his coaches called for a 2 point conversion play which failed. The Jacket's regained the lead 22 - 21.

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NS Mustangs Cake-Walk Football Opener Mustangs 49 – Woodlands Highlanders 21

By Allan Jamail

GPISD stadium – Thursday, August 25, 2022 the Defending 6A State Champion North Shore Mustangs trampled the visiting Woodlands Highlanders (WH). It was a “cakewalk” from the opening kickoff.

The Eastside Boys (NS) scored 28 points in the first quarter. They kept a double digit lead from start to finish in the non-district game. Ending the first half 42 – 7. Head Coach Jon Kay pulled his starters in the final quarter and then the Highlanders managed to score. The final score; NS 49 – WH 21(See touchdown photos scoring details)



3 Evan Jackson, NS special team player runs 80 yards on a punt return TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



9 Kaleb Bailey, NS quarterback avoids a tackle leaping across the goal for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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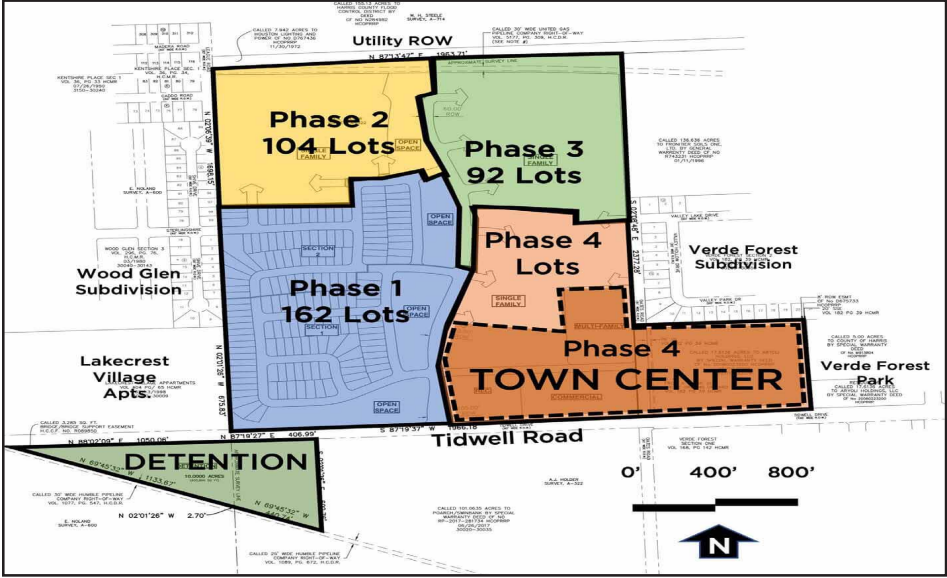
It's amazing how much a year makes, last season NS was riddled with penalties deep into the season. They were penalty free in this game, hopefully this kind of self-discipline will continue.

The Mustang's defense lost some good seniors last year; however this unit though yet to be tested and proven appears to be up to the task of another state title.

North Shore travels to play the Spring Lions in a non-district game, Saturday, September 3rd at 6pm at Planet Ford Stadium. Both teams are 6A and undefeated.

Linda Jamail, statistician.

Habitat plans 450 new homes on Tidwell Community named Robins Landing



Houston Habitat for Humanity breaks ground on 127-acre master-planned community

HOUSTON — Houston Habitat for Humanity together with partners including the City of Houston broke ground on Robins Landing, a vibrant master-planned community serving low to moderate income Houstonians in their journey to homeownership. Located near Tidwell Road and Mesa Drive in northeast Houston, the

127-acre site will provide critically needed affordable homes, essential services, retail opportunities, and access to greenspace. Hines, the international real estate firm, will serve as a strategic advisor to Houston Habitat for the development, which is a first of its kind.

“Today's groundbreaking on Robins Landing marks an exciting moment for Houston Habitat and an exciting future for many Houstonians” said

Allison Hay, executive director of Houston Habitat for Humanity. “Along with our partners, we are creating a more inclusive, equitable, and open path toward homeownership. Everyone deserves a decent and affordable place to call home with access to everyday resources that make a thriving community.”

Designed for mixed-income and mixed-genera

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GP/JC CIP Meeting hears about Citizens Emergency Warnings

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City Town Center – August 4, 2022 the CIP meeting was hosted by Kinder Morgan Inc. Diane Sheridan, CIP Facilitator called the meeting to order and GP-JC CIP Secretary Kristin Gauthier took the roll of members present and minutes of the meeting.

Alex Rendon, Director of Operations, for Kinder Morgan (KM) Galena Park Terminal gave the following information to the attendees.

50% of all motor oil on the Gulf Coast is either stored and/or transported through the KM Galena Park Clinton Drive Terminal.

Medical disinfectant, rubbing alcohol, nail polish, paint solvent, detergent, adhesives and other lubricants proponents are stored and/or transported through KM'S Galena Park Terminal

KM is the Preferred US bio-diesel truck transporter in the renewable business.

On October 15th: was KM's 3rd year anniversary of ZERO recordable injuries.

KM representative Ren-



DIANE SHERIDAN, CIP Facilitator reporting on local area cities emergency notification systems. She also reported on how citizens can report strange odors and receive emergency warnings. (see article details) Photo by Allan Jamail



ALEX RENDON, Director of Operations, Kinder Morgan (KM) Galena Park Terminal Presents to CIP meeting attendees a report on the types of products KM either stores and/or transports through the Galena Park KM terminal. (see article details) Photo by Allan Jamail

don said, “Kinder Morgan is one of the largest energy infrastructure companies in North America. We own an interest in or operate approximately 83,000 miles of pipelines and 141 terminals. Our pipelines transport natural gas, gasoline, crude oil, carbon dioxide (CO2) and more. Our terminals store and handle renewable fuels, petroleum products, chemicals, vegetable oils and other products.”

Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP, headquartered at One Allen Center

in Houston, Texas, was co-founded by Richard Kinder and William Morgan. The company began in 1997, when Kinder, a former Enron executive, and Morgan purchased the liquid pipeline assets of Enron for \$40 million

KM's Vision is: Delivering Energy to Improve Lives and Create a Better World.

Diane Sheridan, CIP Facilitator issued the following advice for persons

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NS Mustangs Cake-Walk Football Opener

Mustangs 49 – Woodlands Highlanders 21

GAME PHOTOS -- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 -- ALL PHOTOS BY ALLAN JAMAIL



#34 Mustang Senior Rashaad Johnson's TD, he powers over Highlander defender.

#2 Christopher Barnes, NS receiver takes quarterback Kaleb Bailey's pass for a TD.



5 Jacoby Davis, NS defensive back intercepts a Highlander pass for a TD.

9 Kaleb Bailey, NS quarterback takes the ball for a TD following the blocking of teammate #89 Kaleb Thomas.



85 NS kicker Carlos Dominguez kicks a perfect game for 7 extra points.

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With a 1 point lead GP kicked to GCMP with 6 minutes left in the game. Their offense sputtered with a fumble giving GP back the ball on the GCMP 40 yard line.

Jacket's junior running back Jonathan Balderas made 2 long runs moving the ball to the 5 yard line. GP's junior running back Francisco Martinez ran the ball for a TD, GP's Flores kicked the extra point, widening GP's lead to 29 – 21.

After the ensuing kickoff with 2 minutes left in the game GCMP fought back. They scored off of Cameron Davis' passes and rushes from Isaiah Castillo. After the 6 point TD trailing by 2 with the score 29 to 27 they made a 2 point conversion tying the game at 29.

With under 2 minutes to play GP got the ball on the next kickoff, GCMP defense held forcing GP to punt with under a minute to play. GP's defense held as the clock ran out sending the game into overtime.

In overtime both team's offense will get the ball on the 35 yard line. In high school play there's no "sudden death". If the first team's offense which gets the ball first scores, then the other team's offense has an opportunity to score. If both teams score the same amount of points in their first offense possession then the game goes into a 2nd overtime period to break the tie.

The Patriots won the coin toss to start on offense in the first overtime period. Their offense scored on the 1st play when quarterback Cameron Davis threw a 35 yard TD pass in the end zone. Their coaches decided to kick for a 1 point conversion which they made. This put them ahead 36 to 29 in overtime.

The Jackets struck back with a 22 yard TD run by Jonathan Gutierrez bringing the Jackets to within 1 point to tie. But this is when things got nerve racking for the coaches, players and thousands of fans. GP coaches made a gutsy decision to go for 2 points which would either



#21 Francisco Martinez, Jacket's junior running back drives for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



#3 Jordan Balderas, Jacket's junior running back makes one of his many big yardage gains as he leaps toward the end zone. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Jacket's Game Captains L – R: #10-Timothy Marshall, #72-Justin Leal, #5-Jonathan Renteria and #67-Jorge Garcia. (Photo by Linda Jamail)



Jubilant Yellowjackets celebrate and smother quarterback Daniel Gomez after he drove across the goal line for the 2 overtime points to win the game. Chanting "Gold Blooded Eastside Boys Are Back". (Photo by Allan Jamail)

give them a 1 point victory or a 1 point loss.

With fans on their feet screaming for their team as the ball was snapped to GP's sophomore quarterback Daniel Gomez, he rolled to his left grinding ahead with Patriots strongly resisting his forward progress. Gomez dug in and pushed three defense players backwards until he went down with the ball breaking the plane of the goal for the winning points. "The Gold Blooded Eastside Jackets" won 37 – 36. Both teams were completely exhausted having played their hearts out.

I asked Jacket's Daniel

Gomez did he know for certain he had crossed the goal line for the winning points as he was stopped and went down. He said, "Yes I knew I crossed the goal and we won the game, there was no doubt in my mind about it."

Both teams have room to improve, the GCMP fumbled numerous times giving up the ball. They were pretty much a one man offense using the quarterback excessively rushing and passing.

The GP needs better discipline in committing fouls; they gave up 70 yards in penalties. They were flagged for holding 4

times, false start 2 times, a block in the back which cost them a big yardage gain and a push-off interference in the end zone. If they can lessen the missed tackles and put pressure on passing plays they'll have a good season.

Scoring by quarter:

	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
GP	7	0	14	8	7	36
GP	7	9	0	13	8	37

The Yellowjackets will host the Caney Creek Panthers of Conroe in a non-district game on Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, 7:00 pm at GPISD Stadium – 15025 Wallisville Rd., Houston – 77049.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Bullying

So often when I have heard the word “bullying” I did not do enough to stop it. Yes, my children were younger, I spoke to them about treating others as they wanted to be treated yet I realize now that even more lives are affected daily by these actions. These behaviors are not just on the middle school campus or the neighborhood playground either.

I have spoke to adults who have children who just returned to school less than a month ago and they are already feeling the effects of bullying. A friend was sharing that as much as he loves his job, he is ready to leave from an aggressive supervisor who pushes my friend to the point of wanting to walk away from a position he loves. A neighbor was sharing how her neighbor was making life difficult and now she finds herself staying indoors rather than deal with the aggressive behavior of the homeowner.

I know I have asked this question before and I feel like I am preaching to the choir, but when did society become some mean?

I remember when coworkers celebrated others’ promotions and neighbors welcomed the new neighbor to the community. There was a time that people were happy for others instead of being jealous. Too often we see family members killing other family members. We hear about situations where parents are not in a committed relationship and one begins to see someone else and before you know, there is a shooting or stabbing. Children suffer often from the hands of a parent’s jealous partner. And when these individuals do not get professional help, many others suffer.

In our community, there is one man who father children by at least two women. One pregnant woman was left to care for his child by another woman. The details will never be known, but the child ended up severely harmed while under the care of the second woman. With the county being devastated by Hurricane Harvey, courts being backlogged as well as with the pandemic delaying justice, it has taken over six years to bring a sentencing for the offender. In the meantime, the injured child has suffered in many ways. Sadly, the pain has begun to manifest into problematic behavior. And now this child has a circle of friends who know which buttons to push to cause to the student pain as well as to cause this student to hurt others. When some of those victims have brought it to the attention of school employees, they have been told to ignore the situations. It does not take much for ugly glances to turn to name calling and then physical actions.

Sadly, in years past, the parents of children could talk to one another and together they would talk to their children and relationships could be healed. Then there was a time when parents expected the schools to resolve issues. Yet in today’s world where family dynamics have greatly changed, parents too often tell their children to go ahead and when they get pushed to a point of pain, to react. This is not good. We all need to stop and pray for our children as well as the community. We need to find ways to bring healing on every level, we need to work to end every form of bullying.

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CIP Meeting on Emergency warnings,

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wanting to monitor emergencies in their neighborhood and or city.

Sheridan said, “Always sign up for notifications from the city where you live (the city to which you pay taxes). If you don’t live in a city and you live in an unincorporated part of your county sign up at Ready Harris-www.readyharris.org.”

At Ready Harris-www.readyharris.org you can sign up to receive notifications from more than one location. Such as all the cities/counties in which you work, play or have immediate family members, list those cities/ counties too from which you want to receive emergency notifications/ community warnings.

If you live in Galena Park: Text SWIFT911 to 99538 to sign up for notices. Or request by sending an email to info@cityofgalenapark-tx.gov. The city also posts emergency warnings on <https://www.facebook.com/CityofGalenaPark>

Tom Ehlers, Galena Park’s Fire Chief applied for and was approved for a state-of-the-art multiple siren warning system. Chief Ehlers said, “I’m hoping to get this system up and running before the end of the year.”

Allan Jamail, North Channel Star writer said, “Chief Ehlers is a bright forward thinking fire chief. After lots of research on communicating emergency warnings to the public he’s came up with a siren warning system that’s going to revolutionize how citizens will be warned of emergencies in the future. I’ll be doing an exclusive article on this in the future.”

If you live in Jacinto City sign up for emails at <http://www.jacintocity-tx.gov/>. You can add additional phone numbers and email addresses for receiving messages at, lepc@jacintocity-tx.gov. Monitor their facebook page for emergency warnings at: <https://www.facebook.com/JacintoCityTX>

Both Galena Park and Jacinto City has large outdoor LED signs that will post warnings on them.

If you live in Houston: Sign up for alerts at <https://houstonemergency.org/alerts>.

Regardless where you live watch television stations for emergency warnings and do the same while in your vehicle, turn on the local radio news stations

for reports.

Other CIP reports came from the Gulf Coast Authority’s (GCA) Washburn Tunnel Facility at 1002 N. Richey in Pasadena. Greg Seay representing the facility reported the plant exceeded its environmental permit limit with a daily violation of 48,205 lbs, which exceeded the permitted limit of 19,937 lbs. between July 11 & 12, 2022. He said it’s thought to have been caused by high temperatures in the first stage aeration tank. They made operational changes to lower the temperatures in the tank and will monitor the results to ensure permit compliance.

Visit: www.gcatx.org to learn more about all of their facilities and their mission.

LyondellBasell reported on July 3rd their 736 Coker Unit had an over pressure event that resulted in flaring (fire flames with airborne pollutants) which resulted in unauthorized emissions of approximately 1,600 lbs. of **SO2 (RQ = 500 lbs. = “respiratory quotient”) The pollutant was released from a safety release valve (PSV).

** Sulfur dioxide, SO2, is a colorless gas or liquid with a strong, choking odor. It is produced from the burning of fossil fuels (coal and oil) and the smelting of mineral ores (aluminum, copper, zinc, lead, and iron) that contain sulfur. Sulfur dioxide dissolves easily in water to form sulfuric acid. The cause is under investigation.

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ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “What is the birthstone for September?”

SAPPHIRE

When hearing the word Sapphire many people immediately envision a stunning violet-blue gemstone because the word “Sapphire” is Greek for blue. For centuries, the Sapphire has been referred to as the ultimate blue gemstone. Since Ancient times the Blue Sapphire represented a promise of honesty, loyalty, purity, and trust. To keep with this tradition Sapphires are one of the most popular engagement gemstones today.

Sapphire is found in many parts of the world, but the most prized Sapphires are from Myanmar (Burma), Kashmir and Sri Lanka. Sapphires with highly saturated violet-blue color and “velvety” or “sleepy” transparency are more rare than other sapphire colors. The purer the blue of the Sapphire, the greater the price. However, many people find that the darker hues of Sapphire can be just as appealing.

Sapphires are not only blue, they come in almost every color of the rainbow: pink, yellow, orange, peach, and violet colors. The most sought-after color fancy Sapphire is the rare and beautiful Padparadscha: a pink-orange corundum with a distinctive salmon color reminiscent of a tropical sunset. These ultra-rare and expensive stones are among the most coveted gems in the world.

Really, the only color you won’t find termed a “Sapphire” is red, because red sapphire is called Ruby. For a more in-depth look a Sapphire, Diamond, Padparadscha, and other gem stones, visit us online at our Brand New Website: PineforestJewelry.com.

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OPINION

By Columnist Rich Lowry



No, Liz Cheney isn't Abraham Lincoln

No, Liz Cheney isn't Abraham Lincoln "It's a slip, not a fall," Abraham Lincoln said after his loss in his legendary 1858 Illinois Senate contest against Stephen Douglas.

Liz Cheney apparently has the same attitude after her nearly 40-point wipeout in her primary last week. In lieu of a traditional concession speech, the Wyoming congresswoman and daughter of the former vice president delivered a picturesque, made-for-TV call to arms invoking Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Cheney had a choice after Jan. 6 between political viability, which would have involved modulating her outrage over Trump's "Stop the Steal" campaign, or political self-immolation. She chose a spectacular act of immolation — illuminating the night sky like the nuclear reactor at the outset of the HBO miniseries "Chernobyl."

Hers was an admirable loss. It is rare that any elected official is willing to sacrifice his or her office over a matter of deeply felt principle. That said, she has undoubtedly cut herself off from the possibility of having a positive influence on the direction of the Republican Party via electoral politics, no matter how much she might want to think of her defeat as 1858 redux. Lincoln's run against Douglas for the Senate wasn't a suicide mission. He came very close to winning and represented a rising political movement. His subsequent bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 1860 was a long shot, but he was a serious figure who had gained a national reputation and was comfortably in the middle of his party's consensus.

Cheney, a pariah within her own party, is differently situated. Plus, strategically and temperamentally, she is not Lincolnian. Although he had firm principles, Lincoln was always a political pragmatist and fundamentally a party man willing to maneuver as necessary. Cheney's post-Jan. 6 approach bears less resemblance to Lincoln's than to that of William Lloyd Garrison, the uncompromising abolitionist publisher who took unabashedly radical and unpopular positions and expected the world to move toward him. As it happens, the world did move toward Garrison, but in the meantime, he wasn't running for office.

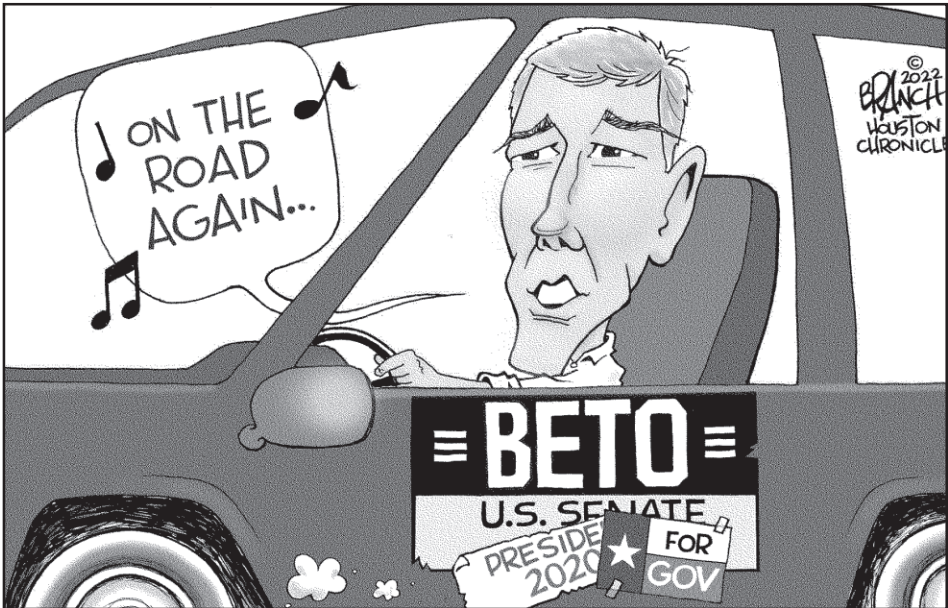
There is zero case for Cheney attempting to go from the role of prophet without honor within her party to Republican vote-getter again. It's difficult to overstate the magnitude of Cheney's collapse. She went from winning her primary with 73% of the vote in 2020, to garnering a mere 29% that was heavily dependent on Democratic crossover votes.

Cheney's alienation from her party is likely to build on itself. Already, she has said that she'd "find it very difficult" to support Gov. Ron DeSantis, the leading Republican alternative to Trump. In so doing, she is identifying herself with a fraction of a fraction of the party that is so small it is all but nonexistent. Even if Cheney ran in the 2024 primary and got some traction, she'd only be taking voters from some other more viable alternative to Trump. An independent run wouldn't make any more sense.

Again, if Cheney became a factor, the chances are that she'd be a place for Republicans repulsed by Trump to park their votes rather than go all the way to Biden. Just as with a prospective primary run, she'd be helping Trump at the margins. Captain Ahab may have made a few mistakes in judgment in his stewardship of the Pequod, but at least he never allowed himself to affirmatively assist his great adversary, the White Whale.

One thing that's been remarkable about Cheney's performance the last couple of years is how apparently clear-eyed she's been about what it means for her future in the House of Representatives, namely that she wouldn't have one. In contrast, a presidential run of any sort would be giving in to delusion. If Lincoln was dogged, he was never fanciful. Cheney should realize that she's taken a path that, whatever it's other advantages, doesn't end in electoral vindication.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Farmer's Almanac Predicting a White Winter

As Texas gets at least a temporary reprieve this week from the heat, with a nice round of rain blanketing much of the state, the Old Farmer's Almanac is predicting January will bring significant snowfall to the state.

The periodical, founded in 1818, develops its extended forecast "using a 204-year-old mathematical formula focused on sunspot activity, planet positions and tidal actions of the moon." The almanac's website claims its forecasts are 80% to 85% accurate.

Since the secret formula was first developed by David Young, an astronomer and mathematician who was the almanac's first editor, only seven people have been hired to develop the weather predictions.

A meteorologist for the National Weather Service interviewed by the Austin American-Statesman casts a skeptical eye on the almanac's methods and predictions.

"There is little to no scientific evidence that sunspot activity and the position of planets have any impact on our weather and our climate," Keith White said.

Neither the Almanac nor the weather service are predicting another Winter Storm Uri, which resulted in the deaths of at least 246 people in Texas in February 2021.

NEW CEO HIRED FOR ERCOT

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which drew scathing criticism for the massive power blackouts during Uri, has a new chief executive officer. The hiring of Pablo Vegas was approved by the Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT.

Vegas currently serves as executive vice president of NiSource and group president, NiSource Utilities. He succeeds interim CEO Brad Jones on Oct. 1.

After Uri, most of ERCOT's board resigned and its CEO was terminated. A number of reforms and protective measures have been implemented since Uri, though critics question whether the grid can withstand another storm of Uri's magnitude.

TEA RELEASES 2022 ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

The Texas Education Agency last week released the first A-F school accountability ratings for the first time since 2019, due to two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. The results show some improvement in grades, with 396 districts, or 33.1%, receiving an A rating. That was up from 301 getting the top grade in 2019.

Conversely, 16 districts got a failing grade, up from 14 in 2019. Among individual campuses, 2,356, or 27.9%, received the top grade, up from 1,750 in 2019. The number of campuses that received an F totaled 188, less than half the 402 schools that failed the accountability ratings in 2019. The ratings are based on three domains: student achievement, school progress, and closing the gaps.

Visit TXschools.gov to find grades for all campuses and districts. Users can search for schools using an address and compare schools as well.

NORRIS FILMS PSAS FOR IWATCHTEXAS PROGRAM

Chuck Norris, the actor best known for "Walker, Texas Ranger," has filmed a public service announcement to publicize the IWatchTexas community reporting system. The partnership between communities and law enforcement is designed to make it easier for the public to report suspicious activity, from school safety-related threats to criminal acts or terrorism.

IWatchTexas is not designed to report emergencies, which should still be reported by calling 911. It is one of several initiatives taken after the Uvalde school shooting in May, which killed 19 students and two teachers.

In the PSA, Norris concludes by saying, "Whether it's criminal acts, terror threats, or someone wanting to harm children, if you see something, say something, and help keep communities in the great state of Texas safe."



JOB SURGE CONTINUES IN TEXAS

For the ninth consecutive month, Texas set new non-farm employment records, with 13.513 million Texans at work.

The state has added 736,700 jobs since July 2021, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The jobless rate is now at 4.0%, its lowest reading since February 2020 — just before the pandemic shuttered businesses across the state.

"The decrease in the unemployment rate and growth in jobs is a testament to our innovative and resilient Texas employers," said TWC Commissioner Aaron Demerson.

The most growth was in education and health services, which gained 14,300 jobs over the month. The lowest jobless rates in metropolitan statistical areas were recorded in Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock, both at 3.1%. The highest rate among MSAs at 8% was in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission.

ANTI-DRUNK DRIVING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

With school underway and the Labor Day holiday approaching, the Texas Department of Transportation has launched its Drive Sober No Regrets campaign, with stepped-up law enforcement efforts to arrest drunk drivers.

The state saw more than 25,000 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes last year, resulting in 1,100 fatalities and 2,560 serious injuries, according to TxDOT.

COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS DROP

The number of COVID-19 cases during the past week in Texas dropped to 59,059, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, a drop of 18.7%. The number of deaths reported stood at 223, up slightly from the previous week. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 3,018 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday, nearly even with last week's count.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

"Coming Home"

I sometimes envy people who have a family home to return to, a place where they grew up, where their parents or even their grandparents lived.

The closest thing I have is the farmhouse where my mother grew up. My grandparents lived there until they died, and my mother's older brother, Andy, and his wife, Bea, live there still, despite everyone's insistence that, at 90, Andy might want to think about moving to a place with fewer stairs, a little bit closer to town.

"I've lived here almost all my life!" Andy says. "Why should I move now?"

People could say, "Well, because you're 90 years old, and you broke your leg a year ago and it's a big old house for a couple of people who are no longer young."

But most people don't bother to say that because it wouldn't change Andy's mind. He likes sitting in the kitchen. He can watch the birds on the feeders that Bea keeps stocked with seeds and look out on the fields that used to be filled with peas or soybeans but are now horse pasture. He can see where the barn used to be before he tore it down rather than have it collapse on itself. He's got things the way he likes them, and he doesn't see the point in upsetting the appraiser—that's my guess.

Mother moved to the farmhouse when she was young. She had 10 siblings, and that was a lot of kids to keep track of. This is why I cannot really blame my grandparents for failing to update the youngest three on the exact date of the move.

The school bus dropped them off at their house, but everyone was gone. They didn't know what to do. My mother was the oldest of the three, and they sat together on a roll of linoleum until someone came and brought them to the new farmhouse. That was a very long time ago, and my uncle Andy has been there ever since.

The home I grew up in was sold long ago. When I married Peter, I sold my house, and we lived together in his home. We sold Peter's place when we moved to the city. Then we started coming to Mexico. Last night, I realized my idea of home was, once again, changing.

This little apartment that we do not own—where we have no more than two matching plates and bowls—this place feels more and more like coming home.

Jorge, who owns the hotel we stay in, was raised here with even more siblings than my mother had. There were 13 of them, and they all grew up in the home that occupied this space that Jorge has converted into eight apartments. Jorge lives here still, in a small apartment in the front, always available if a guest arrives late or loses a key or has any of the problems hotel guests are prone to.

There is a lot about this hotel that does not seem like a proper business establishment. There is a lot of unnecessary kindness and art and laughter. I think it is because this is—and will remain—Jorge's home. Sitting at the front desk in the afternoons, Jorge is always delighted to see everyone, delighted to share his home.

I don't think it has to make sense any more than Andy's choice to remain in the farmhouse kitchen. Home is where you find it. Home is what you know. Home is where you feel at ease. That makes sense to me.

Till next time,
Carrie

Photos from the column and a link to YouTube videos can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon ISD enrollment continues to climb

Sheldon ISD opened its doors the first day of school on Wednesday, August 17 and student enrollment numbers have increased by approximately 600 students than this time last school year. The district ended the 2021-22 school year with 10,700 students and expects to potentially serve roughly 11,000 students during the 2022-23 school year.

Sheldon ISD has been closely monitoring the growth. During the August school board meeting, the Board of Trustees called for a \$247.7 million bond referendum focused on schools, renovations, safety and security upgrades as well as technology updates for all students. More information about the bond election can be found on the district's website at www.sheldonisd.com/bond2022.

Monahan Elementary teacher recognized at Houston Texan game

Congratulations to Monahan Elementary fourth grade teacher Joanne De La Garza. De La Garza was nominated and chosen for a grant from the Houston Texans for classroom materials. She also received two tickets to the Texan's August 25 game.



District to hold State of the District address for businesses

On Tuesday, September 27, Sheldon ISD will host the State of the District to share celebrations and information about Sheldon ISD with the local business community, churches, realtors and developers. If you are interested in attending, please call 281-727-2007.



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Year 2 of Sarkisian Era begins at UT: No. 2 Ohio State hosts No. 5 ND in game of week

If it's Labor Day Weekend, it means high school and college football are back!

The spotlight this holiday weekend will be on the kickoff to the college season, which will feature a big one right out of the gate.

No. 2-ranked Ohio State will host No. 4-ranked Notre Dame as the Irish will welcome in new head coach Marcus Freeman. Nothing like a trip to Columbus to take on the second ranked team in the nation to begin your head coaching career!

Freeman, the former defensive coordinator in South Bend, got the head coaching gig after former head coach Brian Kelley bolted for the big bucks at LSU. Kelley will make his debut as the Tigers head man on Sunday night when the Bayou Bengals host Florida State.

While the spotlight will definitely be on the game between the Buckeyes and the Fighting Irish, there are a handful of other interesting games on tap this weekend.

Texas fans are hoping year No. 2 of the Steve Sarkisian Era is a lot better than year 1 when the Longhorns finished a disappointing 5-7. Sark brings in a solid recruiting class, along with quarterback Quinn Ewers, who transferred in from Ohio State. Ewers was the top rated recruit in the Class of 2020 out of Southlake Carroll, but played all of two snaps for OSU. He transferred to UT last January and earned the starting QB job heading into the 2022 season. Ewers, 6-2, 206 pounds, has all the tools to be an outstanding signal caller. He should do well in the tuneup game against Louisiana-Monroe before he faces his first big test a week later when No. 1-ranked Alabama visits Austin.

Texas' other major program, Texas A&M, enters the season ranked No. 6 in the country and will host Sam Houston State on Saturday at Kyle Field. Sam Houston State may be a Div. II school, but they are no slouch. The Bearcats finished 11-1 a year ago and won the FCS national title the year before. This will be a good test for Jimbo Fisher's team. Fisher had the No. 1-ranked recruiting class in the nation this past spring and a lot of those first-year players will be called on to produce in their first year in College Station. As of this writing, Fisher has yet to name a starting QB. He has three to choose from, former starter Haynes King, former LSU starter Max Johnson, who transferred from LSU, and true freshman Conner Wegman. All three are talented and I would not be surprised if Fisher gave the first look to Johnson, due to being more experienced than the other two.

Other key games this weekend have No. 11 Oregon taking on No. 3 Georgia (the defending national champions) on Saturday in Atlanta at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium. No. 24-ranked Houston will face UTSA, an up and coming program, while No. 7-ranked Utah visits Florida as the Billy Napier Era begins.

And all five of Aldine ISD's varsity teams will also be in action this weekend.

Without further ado, let's take a closer look at this weekend's game.

1. NCAA

Sam Houston State at Texas A&M: The Aggies host the Bearcats at Kyle Field to kickoff Fisher's fifth season in College Station. Sam Houston's offense should give a young, but talented, Aggie a stern test in Week 1 led by veteran QB Eric Schmidt (469 rushing yards, 6 TDs/2,818 passing yards, 29 TDs). The Bearcats finished 11-1 a year ago and want to prove they belong on the big stage with the likes of the Aggies. I think Sam Houston hangs around in this one, but look for the Ags' physicality on both lines to wear them down in the second half. I expect Fisher to play it pretty vanilla while he sorts out who his starting QB will be. Johnson (2,815 yards, 27 TDs last year at LSU) should get the start due to his experi-



Texans Wide Receiver #15 Chris Moore breaks up a pass. Texans won against SF 49ers last Thursday night by a score of 17-0, their third win in the preseason.

ence and he will look for running back Devon Achane (910 yards, 9 TDs) and wide receiver Anias Smith (55 receptions, 535 yards, 6 TDs). Look for the A&M defense to force Schmidt into some game-changing turnovers in the second half. My pick, Texas A&M 36, Sam Houston State 20

Oregon vs. Georgia: Kirby Smart's defending champs take on No. 11 Oregon at a neutral site in Atlanta on Saturday afternoon on ABC. The Bulldogs lost players to the NFL draft, with five defensive starters being in the first round alone. But don't worry Dawg fans, there's still plenty of talent left in the cupboard in Athens. Most notably, veteran QB Stetson Bennett IV (2,862 yards, 29 TDs). Both running backs are now in the NFL, which means it's Kenny McIntosh's (328 yards, 3 TDs) turn to show what he has as the starting running back. Even though the defense lost a lot of talent, there's still a bevy of capable players who are itching to show off their talents. Oregon will present a good test for the defending national champs. The Ducks return a talented running back in Travis Dye (1,271 yards, 2 TDs). I expect this to be a competitive game, but look for the rebuilt Georgia defense to be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Georgia 26, Oregon 20

Houston at UTSA: Dana Holgerson's Cougars head to San Antonio to take on the Roadrunners of UTSA. UTSA finished 10-4 a year ago and have one of the up-and-coming head coaches in Jeff Traylor. Holgerson led the Cougars to a 12-2 finish a year ago, including a bowl win over Auburn. The Cougs are poised for another big year and should be the favorites to win the American Athletic Conference. Back is veteran QB Clayton Tune (3,544 yards, 30 TDs) and play-making wide receiver Nathaniel Delk (90 receptions, 1,329 yards, 12 TDs). The running game will be in the hands of veteran Ta'Zhaun Henry (524 yards, 7 TDs). This will be a competitive game and a good test for the Cougars. Look for Tune to be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Houston 31, UTSA 26

Utah at Florida: No. 7-ranked Utah makes a long trip to the heat and humidity of Gainesville, FL to take on the Gators and new head coach Bill Napier. The Utes could be a contender for one of the four College Football Playoff (CFP) slots this year. Utah finished 10-4 a year ago and returns QB Cameron Rising (2,493 yards, 20 TDs) and running back Tavion Thomas (1,118 yards, 21 TDs). Florida finished 6-7 a year ago and will hang their hopes on versatile quarterback Emory Jones (2,734 passing yards, 19 TDs/759 rushing yards, 1 TD). If Utah is going to be a serious CFP contender, they need to win a tough road game. This will be a huge test for the Utes in Week 1. My pick, Utah 26, Florida 20

Louisiana-Monroe at Texas: UT fans are anticipating a big year out of Sarkisian as he enters year No. 2 in Austin, so, a big win over an inferior opponent would be just what the doctor ordered. Look for Sarkisian to bring Ewers along slowly and let running backs

Bijan Robinson (1,127 yards, 15 total TDs) and Roschon Johnson (569 yards, 9 TDs) to set the tone early in the season opener. When Ewers does go to the air, he will be looking to make plays to Super Sophomore wideout Xavier Worthy (62 receptions, 981 yards, 12 TDs). While the offense should be improved, the defense needs to be so as well. UT was just plan bad defensively a year ago, but a strong secondary should lead the way while the front seven gets its legs underneath itself. Look for the 'Horns to roll in Week 1 as they wait for Alabama to come calling in Week 2. My pick, Texas 38, Louisiana-Monroe 10

Notre Dame at Ohio State: The marquee matchup of Week 1 pits No. 2 Ohio State and their high-powered offense against No. 5-ranked Notre Dame and a star-studded defense. Something has to give, and with this being the first game, I say the Buckeyes loaded offense is the difference maker in this game. Ohio State returns a ton of talent on offense, led by quarterback C.J. Stroud (4,435 yards, 44 TDs), running back TreVeyon Henderson (1,248 yards and 19 TDs as a freshman) and wide receiver Jaxon Smith-Njiba (95 receptions, 1,606 yards, 9 TDs). Marvin Harrison Jr., whose dad is Hall of Fame wide receiver Marvin Harrison Sr. is another target for Stroud, who had a nice Rose Bowl with three touchdown passes. The Irish will go with Tyler Buchner at quarterback (298 passing yards, 2 TDs/336 rushing yards, 3 TDs) who served as Jack Coan's backup a year ago. Look for Freeman to give the Buckeyes a steady dose of running back Chris Tyree (222 yards, 3 TDs) to take some pressure off of Buchner, but that might not be enough to hold off the high-scoring Buckeyes. Notre Dame also has one of the nation's best tight ends in Michael Mayer (71 receptions, 840 yards, 7 TDs), who should be Buchner's go-to guy early on. The Irish don't have the firepower on offense to keep up with OSU, so look for them to try and control the clock with the running game and hope their defense forces a turnover or two from Stroud. I expect the Buckeyes to send a message to the rest of the country with a convincing win in Week 1. My pick, Ohio State 38, Notre Dame 17

Florida State vs. LSU: Two programs that are looking for turnaround seasons meet Sunday night in New Orleans at the Caesar's Superdome. LSU has a new head coach in Brian Kelley, who has won at every stop during his long career, while Florida State head coach Mike Norvell is on the hot seat after the Seminoles finished 5-7 a year ago. LSU has issues on both sides of the ball, but Kelley is an excellent recruiter and coach and the Tigers won't be down very long. LSU will be led by running back Tyrion Davis-Price (1,003 yards, 6 TDs), while FSU will be led by quarterback Jordan Travis (1,539 passing yards, 15 TDs/530 rushing yards, 7 TDs). Kelley will want to get his LSU tenure off to a good start, and he does so with a win in his Tiger debut on Sunday night. My pick, LSU 24, Florida State 20

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Habitat housing planned,

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tions, Robins Landing is set to include more than 450 single-family homes. One hundred homes will be built by Houston Habitat for those earning 80 percent or below the City of Houston's average median income (AMI) and be sold through the Habitat for Humanity Homeownership program. Three hundred homes will be designed, priced, and sold by partner builders Castle-Rock Communities and Chesmar Homes for those whose income is 120 percent AMI or below.

“Robins Landing is a significant step in transforming Houston Habitat from a homebuilder to a community builder. The offerings and amenities will help build a vibrant sustainable neighborhood and Hines is thrilled to be involved,” said John Mooz, senior managing director at Hines. “When there’s scale, Hines can bring a level of experience to a master-planned district on adjacencies, complementary uses and resources that make for a unique and special community. We look forward to sharing our knowledge and placemaking experience, not just for Robins Landing, but hopefully in other urban locations as well.”

Houston Habitat is collaborating with community partners to deliver more than just housing to Robins Landing residents and those living nearby. Plans include a 12-acre central park with access to hike-and-bike trails, a community garden, a neighborhood resilience hub, and more. A Town Center will include essential services, including a Legacy Community Health Clinic and Houston Public



Robins Landing, a mixed-use community, will have various types of housing, including about 100 Habitat for Humanity single family homes similar to this prototype.

Library branch.

“Affordable housing is about more than simply providing a roof over someone’s head,” said Mayor Sylvester Turner. “We must work in a collaborative and holistic fashion to improve access to transportation, high-quality grocery stores, and opportunity to address the underlying causes of inequity. Robins Landing is positioned to do just that.”

Using an innovative funding model, Houston Habitat has secured \$33 million in funds for site infrastructure, which includes a \$4.79 million investment from the City of Houston and \$1.5 million from Habitat from Humanity International. Construction loans were secured from Arnold Ventures at no interest, and Houston Housing Finance Corporation at low inter-

est. The remainder comes from traditional development funding including lot and land sales for single-family homes, multi-family units, senior units, and nonresidential businesses. Houston Habitat is seeking an additional \$10 million from philanthropy to ensure long term affordability, sustainability, and resiliency.

Infrastructure work has begun to create stormwater detention, drainage, utilities, streets, and access points to the future community. Construction of homes is scheduled to begin in fall 2022 with anticipated community completion by December 2026.

To stay up to date on Robins Landing, visit www.robinslanding.net.

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About Houston Habitat for Humanity

Pct. 3 Deputy Constable Omar Ursin killed in Atascocita while off-duty

ATASCOCITA – An investigation is underway after an off-duty deputy constable with Precinct 3 was fatally shot in Atascocita while returning home from picking up food for his family Sunday, authorities said.



DEPUTY OMAR URSIN

Deputies with the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable’s Office responded to reports of a shooting in the 11900 block of Madera Run Parkway around 6:30 p.m. Deputies said the caller reportedly heard gunshots and said that someone was shot inside of a vehicle.

When deputies arrived at the scene, they found a small car crashed into a tree in the median of the roadway. The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle, who was identified as Pct. 3 Deputy Omar Ursin, 37, suffered at least one gunshot wound, investigators said. He was transported to the hospital, where deputies said he was pronounced dead.

According to investigators with HCSO Homicide and Crime Scene units, witnesses observed a dark-colored, newer model four-door sedan with tinted windows driving next to Ursin as they drove east-

bound on Madera Run Parkway. The suspect shot into Ursin’s car and struck the victim, deputies said. The suspect’s vehicle then reportedly fled northbound on Olympic National Drive.

Investigators said Ursin was returning to his home after picking up food for his family immediately prior to the incident.

“We ask that you pray for Deputy Omar Ursin’s family, friends and all of us who are devastated by the loss of our brother,” Constable Sherman Eagleton said. “Rest In Peace Deputy Ursin, we’ve got it from here.”

Anyone with information on this shooting is urged to contact the HCSO Homicide Unit at (713) 274-9100 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.



Police chase in Jacinto City results in crash and arrest of 15yr old; woman in critical condition

JACINTO CITY – A woman is in critical condition after she was struck by a 15-year-old suspect involved in a chase in east Houston, police said.

It happened around 3:20 a.m. last August 11, when officers with the Jacinto City Police Department said they were chasing suspects accused of stealing vehicles. They had been alerted by Galena Park police department, where the alleged car thieves were first seen.

The chase ended near the 1200 block of

Federal Road and Market when police said the teen reportedly crashed into a woman’s vehicle. Two other occupants in the suspect’s vehicle were taken to the hospital, officers said.

The suspect was taken into custody but has been released to his parents. He is facing a third-degree felony for evading police in a motor vehicle, but charges could be upgraded later.



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The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 exceeds the voter-approval rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 AT 1:00 PM AT 14418 BEAUMONT HIGHWAY, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77049 .

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 may petition the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:
Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: S. Anderson, J. McCelland, C. Anthony and E. Skank
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: B. Gates

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.

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.

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

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0300	\$0.0300	increase of 0.0000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$153,689	\$172,157	increase of 18,468, or 12.02%
Tax on average homestead	\$46.11	\$51.65	increase of 5.54, or 12.01%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,453,987	\$1,645,231	increase of 191,244, or 13.15%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 at 713-274-8000 or TAX.OFFICE@HCTX.NET, or visit WWW.HCTX.NET for more information.

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