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CHANNEL CURRENTS

OCT. 7, FRIDAY

Chamber Lunch: "State of the Schools"

Join the Chamber and San Jacinto College as they welcome the 3 Superintendents from the local school districts, who will update the audience on the state of their districts and goals for the future.

Channelview ISD, Dr. Tory Hill
Galena Park ISD, Dr. John Moore
Sheldon ISD, Dr. King Davis

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Student population grows 20%

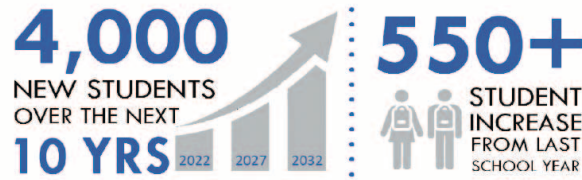
Sheldon ISD plans \$247+ M bond vote

Sheldon ISD grows more than 20% since last 2016 bond; Board calls 2022 bond election

Sheldon ISD opened its doors for a new school year on August 17 setting enrollment records. Early enrollment numbers for the 2022-23 school year in Sheldon Independent School District show an increase by approximately 600 students, and an increase of 2,400 students since 2016.

The growth in Sheldon ISD has been on a consistent 3-4% incline for the past 10 years. In 2016, the district served approximately 8,500 students. That same year, voters approved a bond election that provided a sixth elementa-

SHELDON IS GROWING!



SINCE THE 2016 BOND, SHELDON ISD HAS EXPERIENCED MORE THAN A 20% GROWTH RATE TOTALING AN ADDITIONAL 2,600 STUDENTS.

ry school (Sheldon Lake Elementary) and a new C.E. King High School off the Beltway 8, as well as Panther Stadium, new security upgrades, and enhanced technology.

"We are so thankful for the support we had from that election," Dr. Davis

said. "The ability to create new programs and expand existing programs is a direct reflection of the passage of the 2016 bond and could not have been done without the support from the community."

Campuses serve students in specialized pro-

grams like our nationally designated STEM program and the expansion of our Career and Technical dual credit programs. Additionally, the district's Early College High School was able to expand, reaching more students. Each year, many Sheldon ISD Early College High School seniors graduate with not only their high school diploma, but also an associate degree from San Jacinto College.

Sheldon ISD has made tremendous growth in academic achievement moving from a district that the Texas Education Agency initially listed as improvement required in 2016 to the current rating of a B based on performance in the 2021-2022 school year.

While state accountability ratings are an important tool, the measurement of student performance goes much further than one standardized test. Sheldon ISD is committed to providing personalized learning opportunities to ensure all students graduate college and career ready.

For the 2022-23 school year, enrollment is just under 10,900 students and is expected to reach more than 11,000 this year. Much of the growth stems from new housing developments within the school district's boundaries. Sheldon ISD works closely with demographers each year to

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GPISD Opens 4th School-based Health Clinic Dedicated to Almatha Clark Taylor

By Allan Jamail

Cloverleaf, TX. - Thursday, September 8, 2022 @ 10am, GPISD had a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for their fourth school-based Legacy Health Clinic. The clinic is located at 13940 Bonham Street, just 125 feet from the Cloverleaf Elementary School.

The event was well attended due to the exceptional effort of the Communications Department under the direction of Sherrhonda Hunter, Executive Director for School and Community Relations

and Cathy Ethridge, Foundation and Special Events Coordinator.

Dr. Mechelle Epps, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services was the Master of Ceremonies. She introduced school officials, elected officials and Legacy Administration officials.

Dr. Epps recognized Almatha Taylor, her husband Johnnie of 59 years and others of the Clark-Taylor family.

Dr. Epps stated the clinic bears the name of Mrs. Almatha Taylor, a former GPISD Board of Trustees member from 1989-1998

because Mrs. Taylor was passionate and determined to bring a medical program to this area. Before her retirement she was instrumental in securing a partnership between the district and the Harris Health System's Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) health care program.

ACT officially opened here in 2009, it served as the health provider for students from 1998 - 2020 until they were forced to repurpose staff due to the

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Thursday, September 8th 2022 at 10am the GPISD had a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony of their fourth Legacy Health Clinic. L-R: Beginning 3rd from left, Judge Lucia Bates (black dress), Legacy's Roma S. Bhatt, Adrian Stephens-Board President (pink), Johnnie Lee Taylor (white shirt), cutting the ribbon Almatha Clark Taylor, Dr. John Moore Superintendent, Dr. Angi Williams former Superintendent, Linda Clark Sherrard, Trustee & Dr. Michelle Epps, Assist. Supt. Stu. Serv... Not in the photo, Trustees Norma Hernandez, Ramon Garza & Margie Buentello. (Photo By Allan Jamail)

Hispanic Heritage Month

Salvadorian Heritage - Sept. 15 – Oct. 15

By Allan Jamail

September 19, 2022 – First of a series - Saluting El Salvador - Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual celebration of the history and culture of the U.S. Latinx and Hispanic communities. The event, which spans from September 15 to October 15, commemorates how Hispanic communities have influenced and contributed to the United States including the North Channel communities.

President Lyndon Johnson in 1968 signed a new law making the week of Sept. 15 a time to honor the contributions of Hispanic communities from Central or Latin America, President Reagan changed it to a month. It's the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua and Mexico's Independence Day is the next day, Sept. 16.

Through my lifetime I've been confused as to

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L - R: Jacinto City's Salvadorian residents attend GPISD. Jaqueline Guevara, (15) at GP's early collegãe, Henry Lopez (11) GP middle sch. & Lydia Lopez (9) JC elementary sch. The colorful dresses display El Salvador's national emblem and its beautiful national bird, the Torogoz (turquoise-browed motmot). Photo by Allan Jamail

Julien Guillory is new president of the Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club



NEW OFFICERS AT THE GP/JC ROTARY CLUB:

GP/JC Rotary Club has the installation of our new President.

ABOVE: Maria Cortez, International projects;

President Julien Guillory;

Jennifer Ledwith, treasurer;

Past President Bryan Sheppard, now secretary.

THE CLUB IS NOW MEETING EVERY 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY LUNCH HOUR AT THE TOWN CENTER IN JACINTO CITY. GUESTS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Galena Park ISD (GPISD) Board of Trustees Recognize Pyburn Elementary Parent Volunteer



picture left to right: Noe Esparza, Board of Trustees Vice President; Sandra Garcia, Pyburn Elementary Counselor; Rosalinda Ortiz, Pyburn Elementary Parent Volunteer; Angelica Cuellar, Pyburn Elementary Assistant Principal; and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools

At the September 12th Galena Park ISD (GPISD) Board of Trustees meeting, GPISD recognized Brighter Bites, a Houston based nonprofit organization, for providing fresh fruits and vegetables to students throughout the district.

Brighter Bites began as a collaboration between an expert in nutrition and a professor who were inspired to make a positive change in underserved communities identified as “food deserts.” They have been active in Galena Park

ISD since 2017, distributing to several campuses throughout the district. They make eating healthy, fun, free and simple. Families are provided two bags of food to accommodate a family of four.

Thank you to Brighter Bites for donating healthy fruits and vegetables to the students and families of Galena Park ISD!

A plaque was presented to a Brighter Bites representative from the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools.

GPISD Brighter Bites Recognized at September Board of Trustees Meeting



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Galena Park ISD recognized GATX Rail Locomotive Group, a global provider of railcar leasing and service, for their generous donation of backpacks filled with school supplies to the students of Pyburn Elementary School at the September 12th Board of Trustees meeting.

Thank you to GATX Rail Locomotive

Group for donating backpacks and school supplies. This donation gives the students of Pyburn Elementary School the necessary tools they need to achieve excellence.

Pyburn Elementary School representatives accepted a plaque for GATX Rail Locomotive Group from the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools.

CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

Community Master Planning Committee Formed to Determine Future of Cobb-Schochler

Channelview, TX – September 13, 2022: Channelview ISD recently formed a community-based master planning committee to determine the future utilization of both Viola Cobb and Schochler Elementary Schools.

The goal of the committee is to evaluate the needs of the district and to come up with recommendations to repurpose these facilities to meet the future needs of CISD. Spearheaded by Stantec—a 3rd party planning consulting firm — the final recommendations will be submitted to the CISD Board of Trustees for consideration.

Schochler is the temporary home of De Zavala Elementary School until early 2024 while Cobb serves as CISD’s Technology Center. Although the committee is in the preliminary stages of the planning phase, both facilities will be repurposed to become a district-wide resource. The repurposing does not involve any demolition or any drastic

changes to the structure of either facility. The facilities will also retain their namesakes as Cobb and Schochler, respectively.

“Channelview ISD will continue to move forward towards designing a plan for the future of our students”, said Channelview ISD Superintendent Dr. Tory C. Hill. “Our vision is to turn Cobb-Schochler into CISD’s space for innovation, in whichever guise that may take to meet the needs of our students, staff, and community”.

Current proposals include a student-centered learning space as well as a technology space. Under this approach, the buildings would no longer be utilized as traditional elementary schools. Instead, they may serve students in innovative ways that benefit both CISD and Channelview, TX.

The committee consists of local community partners, students, teachers, administrators and CISD parents.

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By Charlotte Jackson



Do Your Research

We are less than a month away from the deadline to register to vote in the November Elections. And that means we are less than seven weeks away from electing not only a Texas Governor but selecting which judges best line up with our values. There are also seats up for local County Commissioners and Justices of the Peace. Even closer, there are School Board Elections happening on November 8.

What steps will you take to select the candidate of your choice? Will you read the propaganda that is being mailed weekly? Will you go online and look that their biographies? Will you believe what is printed or will you take the time to talk to those they have served in the past? Will you listen to their family and friends, or will you do your own research and check out the statements that they make?

For those who have served previously and lost their re-election, will you look to see what they have been busy participating in since the last election? Have they been bitter and angry, making social media posts to complain about those who won the previous elections?

Look around and ask yourself what are the current elected officials doing in the areas that they serve? I have said it before that if you took individual pictures of those who serve on local school boards as well as those who serve on the Board of Regents for San Jacinto College, not too many people could identify them. Even more curious as to what they participate in within the community that is not related to their elected position. Do these people relate to the needs of those they serve? Even though I am living outside of the Houston City Limits, I do pay attention to the job that the mayor as well as the City Councilmember who serves the area which falls into the City Limits. (I often hear others asking why the mayor is not doing what they feel he should do. I encourage these neighbors to look up their voter registration at www.HarrisVotes.com to see if they live in the city. Most do not.

An area that is important to all of us is how the judges serve. Unfortunately, we have seen too many offenders that are being released on low bonds and before they go to court, they reoffend. Perhaps among the saddest cases are the number of suspects charged with murder, and before they go to court, they are charged with another murder. Please look at the sample ballot, look at the judges and research their history. Read the articles about the cases that they have served on as well as the victims and their families. At some point, we must take a stand and no matter if we disagree with family and friend or cross political lines, we must vote what we know is right. Please do your research. Make your vote count. Encourage others to do the same.

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GP New Health Clinic

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pandemic, thereby closing the doors. Dr. Epps said, "How proud we are to reopen this clinic two years later with Legacy Community Health. Legacy is the largest Federally Qualified Health Clinic program in Texas. They're committed to providing access to affordable, high quality health care for children. This is our fourth Legacy Clinic and in 2020 we were the first public school district in Texas to have a school-based Legacy Clinic."

Superintendent Dr. John Moore welcomed everyone, introduced trustees and said how thankful he was for everyone in attendance. He recognized former superintendant Dr. Angi Williams and said, "Having health clinics readily available for students located inside the district's schools was actually a vision of Dr. Angi Williams, I'm proud to help make her vision a reality."

Dr. Moore said, "We are also excited to report the Texas Education Agency announced Galena Park ISD earned an A! Congratulations to our students, teachers, administrators, and support team on a job well done! Each school earned an "A" or "B" rating, the two highest ratings!"

Legacy officials spoke and said they were glad to work with the District to achieve school-based health clinics inside their schools. They explained how parents can get their children pediatric, behavioral and psychiatry services. (See contact info. below)

Ms. Roma Samir Bhatt, Legacy's Licensed Professional Counselor introduced Michelle Martinez and her son Holland Felton (see photo) to illustrate how beneficial Legacy's health services has been to them.

Ms. Martinez said, "My son Holland has used over the years the Legacy clinic at Green Valley three times, it was helpful to get him treated at the school without my having to take off work and take him to a doctor." Holland said, "It was good for me to be able to stay in school to be examined and treated and return to classes."

Constant absenteeism affects millions of students nationwide. Missing a day here or there may not seem like a problem, don't underestimate the harm of these school absences. Missed school days can have a big impact on a child's learning and overall health.

Children who are regularly absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read on grade level by the third grade. For older students, being chronically absent is strongly associated with failing at school even more than low grades or test scores. When absences add up, these students are more likely to be suspended and drop out of high school. Absenteeism is also linked with teen substance use, as well as poor health as adults.

That's why the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) encourages parents to reduce unnecessary absences and prioritize getting their kids to school on time, every day.

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Michelle Martinez mother of Holland Felton (left) a 10 year old 5th grader at Green Valley Elementary. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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Diamond Jim: “Are Some Cameos Still Carved by Hand?”



Hand-Carved Cameos from Italy

Vincenzo Imposimato (Naples) brought his hand-carved shell cameos and his carving tools to the GJX show to demonstrate the making of these exquisite pieces.

This was Imposimato's sixth visit to Tucson. As a child, he was fascinated by the shell carvings he watched his grandfather make at home. He has also been passionate about drawing since his early childhood, so a career in cameo carving was a natural choice.

Imposimato mainly uses two types of helmet shell. One has a dark brownish background color and originates from the Caribbean Sea; the other, with lighter orangy or reddish background, is from the coast of Madagascar. Consumers prefer the darker background because it displays the carved image in greater contrast. The Caribbean shell also has a more curved shape, allowing greater complexity in its carving, while the African shell tends to be flat. The Caribbean shell is more expensive, so consumers pay more for these finished cameos.



Shells harvested from the Caribbean have a dark brownish background color (left), while shells from Africa—especially Madagascar—show a much lighter background color (right). Photos by Vincenzo Imposimato.

With a shell in hand, carvers have two possible plans: They can either make a whole-shell cameo or a small piece with different shapes. The general process for both types includes a rough shaping by machine and then detailed carving by hand. For whole-shell cameos, carvers need to hold the shell very gently. Since the shell is empty, carvers must pay extra attention when applying force to avoid damage. As for small cameos, the shell needs to be sliced into small pieces and then shaped by machine. Carvers then attach the small piece to one end of a wood stick with fish glue.

Detailed carving by hand is done with the *bulino*, a traditional tool for carving and engraving. There are bulinos of different sizes and shapes for different carving purposes. For shell cameos, carvers remove the top whitish layer to form a carving against the contrasting background color. The character or theme depicted depends on the shell's natural condition. Factors such as the curvature of the piece, the thickness of the white surface layer, and the color contrast will determine what can be carved. A whole-shell cameo typically takes about two months to finish, while a small piece takes a few days.

Japan was once the biggest market for these handcrafted shell cameos. Imposimato first visited Japan in 1993 to show local consumers how to make cameos. After that, he was invited back more than 20 times. However, the market has slowed down over the past five years, perhaps due to changing styles. Women used to wear woolen coats that were perfectly paired with cameos. Now that they have more fashion options, many choose other accessories.

Even at their height of popularity, cameos were typically purchased by women over the age of 30. Imposimato feels that the themes carved onto cameos need to be updated to appeal to young consumers and expand the market share.

Whereas cameos carved by machines tend to be flat, handmade versions tend to keep the natural curvature of the materials used. While manufactured cameos of all different types of materials are readily available these days, handcrafted shell cameos still hold a unique position in the fine jewelry world.

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Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo



Republican Commissioners Force Reconsideration of Proposed Budget

Republican Commissioners Force Reconsideration of Proposed Budget Intended to Reduce the Tax Rate for Homeowners and Increase Pay for Law Enforcement

Lower tax rates for homeowners and pay increases for law enforcement threatened after Republican Commissioners Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey boycott meeting to adopt budget

Harris County, Texas—(September 13, 2022)—Republican Harris County Commissioners Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey dodged Commissioners Court to prevent the approval of the proposed County budget that would reduce the tax rate for homeowners and increase pay for law enforcement. State law requires a quorum of four of the five members of Commissioners Court is required to pass the budget.

Cagle and Ramsey’s boycott puts partisan politics before the people of Harris County. The stunt could hinder critical county operations for this upcoming fiscal year, as it could force drastic cuts for essential county services, including public health, justice and safety, and the lowering of the property tax rate.

While the GOP continuously attacks Judge Hidalgo, falsely accusing her of defunding law enforcement agencies, it’s their actions that are preventing the allocation of public safety funds. The budget that was halted today by Cagle and Ramsey allocates \$1.4B towards justice and safety. This includes a \$96.7 million increase for sheriffs and constable offices, including funding for at least 35 new violent crime investigators, 100 new detention officers, and 22 new prosecutors for the district attorney. Frontline police officers would also get a more than 6% raise.

Prioritizing political power over the people they were elected to serve could prompt hiring and spending freezes across all County departments. This could mean losing funding equivalent to the salaries of almost 300 Harris County Sheriff’s deputies and more than 350 detention officers. For Harris County Constables, funding could be reduced to the equivalent of about 200 deputies. Lastly, the county would no longer be able to provide pay raises for frontline officers.

Since 2019, Judge Hidalgo has led Commissioners Court in decreasing the tax rate by 7.72% for homeowners and increasing the public safety budget by 23%.

Visit linahidalgo.com to learn more about campaign priorities and Lina’s track-record. Stay up-to-date with the Hidalgo campaign by following us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

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ABOUT LINA HIDALGO:

Judge Lina Hidalgo is the first woman, and the first Latina, to be elected to Harris County Judge. As the head of Harris County’s governing body and Director of the Harris County’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, she oversees a budget of over \$4 billion which funds critical services and infrastructure including public safety, flood control and Harris Health System. Hidalgo immigrated with her family to Houston from Colombia in 2005. She earned a degree in political science from Stanford University, and completed joint degree coursework in law and public policy at New York University and Harvard, prior to being elected in 2018. The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and The Institute of Politics at Harvard University honored Hidalgo with the prestigious John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award for her swift and effective COVID-19 response. She also earned the Jack Brooks Foundation Leadership Award for her efforts to protect voting rights and access. Other distinguished honors include “TIME 100 Next” by TIME Magazine, Forbes “30 Under 30,” and Fortune “40 under 40.”

NOTE: Next week we will publish the opposing view on this subject.

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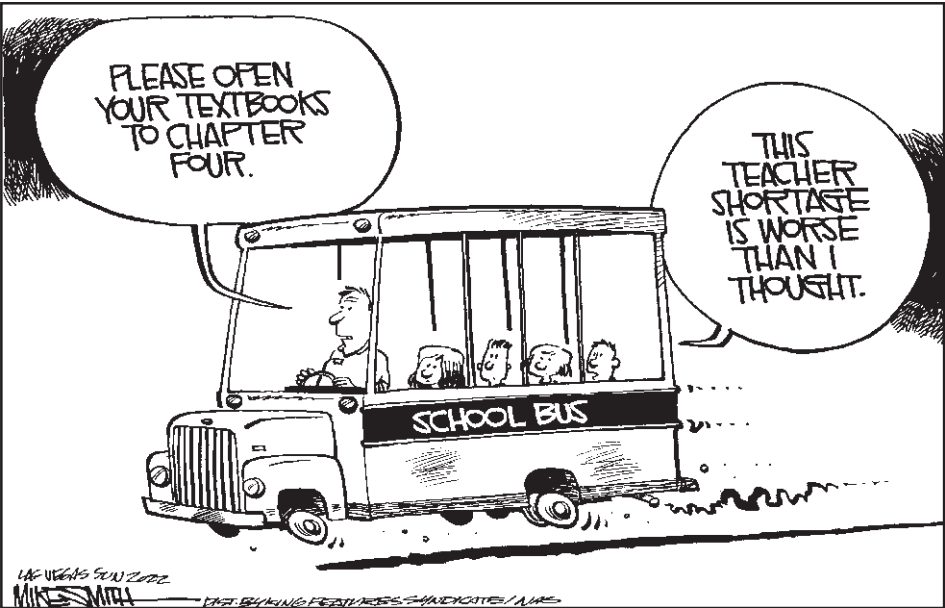
LETTERS

To The Editor

Comment on Sheriff’s raid of Game Room in Aldine

To those of you who feel as though law enforcement is wasting resources by going after game rooms which are operating illegally, can I remind you that if you notice a crack in your wall, you don’t hang a picture in front of it. You don’t cover the wall with paneling or wallpaper, you go and repair the foundation of your home. The only way we take back our communities is by tackling crimes one at a time. I am thankful for the work that is being done by our law enforcement throughout Harris County.

--Charlotte Jackson



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Poll: Most Texas Teachers Consider Quitting

More than three-fourths of Texas teachers say they have seriously considered quitting the profession largely because of a perceived lack of respect and support, according to a new survey by the Charles Butt Foundation. Excessive workload and inadequate pay were other major reasons that teachers are considering leaving, The Dallas Morning News and other media outlets reported. The percentage of teachers considering quitting has risen to 77% this year from 58% in 2020, when the foundation conducted the first survey on the subject. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Texas has experienced a teacher shortage that prompted the Texas Education Agency to form a task force to address the issue. No official findings have been released. The statewide survey included 1,291 public school teachers drawn randomly from TEA’s 2020 roster of teachers. Among those teachers who seriously thought about leaving the profession, 68% updated their resumes, while about one-third applied for another job. “This isn’t just teachers not feeling satisfied,” research associate Victoria Wang told The Morning News. “They’re actively taking steps to leave the classroom.” The foundation is named for the CEO of H-E-B, the largest privately held employer in Texas. Its goal is “pursuing a more equitable and prosperous future for all Texans,” according to its website.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS EASE IN STATE

Welcome rains across the state have eased drought conditions, with 62.3% of the state in moderate to severe drought, affecting about a third of the state’s population, according to drought.gov. That is down from the end of June, when drought conditions covered 86% of the state. Most of East Texas



and South Texas and the El Paso area are no longer experiencing drought. Severe drought remains prevalent around the San Antonio and Midland-Odessa areas and eastward to the Abilene region.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCT. 11

Eligible Texans who plan to vote in the Nov. 8 general election must be registered by Oct. 11, according to Texas Secretary of State John Scott. While voter registration in Texas is county based, Texans can make sure they’re registered by visiting the secretary of state’s Am I Registered portal: <https://tinyurl.com/4wcn4b9x>. Early voting runs from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4. A hotly contested governor’s race between incumbent Republican Greg Abbott and Democratic challenger Beto O’Rourke is at the top of the ballot. Other statewide races include lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and railroad commissioner. Other races are underway for seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, Texas Legislature and assorted local offices. Check with your local elections clerk for a full sample ballot.

ABBOTT: ELECTRIC GRID SAFE THIS FALL

The state’s electric grid should have no problem handling power demand

this fall, Gov. Greg Abbott said after meeting with members of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Public Utility Commission. A joint meeting was held last week to discuss the issue, although typically there are few challenges to the grid during autumn and spring because of decreased demand. The new forecast by ERCOT predicts plenty of power available in October and November, despite planned shutdowns by a number of Texas power plants for scheduled maintenance. “The State of Texas continues to monitor the reliability of our electric grid, and I thank ERCOT and PUC for their hard work to implement bipartisan reforms we passed last year and for their proactive leadership to ensure our grid is stronger than ever before,” Abbott said. The grid faced unprecedented demand this summer with triple-digit temperatures across most of the state for weeks on end.

UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTERS SHIPPING TO STATE

The third booster vaccine for COVID-19 is shipping to health-care providers across the state this week, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has allocated about 900,000 doses of the updated boosters to Texas. That figure includes 502,500 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 192,800 doses of the Moderna vaccine available for order by health-care providers. Another 200,000 or so doses will be available through large retail pharmacies, such as H-E-B, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart. The so-called “bivalent” vaccines differ from earlier versions in that they protect against both the original strain of COVID-19 and the Omicron variant that has been responsible for more than 99% of the COVID cases in Texas in the past month, according to DSHS. People can get the updated booster if it has been at least two months since they received the original vaccine or one of the previously offered boosters.

COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS DROP

The number of new COVID-9 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University during the past week dropped to 49,326, down about 10% from the previous week, with 133 new deaths reported, also a decrease. DSHS reported 2,440 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, just slightly lower than the previous week.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By
Carrie Classon

“Sepia-Toned Teenagers”

“I don’t remember you at all!” the portly man informed my husband, Peter. Peter smiled, introduced himself, and reminded the gentleman where they might have met half a century ago. The man shook his head. “Nope!”

This was the first high school class reunion I had ever attended, and it was filled with moments like that.

I have never gone to my own class reunions. I’m not sure why. I was busy. I lived far away. I never knew more than a tiny fraction of the students in my class. I wasn’t all that happy in high school and didn’t think of high school as the best three years of my life by a long shot.

Peter, on the other hand, has attended at least three reunions, and was eager to attend this one. He graduated ten years ahead of me, and his class was even bigger than mine. He had his hefty yearbook sitting on the dining room table a week ahead of time, scouring through the black-and-white photos and trying to remember who all these sepia-toned teenagers were.

The reunion was a simple affair and well attended. Everyone wore name tags with very large type, so it was easy to identify people from several feet away.

In high school, Peter looked young for his age. He said he weighed 120 pounds and looked about 12 years old. He was shy and wasn’t in a lot of groups. But he had far more memories of his high school peers than I ever had.

“You stole my girlfriend!” Peter announced to a bewildered classmate. The man blinked and looked at Peter, looked at his name tag, then looked at Peter again. It was clear he had no idea who Peter was and no idea what girlfriend he had stolen.

“I did not!” he answered, reflexively.

“Sure, you did. You remember Linda!” Apparently, the man did not.

“She was blond,” Peter prompted. A vague flicker of recognition crossed the man’s face.

“I didn’t steal her!” he replied. “She was after me for months!”

“Ha!” Peter laughed, dismissing the idea out of hand.

“He did!” Peter later told me. “Then she dumped him for someone else.”

I realized how silly I had been, missing my class reunions. I had this idea that by the time I attended a high school reunion, I should be more settled, more secure. I thought the rampant insecurities of high school should be long resolved.

I’m not sure that ever happens. It’s unnerving meeting strangers and more so when they are not actually strangers, but people I remember who no longer know me, or people who remember me—and things about me, things I said and did—that I have long forgotten. It makes me vulnerable. It’s bound to be awkward.

But it is also a milestone. No one really cares, at this point, if they are remembered or not. No one cares what we do or what we did for a living, or if we’ve been divorced, or how well we’ve held up over the years. At this point, a class reunion is simply a rite of passage.

We spent time with these former teenagers, once upon a time, and then we went our separate ways. We are now as different as we could possibly be and yet, at one point, we all sat together in the same classrooms, listened to the same music and wondered what the future would look like.

At a class reunion, we get to find out—and find out it’s not that scary after all.

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 Bond Issue,

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IMPORTANT DATES



monitor growth patterns districtwide. The long-range plan for Sheldon’s growth pre-sumes a build out of roughly 20,000 students districtwide.

After the bond election did not pass in the spring of 2022, Sheldon ISD made ad-justments to include redrawing middle school boundaries and opened a 9th Grade Campus in an existing facility. “These adjustments will relieve overcrowding in our facilities temporarily as we continue to increase by 400-600 students annually,” Dr. Davis explained. Since 2016, district enrollment has increased by approximately 22% or 2,400 students.

In July, Sheldon ISD surveyed community members to assist with long-range plan-ning for facility and program improvements districtwide. At the August school board meeting, the Sheldon ISD school board called for a \$247,700,000 bond referendum for the November ballot:

Proposition A: Schools, Expansions and Safety/Security Upgrades - \$240,800,000

- Enhance safety and security in all buildings
- New 9th and 10th grade campus
- Null Middle School expansion
- Cravens Early Childhood expansion
- New school buses to include GPS tracking, cameras and radio
- Facility renovations to existing buildings

Proposition B: Technology - \$6,900,000

- Upgrades and replacements for 1:1 devices for all students
- Upgrades to classroom technology to include interactive monitors in classrooms

Voters can vote on both propositions beginning with early voting on October 24 through November 4. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Polling locations and times are shown in the chart.

“Our school board is dedicated to prioritizing what is best for all children,” School Board President Eileen Palmer said. “I want to thank the community for participat-ing in the survey. Your feedback has been instrumental in our planning.”

If voters were to approve the 2022 bond, the maximum increase for the district’s Interest and Sinking (I&S) rate would be 4 cents per \$100 assessed value for the entire life of the bond. For example, the average Sheldon ISD homeowner’s residence is valued at \$180,832 (market value) and would see an approximate \$3.50 per month increase. Sheldon ISD residents age 65 or over will not see an increase in their tax rate if they have applied for an over 65 tax exemption.

More opportunities to learn and ask questions about the 2022 bond referendum are available at three upcoming Town Hall Meetings on September 28, October 12 and November 2. All meetings will be held at King High School in the Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. and will be shown on the district’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/sheldonisd).

For more information or to submit a question about the bond, go to www.sheldonisd.com/bond2022.

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 4: Big 12, SEC teams begin conference schedules

In the NCAA, the Big 12 and SEC begin their conference seasons as the Aggies look to challenge Alabama for the top spot in the SEC West, while Texas hopes to use the momentum it picked up in its 20-19 to No. 1-ranked two weeks ago carries into league play. The Aggies, who lost at home to Appalichian State two weeks ago, face a solid Arkansas team in Arling-ton at AT&T Stadium, while Texas travels to Lubbock to face a surpris-ing Texas Tech team. The Red Raiders and first-year head coach Joey McGuire pulled off a 33-30 overtime win over the Houston Cougars two weeks ago and this week Tech fans will be hoping to pull off another upset against one of their biggest rivals.

In the NFL, the Texans hit the road for the second straight week when they face the Bears in Chicago. The Texans dominated the Colts for three quarters in the season opener, leading 20-3, heading into the final quarter. Just when you thought this would be a new and improved Houston team, the Texans reverted to their old selves and allowed the Colts to tie the game with a 17- point outburst in the final quarter. Both teams had chances to win it in OT, but both came away empty. Indy missed a field goal, and first-year head coach Lovie Smith decided against going for it on fourth-and-three from inside the 50 yard line with 26 seconds left in OT. Why not give go for it, run one or two more plays to get in position for the game-winning field goal? Instead, he said to his team a tie would suffice. No wonder Texans fans booed their way out of NRG Stadium.

While the Texans were settling for a tie in their season opener, the Dallas Cowboys dropped a 19-3 decision to Tom Brady and Tampa Bay and looked horrible on offense doing it. In addition to losing the game, Dallas also lost starting QB Dak Prescott (134 passing yards, 1 interception) for four to eight weeks with a frac-tured thumb on his passing hand. Prescott’s injury is huge and head coach Mike McCarthy has a lot of work to do to get the offense going. They have one quality receiver in CeeDee Lamb, who continues to drop catch-able passes, and just a bunch of guys at the other wideout slots. The offen-sive line is a mess. TB spent most of the opener harrassing Prescott and shutting down the Dallas running game. This week, they travel to New Jersey to take on the Giants, who pulled out a –gutsy 21-20 win at Tennessee, on Monday Night Football. Dallas could be looking at a 0-3 start (they hosted Cincinnati last week) heading into their Week 4 game against Washington.

Other key NFL games this weekend features Buffalo visiting Miami in a key early-season AFC East contest, while Kansas City visits Indianapolis and a struggling Green Bay team travels to Tamps to take on the Bucs.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, we must sadly review last week’s results. A 5-7 week brought the season record to an embarrassing 11-13 (46%). Thankfully, there’s a lot of football left this season.

NCAA

Texas A&M vs. Arkansas: Jimbo Fisher’s Aggies face Arkansas in the SEC opener for both teams. The Aggies looked bad on offense in their 17-14 loss at Kyle Field to Applachian State. The A&M offense was only in App State territory twice. That’s not going to get it done in the SEC. It may be time for Fisher to make a change at QB and go with



veteran signal caller Max Johnson and sit current starter Haynes King. A&M needs to get running back Devon Achane (109 yards, 2 TDS, including a 95-yard kickoff TD) and wide receiver Ainas Smith going against the Hogs. Arkansas is led by dual-threat QB K.J. Jefferson (385 passing yards, 4 TDs/ 129 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and running back Raheim Sanders (273 yards, 2 TDs). It’s time for the Aggies to get their act together because if they don’t Fisher’s seat could start getting a little warm. My pick, Texas A&M 26, Arkansas 23

Clemson at Wake Forest: No. 5-ranked Clemson visits No. 19-ranked Wake Forest in what could be a very interesting ACC contest. Clemson is led by QB D.J. Uiagalelei (441 yards, 3 TDs) and running back Will Shipley (110 yards, 4 TDS), while the Demon Deacons are led by quarterback Sam Hart-man, who made his season debut two weeks ago and led his team to a 45-25 thumping of Vanderbilt by throwing for 300 yards and 4 TDs. Wake is a solid program, but Clemson head coach Dabo Swiney is well aware of that fact and will have the Tigers ready come Saturday. My pick, Clemson 30, Wake Forest 26

Texas at Texas Tech: Texas travels to Lubbock to take on the Red Raiders in the Big 12 opener for both teams. Two weeks ago, UT gave No. 1-ranked Alabama all it could handle before dropping a hard-earned 20-19 decision to Nick Saban’s team. If starting quarter-back Quinn Ewers had not suffered a game-ending injury to his clavicle, the ‘Horns might have pulled off the upset. The offense is now in the hands of backup QB Hudson Card (182 yards), but head coach Steve Sarkisian will put the offense in the hands of running back Bijan Robinson (125 yards, 3 total TDs) and wide receiver Xavier Worthy (7 receptions, 121 yards). Tech won its first two games under McGuire as backup QB Donovan Smith (572 yards, 6 TDs) has done a good job of running the offense. The Red Raiders have also gotten production from running back Tahj Brooks (130 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Jerand Bradley (12 receptions, 158 yards, 1 TD). This could be a high-scoring game, and look for Robinson to be the difference maker as he has a big day on the ground. My pick, Texas 33, Tech 31

NFL

Buffalo at Miami: The Bills served notice in their 31-10 route of the defend-ing Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams in LA two weeks ago and this week they head to South Beach to take on a Miami team that opened the season with a convincing 20-7 win at home against New England. Buffalo was, and will be, led by QB Josh Allen (297 yards, 3 TDs/1 rushing TD) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (8 receptions, 122 yards, 1 TD). Defensive end Von Miller also had a nice debut for Buffalo with two sacks of Matthew Stafford. Miller just might be the missing piece for the Bills defense this year that carries them over the top. The Buffalo defense will get a solid test from a Miami offense that has speed all over the place. QB Tua Tagovailoa threw for 270 yards and a touchdown in the opener, while his new

wide receiver, Tyreek Hill, had a nice debut with 8 catches for 94 yards and fellow wideout Jalen Waddle added four catches for 50 yards and a touchdown. Look for Allen to be the difference maker in this one as the Bills pick up a big early-season division win on Sunday. My pick, Buffalo 26, Miami 20

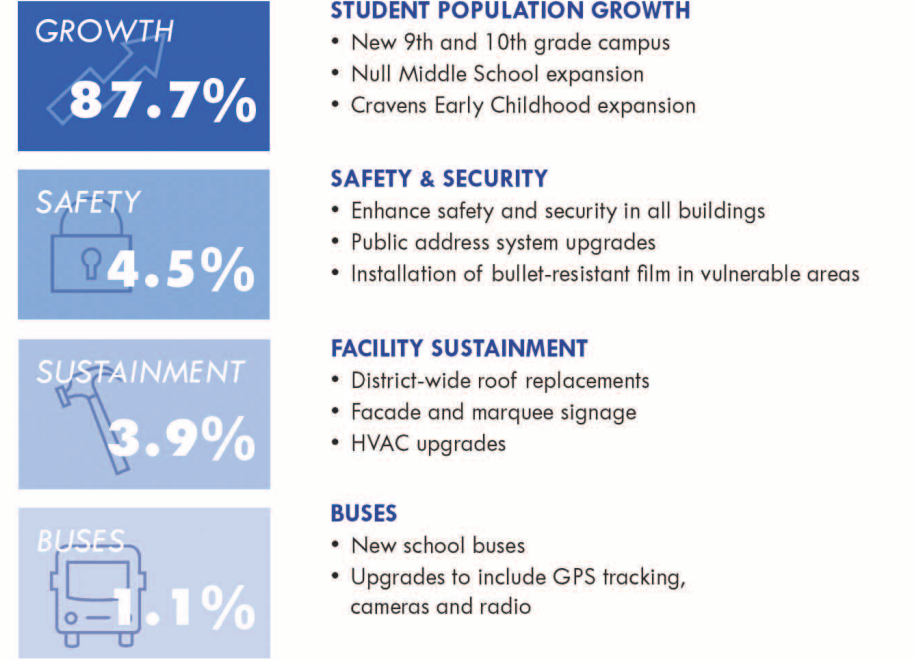
Houston at Chicago: The Texans head to Chicago to take on a Bears team that upset the 49ers 19-10 in the rain and muck two weeks ago. Second-year QB Justin Fields had a nice second half and finished the day with 121 passing yards and 2 TDs. The Texans also had a nice day from second-year QB Davis Mills, who threw for 240 yards and two touchdowns in the 20-20 tie against Indy. Dependable wide receiver Brandin Cooks (7 receptions, 82 yards) was Mills’ favorite receiver, but newly-acquired tight end O.J. Howard made the most of his two catches as both went for TDs and totaled 38 yards. Texas head coach Lovie Smith will be making his return to Chicago after serving as the Bears head coach and leading them to the NFC title and Super Bowl berth following the 2006 season. Smith served as the Bears head coach for nine years. Look for the Texans to pick up a rare road win on Sunday. My pick, Houston 17, Chicago 13

Kansas City at Indianapolis: The Chiefs rolled to a 44-21 road win over Arizona in their season opener at QB Patrick Mahomes passed for 360 yards and tossed five TD passes. And some thought Mahomes would struggle without speedy wide receiver Tyreek Hill. Noel Mahomes spread the ball around nicely as four different players caught TD passes from him. Once again, tight end Travis Kelce (8 receptions, 121 yards, 1 TD) was Mahomes favorite target. The Chiefs looked better on defense and that unit will get a real test this week when it faces Matt Ryan (352 yards, 1 TD) who will be making his home debut for the Colts. He will once again count on running back Jonathan Taylor (161 yards, 1 TD against Houston) and wide receiver Michael Pittman Jr. (9 receptions, 121 yards, 1 TD) to help him against the Chiefs. Indy will be rocking for this one and would like nothing more than to send the Chiefs home packing with a loss. My pick, Indianapo-lis 31, Kansas City 29

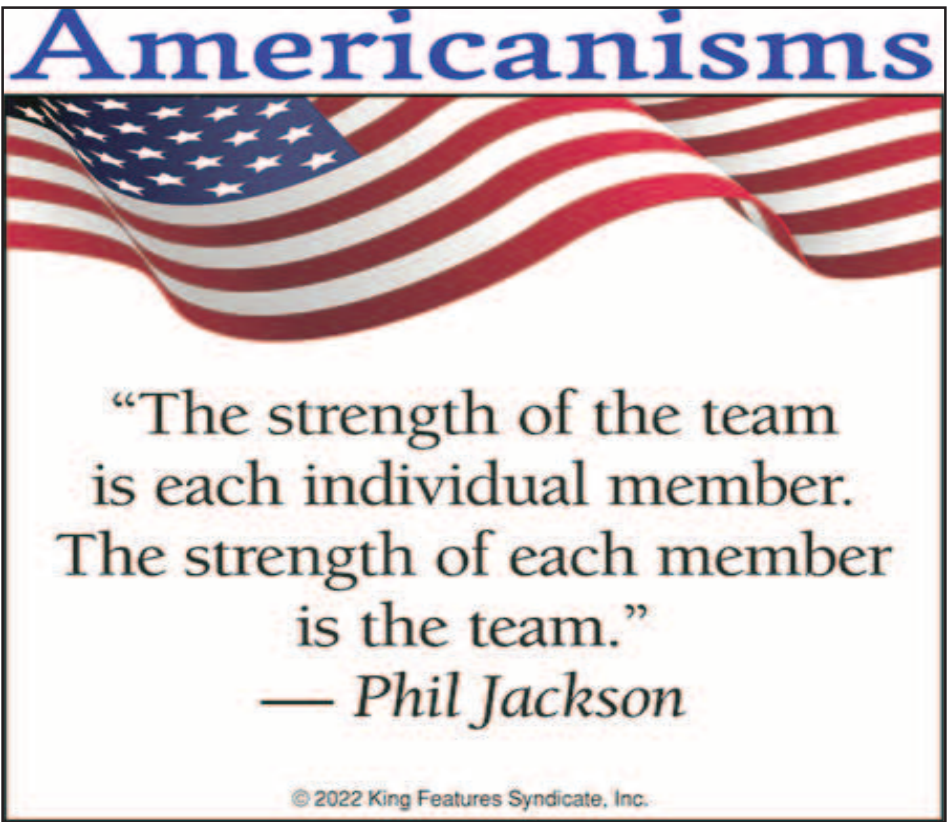
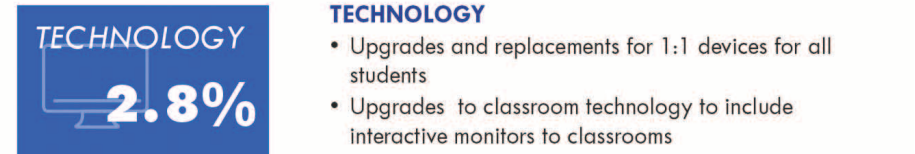
Dallas at New York Giants: The Cowboys will face the Giants on Monday Night Football and the Giants appear to be the better team at this point in the season. In their 21-20 win at Tennessee, running back Saquon Barkley (164 yards, 1 TD, game-winning two-point conversion) looked like he did when he had an amazing rookie season. He ran hard and fast and QB Daniel Jones added 188 passing yards and two touchdown tosses. Dallas will look for backup QB Cooper Rush to run the offense while Prescott recovers from the frac-tured thumb. Dallas must play better in the offense line and will need to feed the Giants a steady dose of running backs Ezekiel Elliott (52 yards in opener) and Tony Pollard to take some pressure off of Rush. The Dallas defense played OK against TB and will need another solid effort if it hopes to win on Monday night. My pick, New York Giants 23, Dallas 16

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PROPOSITION B: \$6,900,000



Salvadorian Heritage

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which ethnic name to apply when referring to my neighbors and friends from Central or Latin America.

The term Hispanic or Latino (or the more recent term Latinx) refers to a person's culture or origin—regardless of race. On the 2020 Census form, people were counted as Hispanic or Latino or Spanish if they could identify as having Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puer-to Rican, Cuban, or “another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.”

The United Nations geoscheme for the Americas defines Central America as all states of mainland North America south of the United States, hence grouping Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua and Mexico as part of Central America.

My El Salvadorian neighbor's Enrique, Bessy and their children Jaqueline, Henry and Lydia recently celebrated El Salvador's Independence Day. It was during their celebration I noticed they displayed the El Salvador



President Nayib Bukele youngest president to serve in El Salvador

flag on the front of their home. Their children were proudly wearing clothes (see photo) of El Salvador's national emblem. And so I decided with my annual recognition articles for celebratory days, months of historical events to use their family as my first of a series on Hispanic Heritage Month.

Since they have moved here to Jacinto City my wife Linda and I have welcomed them and made friends with them. As a result we've helped them

learn about our city and its benefits. They've taught us about their culture by sharing Salvadorian made food and desserts. We've enjoyed their type of music played at each of their children's birthday parties we've attended. We've given them plants and vegetables and taught them how grow them; the kids enjoy picking fresh vegetables from our garden.

President Nayib Bukele is the current president of El Salvador; he was sworn in on June 1st, 2019, and

will serve a five-year term ending in 2024. At the age of 37, Bukele became the 46th president of El Salvador; he is the youngest person ever elected as president of this country.

He has been an early symbol of hope and optimism for El Salvador, the region, and the United States as it seeks to stem irregular migration to its southern border.

The history making 2019 presidential election Bukele broke 30 years of two-party dominance by the traditional political parties FMLN and ARENA. Bukele got 53 percent of the votes on the first round. During Bukele's political career he served as mayor of Nuevo Cucatlan and the nation's capital, San Salvador.

El Salvador has a democratic and representative government, whose three bodies are:

1.The Executive Branch, headed by the President of the Republic, who is elected by direct vote and remains in office for five years with no re-election but he can be elected after

sitting out one electoral period. The president has a Cabinet of Ministers whom he appoints, and is also the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces.

2.The Legislative Branch, called El Salvador's Legislative Assembly (unicameral), consisting of 84 deputies.

3.The Judiciary, headed by the Supreme Court, which is composed of 15 judges, one of them being elected as President of the Judiciary.

The political framework of El Salvador is a presidential representative democratic republic with a multiform, multi-party system. The president, currently Nayib Bukele, is both head of state and head of government. Executive power is exercised by the government. Legislative power is vested in both the government and the Legislative Assembly. The country also has an independent judiciary and Supreme Court. The 1983 constitution is the highest legal authority in the country.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.655880 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Jacinto City.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.655880 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.681345 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.620453 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.682623 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Jacinto City from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Jacinto City may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for City of Jacinto City exceeds the voter-approval rate for City of Jacinto City.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for City of Jacinto City, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for City of Jacinto City.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Jacinto City is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 29, 2022 AT 6:00 PM AT Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street, Houston, TX 77029.

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 City of Jacinto City adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the City of Jacinto City may petition the City of Jacinto City 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 City of Jacinto City will be the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Jacinto City.

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: Mayor Ana Diaz Councilmember Allen Lee Councilmember Gregg Robinson Councilmember Mario Gonzales

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Councilmember Jimmy Rivas Councilmember Carmela Garcia

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.tceq.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 City of Jacinto City last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Jacinto City this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.773590	\$0.655880	decrease of -0.117710, or -15.22%
Average homestead taxable value	\$77,856	\$89,365	increase of 11,509, or 14.78%
Tax on average homestead	\$602.29	\$586.13	decrease of -16.16, or -2.68%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$4,057,286	\$3,943,897	decrease of -113,389, or -2.79%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Jacinto City at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@hctx.net, or visit www.hctx.net for more information.

Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 21
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The **Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 21** will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on **October 3, 2022** at 5:00 p.m. at 15808 Avenue C, Channelview, TX 77530. 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.

FOR the proposal: Jimmy Ramsey, Floyd Carroll, Wesley Hutchins, Brian Uhazie & Pete Brady

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.

	2021 Last Year \$0.305/\$100 Adopted	2022 This Year \$0.28/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)		-\$0.025/\$100 -8.19%
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	\$ 104,373	\$ 116,925
Average appraised residence homestead value		
General homestead exemptions available		
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 104,373	\$ 116,925
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 318.33	\$ 327.39
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$9.06 2.84%

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.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.tceq.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 Texts 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.

Utility Tax Service, LLC
(713) 688-3855

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0010195001

APPLICATION. City of Jacinto City, 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, Texas 77029, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010195001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0053970) to authorize altering the pH limit from 6.5 to 6.0. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 12202 Market Street, Jacinto City, in Harris County, Texas 77029. The discharge route is from the plant site directly to Hunting Bayou. TCEQ received this application on August 22, 2022. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Jacinto City Hall, 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd36of8168250f&marker=-95.222777%2C29.766111&level=12>

The application is subject to the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program and must be consistent with the applicable Coastal Management Program goals and policies.

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice>. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice>.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

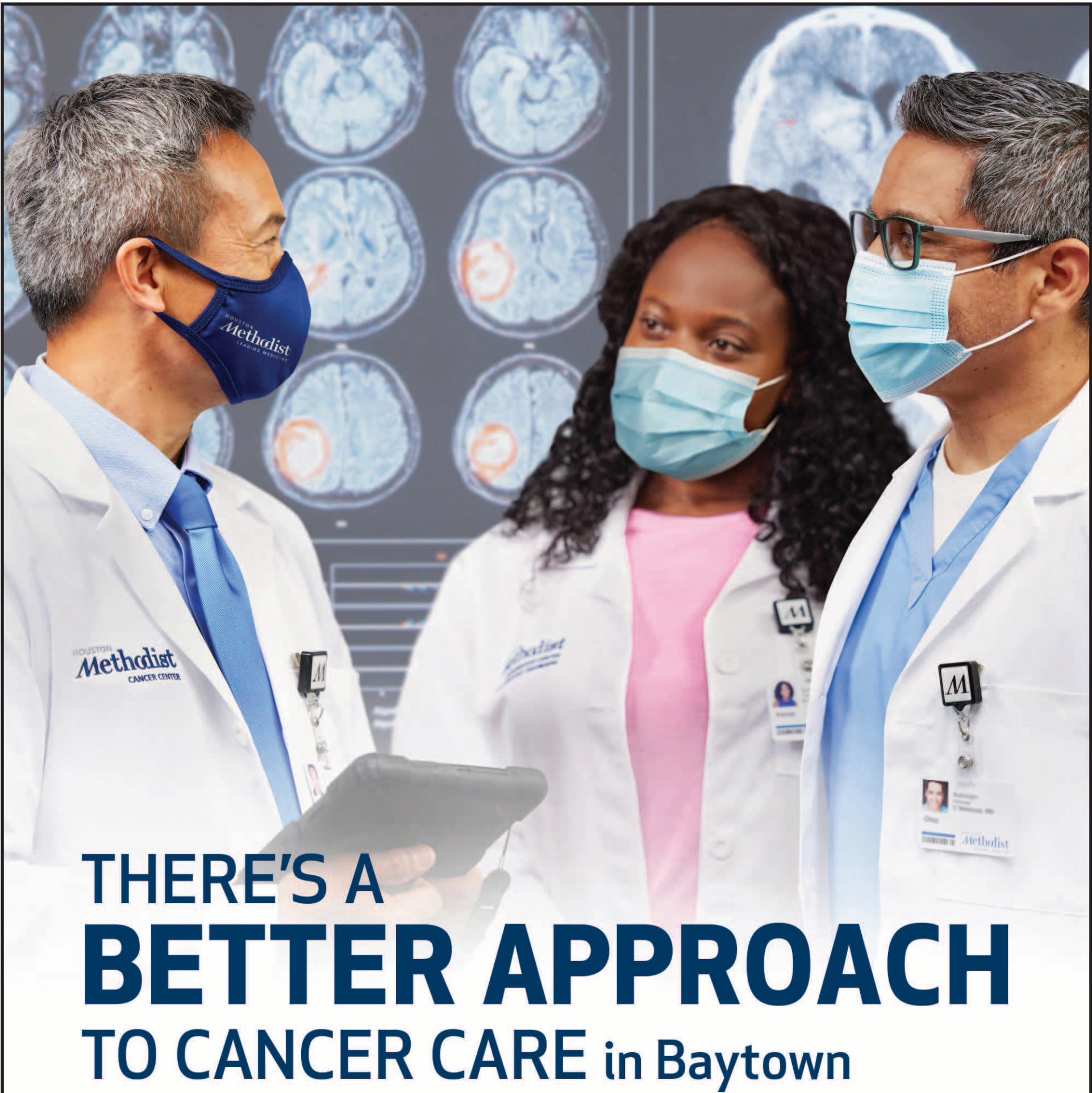
MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Jacinto City at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Kyle Vincent, P.E., LJA Engineering, Inc., at 713-657-6024.

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