



MUSTANG FOOTBALL: Coaches after-the-game-handshake, Mustangs Coach Jon Kay (right) & Timberwolves Coach Darrel Colbert. (Photo by Linda Jamail)

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CHANNEL CURRENTS

OCT. 4, TUESDAY Pct. 2 National Night Out at Fluckinger Center

Everyone is invited to join Precinct 2 at the Martin L. Fluckinger Community Center, 16003 Lorenzo Street in Channelview to participate in NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022.

Tuesday, October 4th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Meet your Pct. 2 representatives, fire and police departments, elected officials and most importantly your neighbors. See what resources are provided by Pct. 2 and the community center.

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HARRIS COUNTY \$1.2B BOND

County schedules hearings on November Bond vote

OVERVIEW

On November 8, 2022, voters in Harris County will have the opportunity to vote on three propositions for the issuance of bonds totaling \$1.2 billion. This bond package would provide funding for multiple categories, including public safety facilities, roads, drainage and transportation-related programs, and parks and trails.

At least \$220 million of the bond issuance would be spent in each

of the four Harris County precincts for Transportation, and Parks and Trails projects. The \$100 million in public safety investments will be countywide. The bond funds cannot be used outside the three categories on the ballot, nor may they be used to fund day-to-day operations.

We are collecting community input through meetings, online tools and comment submissions. This input will be shared with Har-

ris County Precinct staff as they make decisions regarding future projects that could be funded through these bonds. For more on key dates and other information related to the November election, visit <http://www.harrisvotes.com>.

Bond allocation categories include:

PROPOSITION A: PUBLIC SAFETY Up to \$100 million

Investments may support public safety fa-

cilities and technology, including law enforcement facilities, courtrooms, backup generators and improved data systems for court management and crime prevention.

PROPOSITION B: TRANSPORTATION Up to \$900 million

Investments may include road rehabilitation and added capacity; roadway and neighborhood drainage improvements; walking, biking, and mass transit access;

and safety projects to reduce transportation-related fatalities and injuries.

PROPOSITION C: PARKS & TRAILS Up to \$200 million

Investments may include new construction and/or maintenance of parks facilities and trails, including floodable parks, trail projects, and inclusive parks for people with disabilities.

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North Shore Blasts Beaumont United

Mustangs 62 – Timberwolves 0

By Allan Jamail

Beaumont, TX. - September 23, 2022 – the unbeaten state powerhouse North Shore (NS) Mustangs won 62 to 0 over a weak Beaumont United Timberwolves. Head Coach Jon Kay's team wasted no time with their first conference opponent scoring six unanswered touchdowns (TD) in the first half.

The visiting Eastside Boy's NS Nation turned out 70 miles from home in larger numbers than the home crowd and was not disappointed with their teams performance in scoring 9 TD's.

With a 41 to 0 lead at halftime Coach Kay rested his starters letting his reserve players finish the game scoring 21 points.

In the runaway game the nine TD's were made by quarterbacks Kaleb Bailey (1) and Noah Warner (2), running backs Rashaad Johnson



Christopher Barnes goes airborne over a defender to haul in a TD pass from Kaleb Bailey. SEE ARROW (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Wide receiver Terrence Guillory clutches the ball from Kaleb Bailey pass for a TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

(3) and Dimico Prince (1) and wide receivers Christopher Barnes (1) and Terrence

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2021/2022 Reigning 6A Division 1 State Champion NS Mustangs take the field at the Beaumont ISD Memorial Stadium, September 23, 2022. (Photo by Linda Jamail)



Mustangs Game Team Captains.
L – R: #67 Joseph Sifuentes, #34 Rashaad Johnson, #93 Ry' Nichols and #11 Marlon Germany (Photo by Linda Jamail)

Texas City stomps on Unbeaten GPHS Yellowjackets 41-7

Texas City, TX. – September 23, 2022 – Coach Spiro Amarantos' Jackets fell from the unbeaten ranks in a conference game by the host team, Texas City (TC) Stingarees 41 – 7.

This is the first season the Jackets play in the District 9 -5A Division II. This new district is expected to be a much tougher challenge than their previous district where they were the district champions.

The Stingarees garnered 443 total yards to the Jackets 201 yds. On 3rd down conversions TC made all eight while GP was 2 of 10. TC's defense kept the Jackets scoreless until the final quarter.

The Yellowjackets (3-1) will try to get back on track when they play their Homecoming game with the Fort Bend Willowridge Eagles (0-4) in a district game on Fri. Sept. 30th at 7:00 p.m. at GPISD Stadium.

FURR & GALENA PARK HIGH SCHOOLS

Jacinto City Police Dept. conducts student training courses



High school students with police training certificates.
L – R: Sgt. A.J. Seydler, Daniel E. Saldivar, Melanie S. Garcia, Lt. M. Longrigg, Chief J. M. Ayala, Lt. D. Walker, Juan A. Reyes and Officer R. Barker

By Allan Jamail

September 24, 2022 – Jacinto City's Police Chief Joe Ayala and his officers conducted a six week police training and educational course with local students of Furr and Galena Park high schools. The chief said the idea of the student training was initiated

by Mayor Ana Diaz.

Ayala said his officers introduced the students to various aspects of law enforcement; some of the subjects were patrol procedures, traffic laws, DWI laws, criminal investigations, sexual assault crimes, cold case investigations, juvenile investigations, K-9 procedures, police use of

force, booking and jail procedures. The students conducted mock traffic stops, went on patrol and were given a tour of the jail.

The students reviewed fire department equipment, EMS procedures and other subjects related to the fire department by Fire Chief Rebecca Mier.

SHELDON ISD NEWS

Sheldon kicks off Homecoming Week with annual parade

The Homecoming parade has returned to Sheldon ISD after a pause for the pandemic and rain over the past few years. On Saturday, September 17, King High School student groups such as the cheerleaders, drill team, band, organizations like AVID and STEM, as well as campus leaders and students from each middle

school, elementary and early childhood academy participated in a parade. The parade kicks off the Homecoming Week for C.E. King High School. The Homecoming game is Friday, September 23 against Humble High School and the dance will be held Saturday, September 24.



Parade



Parade

KHS Offers Career Cluster Night to Showcase Students' Skills

September 20 marked the first Career Cluster Night of the school year for the career and technical education students. Each quarter, CTE will host a night for parents, students and the community to watch student skills in action while gaining an understanding of the importance of the programs of study offered at King High School and how they are preparing students for their futures. The first night featured student presentations from agriculture, food and natural resources, manufacturing and transportation, distribution and logistics. The next Career Cluster will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on November 15.



Sheldon Early Childhood Academy Unveils Vending Machine



Sheldon Early Childhood Academy held a ribbon cutting ceremony for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students to celebrate their new vending machine

stacked with books. Students will have an opportunity to earn tokens for good behavior. Tokens may be spent at the machine for books.

Carroll Elementary kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month with Books



Hispanic Heritage Month began September 15 and will last through October 16. Sheldon's Carroll Elementary School held a Book Loteria with a great turnout from families in support of reading.

Sheldon schedules Town Hall Meetings to share information about the bond election

In an effort to educate residents and community members about the upcoming bond election, Sheldon ISD has scheduled opportunities to learn about the bond election at Town Hall Meetings. All meetings will be held at King High School in the Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. on

the following dates: Wednesday, September 28, Wednesday, October 12 and Wednesday, November 2. All meetings will be streamed live on the district's website and Facebook page. To learn more about what is on the ballot visit www.sheldonisd.com/bond2022.

Early voting is October 24-November 4 and Election Day is November 8.

Sheldon to host School Board Candidate Forum for upcoming November election

The Sheldon ISD Board of Trustee election will be held during November with four seats (Places 4, 5, 6 and 7) on the ballot. Three seats (Places 4, 6 and 7) are running unopposed.

A School Board Candidate Forum will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11

in the King High School Performing Arts Center to provide an introduction of all candidates, statements from unopposed candidates as well as a candidate forum for Place 5. The meeting will also be streamed live on the district's website and Facebook page.

Upcoming fall break in Sheldon ISD

There will be no school in Sheldon ISD on Wednesday, October 5 through Friday, October 7. Classes will resume Monday, October 10. To view the academic and activity calendar in Sheldon ISD, go to www.sheldonisd.com/calendar.



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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



If Today were the Day

Over the years, I have been called upon to help others make funeral arrangements as well as to help write obituaries for people I have known. Sometimes loved ones do not know what to say. Nobody wants to say things that might be offensive to the deceased person's memory, yet I remember attending one funeral at an early age where the officiant obviously did not know the deceased.

The deceased was an older man who had made a comment at the hospital that he was ready to go home. The pastor took that to mean, "he was ready to go to Heaven". Yet at the funeral, relatives talked about how no, this man wanted to get back to his house and work in his yard. Had he been able to sit up in the coffin, he would have told the preacher that his earthly home was the only one he knew about.

I have attended funerals where such kind things were said about how someone loved their spouse and children, yet within thirty days their spouse had remarried someone they had been having an affair with for years. For some reason, people do not want to paint a bad "last impression" of someone.

Perhaps if all of us took the time to think about what would be said about us when we die, we might make better choices. And our loved ones would not feel so uncomfortable at the funeral service.

Take the time to make a list of your accomplishments as well as the obstacles you have overcome in your lifetime. List three to five things that you have been passionate about in your life. Look at your bank account and your calendar. Where do you spend most of your time and your money? How do you use the talents that you have?

Perhaps as you are looking over those lists, you are not happy. You have time to make changes. Make some changes. Some need to be made sooner than others. If you know you have some weight to lose, start slow, but start. If you have some habits that you need to change, start today. If there are people who you do not speak with any longer, ask yourself why. Then do what you need to do to make amends. At the same time, realize that you do not need everyone in your life. If someone has continually hurt you, there are reasons why you do not need to make amends. Everything has a seed and if you plant trouble, trouble is what you are going to get back. Some people are not meant to be in your life.

Maybe today is the day that you need to make some changes. If you do not know where to start, ask a friend. If you do not have anyone you consider a friend, find someone. There are many people in our community who are ready to help you make positive choices. If you are where to find them, please contact me.

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1 killed, another stabbed during botched robbery at illegal game room on Dell Dale

CHANNELVIEW — A man was shot and killed during a botched robbery of an illegal game room in the Channelview area, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

The incident happened just after 1 a.m. Saturday on Dell Dale Street near the East Freeway.

Deputies responded to the shooting and found a man dead at the scene along with a 19-year-old manager of the game room who was stabbed at least twice. The manager was taken to the hospital and is currently stable.

According to HCSO Sgt. Ben Beall, it all started when the man who was shot and killed attempted to rob the game room. The robbery suspect stabbed the manager twice before the manager grabbed a gun and killed the suspect.

It's the second incident involving a game room in two days after another game room in north Harris County was raided Friday morning.

"The underground or undocumented game rooms have been around for years," Beall said. "We've had security guards killed at them...business invasion robberies. Things have been kinda slow, at least on our end...the last couple years."

HCSO Homicide and VICE units are investigating.

Two intruders killed in home invasion attempt

CLOVERLEAF – Two suspects are dead after a 17-year-old teen shot them during an attempted home invasion in east Harris County Friday night, Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said it happened in the 16000 block of 1st Street near the East Freeway at around 10:40 p.m. in the Channelview area.

Gonzalez said in his tweet that three armed men wearing masks "attempted to make force entry" into the home where a woman, two teen boys, and a 12-year-old boy were inside.

At some point, one of the teen boys grabbed a shotgun and shot at two of the suspects several times, Gonzalez said. Both men died at the scene.

A 3rd suspect fled the scene in a dark-colored 4-door vehicle.

No one inside the home was injured.

Gonzalez added that the case will be presented to a grand jury. An investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information in this case is asked to call the HCSO Homicide Unit at 713-274-9100.

Deputies search for boyfriend after woman's body found

HOUSTON – An investigation is underway after a woman was found dead inside a mobile home trailer Monday morning in Channelview, according to Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.

The discovery was made at 10:24 a.m. at the mobile trailer home, located in the 15600 block of Market Street.

Insy Cruz-Flores, 36, was found dead in a closet with signs of injuries, according to deputies. Her family filed a missing person's report Monday morning and was out searching for her when they allegedly found her body in the trailer.

According to deputies, there is a history of domestic violence between Cruz-Flores and her live-in boyfriend, Jose Corona. Detectives also say they found the woman's missing Blue Ford Escape in the Dallas area.

Deputies said they are currently searching for Corona.

Investigators said the woman, and her boyfriend lived in the trailer with five other people.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “Can You Really Find Pearls in Texas Rivers?”

Throughout history, natural pearls have been found in many species of freshwater mollusk in North American lakes and rivers. They are most abundant within the Mississippi River drainage basin, which provides the perfect habitat for these animals because of the large watershed areas with their underlying limestone substrata. Lesser-known sources of natural freshwater pearls are the Colorado River and Brazos River and their tributaries in the state of Texas. However, the best samples are sometimes found in a species named Tampico Pearlymussel that inhabits the Concho River in West Texas.

The mollusk is distributed from northeastern Mexico into the Concho, Colorado, and Brazos Rivers of central Texas and has been collected by licensed harvesters. Mussel harvesting is restricted to hand collection only, and there is a legal minimum shell size requirement. In addition, several areas in Texas have been designated mussel sanctuaries in order to provide protection and species conservation. Pearlers find mussels by wading into water that is three to four feet deep and feeling for the shells with their toes. Rattlesnakes on the banks and water moccasins and snapping turtles in the murky water pose risks to these adventurers searching for gems.

GIA's New York laboratory recently received nine loose pearls from Stone Group Laboratories (Jefferson City, Missouri) for a joint study. The pearls ranged in size from 2.95 + 2.45 mm to 14.76 + 13.55 + 13.13 mm. Reportedly recovered from Tampico Pearlymussel shells taken from the Concho River, they exhibited colors ranging from purplish pink to orangy pink. Some of the samples also possessed varying degrees of a brownish hue. Most of the small pearls in the group exhibited a dull chalky appearance, with some broken or cracked areas of the nacreous surface. The largest pearl in the group (16.59 ct) showed good nacre condition, a high luster, and noticeable orient on its surface.

Nine "Concho" pearls examined in this study together with a Tampico pearlymussel shell. The shell measures approximately 12 + 8 cm. Pearls range from 0.12 to 16.59 cts. Photo by Sood Oil (Judy) Chia.

The study provided GIA with a rare opportunity to study this unique group of freshwater natural pearls originating from the southwestern United States. Both gemological and analytical data were consistent with their claimed natural and freshwater origin. Pearls produced from this locality often possess beautiful fancy pink, purple, or lavender colors, as demonstrated by these examples.

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OPINION

By HC Pct. 3 Commissioner
TOM RAMSEY



Republican Commissioner Tom Ramsey on County Budget Controversy

“As we all know, there are two sides to every story. Judge Hidalgo and others would have you believe that but let’s look at the actual facts. You’ve heard that there are 400 open positions and you’re led to believe that those are patrol officers. That number, however, is actually all the open positions in Harris County in the Sheriff’s department, in the Jail system, in the Constable programs, and numerous other agencies. Those vacancies include administration, dispatchers, clerical and on and on. As one Constable told me, many of these positions are open because the “weight of the badge is heavy” and a lack of support from the public and elected leaders has them looking elsewhere to serve and protect.

The difference between the two budgets is \$100 million. Of course, to you and I that’s a lot of money but in a \$2.2 billion budget, it’s 4.5%. That’s half of the current inflation rate.

My top priority is law enforcement. If you listen to their side of the story, this budget addresses that but let’s look at the actual facts. You’ve heard that there are 400 open positions and you’re led to believe that those are patrol officers. That number, however, is actually all the open positions in Harris County in the Sheriff’s department, in the Jail system, in the Constable programs, and numerous other agencies. Those vacancies include administration, dispatchers, clerical and on and on. As one Constable told me, many of these positions are open because the “weight of the badge is heavy” and a lack of support from the public and elected leaders has them looking elsewhere to serve and protect.

You have to ask why there is no desire to add Constables to the budget. You have to ask why there are just raises, but not more officers patrolling our streets. Why does the Sheriff’s department get some patrol positions - which I applaud - but far more of the positions do not meet criminals face to face on our streets. What is this court doing in a time where you know what the crime rate is - you don’t have to listen to politicians debate it. Even the local paper and evening news can’t ignore the facts of historic high murders, police officers being murdered, and those committing murder out on multiple bonds. Why did Judge Hidalgo specify that the full budget will add “...35 investigators...” and “...100 detention officers...” for a jail system that hasn’t added a single cell and yet didn’t mention one patrol officer? My budget opponents say phrases like “safety and justice”. How exactly do they define those words? For me, it’s officers.

You’re also led to believe that if the maximum budget and tax rate isn’t passed, 180 flood projects will “...affect the lives of every single resident in Harris County.”

Here’s the other side of the story. The difference between the two budgets for flood control is \$14 million. That’s .6% of the budget. Point six per cent.

Flooding, of course, is important and that’s why myself and Commissioner Cagle have committed to spending \$7 million each from our precinct budgets to make up the “two budgets” difference.

Problem solved. Imagine what we could do if Commissioners Garcia and Ellis also pledged \$7 million each.

Judge Hidalgo alluded to the fact that not passing the Voter Approved Rate budget instead of the No New Revenue budget would dramatically affect the Harris Health System. Their budget is \$2.38 billion dollars. The difference between the two budgets is less than 2%. Many of Dr. Porsa’s requests and his plea for more money is for capital investments which are not a part of these budgets at all. That, however, doesn’t make for good headlines and so we are led to believe that catastrophe will strike when all it would take is for my request to have more officers to alleviate this situation.

There are other issues as well that you will be asked to fret over but do not be fooled into thinking that Harris County is on the brink of disaster because the No New Revenue budget - the lower of the two - is implemented.

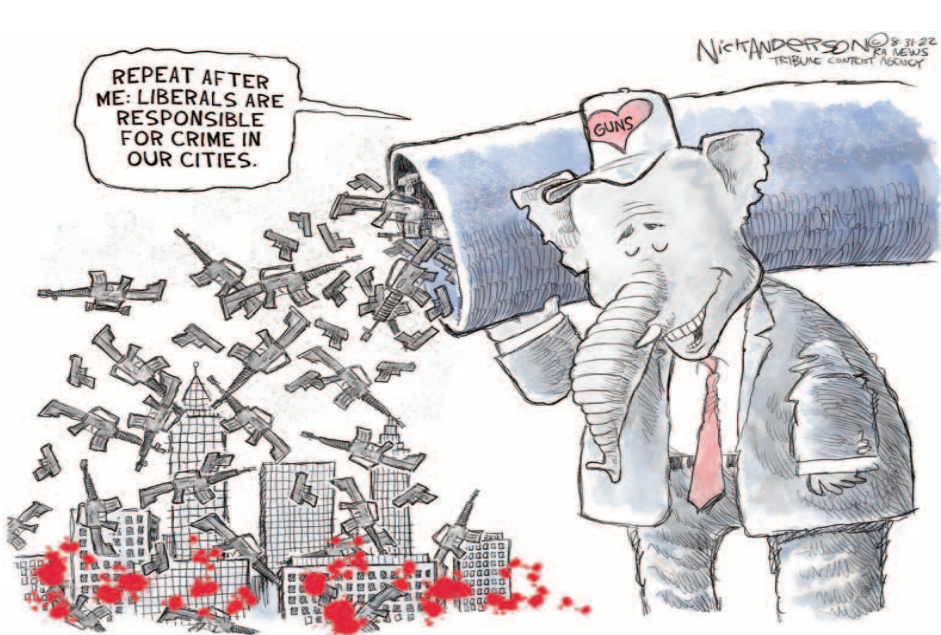
One of my objections to the “Voter Approved Rate” (clever, isn’t it? You don’t actually get to approve it but that’s the official name of the budget that taxes you at a higher rate) is that it does not add officers to our Constable programs who are responsible for many Harris County residents NOT protected by Houston police. It’s quite a sizable number.

Finally, I’ve also identified over \$100 million in the budget that I - and I think you - would consider waste. Those conversations, however, are not part of Judge Hidalgo, Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Garcias’ plan. Those conversations aren’t allowed to be discussed in Court. If you’d like me to point you to where that’s happened publicly, I’d start with when Commissioner Cagle wasn’t even allowed to speak on adding Constables and discussion ended immediately so that the court majority could silence the concerns of voters in Precincts 3 and 4.

From the day I decided to run as your representative, I told you my focus would be first on three things - Crime, Infrastructure and Taxes. I’m not against spending money. I’m for using it properly, not wasting it, not passing it out to “friendly” consultants and I will continue to represent you with those priorities for your family and mine.

Finally, my job is not defined by attendance. My job is defined by representing the voters of Pct 3.”

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Hispanic Texans Likely Largest Demographic Group

The U.S. Census Bureau released its latest estimate, which indicates Hispanic residents in Texas make up more of the state’s population than white residents. The new population figures from the American Community Survey indicate Hispanic Texans comprise 40.2% of the state’s population last year, while non-Hispanic white Texans made up 39.4%, as reported in the Texas Tribune

The estimates, from July 2021, are not considered official but reflect trends that demographers have been tracking for years. Hispanics accounted for nearly half of the state’s population increase of 4 million residents since 2010. Census figures indicate almost half of Texas residents under the age of 18 are Hispanic.

The survey showed that Hispanic residents are more than twice as likely as white resident to live below the poverty line. The median income for a white household last year was \$81,235, compared to \$54,857 for a Hispanic household.

MORE THAN 10,000 MIGRANTS BUSED ELSEWHERE

With Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis grabbing headlines by flying migrants from Texas to Martha’s Vineyard, Gov. Greg Abbott’s office announced that is has now bused more than 10,000 migrants to what he terms “sanctuary cities” such as Washington, D.C., New York and Chicago. Last week, at Abbott’s behest, two buses of migrants from Texas were dropped off outside Vice President Kamala Harris’ residence at the United States Naval Observatory in the nation’s capital.

Abbott has long criticized the Biden administration’s approach to migrants seeking asylum in the United States, and Texas has boosted border security funding by \$4 billion. Biden last week said the admin-



istration has a process to deal with migrants at the border.

“Republicans are playing politics with human beings, using them as props. What they’re doing is simply wrong,” he said at a gala for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, according to Politico.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE APPROVED AFTER NORTH TEXAS FLOODING

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved Abbott’s request for disaster assistance for seven North Texas counties affected by flooding last month. As much as 10 inches of rain fell in the Dallas area in late August, causing widespread damage to businesses and homes.

Counties included in the disaster declaration are Dallas, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Kaufman, Rockwall, and Tarrant. Applicants can download applications and get further information at disasterloanassistance.sba.gov.

‘MODERATE’ DEER HUNTING SEASON PREDICTED

Biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are predicting a moderate season for deer hunters, with archery season kicking off on Oct. 1.

“Overall, 2022 year is expected to be good in terms of harvest numbers and opportunities, so don’t let the chance to spend time afield with family, friends and fellow hunters pass

you by,” said Alan Cain with TPWD.

The statewide drought, while now largely in remission, has adversely affected natural forage for deer in late summer, especially in the central, south, and western parts of the state, according to Cain. Wildfires caused significant habitat loss, but those areas are quickly rejuvenating, especially with the recent rains.

“Where fires have occurred, there’s been new grass and weed growth providing some much-needed nutrition and cover for deer,” Cain said. “Although habitat conditions have improved immensely with recent rains, the timing was a bit late to have any meaningful influence on antler quality.”

TABC BUSTS 131 RETAILERS FOR UNDERAGE ALCOHOL SALES

A statewide sting of alcohol retailers in college towns across Texas netted 131 retailers accused of selling alcohol to minors. The effort by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission coincided with the start of the college fall semester. Minor-aged volunteers under the supervision of undercover TABC agents attempted to buy alcohol from licensed retailers at 1,131 locations. They found a total of 131 violations, or 14% of the locations visited.

Businesses cited for selling booze to a minor could face civil fines and possible suspension of their liquor license. Individual employees would face misdemeanor charges as well.

POP-UP COVID-19 VACCINE LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

While new cases of COVID-19 cases continue to wane, with 36,856 reported in Texas by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week, along with 144 deaths, parking lot pop-up vaccine sites are taking place at select Walmart locations across Texas until Sept. 25.

Updated booster vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna address the newer variants, according to officials with the Texas Department of State Health Services.

“Vaccination remains our most important tool in the fight against severe illness and death from COVID-19,” said DSHS Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt. “And the new bivalent vaccines promise an even more effective and safe protection from Omicron variants, which continue to be the leading cause of COVID-19 illness in Texas and across the U.S.”

DSHS reported 2,161 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday, down slightly from the previous week.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“On the Sidewalk”

I met Betty sitting outside on the sidewalk.

Betty spends a lot of time there. She lives in the adjacent building. It is a place for older folks who need a lot of help and don’t have a lot of money. Betty lost both legs, below the knee, at some point. She wears a curly wig pulled down low on her head, and she is usually smoking a cigarette, out on the sidewalk, accompanied by a few other residents from her building.

I walk by Betty’s building a lot. “How are you doing today?” I always ask the residents as I pass.

The building is made of brick, in a pattern that looks like weaving. This has led my husband, Peter, and me to privately call it the “basket building,” and its occupants the “basket cases.” I know this is not nice, but it’s what we do.

“Doing great! How are you?” Betty and most of her companions always reply. There is usually a gathering of residents, most of them in wheelchairs. They always say they are “doing great!” as they sit in their wheelchairs, smoking cigarettes, gossiping about things I will never know about.

One day, I saw Betty out by herself.

“I don’t actually know your name,” I confessed.

“I’m Betty.”

“I’m Carrie.”

“Nice to meet you, Carrie.”

Then, yesterday, I was on my way to the drugstore, and there was Betty, several blocks from the basket building, with her wheelchair parked and facing the street. “Hello, Betty!”

“Oh, hello!”

“It’s a beautiful day, isn’t it?” I said.

“Oh, it is!” she agreed.

“What’re you looking at?”

Betty gestured across the street. There was a small park with trees, and taller buildings in the background. There were flowers in the foreground and a brick walkway in the park.

“It’s beautiful, don’t you think?” she asked. “The whole thing; it’s a beautiful picture.”

I was not in a hurry to get to the drugstore, I realized. I looked across the street. It was late afternoon, and the sun was shining through the trees in the park, and the bricks were shiny, and the flowers were in full bloom. Betty was right. It was beautiful, and I would have walked right past it without a glance.

“I sometimes sit here and just look at it,” Betty told me. “One day, they had a wedding here!”

“Oh, that would be a great place for a wedding,” I said.

“Uh-huh,” Betty agreed.

“What was your name again?” she asked.

“Carrie. Like the Stephen King novel.”

“Oh, yeah!”

I stood there in silence for a long moment, looking at the park, taking in the scene.

“Well, I’ll see you around, Betty,” I finally said. Betty smiled and looked back at the park.

As I headed down the sidewalk to the drugstore, I took one last look back at Betty. She was sitting in a patch of warm autumn sunshine, and her eyes were focused on the scene across the street. She had a smile on her face and a peacefulness about her that I only manage for moments in a day—if I’m lucky.

I don’t know a thing about Betty. And, when I see her on the sidewalk, in her wheelchair, smoking her cigarettes, I’ve been pretty quick to assume that hers is not a happy life.

But I had to wonder, if in her place, I would have wheeled myself down three blocks just to look at a sight that pleased me, just to sit in the sun, just to take in the beauty.

I hope so. Till next time, Carrie

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 5:

Chargers look to avenge last year’s upset by Texans: Aggies hit the road for 2nd straight week with trip to MSU

The Texans return home after a two-week road trip that took them to Denver and Chicago to face the Los Angeles Chargers, a team they upset in 2021, 41-29.

That unexpected loss to what would become a four-win Houston team, probably cost star quarterback Justin Herbert and his teammates a shot at a postseason berth, so you had better believe they won't take the lowly Texans lightly this time around. Or will they?

The Chargers have as much talent as any team in the AFC this side of Buffalo and Kansas City, but they have a penchant for playing down to the level of their competition. It cost them dearly a year ago and if they don't change their ways, it could happen again.

Houston continues to struggle on offense as evidenced by their inability to score a touchdown against Denver two weeks ago as they fell 16-9 to the underwhelming Broncos. Quarterback Davis Mills continues to struggle to make plays in the Red Zone, but rookie running back Dameon Pierce had his moments in the Mile High City. He ran hard between the tackles and maybe it's time to give him more carries to open things up for Mills. We shall see.

There are some other interesting games in the NFL this weekend, starting with the Thursday night game pitting Miami against defending AFC Champion Cincinnati. The Dolphins overcame a 35-14 fourth-quarter deficit two weeks ago at Baltimore, scoring 28 points in the final stanza to pull off a wild 42-38 win as QB Tua Tagovailoa passed for 469 yards and six TDs. The Bengals have lost their first two games and if they hope to defend their AFC title, QB Joe Burrow and Co. need to get things going. Dallas hosts Washington in a key NFC East game for both teams. The Cowboys, behind backup quarterback Cooper Rush and six sacks by the defense, picked up their first win two weeks ago with a 20-17 last-second win over the Bengals, while the Commanders fell at Detroit, 36-27. Sunday Night Football has a good one as Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs visit Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Week 4 concludes on Monday Night Football with a key NFC West encounter as the defending Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams take on long-time rival San Francisco.

In college action, Jimbo Fisher's Texas A&M Aggies travel to Starkville, MS to face Mike Leach and the Mississippi State Bulldogs. This will mark the Aggies second straight SEC road game after opening conference play last Saturday in Arlington against No. 10-ranked Arkansas. In another key SEC tilt, No. 2-ranked Alabama plays its second road game in just three weeks when Nick Saban's team visits a talented Arkansas team.

Before we take a look at those games and a host of others, let's review last week's record. Finally, something to crow about as a 10-2 week brought the season record to a respectable 21-15 (58%). Told you I wouldn't stay down for long!

Now, onto this weekend's game.

NCAA
North Carolina State at Clemson: No. 12-ranked North Carolina State takes on No. 5-ranked Clemson in a big early-season ACC Atlantic battle. The Wolfpack have won their first three games of the year and are a legitimate contender for the ACC title. NC State is led by QB Devin Leary (570 yards, 5 TDs), running back Demie Sumo-Karngbaye (203 rushing yards/6 receptions, 102 yards, 3 total TDs) and wide receiver Thayer Thomas (10 receptions, 102 yards, 1 TD), while Clemson is led by QB DJ Uiagalelei (662 yards, 5 TDs), and running back Will Shipley (249 yards, 6 TDs). The winner of this game takes a leg up in the race for the Atlantic Division title. NC State is underrated on defense. Look for Leary to be the best QB on the field this Saturday. My pick NC State 33, Clemson 30

Texas A&M at Mississippi State: This game will feature a solid A&M defense against a high-scoring MSU offense, so



something will have to give. Jimbo Fisher's Aggies picked up a huge win over Miami two weeks ago as the defense led the way to a 17-9 win. Fisher changed QBs in that game sitting former starter Haynes King and replacing him with Max Johnson (163 yards, 1 TD). The change seemed to spark the Ags. A&M still has issues on the offensive line, but look for Johnson, running back Devon Achane (196 yards, 3 total TDs) and wide receiver Ainius Smith (14 receptions, 259 yards, 2 TDs) to take a big step forward against a Bulldog team that is suspect on defense, as evidenced by its 31-16 loss at LSU two weeks ago. Leach's team has a solid QB in Will Rogers (977 yards, 10 TDs) and two solid WRs in Rara Thomas (14 receptions, 211 yards, 2 TDs) and Caleb Ducking (14 receptions, 162 yards, 3 TDs). A&M's defense will slow the Bulldogs down this Saturday on the road. My pick, Texas A&M 31, Mississippi 17

Alabama at Arkansas: Saban's No. 2-ranked Crimson Tide face perhaps their toughest test (yes, even tougher than the game against Texas, Longhorn fans!) of the 2022 season when they head to the Hills to take on the No. 10-ranked Razorbacks. Sam Pittman's team won its first three games prior to last week's contest against A&M to open SEC play. Arkansas has a real dual threat at quarterback in K.J. Jefferson (770 passing yards, 3 TDs/169 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and another key weapon in running back Raheim Sanders (440 yards, 3 TDs). They entered the A&M game with the three top sack producers in the SEC, which means 'Bama QB Bryce Young (644 passing yards, 9 TDs/144 rushing yards, 2 TDS) had better hope his inexperienced offensive line holds up on Saturday. Look for Saban to give the 'Hogs a steady dose of running backs Jose McClellan (167 yards, 1 TD) and Jahmyr Gibbs (151 yards, 2 TDs) and look for wide receiver Traeshon Holden (12 receptions, 169 yards, 3 TDs) to make plays in the passing game. Saban will need a big game from linebacker Will Anderson Jr. (15 total tackles, one interception, one TD return) to be the difference maker on defense. After the near upset in Austin on Sept. 10, you had better believe Saban will have the Tide ready for this game. My pick, Alabama 31, Arkansas 20

NFL

Miami at Cincinnati: An interesting game to kickoff Week 4 of the 2022 NFL season pits the offensive-minded Dolphins against a struggling Cincinnati team on Thursday Night Football. As mentioned earlier, Miami erupted for 28 fourth-quarter points at Baltimore to overcome a 21-point deficit on their way to a 42-38 road win. Tua (739 yards, 7 TDs in first two games) was magnificent in the final stanza, as were wide receivers Tyreek Hill (19 receptions, 284 yards, 2 TDs) and Jalen Waddle (15 receptions, 240 yards) as they accounted for 22 receptions for 262 yards and four TDs against the Ravens. Wow! While the Dolphins are off to a hot start, the Bengals dropped their first two games and still have issues on the offensive line. QB Joe Burrow was sacked six times in the 20-17 loss to Dallas. Look for a big night from him and wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase (15 receptions, 183 yards, 1 TD) as Cinci gets its season back on track. This should be an offensive shootout. My pick, Cincinnati 34, Miami 31

Los Angeles Chargers at Houston: After last year's upset at the hands of the Texans, I don't expect the Chargers to take them for granted on Sunday at NRG Stadium. A lot will depend on the health of Herbert (613 yards, 6 TDs). He fractured some ribs in LA's 27-24 loss at KC two weeks ago, but should be ready for this game. Even if he's unable to go, look for

running back Austin Ekeker (75 rushing yards/13 receptions, 91 yards) and wide receiver Mike Williams (10 receptions, 123 yards, 1 TD) to pick up the slack. The Texans must be more productive on offense, so look for them to let rookie back Pierce (102 yards) to get plenty of work in this game. Houston's defense has played well thus far, but if Herbert is under center this Sunday, that unit will face its toughest test of the season. My pick, Los Angeles Chargers 31, Houston 18

Washington at Dallas: The Cowboys may have saved their season two weeks ago with a gritty 20-17 win at home against Cincinnati. Reserve QB Cooper Rush (299 yards, 1 TD) looked calm and reserved and made plays in the passing game to his favorite new target, Noah Brown (10 receptions, 159 yards, 1 TD) and budding superstar CeeDee Lamb (9 receptions, 104 yards). Dallas also got production in the running game from Ezekiel Elliott (105 yards) and Tony Pollard (one TD in the game), but it was the defense that saved the day. Second-year star running back Micah Parsons had his second straight game with two sacks and the Pokes picked up four more as they harassed Joe Burrow all afternoon long. Parsons and Co. will have to carry this team until Dak Prescott returns at QB and they should have another big day against the Commanders and turnover-prone QB Carson Wentz (650 yards, 7 TDs). Two weeks ago, the Commanders lost at Detroit, 36-27. Look for it to be another tough day on the road for Washington. My pick, Dallas 23, Washington 17

Kansas City at Tampa Bay: What a game for the Sunday Night Football crew as Patrick Mahomes (595 yards, 7 TDs) takes on Tom Brady (402 yards, 2 TDs) in prime time. This game will pit the up-and-coming star QB in the league against the GOAT, but it might be the Tampa Bay defense that determines the outcome of this contest. The Bucs have looked really good on defense in their first two games, allowing just 13 points in wins at Dallas and New Orleans. That unit will really get tested Sunday night in Tampa when Mahomes, tight end Travis Kelce (13 receptions, 172 yards, 1 TD), wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster try to dent this skilled unit. Brady and the Bucs offense have gotten off to a slow start, as injuries and suspensions have taken their toll. Brady hopes to have back big-play WR Chris Godwin for this game and should have reliable wideout Mike Evans (8 receptions, 132 yards, 1 TD) back for this game after Evans sat out last week's game against Green Bay after being suspended for his role in an altercation two weeks ago against the Saints. It's tough to go against Brady in a big game and remember, when these two met two years ago in the Super Bowl, Brady came out on top. My pick, Tampa Bay 30, Kansas City 28

Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco: Week 4 concludes on Monday Night Football with an important early-season NFC West contest between the Rams and 49ers. Two weeks ago, LA almost blew a 28-point lead at home to the Falcons but held on for a 31-27 win, while the 49ers took care of Seattle 27-7 but in the process lost starting QB Trey Lance for the season to a broken ankle. Jimmy Garoppolo (154 yards, 1 passing, 1 rushing TD) came off the bench to save the day and it's a good thing the 49ers didn't trade him prior to the start of the season. The Rams will once again be led by QB Matthew Stafford (512 yards, 4 TDS) and WR Cooper Kupp (24 receptions, 236 yards 3 TDs) on offense, but the defense needs to shore things up. SF is tough at home, especially against the Rams, so look for the 49ers to take care of the Rams on Monday night. My pick, San Francisco 26, Los Angeles Rams 23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.155605 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of San Jacinto Community College District.		
PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.155605 per \$100	
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.148513 per \$100	
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.158015 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 San Jacinto Community College District 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 San Jacinto Community College District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that San Jacinto Community College District is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON October 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Thomas S. Sewell District Administration Building, 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, San Jacinto Community College District is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Trustees of San Jacinto Community College District at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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:	Marie Flickinger Keith Sinor Dan Mims	John Moon Jr. Erica Davis Rouse Larry Wilson

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting:None

ABSENT: Dr. Ruede Wheeler

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

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto

Community College District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto Community College District this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.167967	\$0.155605	decrease of -0.012362, or -7.36%
Average homestead taxable value	\$138,683	\$157,553	increase of \$18,870, or 13.61%
Tax on average homestead	\$232.94	\$245.16	increase of \$12.22, or 5.25%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$111,551,089	\$119,502,958	increase of \$7,951,869, or 7.13%

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

North Shore Blasts Beaumont United 62-0

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Guillory (1).
The Mustangs newly rebuilt defensive unit shutout the powerless Timberwolves making this the second of four games of not giving up any points. This causes one to wonder after four games and giving up only six touchdowns when will they have a serious challenger?
North Shore 4-0 plays their neighbor C. E. King Panthers 3-1 in a home conference game, Thursday, September 29th @ 7pm. Linda Jamail, game statistician.



Noah Warren, backup quarterback runs for his 2nd TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Rashaad Johnson sprints across the goal line for a 3rd TD. (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Defensive sack of Timberwolves QB by #11 NS linebacker Marlon Germany. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

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FOR the proposal: Ronald S. Holder, Gerardo Parra, Maria E. Koukoulakis, Eddie Cantu

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Felix "Sonny" Eddy, Jr.

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.28590/\$100	\$.26670/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ - .01920/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-6.71%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 85,906	\$ 95,280
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 17,181	\$ 19,056
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 68,725	\$ 76,224
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 196.48	\$ 203.28
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ 6.80	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	3.46%	

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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

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

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY W.C.I.D. #84 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on October 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at 15900 Bear Bayou Drive, Channelview, TX. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

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FOR the proposal: Tomas Fernandez, Hugo Arriaga, Allen Hall, Bud Mills, and Curtis Seale

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.50000/\$100	\$.45500/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ - .04500/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-9.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 193,687	\$ 211,667
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 0	\$ 0
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 193,687	\$ 211,667
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 968.43	\$ 963.08
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ -5.35	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	-5.5%	

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The HARRIS COUNTY F.W.S.D. #51 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on October 12, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at 367 Queenstown Road, Houston, Texas 77015. Guests may attend the hearing by Zoom video conference at <https://zoom.us> or by Telephone at +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston), Meeting ID: 320 452 4804 Passcode: 382181.

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FOR the proposal: Jerry Dominy, Mike Bilnoski, Cary Stephens, Les LeBleu and David Gray

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.23000/\$100	\$.20000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ - .03000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-13.04%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 173,692	\$ 191,735
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 34,738	\$ 38,347
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 138,954	\$ 153,388
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 319.59	\$ 306.77
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ -12.82	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	-4.01%	

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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

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Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 6 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on October 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM at 15902 Market St., Channelview, Texas, 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. Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

For the proposal: Edgar Granados, Carl Green, Darrell Fry

Against the proposal:

Present and not voting:

Absent: Gary O'Brien, Jerry Thayer

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.208620/\$100	\$0.202908/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$- 0.005712	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-2.74%	
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$90,772	\$96,589
General homestead exemptions available		
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$13,616	\$14,488
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$77,156	\$82,101
Tax on average residence homestead	\$160.96	\$166.59
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$5.63	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	3.50%	

If the proposed combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate requires or authorizes an election to approve or reduce the tax rate the Board of Supervisors of Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 6 proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of improvements, operations & maintenance.

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Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-426-8156.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Right Here in Baytown



Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital Is Expanding With a New Patient Tower

As part of Houston Methodist Baytown's \$250 million hospital expansion project, we are building a new state-of-the-art, five-story patient tower. Currently under construction, this facility will expand capacity and services to our community so we can continue delivering exceptional care, advanced treatments and an outstanding patient experience — all close to home.

Every aspect of this space was designed with you and your loved ones in mind:

- **Private patient rooms:** Expansive rooms provide patients and visitors with a peaceful environment for healing and convenient amenities such as Wi-Fi connected tablets, smart speakers and room service with online meal ordering
- **Advanced imaging and technology:** A hospital-of-the-future design featuring the latest lifesaving tools and equipment to enhance surgical precision and speed patient recovery
- **Specialized care:** A new intensive care unit featuring cutting-edge medical technologies as well as an entire floor dedicated to childbirth and obstetrics services
- **World-class physicians and nurses:** A skilled and compassionate team of experts who work together to provide outstanding, personalized primary and specialty care
- **Convenient campus parking:** Fully covered parking garage allows visitors to park with ease and access the entire hospital campus, so parking is one less thing to think about



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