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## Early voting for GISD, Waelder bond issues begins Monday

### Ballot also contains 14 constitutional amendment propositions

BY LEW K. COHN  
Inquirer Publisher

Early voting begins this coming Monday, Oct. 23, and continues through

Friday, Nov. 3 for the Nov. 7 general election, which features bond issues at two local school districts as well as 14 constitutional amendments approved earlier this year by the Texas Legislature.

**GONZALES ISD**  
Gonzales ISD voters will be decid-

**SAMPLE BALLOT ON PAGE B8**

ing the fate of two bond propositions totaling more than \$95 million. The first, Proposition A, is for \$50.6 million and includes renovations and upgrades, especially for safety and security as well as infrastructure improvements, at all five school campuses, the administration building, maintenance and transportation and

the construction of a new CTE building and Ag barn on land the district owns on Stieren Road.

The second, Proposition B, is for \$44.48 million, will fund a new athletic complex featuring a 7,000-seat lighted artificial turf football and soccer stadium as well as new facilities for tennis, baseball, softball and track and

See **BONDS**, page A7

## Gonzales City Council discusses JB Wells rodeo contract

BY VANDY VAN EPPS  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, Oct. 12 at city hall.

Gonzales Mayor Steve Sucher was not in attendance due to the loss of a family member, so Councilwoman Sherri Koepp filled in for Sucher as mayor pro tem for last Thursday's meeting.

Before the meeting started, Koepp asked the audience for a moment of silence for Gary

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## GISD hosts last community bond meeting

BY VANDY VAN EPPS  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Independent School District made their last community presentation about the proposed \$95.08 million bond package at Baker Boys BBQ Tuesday, Oct. 17.

### BACKGROUND

The school board approved

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## Storey Jewelers celebrates 120 years of service

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Storey Jewelers was established in 1903 by E.A. Gomez and Chauncey Vaughn Bright as Gomez and Bright Jewelers and Music Store. It became Bright Jewelry House in 1905 and was operated by Chauncey Bright until his death in 1941.

By that time, his son-in-law, Beverly Glynn Storey was apprenticing under him, so Glynn

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CONTRIBUTED

The Mighty Apache Band poses for photos with supporters following their performance at the Region 26 Marching Contest in Giddings on Saturday, Oct. 14. Gonzales earned straight 1s, advancing to area for the first time in nine years.

## Mighty Apache Band earns 1s, advances to area marching contest

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Mighty Apache Band made history Saturday, Oct. 14, earning straight first-division marks at the UIL Region 26 Marching Contest and earning a ticket to the UIL Area Marching Contest for the first time in nine years.

When the announcement that Gonzales had scored straight 1s came over the PA system at Giddings High School Stadium, the cheer that erupted from the Apache faithful was nearly as musical as the band had been during their performance a short time earlier.

They now wait to find out when they will take the

field at the Area D Marching Contest at the Pflugerville this Saturday, Oct. 21, with an anticipated afternoon start.

The Apaches last earned a trip to the area contest after earning a first-division rating and "Best in Class" score at the Marching Contest in

See **BAND**, page A7

## Gonzales Health System hosts Pink Out luncheon

BY VANDY VAN EPPS  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Health System hosted its annual Pink Out Luncheon Thursday, Oct. 12 at the THRIVE Center.

Many organizations around the community gathered, attired in all pink, for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"We are so grateful that you are here with us as we gather to raise funds for one of the most cherished causes within our Foundation — the unfunded mammography program," said Holly Danz, GHS Director of Marketing.

The program started several years ago with the purpose to allow women, and also men, to receive their annual mammography screening for those who

can't afford it, Danz said.

"If we have learned anything about breast cancer over the years, it's that early detection is key to treating it. And no one should go without this essential, and potentially life-saving, screening if they don't have to," Danz said.

In 2019, GHS was able to pay for 75 mammogram screenings; last year they paid for 200 screenings.

Every year the Gonzales Health System partners with the Gonzales ISD cheerleaders to sell Pink Out shirts and host other functions in the month of October, with all the funds going towards the foundation.

"Any other function the Foundation puts

See **LUNCHEON**, page A14

## Gonzales County schools learn about agriculture

### SPECIAL TO INQUIRER

The Gonzales County Farm Bureau hosted its Ag Day Wednesday, Oct. 11 and welcomed fourth graders from Gonzales, Nixon-Smilely, and Waelder.

Students were able to see different farm animals, learn about electrical safety & seatbelt safety, see some large Ag equipment, watch some baby chicks hatch, observe how rain-water affects our soil, and got to try their hand at roping.

This was the Farm Bureau's first event since 2019, so once

See **AG DAY**, page A14



VANDY VAN EPPS

Students from Gonzales, Nixon-Smilely and Waelder ISD gather to J.B. Wells Arena to learn about agriculture Wednesday, Oct. 11.

## Sales tax allocations fall for second-straight month in Gonzales County

BY LEW K. COHN  
Inquirer Publisher

Sales tax allocations for October 2023 were down from last year's amounts for all four

municipalities in Gonzales County — the second straight month Gonzales County saw a decrease in its sales tax coffers.

The downward trend has

resulted in a leveling off of funds which cities like Gonzales depend on to make their yearly budgets and could be indicative of a hesitancy on the part of buyers to spend

money in an unsure economic environment.

Sales tax allocations for Gonzales, the county seat,

See **SALES TAX**, page A7



# Person's to host Rise and Grind

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will hold their October Rise and Grind Coffee meet from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at Person's Flower Shop, 1214 Saint Louis St., Gonzales.

Enjoy breakfast and coffee while socializing with other Chamber members.

# FNB Shiner, Gonzales National Bank holds blanket, heater drive

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

First National Bank of Shiner and its satellite locations — Gonzales National Bank, Flatonia National Bank and Goliad National Bank — are hosting a blanket and heater drive for the month of October.

Donation deadline is Oct. 31. Drop off new, unused heaters and blankets for the less fortunate, elderly and shut-ins of the area at one of the following locations:

- First National Bank of Shiner, 103 W. 7th Street, Shiner.
- Gonzales National Bank, 1622 E. Sarah DeWitt, Gonzales.
- Goliad National Bank, 1402 US Hwy 59 N, Goliad.

# Noon Lions sponsor Bingo this Saturday afternoon

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Noon Lions Club will present their annual Bingo this Saturday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. at J.B. Wells Pavilion.

Join your friends and neighbors in good old fun, and possibly win up to \$1,000 in the blackout bingo jackpot. Only 200 tickets will be sold, at \$40 per ticket, which will include 20 games of bingo, including the blackout game.

All proceeds benefit scholarships awarded by the Gonzales Noon Lions Club.

Bingo will be played under the pavilion and not inside, so please remember your chairs. Tailgate spreads are welcome. Remember your highlighter/marker to mark bingo cards. Must be 18 years or older to play. Cash, checks or Venmo accepted.

They have a few remaining tickets that can be purchased through Venmo @gonzalesnoonlionsclub and left on will call for purchaser the day of the event.

Follow the Gonzales Noon Lions Facebook page for additional information regarding upcoming events.

# The Hearty Gourmet is October Business of the Month

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

From wonderful wind chimes to gourmet coffee beans, Gonzales celebrates 15 years of Main Street business with The Hearty Gourmet.

In August 2008, Ruth Gumper opened The Hearty Gourmet at 813 Saint Joseph St. Today Gonzales Main Street celebrates The Hearty Gourmet as the Main Street Business of the Month.

Ruth Gumper decided to open the shop because it truly brings her joy.

"The patrons that visit our store come in because they WANT to," says Gumper. "They are not on a quick errand to find something requiring them to run in and out. They come and browse, visit, and even share stories."

The most popular item that the store sells is gourmet coffee beans. Customers can buy them whole or even have the store grind them in their commercial grinder to the size they need.

As customers browse the unique offerings of gifts and kitchen must-haves, they can also enjoy complimentary tastings of flavored balsamic vinegars and cracker spreads.

Janet Currie has been with The Hearty Gourmet for five years. Along with Ruth and her daughter Sarah Liberti, the three work tirelessly to bring fun and interesting items to the store. They usually spend several days at the Dallas Market to find items not offered in big box stores. They stick as close as possible to the gourmet theme.

They offer a bridal registry and



WANDY VAN EPPS

The Gonzales Main Street Board named Hearty Gourmet as the Main Street Business of the Month.

beautiful gifts to complement any décor. Thanks to Sarah's focus on building their social media presence and participating in local vendor fairs, their business has grown from 85 percent out-of-town customers to a balance of 50

percent local and 50 percent out-of-town. When Ruth was asked about retirement, she responded that if retirement means "enjoying your golden years," then she is living her retirement everyday with the joy her shop brings.

# Apache Theatre Arts presents 'Storm in the Barn'

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Apache Theatre Arts Department proudly presents "The Storm in the Barn," adapted by Eric Coble from the award winning graphic novel Matt Phelan.

Set in 1937 Kansas, 11-year-old Jack Clark faces many challenges: local bullies, his father's desperate attempts to keep his family intact, an older sister getting sicker by the day, and a little sister with an eye for trouble.

But he's also facing the epic disaster of the Dust Bowl, which means families disappearing overnight, tempers flaring in his small town, and the steady spread of the mysterious illness 'Dust Dementia.' So can Jack even trust his own eyes when he makes a terrifying discovery in the abandoned barn next door? Is the sinister shadow with a face like rain-a creature with a plan to deprive humans of water forever-real?

This uniquely American fable uses haunting music and startling

imagery to ask: When everyone says you're too small to be in the hero of any story, where do you find the strength to save your family ... and the world?" Don't miss this show!

There are only two public performances: Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. in the Gonzales Junior High Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and sold on the GISD website online payments.

Company members include both high school and junior high students: Angel

Gallegos, Mariah Rios, Hailey Garza, Bernardo Huitron, Jason Whitted, River VanKirk, Ainsley Pope, Aubree Tovar, Nicholas Gonzales, Addison McNeil, Alejandro Ordenez, Hays Gray, Dillon Herrera, Brett

Needham, Alexis Padilla, Braeyli Williams, Lily Reeves, Celia Chustz, Noah Burns, Justin Kloesel, K'Lashia Eleby, Krislynn McNeil, and Ciara Hortzman. The show is directed by Leslie Buesing and Madi Pope.



# Switzer announces campaign for House District 44

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Selma resident USMCR Lt. Col. (Ret.) Greg Switzer announced his campaign for state representative for House District 44 from the steps of the Gonzales Courthouse on Oct. 7. The district includes Gonzales and Guadalupe counties.

Switzer said, "I have faced our country's enemies on foreign land but I never thought I may have to face some in Texas. Our properties, families and communities continue to be assaulted and overrun by illegal immigration, high taxes, and unconstitutional mandates and the Texas House has failed us. So today, I am proud to announce that with the support of republicans across this District, I am running to be the next State Representative for House District 44."

Switzer served the United States Marine Corp for 31 years, graduating from Parris Island in 1981 and was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force 2nd Battalion 8th Marines "America's

Regiment." In 1988, he graduated from George Mason University with a BA in Government and a BA in Macroeconomics. In 1991, he graduated from Officer Candidate School and is also a 2000 graduate of Yale Law School. Switzer is an inaugural member of the George Mason Young Republican Club and has worked for several campaigns in Virginia and Texas.

Switzer is a strong conservative whose beliefs align with the Republican Party of Texas Principles and Platform and will support banning the practice of appointing Democrats to powerful House committee chairs, will fight to secure the border and work to eliminate the burden of high property taxes. More information will be made available at switzerfortexas.com.

*Editor's Note: The Inquirer will run one political announcement per candidate at no charge when the candidate makes his or her initial announcement. All other announcements by political candidates must be in the form of paid political advertising.*



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## Celebrations

### Birthdays

<b>October 19th</b> Carol Villareal Brent Wilke	Suzanne Richardson Martha Saliger Marsha Thanheiser Ryan Tharp Caitlyn Weathers	Linda Rathmann Sharon Tenberg Michael Thiele Paul Watkins Jr.
<b>October 20th</b> Wayne Ashenbeck Anita Fox Mozelle Henderson Tyree LaFleur Harry Lorton Lisa Malik Karli McCowan Bill Nichols Haley Pirkle	<b>October 22nd</b> James Barborak Van Johnson Rachel Menking Willie Simper Kyleigh Tieken Miranda Vinklarek	<b>October 24th</b> Melvin Bain Morgan Barnett Reida Bastien Terry Clay Charlotte Masek Jason Paryzek
<b>October 21st</b> Lauren Campion Elijah Clark Pat Davis Shelly Davis Adrien Masek	<b>October 23rd</b> Jacob Clack Jon Cox DJ Gonzales Scott Goodwin Luis Guzman Byron Lester	<b>October 25th</b> Brittany Belsher Rachel Cantu Christy Diamond Daisy Gaines Albert Harvey Caleb Penney Kelson Schoonover

### Anniversary

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## Gonzales Weather

	<b>October 19</b> 87°/60°	A thunderstorm in spots in the morning; otherwise, warm with intervals of clouds and sunshine 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 88
	<b>October 20</b> 82°/64°	Sunshine 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 81
	<b>October 21</b> 80°/60°	Plenty of sun 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 81
	<b>October 22</b> 80°/63°	Mostly sunny 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 82
	<b>October 23</b> 81°/61°	Plenty of sunshine 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 82
	<b>October 24</b> 78°/58°	Plenty of sunshine 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 77
	<b>October 25</b> 80°/61°	Partly sunny 4% chance of rain • RealFeel 80

# Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

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## Green Clover 4-H Club holds monthly meeting

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Green Clover 4-H Club met on Oct. 10 for their monthly meeting. During this meeting the members participated in teacher appreciation day where they decorated cookies.

They also picked up tickets for the annual poinsettia sale. The poinsettia pick up will be held at Marrou's on Dec. 1 between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Go sell tickets!

The highlight of the meeting was our guest speaker Brenley Massie and her dog Tokyo. Brenley taught us about the different associations she shows in and all the places she has been able to visit. She also showed us how she grooms Tokyo, how she shows him, as well as how the judges judge a dog.

If you are interested in showing a dog in 4-H, contact the extension office at (830)-672-8531.



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## Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH



## Plant onions in November, potatoes in January

**Q. I planted tomatoes this fall in August, but they became infected with spider mites. I should have pulled them but did not and now with the cool weather are growing aggressively out of the top of the plant. The tops look good and even have set some fruit. Do I dare let them continue their recovery?**

A The conservative answer is to yank and discard the infected plants. That is certainly the best answer if you have other tomatoes or plants that are not infected but are susceptible. I agree it would be interesting to see if the plants can take advantage of the weather change and recover but spider mites usually eliminate the production of current plants and even the next generation unless they are cleaned out.

**Q. You have not said much about purple martins this year.**

**Did anyone have a successful breeding year?**

A. I definitely did not because of the challenging weather, and I let the wildflowers and brush dominate my landscape. Other bird species such as the lesser goldfinches and bunting's responded well but the martins seem to demand a more open golf course like setting. Next year I am going to try a compromise of less brush and a more open landscape. One other gardener reported he was challenged by the weather and then the hawks but still had a good martin representation for the year.

**Q. Tell us again where we can obtain the blue curl seed. My nephew swears by its attractiveness to pollinators early in the year before the zinnias and mist flower bloom.**

A. It is also a wildflower that blooms in the sun or shade and is very attractive. Apparently Native

American Seed Company( www.seedsources.com) in Junction TX is the only source of the seed. Obtain and plant it now. Next year make sure your nephew saves you some seed!

**Q. When can we plant onions and potatoes? Where can the onion transplants and seed potatoes be found?**

A. Onions are usually planted in November and potatoes at the end of January. Your favorite nursery should carry both but give them a phone call now to make sure that that is the plan and there is a close source. Another option is to buy your broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, kale, collards, and Swiss chard now along with the carrot, lettuce, turnip, beet, radish and lettuce seed. Ask the nursery about the potatoes and onions.

## LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

### Gonzales Livestock Market NOTHING WAS AVAILABLE

**Nixon Livestock  
October 16th  
Cattle - 1114**  
Steers:  
200-300 lbs - \$244-254-330  
300-400 lbs - \$243-253-340  
400-500 lbs - \$231-241-315  
500-600 lbs - \$221-231-283  
600-700 lbs - \$204-214-255  
700-800 lbs - \$197-207-221  
Heifers:  
200-300 lbs - \$217-227-310  
300-400 lbs - \$241-251-340  
400-500 lbs - \$217-227-360  
500-600 lbs - \$202-212-247  
600-700 lbs - \$200-210-255  
700-800 lbs - \$185-195-211  
Slaughter Cows - \$35-96  
Slaughter Bulls - \$82-106  
Stocker Cows - \$650-1100  
Pairs: \$1100-1200

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Sale date: October 10th  
Cattle on hand: 1976  
Packer Cows:  
Canner and Cutter Cows: \$76-102  
Utility & Fat Cows: \$72-98  
Light Weight Canner Cows: \$50-68  
Packer Bulls:  
Heavyweight Bulls: \$108-117  
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$102-110

Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$90-102  
Stocker Cows:  
Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$2-1800  
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1000-1400  
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE  
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1300-1550  
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:  
Number 1 steer & bull calves:  
Under 200 lbs.: \$210-315  
200-300 lbs.: \$285-320  
300-400 lbs.: \$240-330  
400-500 lbs.: \$230-325  
500-600 lbs.: \$220-272.50  
600-700 lbs.: \$215-255  
700-800 lbs.: \$185-235  
Number 1 heifer calves:  
Under 200 lbs: \$200-290  
200-300 lbs.: \$210-275  
300-400 lbs.: \$220-280  
400-500 lbs.: \$210-275  
500-600 lbs.: \$205-260  
600-700 lbs.: \$185-225  
700-800 lbs.: \$175-220  
Replacement Heifers:  
350-700 lbs.: \$230-275  
*The calf market continued solid and strong again this week. Demand is very good in all areas but especially on the #1 kinds. Packer cows and bulls sold \$2 higher on a total supply of 400 head.*

### Seguin Cattle Co. Market Report October 11th

Quality of cattle over all good. Stocker cattle market steady along with packer cows & bulls.  
**Cattle - 661**  
Sheep & goats - 498  
**Medium & large frame #1 Steers:**  
200-300 lb. .70-2.12-3.10  
300-400 lb. .50-2.28-3.20  
400-500 lb. .40-1.99-3.05  
500-600 lb. .40-1.87-2.60  
600-700 lb. .40-1.97-2.15  
700-850 lb. .80-1.75-2.11  
**Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:**  
200-300 lb. .80-1.83-2.80  
300-400 lb. .65-2.10-2.82  
400-500 lb. .60-2.10-3.00  
500-600 lb. .60-1.83-2.40  
600-750 lb. .85-1.87-2.12  
**Cows:**  
Utility & commercial - .54-.77-1.00  
Cutters - .45-.60-.75  
Canners - .32-.41-.50  
**Palpated cows - 600-1100**  
**Cow/Calf Pairs - 460-1400**  
**Bulls:**  
Heavy High Yielding - 1.10-1.35  
Light & Low Yielding - .50-1.09  
**Sheep & Goats:**  
Nannies - 30-155  
Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.00-2.90  
Wethers - 2.20-2.23  
Billies - 1.40-2.08  
Dorp. Ewes - 55-170  
Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 2.00-2.90  
Wooled Ewes - 90-110  
Wooled Bucks - 1.07-1.70  
Lambs - 1.12-2.47  
Barb. Bucks - 250-440

### Cuero Livestock Market Report on October 13, 2023

Number of head 1,586  
There were 272 cows and 18 bulls. Top packer bull was at \$120/cwt while tops on packer cows was at \$100.00/cwt. Culling has started up north and this market was strong despite the large supply. The market continued at the same levels of past few months.

The calf market was very consistent with last few weeks. This week the average weight was 29 pounds lighter but the price was over \$3.35/cwt higher. Demand is strong and drought concerns are not weighing on the market as much.  
Packer bulls: 105.00-120.00  
Packer cows:  
canners & cutters 94.00-100.00  
poor & weak 30.00-62.00  
Palpated: 22 BRED 95.00-125.00  
PAIRS: NONE  
Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)  
Under 200 lbs. NONE  
200-249 lbs. NONE  
250-299 lbs. 254.00-300.00  
300-350 lbs. 262.50-312.00  
350-400 lbs. 245.00-285.00  
400-450 lbs. 243.00-280.00  
450-500 lbs. 238.00-275.00  
500-550 lbs. 230.00-257.00  
550-600 lbs. 223.00-250.00  
600-700 lbs. 227.00-244.00  
700-800 lbs. 205.00-235.00  
Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)  
Under 250lbs 255.00-305.00  
250-300 lbs. 248.00-335.00  
300-350 lbs. 253.00-330.00  
350-400 lbs. 234.00-300.00  
400-450 lbs. 237.00-282.00  
450-500 lbs. 231.00-270.00  
500-550 lbs. 228.00-258.00  
550-600 lbs. 219.00-244.00  
600-700 lbs. 212.00-235.00  
Over 700 lbs. 190.00-220.00  
Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)  
under 200 lbs. 211.00-270.00  
200-250 lbs. 213.00-259.00  
250-300 lbs. 215.00-300.00  
300-350 lbs. 217.00-317.50  
350-400 lbs. 222.00-310.00  
400-450 lbs. 217.00-270.00  
450-500 lbs. 218.00-244.00  
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550-600 lbs. 214.00-226.00  
600-700 lbs. 206.00-232.00  
Over 700 lbs. 191.00-216.00

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

I write to you today as a concerned citizen who believes that it is our collective responsibility to address the issues plaguing our law enforcement agencies. While I acknowledge that policing is a vital aspect of maintaining order and safety in our communities, I am deeply troubled by the current state of affairs, especially concerning the violations of citizens' Fourth Amendment rights.

One of the most alarming aspects of policing today is the frequent violation of citizens' Fourth Amendment rights, which protect against unreasonable searches and seizures. Far too often, we witness instances where police officers issue unlawful commands, knowing that the public will often comply to avoid confrontation, even though legally they are not required to do so.

For example, citizens may be asked to consent to a search of their vehicle during a routine traffic stop, despite there being no reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing. In such cases, individuals often feel pressured to comply, even when they are well within their rights to refuse. This not only erodes the principles of individual liberty but also sets a dangerous precedent where citizens' rights are sacrificed for the sake of appeasing law enforcement.

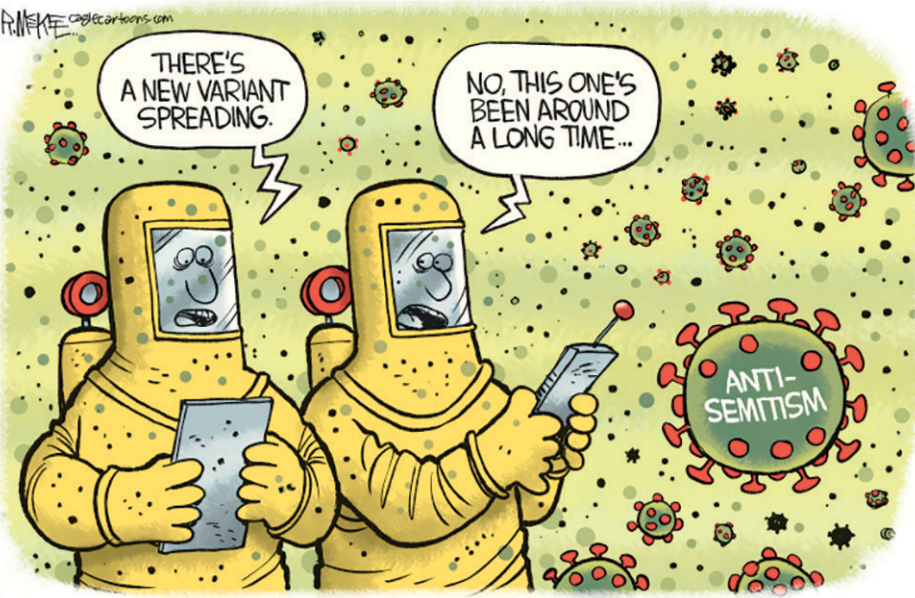
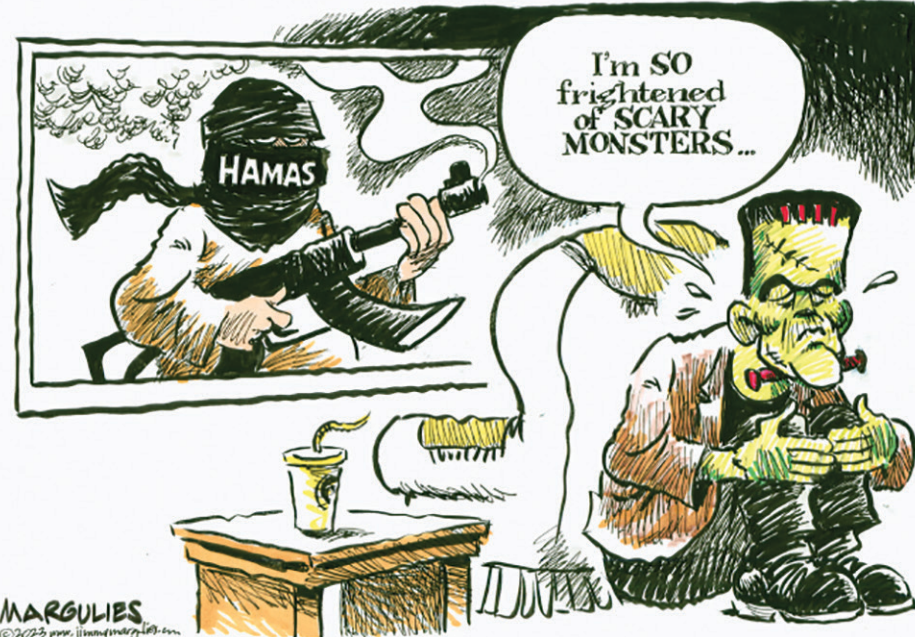
Another troubling scenario involves warrantless home searches, where officers may demand entry without a valid search warrant or exigent circumstances. In these cases, citizens may feel compelled to allow entry, believing that refusal could lead to adverse consequences. These unwarranted intrusions into private residences represent a blatant disregard for Fourth Amendment protections.

Moreover, the rampant use of stop-and-frisk practices in certain communities has raised concerns about racial profiling and the infringement of personal privacy. These stops often lack the necessary reasonable suspicion required by law and disproportionately affect marginalized communities. The result is a breach of trust and an erosion of the rights of citizens.

To address these issues and rebuild trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve, we must prioritize the education of both officers and citizens about their rights. Additionally, introducing third-party oversight mechanisms for complaints and reevaluating qualified immunity are crucial steps toward achieving accountability.

In conclusion, the need for reform within our policing system is urgent and undeniable, especially regarding the protection of citizens' Fourth Amendment rights. Our society deserves a police force that not only respects the Constitution but also respects the rights and dignity of all citizens. It is only through meaningful changes, such as the introduction of third-party investigations, the removal of qualified immunity, and enhanced education on citizens' rights for all officers, that we can hope to restore the trust between the police and the communities they are sworn to protect. It is high time that we prioritize the welfare and rights of our citizens above all else.

**Anthony Dantoni**  
Gonzales, TX



## And that was then ...

### Knowing who we are means understanding our history

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**BY BOB BURCHARD**  
Special to the Inquirer

The Come and Take It Celebration is over until next year. There were several events of the celebration recognizing our history. We hope there will be more next year. Through the show Gonzales: The Beginning, information was presented on the founding of Gonzales, some the hardships faced by our

fellow citizens, and the sacrifices made so that you and I may live today as free Texans.

A ceremony at Pioneer Village honored the 32 men from Gonzales who answered Colonel Travis' letter and died in the Alamo. There is an area at Pioneer Village in which are located 32 headstones, each stone bearing the name of one of the 32 men, our fellow citizens. Each name is called during the ceremony, and someone steps forward to place a flower by each headstone. It is a somber and appropriate ceremony. Our Texas Heroes were honored with a wreath laying service at noon on Sunday. Present were several direct descendants of those killed in the Alamo. Wreaths were also laid in honor of these defenders. This dignified service is sponsored

See BURCHARD, page 7



**DR. DON NEWBURY**  
The Idle American

## Words Well Chosen...

Sometimes, newspaper headlines are clever to the max, like the one in the Dallas Morning News when the Texas Rangers mauled the Tampa Bay Rays in the first two games of the American League wild card playoff.

There was but a sprinkling of Texas fans in the half-filled stadium, none of whom carried brooms. This shouldn't be surprising, since getting brooms through airport security might be problematic.

The two words emphasized the Rangers' dominance. They also were timely, causing Halloween witches to take notice, not to mention eliciting smiles from Cinderella lovers. I wish I could gift-wrap this observation with a drumroll. Alas, I can't, so without further delay, I extend kudos to the person employing the two bold-faced words splashed across the top of the sports page. They were big enough to signal the Second Coming: "SWEEPING BEAUTY." The writer coining this gem deserves a day off...

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While on media topics, is anyone else tired of TV ads that were initially considered pleasant and clever for the first few dozen viewings, but, with multiple runs daily for several months, now seem annoying?

There are several such ads coming to mind, but I cast my vote for AT&T's well-worn ad about adult children chastising their mother for snuggling up to a much younger shirtless guy they believe to be taking advantage of her faster Internet delivery.

He says, "I am Yorgo." Seems to me it's time for Yorgo to find his shirt, button it up, take his leave and head on down the road....

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Switching gears.... The assignment may be as difficult as convincing raging lions to use mouthwash, but if someone isn't successful in helping Dallas Mavericks' basketball star Luka Doncic to minimize protests of officials' calls, his best years may already be in the books.

Some sportswriters and authorities may have attempted to charge his frequent outrage. They probably finally give in, charging his youth to be at the root of his outbursts.

He seems to be getting older without getting wiser. By now, he should realize that his childish conduct not only hurts himself and his team. Officials tire of his antics, and so do fans....

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Years ago, a church bulletin with asterisks indicated points in the service when "ushers may seat persons arriving late."

This "welcome" seemed a bit frigid to worshippers who may be running a few minutes late, even if with good reason. I'm sure such attention to the tardy arrivals didn't sit well.

Sure enough, at the same church a few weeks later, the same message was conveyed in a subtle manner. "Ushers may seat those who are waiting"....

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Concerning arrivals, it was amusing recently to read of a guy pleading for admission to a Philadelphia Phillies' baseball game with his "emotional support" creature in tow.

It was harnessed, and the owner seemed flummoxed that he'd have to leave his emotional support at the gate.

Definition of what constitutes an acceptable "emotional support animal" - okay, in this case, reptile--taxes credulity to the limit. How'd you like to be seated next to an alligator, not even knowing which team he (or she) is rooting for?...

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Finally, here's a vivid memory of the fast-talking I once employed to get on a puddle-jumping airplane. I was jangled by fellow passengers who no doubt made the flight often, joking about betting on the plane's arrival. "Time or odds?" one asked.

I was surprised that all passengers had to step on scales for "weigh-in." No problem, I figured, since I was carrying only a suit bag containing a tuxedo needed for the out-of-state speaking engagement.

"You can board, but your carry-on will need to be on a later flight," the guy said. I explained that the tux was needed for a speaking engagement a few hours later. A kind fellow passenger agreed to leave his carry-on, so the day was saved. I invited him to dinner, but he declined. Alas, my speaking reputation must have preceded me....

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### Amendments IV - VII

**Amendment IV**  
The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

**Amendment V**  
No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

**Amendment VI**  
In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district where in the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

**Amendment VII**  
In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.



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**You'll Rune Everything!**

Practice writing in runes. Rewrite each of the following words with runes. Then spell each of your spelling words in runes!

## Meet the **BERSERKERS!**

The most ferocious Viking warriors were called Berserkers. (That's where the phrase "going berserk" comes from.)

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Vocabulary: Understand the origins and meaning of words in English.

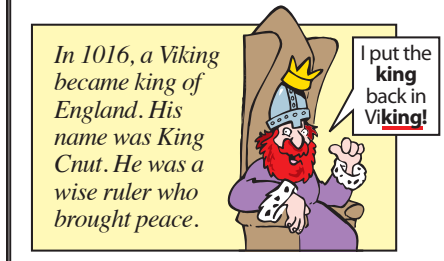
### Who were the Viking warriors?

Long ago, a people called Vikings lived in what is now Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Rocks and thin soil made it difficult for Vikings to grow crops or raise animals for food. The people were often hungry.

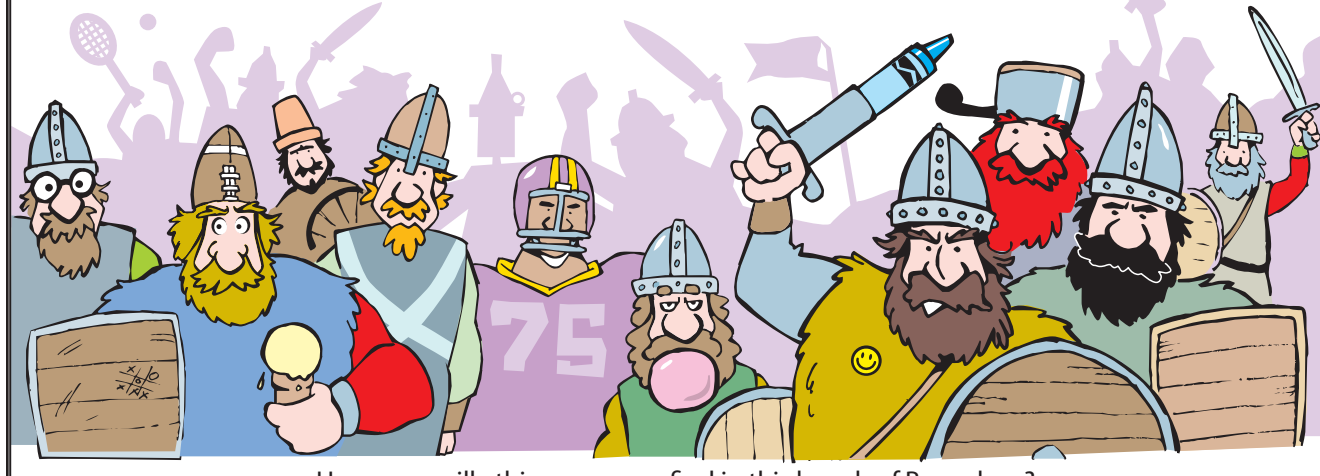
Some Vikings even tried to live in America. In 1002 (more than 400 years before Columbus), a Viking called Leif (pronounced "leaf") Ericson landed with a group of people and set up a village in North America.

They stayed about two years. Difficult conditions forced them to leave.

**Standards Link:** History: Explain the aims, obstacles and accomplishments of the explorers.



Viking men built ships and sailed to England and France. There they attacked towns, robbed them of food and took prisoners. Sometimes they stayed and took over the towns. At one time, the Vikings ruled most of what is now England and the Normandy area of France.



How many silly things can you find in this bunch of Berserkers?

### Rune Code

The letters in the Viking alphabet are called **runes**. The word rune means *secret* in their language. Use the runes to find out why the letters were called secret.

Æ	Þ	Ɔ	ᚦ	ᚨ	ᚱ	ᚴ	ᚷ	ᚹ	*
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		
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I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	
ᚱ	ᚴ	ᚷ	ᚹ	ᚰ	ᚰ	ᚰ	ᚰ	ᚰ	ᚰ
R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	

Vikings didn't have paper and ink. Messages were carved in wood or stone. That is why the runes are made of straight lines only; curves are hard to carve.

### Viking Helmets

You have probably seen comic strips or movies that show Viking helmets with horns. But most Viking experts doubt that Viking helmets actually had horns.

Can you find the two Vikings that are identical?

**Extra! Extra!**

#### Explore the Newspaper

Search through the newspaper to find:

- Something a Viking might have had.
- Something ferocious.
- Something that means the opposite of ferocious.

**Standards Link:** Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

- Viking
- Secret
- England
- Berserk
- France
- Newspaper
- School
- Teacher
- Helmet

Give yourself a point for each word you translate into runes.

**SCORE:**  
Write 5-10 Words:  
**JUNIOR VIKING**

11-15 Words:  
**WORD WARRIOR**

16-25 Words:  
**TOTALLY BERSERK!**

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Answer questions based on information in text.

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#### Good Luck Symbol

This animal was brought along on many Viking sea journeys. If the captain of the ship lost his way, he would let this animal go. It always headed toward land, showing the Vikings which way to go. A Viking ship often had a flag with this animal's picture. What was it? Connect the dots and use the runes to find out.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

BERSERKERS  
VIKING  
CNUT  
RUNES  
SECRET  
HORNS  
FRANCE  
SYMBOL  
HELMETS  
STONE  
COLUMBUS  
CURVES  
LOST  
LEIF  
SOIL

S	U	B	M	U	L	O	C	M	E
S	R	E	K	R	E	S	R	E	B
Y	H	E	L	M	E	T	S	S	S
M	L	F	E	C	E	G	T	E	N
B	O	I	R	C	N	O	N	T	R
O	S	E	T	I	N	U	H	E	O
L	T	L	K	E	R	A	T	E	H
B	L	I	O	S	E	V	R	U	C
R	V	S	E	R	L	E	I	F	K

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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# Gonzales Shooting Team hosts Come & Break It tourney

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Shooting Team held their fifth annual Come & Break It Sporting Clays Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Moyesway Shooting Sports in Kingsbury. The event included 100 bird sporting clay pigeon shooting, a 25-bird five stand as well as side games.

Results from the event were as follows:

- Jr. Male: Eddie Barrera, first; Clayton Wilkins, second; Coy LaBuhn, third.
- Jr. Female: Molly Massey, first; Alania Delon, second; Caydence Pehler, third.
- Adult Male: Cole Hendershot, first; Chad Lyssy, second; Darren Cleveland, third.

- Adult Female: Madelynn Hendershot, first; Kailey Kuntschik, second; Kacey Butler, third.

- HOA-Jr. Shooters \$500 scholarship: Eddie Barrera.

- Jr. Male GST: Coy LaBuhn, first; Dakota DuBose, second.

- Jr. Female GST: Joelee Lester, first; Reagan Daniel, second.

- Five Stand Prize Jr. Male: Clayton Wilkins, first; Trey Miller, second.

- Five Stand Prize Adult Male: Randall DuPree, first.

- Five Stand Prize Jr. Female: Molly Massey, first; Kylie Vaughn, second.

- Five Stand Prize Adult Female: Madelynn Hendershot, first.

All proceeds benefited the Gonzales Shooting Team.



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Photos L-R from top: Madelynn and Cole Hendershot, Reagan Daniel, Coy LaBuhn, Kacey Butler, Molly Massey, Eddie Barrera and Clayton Wilkins, Dakota DuBose, Kylie Vaughn, Joelee Lester



## FIELDS OF FAITH



Fellowship Christian Athletes held the annual Fields of Faith at Apache Field Wednesday, Oct 11. Fields of Faith is a student led event. Students invite, pray for, share with, and challenge their peers to read the Bible and follow Jesus Christ. An athletic field provides a neutral, rally point where a community can come together.

VANDY VAN EPPS

## Library Halloween Costume Contest offers prizes

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 8th annual Greatest Halloween Costume Contest will be held between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the Robert Lee Brothers Jr. Memorial Library, 301 Saint Joseph St., Gonzales. To enter, simply come by the Library

in full costume to have your picture taken. The contest is open to ages 18 and under.

The Teen Action Group (TAG) will be judging entries the following Wednesday, Nov. 1. Top 3 costumes will be chosen to receive a prize.

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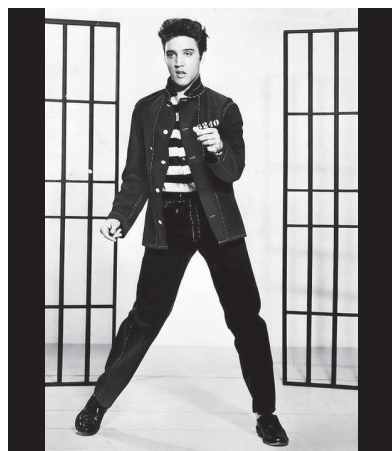
### Tickets:

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- 50/50 Games ★ Elvis Impersonator ★ Floor Show
- Elvis Photo Ops ★ Jailhouse Stew & Cornbread

# BONDS

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field, concessions and ADA-compliant bleachers, partial locker rooms, rest-rooms, parking and scoreboards, all to be built on the land off Stieren Road as well.

## WAELDER ISD

On the ballot at Waelder ISD will be two propositions totaling just under \$7 million — more than \$3.3 million less than the district sought in its last failed attempt in May.

Proposition A, which would call for the issuance of \$5.826 million, would have four main components:

- Remodeling the existing old gym, which cannot be used as a gym and is currently being used as storage, into a cafeteria that would seat all students in two lunch periods, provide a stage for the district for fine arts and theatre arts, and an auditorium for school and community functions.
- Renovations and improvements to the Middle School that includes replacement of 17-year-old carpet, replacing leaking windows, providing a monitored fire alarm system, and other renovations and improvements.
- Classrooms for fifth and sixth grade students that would provide permanent classrooms, eliminate portable buildings, and save the district the annual cost of renting portable buildings, a savings of \$76,222 per year.
- High school upgrades that include replacing 13-year-old carpet, provide an entrance safety vestibule, more efficient lighting, and interior and exterior painting, and other

building improvements.

Proposition B, for \$1.1 million, calls for renovating the open pavilion into a climate-controlled gymnasium that will serve as many as 14 different student groups that utilize gym facilities in the district. Total cost of the project is \$2.1 million, with the district using current tax maintenance notes to pay \$1 million toward the project.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Fourteen amendments to the Texas Constitution are being proposed on the Nov. 7 ballot. Some, like Proposition 4, would raise the homestead exemption for homeowners from \$40,000 to \$100,000, while others would create tax exemptions for child-care facilities (Prop 2) or medical or biomedical equipment (Prop 10) or ban the imposition of so-called “wealth taxes” without voter approval (Prop 3) or make it tougher to restrict farming, ranching, timber and horticulture in certain areas (Prop 1).

Others would create or alter funds to support higher education research (Prop 5), water infrastructure (Prop 6), natural gas-fueled power plants (Prop 7), broadband infrastructure (Prop 8) and maintenance and creation of state parks (Prop 14).

There are also amendments that would raise the mandatory retirement age for judges (Prop 13) and provide a cost-of-living adjustment for retired teachers (Prop 9) as well as specific amendments which impact El Paso County parks and recreation and

the Galveston County treasurer’s office.

## HOW TO VOTE

Early voting in person will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23-27 and Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 2-3 at three locations:

- Randle Rather Building, 427 Saint George St., Ste. 100, Gonzales.
  - Nixon City Building, 302 E. Central St., Nixon.
  - Waelder City Hall, 300 Hwy 90 W., Waelder.
- Voting precincts will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 7) at the following locations and for the following precincts:
- Randle Rather Building — Precincts 1, 14 and 15.
  - Emmanuel Fellowship & School, 1817 Saint Lawrence, Gonzales — Precincts 2 and 11.
  - Gonzales City Building, 820 Saint Joseph, Gonzales — Precincts 3, 5, 7 and 8
  - Nixon City Building — Precincts 4, 6, 10 and 13.
  - Waelder Community Center, 311 Hwy 90 W., Waelder — Precinct 9
  - Riverside Community Center, 200 Saint Lawrence, Gonzales — Precinct 12.

Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to Gwen Schaefer, P.O. Box 1753, Gonzales, TX 78629 or emailed to ea@co.gonzales.tx.us and can be found at www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.Elections.

Admin. Applications for a ballot by mail must be received no later than close of business Friday, Oct. 27.

# BAND

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Bastrop in October 2014 as well as a superior rating at the regional UIL contest, also held that year in Giddings. Sadly, the Apaches did not advance past the area round, which was held in Leander that year.

The last time the Apaches earned first-division marks at the Region 26 Marching Contest was 2015; that year was not an advancing year to area for 4A schools.

The common denominators between the 2014, 2015 and 2023 bands are director of bands Ramon Parker and his wife (and junior high band director) Dana Parker — who led the Gonzales band both years before departing for La Grange — and assistant junior high director Pedro “P.J.” DeLuna III, who graduated from



VANDY VAN EPPS

Percussion director Michael Holubec, center, holds aloft the trophy the Gonzales Mighty Apache Band received Saturday, Oct. 14, for earning straight first-division marks and a trip to the area marching contest.

GHS in 2016 and was a member of both the 2014 and 2015 bands.

Along with percussion director Michael Holubec, who joined the Mighty Apache Band four years ago, they have reinstilled a culture of responsibility, excellence and pride among

their charges. They have also gotten help from recent graduate Scotty Upshaw, Rory Halpain and Jenna Townsend in restarting the color guard and longtime Texas band director Stan Mauldin, who wrote their drill and mentored the band staff.

# BURCHARD

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by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. There is a growing interest in Gonzales County to know more about our history. One might say there is almost a hunger to learn about those who came before us.

History is not an isolated subject. It wants to help us tie things together. We all search for that something that puts us in touch with all people — that something that links all of us with our common humanity.

What is the tie between the past generation and the future generation? What is the connection? We may become part of the connection when we study our history. For to study the history of Gonzales County is to study ourselves. We do not just happen to come along. We are a product of people who were shaped by environment, heredity, and outside circumstances. And to learn about those people is to learn more about ourselves.

What is in the mind of man like

Jacob Darst, who in 1831 brings his family to this hard, tough place called Gonzales, and then in 1836, leaves that family so he may die in the Alamo! For that, type of person shaped this area, this county, this town, which in turn shaped our great grandparents, grandparents, and parents. Who are those people of our history? How did they live? How did they work? We need to know them, for who we are is who they were. Stated simply, we are they.

It is history that ties us together, that links generation to generation. And as we study our history, we could know, fractionally, how Jacob Darst felt when he left for the Alamo in 1836, and that’s what we want. To find a little bit of us in Jacob Darst and a tiny bit of Jacob Darst in us.

And that is our history. The History of Gonzales, Texas, the birthplace of your Texas freedom.

# SALES TAX

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dropped by more than \$20,000 from October 2022 to October 2023 — a decrease of more than 7 percent. Even Waelder, which had been seeing significant increases in its sales tax collections, experienced a cooling off in October with a decrease of 8.34 percent from the prior year.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for October, 4.5 percent more than in October 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

For the month of October 2023, Gonzales County municipalities received a combined \$308,132.34 in sales tax allocations, down some \$25,331.84 or just under 7.6 percent below the \$333,464.18 received during October 2022.

For the year, county municipalities have received \$3,142,275.54, up \$94,479.63 or 3.1 percent, above the \$3,047,795.91 received through the first ten months of 2022.

Sales tax allocations for Gonzales, the largest city in the county which generates the lion’s share of sales tax revenue, were \$265,229.51, down \$20,511.09 or 7.17 percent below the \$285,740.60 received during October 2022.

For the year, the city has received \$2,663,084.45, up \$21,290.41 or 0.80 percent, above the \$2,641,794.04 received at this same point in 2022.

Waelder received a total of \$10,296.88, down 8.34 percent or \$937.17, below the \$11,234.05 received in October 2022. For the year, Waelder has received \$115,732.13, up \$47,133.70, or 68.7 percent, above the \$68,598.43 received at this point in 2022. The city has smashed the record \$84,776.57 it received in all of 2022 and still has allocations coming in November and December.

Sales tax receipts for Nixon were \$30,404.90, down \$3,458.74, or 10.21

percent, below the \$33,863.64 received in October 2022. For the year, the city has received \$331,826.18, up \$22,636.14, or 7.32 percent, above the \$309,190.04 received at this same point last year.

Finally, Smiley’s sales tax receipts were \$2,201.05, down \$64.84, or 2.86 percent, from the \$2,265.89 received in October 2022. For the year, the city has received \$31,632.78, up \$3,419.38 or 12.11 percent above the \$28,213.40 received in the first ten months of 2022.

Three cities in Gonzales County — Gonzales, Nixon and Waelder — collect a 1.5 percent sales tax rate, while Smiley collects a 1 percent sales tax.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gonzales	Gonzales	1.500%	\$265,229.51	\$285,740.60	-7.17%	\$2,663,084.45	\$2,641,794.04	0.80%
Gonzales	Nixon	1.500%	\$30,404.90	\$33,863.64	-10.21%	\$331,826.18	\$309,190.04	7.32%
Gonzales	Smiley	1.000%	\$2,201.05	\$2,265.89	-2.86%	\$31,632.78	\$28,213.40	12.11%
Gonzales	Waelder	1.500%	\$10,296.88	\$11,234.05	-8.34%	\$115,732.13	\$68,598.43	68.70%

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2nd Place: Bergara Ridge Wilderness 6.5 PRC  
3rd Place: Ruger American Predator 6mm Creedmoor  
4th Place: Savage B22 .22LR  
5th Place: DR Customs Knife

**Spike:** 1st Place: Element Helix 6-24x50 Rifle Scope

To enter, mail completed entry form to: **Gonzales Buck Contest Committee**  
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Attn: Gonzales County Buck Contest  
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OBITUARIES

The Reverend Don Douglas Vlasak



The Reverend Don Douglas Vlasak, age 94, passed away on October 15, 2023. Visitation will begin on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Emanuel's Lutheran Church in Seguin followed by a funeral at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Marcus Bigott officiating. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. at the Moulton City Cemetery in Moulton, Texas. For those who desire, the services can be live-streamed at www.YouTube.com/@emanuelstheranseguin. Don was born on February 22, 1929, to James and Libbie (Svoboda) Vlasak in San Antonio, TX. As the Great Depression started, his family moved several times and ended up in Corpus Christi, TX. An avid student of science, young Don eventually came to know the Lord. He was baptized and confirmed by the Rev. Clarence Bohls. At Texas Lutheran College, he met his beloved wife, Elinor Wehe. They were married at Grace Lutheran Church, San Antonio, TX in 1954 just as he started his 4th year at Wartburg Theological Seminary. He was ordained at his home church, First Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX on June 19, 1955, and soon after accepted his first pastoral call to La Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey in Alice, TX. Through the years he, with immeasurable support from

his wife, served Lutheran churches in Alice, Freer, Mathis, Tynan, Shelby, Fayetteville, Priddy, Comanche, and Rosebud, TX. A true servant of the Lord, he was also an on-call hospital chaplain at Scott and White in Temple, TX. He maintained a license as an emergency medical technician after serving on the volunteer ambulance service in the rural community of Industry, TX. Don had many hobbies including gardening, tree grafting, restoring antique cars, cultivating native grasses, and refurbishing pipe and reed organs. He had a lifelong love of languages. He spoke fluent Spanish, passable German, and some Greek. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Elinor Louise (Wehe) Vlasak and his sister, Joyce Margaret (Vlasak) Haase. He will be sorely missed by his survivors which include his children, Dr. Gloria Joyce Haug and husband Darrell, Dr. Mark Charles Vlasak and wife Camille, RN, Donna Louise Vlasak, RN, FNP and spouse

Cynthia Hinojosa, RN, Dr. Janice Emelia Weinman Seider and husband Kevin, Dr. Marie Elaine Vlasak and husband Dr. Thang Pham, and James Louis Vlasak and wife Jodi; grandchildren, David Aaron Haug and wife Kelli, Erin Lindsey Vlasak, Lauren Michelle Haug Lys and husband Rev. Jonathan, Logan Douglas Vlasak, Connor Van Vlasak, Dr. Janelle Brooke Weinman, Joshua Lance Vlasak, Kathryn Marie Ngoc Pham, Johanna Leigh Vlasak, and Matthew Victor Ngoc Pham; great-grandchildren, Micah Gilek Haug, Jonah Edward Lys, Jacey Alexandria Haug, and Lucas Mitchell Lys; brother, Lanny Vlasak and wife Marge; four nieces; two nephews; and numerous other family members and many friends. The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to all of Don's caregivers, especially to Peggy Sheridan, friend of the family, and Matthew Pham, Don's grandson, for attending to his daily needs during the last year. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vlasak Family Endowed Scholarship for Student Aid at Texas Lutheran University, 1000 W. Court St., Seguin, Texas, 78155, or to Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis, Seguin, Texas, 78155. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, www.treshewell.com.

Donna Pruett



Donna Pruett, age 70 of Belmont, Texas, was welcomed home by her Lord and Savior on her birthday, October 2, 2023. Donna was born on October 2, 1953, in Seguin, Texas to Genelda (Talley) and Lynn Pruett. Donna graduated from Gonzales High School in 1971 and obtained her Bachelor of Science and Advertising Management degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 1981. Donna served as The Executive Vice President of Beta Sigma Phi and also completed an advertising internship at The Daily Texan. After obtaining her Texas Education Certification in Special Education in 1992, Donna held several positions in special education. She retired in 2021, after spending her last several years as an Admission Review and Dismissal (ARD) Facilitator for the Special Education Department in Westlake ISD and Round Rock ISD. During her years as ARD Facilitator, Donna was well-known as an avid baker, making personalized cakes for her coworkers' monthly birthdays. Throughout her life, Donna enjoyed spending time with her daughters and their families and became a beloved Nonna. Spending time at the beach each year was an important part of Donna's life since early childhood and a passion that she passed on to her children. She loved the beauty of nature and was a lover of National Parks.

Donna enjoyed live music and being spun around a country dance floor. After retiring, Donna enjoyed spending time with family, gardening, watching the sunset at her farmhouse, and traveling to new places. Donna had a loving and generous heart. She made sure the ones she loved were taken care of, helped people in need, and knew the perfect way to brighten someone's day. She was a cherished friend to many classmates, coworkers, and especially her YaYa's. Donna's biggest joy in life was being a mother and being with her daughters, Christine, Lauren, and Ashley. Donna was not just their mom, she was also their best friend. The loss of Donna has left a void in their hearts and countless others, that will be filled by no other. Donna is preceded in death by her parents Lynn and Genelda Pruett and her great-niece Paige Pruett. Survivors include her daughter, Christine Thiele and husband Michael and grandson Jackson and granddaughter Bryce; her daughter Lauren Ramirez

and husband Jaime and grandson Brolin; and her daughter Ashley Ekryn and granddaughter Emersyn Talley Hage; her brothers, David Pruett and wife Jeanette, Ross Pruett and wife Ronda, and Kent Pruett and wife Karen; her sister, Carol Alyea, and husband Kreis; her nephews, Jay Pruett, Bryan Pruett, Steven Alyea and wife Lindley, and Andrew Pruett; her nieces, Rebecca Alyea and Amanda Pruett; great-nephews, Connor and Coby Pruett, Mason and Jake Pruett, Carter and Grayson Alyea; as well as numerous cousins and loving family members, and many friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Donna's honor to the National Park Foundation or your preferred charity. Visitation will begin on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Tres Hewell Mortuary in Seguin followed by a memorial service celebrating Donna's life at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Terry Davis officiating. Interment will follow in the Nixon Cemetery in Nixon, Texas. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Michael and Jackson Thiele, Jaime and Brolin Ramirez, David Pruett, Ross Pruett, Kent Pruett, Kreis, and Steven Alyea. You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas, 78155, 830-549-5912.

Peggy Sue Barnett



Peggy was born on August 14, 1940, to Dago and Maxine Piland in Nixon, Texas. Born and raised in Smiley, TX, Peggy attended Smiley schools where she played volleyball and basketball. It has been said that while playing basketball, Peggy arguably scored more fouls than points as she was a famous lefty who liked to guard with her right arm. She also enjoyed her time as a high school cheerleader where she proudly cheered on the mighty Bantams. She would go on to meet her husband, Jack, in 1956 while working at Rhoades Drug Store. They dated until she graduated from Smiley High School in 1958. Just 6 months after graduating, she and Jack were married on October 25, 1958. They were married for just shy of 65 years. In the years following their marriage, Jack and Peggy welcomed their four boys, Morgan, Mike, Mark, and David, into the family.

of Wrightsboro, TX; sons, Morgan Barnett of Wrightsboro, TX, Mike Barnett (Dusty) of Brock, TX, Mark Barnett of Austin, TX, and David Barnett (Julie) of San Marcos, TX; grandchildren, Brittany Salazar (Kevin) of Goliad, TX, Emily Connor (Eric) of Gonzales, TX, Tarah Parsons of Austin, TX, Jon Barnett (Taylor) of Brock, TX, and Ryan Barnett of San Marcos, TX; great-grandchildren Kennedy Salazar, Mason Connor, Evelyn Connor, Kase

Salazar, Morgan Connor, Baker Salazar, Bay Barnett, and Bowen Barnett; sister-in-law, Nancy Piland of Woodsboro, TX, as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins whom she loved dearly. Peggy is preceded in death by her parents, Dago and Maxine Piland of Smiley, TX, sister and brother-in-law, Graham and Penny Howell of Round Rock, TX, brother, Leonard Piland of Woodsboro, TX, and Daughter-in-Law, Jill Barnett of Wrightsboro, TX. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 5-7 PM at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home in Gonzales, TX with Reverend Marvin Miles officiating the services. Burial will follow at the Wrightsboro Cemetery in Wrightsboro,

TX. Pallbearers: Russell Howell, Blair Howell, Jon Barnett, Ryan Barnett, Kevin Salazar, and Eric Connor. The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to Ashley Cerda, Josie De La Rosa, The Heights of Gonzales, and Heart to Heart Hospice for their care of Peggy. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Gonzales Memorial Hospital Auxiliary or the Wrightsboro Cemetery Association. Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, 906 St. Paul, Gonzales.

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## Michelle Faith Memorial Scholarship BBQ

The Michelle Faith Memorial Scholarship will be holding a BBQ plate sale on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lions Pavilion at Independence Park. Plates will be comprised of chicken, sausage, potato salad and corn and will be \$10 per plate. For information, contact Benny Lewis at 830-857-5135.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

**Gonzales County Sheriff's Office**  
10/01/23 – 10/07/23

10/04/23

• Marin, Carlos Javier, 02/1993, Nixon: Commitment/Sentence – Injury Child/Elderly/Disable w/Int Bodily Inj. Released – Work release

10/05/23

• Leos, Luke Andrew, 07/1996, Harwood: Local Warrant – Poss Marij <2oz  
Requires \$1,500 Bond; Remains in Custody

10/06/23

• Goosbee, Christopher Edmond, 11/1982, Houston: Commitment/Sentence – Driving while Intoxicated  
Released – Weekender  
• Nino-Nino, Jose Mercedes, 04/1998, Waelder: Commitment/Sentence – Injury Child/Elderly/Disable w/Int Bodily Inj, Released – Weekender  
• Perez Arredondo, Eric David, 04/2000, Nixon: Commitment/Sentence – Poss Marij <2oz, Released – Weekender

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processing's:	
GCSO	05
DPS	01
GPD	02
WPD	01
NPD	03
GISD	01
SMO	00
Constable 1	00
Constable 3	00
Constable 4	00
DWCSO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>

# TxDOT seeks public input to build Transportation System of 2050

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Texas Department of Transportation is planning for the future, and public input is crucial as the agency looks to prioritize transportation needs through 2050.

Demand on our roadways is increasing. Technology is reimagining how we move, now more than ever, and it's important to look ahead. This is why TxDOT is hosting a statewide virtual public meeting with in-person open houses this fall for Connecting Texas 2050, the latest update to TxDOT's statewide long-range transportation plan.

Participants can share their vision for Texas' transportation needs over the next 25 years and beyond and get the chance to help TxDOT shape the transportation system of tomorrow.

During previous Connecting Texas 2050 public meetings, held in spring 2023, Texans shared a variety of ways that improvements to the state's transportation system could support a better quality of life down the road. This fall the agency will share potential strategies that could be implemented between now and 2050 to meet this need.

Here are a few top priorities from previous meetings:

- Safety
- Maintenance
- Enhancing quality of life for all Texas residents
- Alternative modes of travel and public transportation options

TxDOT aims to build on this feedback by hearing from all Texans, even visitors, from people in rural areas, cities, suburbs – anywhere in Texas.

The statewide virtual public meeting will be available on [www.ConnectingTexas2050.com](http://www.ConnectingTexas2050.com) through Dec. 15. TxDOT will also host in-person open houses in

various locations. For a full schedule, visit TxDOT online ([www.ConnectingTexas2050.com](http://www.ConnectingTexas2050.com)). The same information will be available at the virtual public meeting and in-person open houses.

An interactive survey can be completed at in-person open houses and online ([www.ConnectingTexas2050.com](http://www.ConnectingTexas2050.com)). To learn more about how to provide a comment and how to request special accommodations for meetings, visit [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov) and search "Connecting Texas 2050."

# SBAG Fall Festival to be held Saturday

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Charlie Brown can expect to get more than a rock in his sack at the Smiley Bantam Activity Groups Fall Festival, to be held this Saturday, Oct. 21 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Smiley Volunteer Fire Department, 208 N. FM 108.

There will be a pumpkin decorating contest, a cake walk, a coloring contest, a costume contest, a dance party and a hay ride. Food and drink will also be available for purchase.

Rule for the pumpkin contest are they must weigh less than 35 pounds and no artificial pumpkins will be accepted.

All pumpkins must be turned in no later than 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.

You can glue or pin material and paper of any kind to the pumpkins and participants may draw, paint or dress up their pumpkins, but do not carve or hollow out pumpkins or write or display your name on your pumpkin. All participants must be present to win and categories include elementary, junior high, high school and adult. Winners will be announced at 7 p.m.

Businesses and community organizations are asked to take part in the Candy Alley at 6:30 p.m. and there will

be a trophy for the best decorated car in Candy Alley. To participate, contact Michelle Mills at 830-203-7132.

Schedule includes the following:

- 4 p.m., Pumpkin turn in and Cake Walk.
- 5 p.m., Coloring Contest & Kids Games.
- 6 p.m., Costume Contest & Dance Party.
- 6:30 p.m., Candy Alley opens.
- 7 p.m., All winners will be announced.
- 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hay Ride.

For more information, check out the SBAG Facebook Page.

# Gonzales Area Parkinson's Support Group meets

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Area Parkinson's Support Group (GAPSG) held their second meeting on Oct. 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of Gonzales fellowship hall. Fellowship and information were shared by all who attended.

The next meeting of the group will be Nov. 2 at the

same time and place. A surprise is planned, and you don't want to miss it. All these meetings are free and open to Parkinson's patients, caregivers, and anyone interested in learning more about Parkinson's Disease. Light refreshments are served.

This coming Saturday, Oct. 21, the annual Lone Star Parkinson Society Symposium will be held in New Braunfels

at the McKenna Center. Everyone interested in attending is invited to meet at 7:15 a.m. at the church to carpool or caravan to New Braunfels.

It will be a full half day of informative presentation by experts in the Parkinson's field. A free breakfast and lunch will be served but you need to preregister by sending an email to [lonestarparkinsonsociety@gmail.com](mailto:lonestarparkinsonsociety@gmail.com) to

let them know how many will be attending.

For more information contact Joe Pat Nance, 361-960-6794, Patti Nance, 361-960-0983, or Ginny Lockard, 512-321-8370 about the monthly meetings or the Symposium. Share this information with anyone you know who has Parkinson's Disease or would like to learn more about it.

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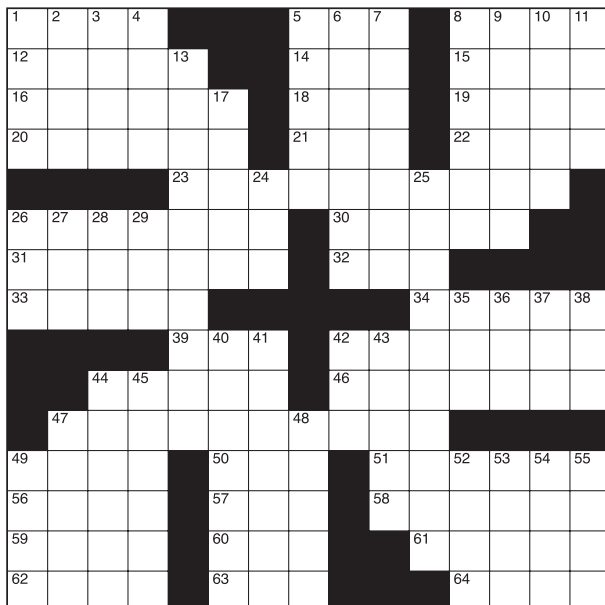
### CLUES ACROSS

1. A device to disengage without a key
5. Subdivision
8. Network of nerves
12. Lounge chair
14. Ocean
15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. \_\_\_ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: \_\_\_ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms

51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation expedition
59. Opposite of subtracts
60. Unit of work
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England

### CLUES DOWN

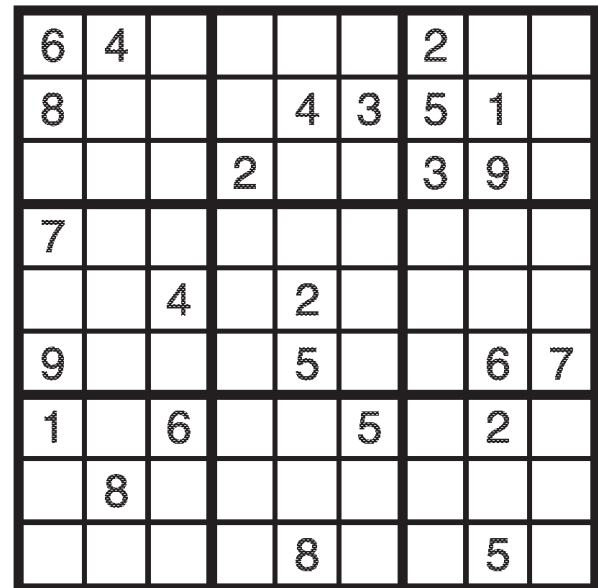
1. A dissenting clique
2. Japanese city
3. Spiritual leader
4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
5. Musical term
6. Ruled over
7. Fortified wine
8. First year player
9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account (abbr.)
25. Having three sides
26. Annoy



27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They \_\_\_
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
40. Places to play video games
41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Fixed prices
44. Popular Boston song
45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
47. Omit when speaking
48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
49. Stick around
52. From a distance
53. Heroic tale
54. Amounts of time
55. Eat

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

## SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.



LEW K. COHN

Gonzales defensive lineman Rafael Rodriguez (55) celebrates recovering a muffed punt return by Cuero along with teammates Blake Wright (22) and Kaden DeLeon (20) during the game at Apache Field Friday, Oct. 13. Unfortunately, the Apaches' offense could not get untracked in a 56-7 loss.

## Apaches learn a lot from 56-7 home loss to state-ranked Cuero

BY LEW K. COHN  
Inquirer Publisher

One old football adage says that “you learn more from a loss than you do from a win.” If that holds true, then the Gonzales Apaches learned a great deal from their 56-7 loss to No. 3 Cuero at Apache Field on Friday, Oct. 13.

“That’s what I talked about with the team — if you don’t learn from the loss, then you’ve really lost if you don’t learn from it, and we got to learn some things,” said Head Coach Joey Rivera. “They are the number three team in the state for reason. They’re a very good football team and you can’t make mistakes against them. And we made a few and the game got away from us pretty quick.”

Statistics will say this was a game dominated by the Gobblers. They racked up 478 yards of total offense, including 309 on the ground, while holding the Apaches to just 134 total yards of offense. Cuero outscored Gonzales, 35-7, in the first half and 21-0 in the second half.

However, the Apaches should take away from this loss that they do have the ability to play toe-to-toe with great teams, provided they don’t gift field position to their opponents. Half of Cuero’s scores came with starting field position on Gonzales’ side of the field following turnovers or special teams miscues. Also, Gonzales was able to hold Cuero defensively to a single touchdown each in both the first and third quarters.

“Defensively, I thought even

though they’ve put up some points, you know, we gave them a lot of short fields for them to score on early on,” Rivera said. “They had a receiver last week go for 280 yards receiving, so he was really on our minds. They’ve got a very dominant offensive line and they kind of just took over on the short fields.”

Daylon Gibbs, a senior Cuero receiver, had caught six passes for 281 yards and two TDs against Giddings the previous week. The Apaches held Gibbs to five catches for 59 yards and a 24-yard TD reception.

Senior quarterback Mason Notaro and senior running back Kenneth Jackson were the biggest thorns in Gonzales’ side on Friday night. Notaro completed 14-of-19 passes for 169 yards and three scores, but was picked off in the first quarter by Gonzales’ Brandon DuBose, who stopped

a potential scoring drive for the Gobblers by making a perfect read on Notaro. Notaro also ran for 40 yards on seven carries.

Against Giddings, Notaro had gone 9-for-14 for 211 yards and a TD while rushing three times for 20 yards.

Jackson rushed 13 times for 142 yards and two TDs against Gonzales. He didn’t play against Giddings, but had rushed 19 times for 238 yards and three TDs against Beeville Jones two weeks prior.

The biggest bright spot for the Apaches on offense was a 60-yard TD run by senior running back Rocky Gallegos in the second quarter after Gonzales was already down 28-0. It came on the heels of a beautiful 20-yard sideline pass from quarterback Cole

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LEW K. COHN

Punter Rocky Gallegos (21) scrambles to recover his own blocked punt against Cuero, but is unable to come up with the ball. Cuero would recover the ball and score on the ensuing drive to take an early lead they would never relinquish.

## Gonzales Cross Country advances to regional meet

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Cross Country teams traveled Seguin Wednesday, Oct. 11 for the district meet.

Both the Gonzales Apaches and Lady Apaches varsity teams and the Lady Apaches JV team finished second in the district meet; the JV Apaches took home the district title.

Kristopher Ramos was named district champion in the varsity boys division, Yaritza Angel was named district runner-up in the varsity girls division, Alania Valle was named district champion in the JV girls division, and Cain Cardozo was named district champion in the JV boys division.

The varsity teams will head to Corpus Christi for the regional meet Tuesday, Oct. 24.

--FINAL RESULTS--

**VARSITY APACHES:**

C. Ramos: first place (DISTRICT CHAMPION)  
Youahi Huerta: sixth place  
Carlos Pedraza: seventh place  
Jesus Huerta: 11th place  
Chris Gonzales: 14th place  
TEAM RESULTS: District Runner Ups

**VARSITY LADY APACHES:**

Y. Angel: second place (DISTRICT RUNNER UP)  
Marianelly Martinez: fourth place  
Jordyn Gonzales: ninth place  
Kaylie Ramirez: 10th place  
TEAM RESULTS: District Runner Ups

**JV LADY APACHES:**

Alaina Valle: first place (DISTRICT CHAMPION)  
Angelina Palacios: fifth place  
Kilee Schwausch: sixth place  
Jaelyn Ramos: seventh place  
Jazzlyn Castillo: 10th place  
Kylee Barrington: 14th place  
Reigna Rhodes: 15th place  
TEAM RESULTS: District Runner Ups

**JV APACHES:**

C. Cardozo: second place (DISTRICT RUNNER UP)  
Diego Luna: third place  
Miller Balfanz: fifth place  
Jude Hataway: ninth place  
Sergio Almaguer: 15th place  
TEAM RESULTS: District Champions



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The Gonzales Cross Country teams celebrate with their medals at the Seguin district cross country meet Wednesday, Oct. 11.

## Lady Apaches sweep Minutewomen in three

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches added another win in their historic season Friday, Oct. 13 with a season sweep of the San Antonio Memorial Minutewomen in three sets (25-18, 25-18, 25-11).

The Lady Apaches earned their seventh win in district; it is the first time since the 2011 season that the team has recorded seven wins in district play.

Senior Kelly Breitschopf recorded 11 kills in the win over Memorial.

Junior Dakota Schmidt and senior Macy Sample each led the team with three aces.

Sophomore Aubrey Lindemann recorded 10 digs in the win over the Minutewomen.

Senior Hannah Avant led the team with 13 assists and Sample earned 11 assists.

Gonzales is 7-0 against the San Antonio schools this season and will host the San Antonio JFK Rockets for the final home game of the season on Tuesday, Oct. 17. It will be Senior Night for the Lady Apaches.

STATS

**KILLS:**

K. Breitschopf: 11 kills  
H. Avant and M. Sample: six kills  
Tara Lester: five kills  
Mallory Clack and Isabella Ikard: three kills  
D. Schmidt and Sydney McCray: one kill

**ACES:**

D. Schmidt and M. Sample: three aces  
Alaina Valle: two aces  
A. Lindemann: one ace

**BLOCKS:**

I. Ikard and H. Avant: two blocks  
S. McCray and M. Clack: one block

**DIGS:**

A. Lindemann: 10 digs  
A. Valle: nine digs  
K. Breitschopf and M. Sample: seven digs  
H. Avant: five digs  
Joelee Lester: four digs  
D. Schmidt: three digs  
S. McCray, M. Clack, and I. Ikard: one dig

**ASSISTS:**

H. Avant: 13 assists  
M. Sample: 11 assists  
A. Lindemann: six assists  
D. Schmidt: four assists  
K. Breitschopf: one assist



VANDY VAN EPPS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches celebrate their win against the San Antonio JFK. The Lady Apaches swept all the San Antonio school in 4A District 28 for the 2023 season.

## Lady Apaches complete sweep of San Antonio schools

BY LEW K. COHN  
Inquirer Publisher

The Gonzales Lady Apaches (8-3 in district play) closed out their last home district contest and Senior Night with a three-set (25-7, 25-17, 25-22) win over the San Antonio JFK Rockets Tuesday, Oct. 17.

The Lady Apaches capped off the win over JFK to complete a sweep of all the San Antonio schools in District 28-4A and clinched third place for the first time since 2011.

Senior Mallory Clack contributed with multiple aces in the second set and was thrilled that her team swept all the San Antonio schools.

“It feels amazing. I didn’t play last year, but now I’m back and it feels great with a group of girls that work really hard. And we knew that coming in that it would be a tough match, but we knew we had to work hard no matter what,” Clack said.

Entering the third set, the Lady Apaches started off the set with a 7-1 deficit, but head coach Jillian Gonzales knew her team was going to fight for

every point like they did all year.

“I told them whenever we got the timeout, fight for these next points, it’s very possible that we can come back up and take the match from them and I’m very proud of them for fighting through it,” Gonzales said.

Last season, the Lady Apaches entered the playoffs as the fourth seed; now they’ll enter the playoffs as a higher seed for the first time since 2011.

“We knew we were gonna be higher than we were last year. So it just, it feels good to know that we’re where we need to be,” said Sydney McCray, senior middle hitter.

Senior Kelly Breitschopf contributed with multiple kills in the win over JFK, and she’s looking forward to being a higher seed in the playoffs.

“We’re in third place this year and it’s really exciting because last year, we had to play a really good team and we have a much better chance this year of advancing and that’s exciting,” Breitschopf said.

The Lady Apaches cel-

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VANDY VAN EPPS

Senior Macy Sample (12) sets up a play for fellow senior Samantha Baker (4) in the district match against San Antonio JFK.



Mustangs Carl White (4) and John Garza (90 battles Poth's offense on the road Friday, Oct. 13.



The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs ran out of the tunnel onto the field in Poth in a district game against the Pirates.

# Mustangs tamed on road by Poth Pirates, 54-0

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs fell to the seventh-ranked Poth Pirates on the road, 54-0, Friday, Oct. 13. The Mustangs struggled against the Pirates, allowing 298 yards offense despite Poth only running 34 total plays. The Pirates ran in six rushing touchdowns and also scored on a pass and a fumble return. Nixon-Smiley recovered in the second half and had a couple of good drives, but came up short after committing four turnovers. "We had a good drive on offense and played good defense the second half. I mean, at the end of the first half, if

we execute better, really it's 14-7 at halftime and we're in this ball game. And the second half we didn't come out lockerroom ... they had a better mentally and we just didn't respond well," said Troy Moses, Nixon-Smiley head football coach. The Mustangs were battling with injuries in the game and Nixon-Smiley running back Aiden Flores was knocked out with a shoulder injury in the second half. Moses said he has many players hurt right now and added that seven or eight players were playing hurt and shouldn't play. "They're battling through for their teammates and for the team and trying to play and it's tough. Every

week it seems like we get more and more people hurt," Moses said. "Right now we're just a walk in the yard. We need some time off and we have another week we have got to prepare for." With two more games left in the season, the Mustangs' playoff hopes are still up for grabs with fourth place on the line between them, San Antonio South West and Natalia. "It's just a mental game at this point. We haven't seen a lot of success this year. So it's really nothing about South West or Natalia; it's more about ourselves. We just got to gotta find a way to block all the negativity out and try to stay positive and keep working," Moses said.

**STATS**

**--OFFENSE--**

**PASSING:**  
Luke Moses: 3/9 pass attempts for 42 yards and two interceptions

**RUSHING:**  
Garret Gonzales: 16 carries for 38 yards  
John Garza: 11 carries for 38 yards  
Aiden Flores: five carries for 14 yards  
Eric Rodriguez: six carries for nine yards  
L. Moses: one carry for three yards  
Davian Ramos: three carries for one yard  
Adrian Zamora: one carry for -2 yards

**RECEIVING:**  
A. Zamora: two receptions for 35 yards  
A. Flores: one reception for seven yards

**--DEFENSE--**

**TACKLES:**  
A. Flores and D. Ramos: Three tackles  
E. Rodriguez and Kade Dixon: two tackles  
J. Garza, A. Zamora, Timothy McGlothline, Carl White, Gavino Moreno, and Tristen Mikesh: one tackle.

**TACKLES FOR LOSSES:**  
D. Ramos: two tackles for losses and J. Garza: one tackle for loss

**SACKS:**  
D. Ramos and J. Garza: one sack

**INTERCEPTION:**  
A. Zamora: one interception



The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs and the Poth Pirates met at midfield for the coin toss Friday, Oct. 13.



Mustangs quarterback Luke Moses (2) hands the ball to running back Davian Ramos (35) against Poth Friday, Oct. 13.



Waelder Wildcats Cross Country team.

## Waelder cross country qualifies for regionals

**SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

Waelder Wildcat Cross Country is coming off a great day at the district meet. Jacob Tovar won the district champion-

ship for the JV division. Meanwhile, the varsity had two top 10 finishes (Jayden Gonzales and Johnny Medina), finished third in district as a team and also qualified for the regional meet. Way to go boys!



Jayden Gonzales



Johnny Gutierrez

## Lady Mustangs fall to Northern Oaks in four sets

**STAFF REPORT**

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs hit the road Tuesday, Oct. 18 in a district match against the Great Hearts Northern Oaks Griffins. The Lady Mustangs fell to Griffins in four sets (22-25, 14-25, 25-23, 15-25) and were handed a season sweep by Northern Oaks. Nixon-Smiley falls to 1-9 in

district play, and it's their first nine-loss season in district play since the 2018 season. The Lady Mustangs will host the Luling Lady Eagles in the final home game of the season Friday, Oct. 20 and will travel to Randolph for the final game of the season Tuesday, Oct. 24. Luling game starts at 5 p.m. Randolph game starts at 7 p.m.

## EXTREME GYMNASTICS WINNERS



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Diamond Gymnastics competed in New Braunfels Oct. 14 at Extreme Gymnastics coming back with 14 first-place finishes, 11 second places and 11 third places. Pictured are: Sophia Juarez, Kinsley Valdez, Kimber Fehner, Harper Fullilove, Kate Balfanz, Rylee Ruddock, Logan Sample, Immalyn Balderas and Jamileigh Dolezal. Congrats to Harper Fullilove, Jamileigh Dolezal and Rylee Ruddock for All Around Gymnasts.

# STOREY

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and his wife, Marion "Feetie" Bright Storey, took over the business. It became B. G. Storey Jeweler in the 1950s and then Storey Jewelers Inc. in 1979. Glynn and Feetie were joined in the business in 1972 by their son Bill Storey. Bill quickly developed into an outstanding jeweler and watchmaker and took over the management responsibilities of the store as his parents began their transition into retirement.

In 1996 Bill sold the store to long time employee Paul Neuse and his wife Dianne. Paul has been successful in guiding the business through the changes brought by technology in the 21st century and with the help of a dedicated staff and the most wonderful customers in the world, Storey Jewelers continues to thrive.

Today the store is still operated as Storey Jewelers, Inc. and in November 2015, Storey Jewelers left its downtown location for a brand new store located in the Gonzales Marketplace Shopping Center. The facility is state-of-the-art, featur-



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Storey Jewelry in 1903 with store founder Chauncey Vaughn Bright (left) and Clyde Bright (right).



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Current owner of Storey Paul Neuse (left) and Store Manager Kirk Gentry celebrate 120 years of the store's founding and serving Gonzales.

ing a larger show room, a lounge area, greater visibility, a larger selection of fine jewelry, and almost unlimited parking, all to make shopping at Storey Jewelers

a greater experience for long time and first-time customers.

Storey will have a 120th anniversary sale through Oct. 27.

# GISD

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two propositions to be voted on the Nov. 7:

Proposition A: safety and security enhancements, general renovations and improvements to address aging buildings and infrastructure at Gonzales High School, Gonzales Junior High, Gonzales Primary Academy, Gonzales North Avenue, Gonzales Elementary, Administration, Maintenance, address accessibility and lifecycle projects, the construction of a new career and technical education building and a new agricultural barn.

Proposition B: 7,000 seat artificial turf lighted stadium, 8-lane track, concessions, partial locker rooms, restrooms, parking, scoreboard, field events, baseball/softball artificial turf, lighted, bleachers concession, 8 lighted tennis courts, weight room.

Voters can either vote for both propositions, one of them or neither in the Nov. 7 election.

## FINAL MEETING

Members of the community at Baker Boys BBQ showed both their support for the bonds and concerns about it.

Some of the concerns were a lack of plans being visible on the website,

where the money is going for these projects and how the taxes will impact the community.

Gonzales High School teacher Billy Holifield showed his support for both bond propositions and students in the district.

"Part of the reason that you need a new CTE center and a new school and all that kind of stuff is because it provides better opportunities for the kids. It will allow more opportunities in different areas for the school to be able to bring in," Holifield said.

"As a community, you have an opportunity right now to give back to the community that you all say you love. And more importantly, you have an opportunity to provide for the kids that are in school and the kids that are coming up. You have a shot to make it better for them. Sometimes you have to jump out there on a leap of faith," Holifield said.

Pastor David Schautteet grew up in Gonzales and played on Apache Field 18 years ago, he said, adding during those 18 years what has been done on that field.

Schautteet listed the schools in the last 18 years that have made stadium improvements,

including Luling, Hallettsvilles, Cuero, and Yoakum.

"Has anybody been outside of Gonzales to go support the Apaches and walked around the facilities that other people have? And go ask those people what they had to do to get that, they had to make a sacrifice, you have to make choice," Schautteet said.

"In our minds, we cannot continue to live in the past. God tells us to move forward. Don't dwell on the things in the past, but move forward," Schautteet said.

"We're not saying we don't want to do something," said City Councilmember Ronda Miller, who questioned the cost of the bond issue and the impact it would have financially. "We're not for this plan, because it's an enormous amount of money. We're all here for the kids but we don't think this plan is the best plan. Bring us something with less money, bring us something in writing and then we might get behind it."

The first day of early voting kicks off Monday, Oct. 23 and ends Friday, Nov. 3; Election day is set for Tuesday, Nov. 7.

# SWEEP

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celebrated Senior Night for the seniors on the team: Clack, McCray, Macy Sample, Dakota Schmidt, Tara Lester, Kelly Britschopf, Samantha Baker and Hannah Avant, who got to close out their last game on their gym floor with a win.

"I'm very proud of the seniors. I have a whole starting team of seniors and I'm glad that we have Sydney McCray back as well to add to our seniors,

we got a good group coming off the bench. I'm excited for them for the rest of the season and for next year. Very happy with my team, very proud of them," Gonzales said.

The Lady Apaches will play Cuero (10-0) Friday, Oct. 20 in the regular season finale on the road, and coach Gonzales knows they'll be a tough match.

"It is going to be a tough match for us gonna

be a fast match. We are coming back and it's tough playing a team like Kennedy and then going to face the fast team like Cuero, but we're going to work hard this week in practice tomorrow and Thursday," Gonzales said.

The Cuero match begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Lady Apaches will host a pre-playoff game against Edna Thursday, Oct. 26 at 4:30 p.m.



LEW K. COHN

Senior quarterback Cole Duty (9) hands off the ball to sophomore running back David Clack III (1) during the first quarter of the Apaches' 56-7 loss to the Cuero Gobblers on Friday, Oct. 13. Clack later would have to be removed from the game due to injury.

# FOOTBALL

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Duty to Dakota DuBose. Gallegos went left, got a good lead block from Dakota DuBose and then raced untouched to the end zone.

Unfortunately, the Apaches went 2-for-12 on third down conversions and turned the ball over four times to the Gobblers.

The great news is that despite the loss, it doesn't stop the Apaches from being able to reach their goal of making the playoffs this season.

This week, Gonzales will travel to Smithville to take on the Tigers, who defeated Giddings, 35-34, and are tied with the Apaches for third place in District 12-4A-2. The winner of this game will be in the driver's seat for a playoff berth with a 2-1 record in conference, and if Gonzales wins, they could still

have a shot at second place in district with games left against 2-0 LaGrange (Senior Night on Oct. 27) and at 0-2 Giddings (Nov. 3).

Last year, the Apaches won a wild 52-44 shootout after scoring at TD and getting a two-point conversion with seven seconds left after allowing Smithville to tie the game at 44-44 with 1:38 to play.

"That was one of the most fun games in my career," Rivera said. "They'll be ready for us, you know, going over there, they've probably got a little sour taste in their mouth from that last year. And I know Coach Adkins will have them ready to go. We've got to be ready. Everybody else now is fighting for that (No.) 2 spot and I think we're in the mix."



LEW K. COHN

Senior Blake Wright (22) wraps up a Cuero ball carrier while getting defensive help from teammates Dylan Hunt (51) and Kamren Leal (4). The Apache defense made some good plays in the game, but could not overcome having to defend short fields and losing the time of possession battle.



LEW K. COHN

Senior drum major Miguel Moreno gets ready to lead the Mighty Apache Band in their halftime routine on Friday, Oct. 13. This is the same routine that one day later earned the band straight 1s and a place at the Area D Marching Contest.



LEW K. COHN

The Apache Flames dance team performs a high kick drill during halftime of the Cuero game on Friday, Oct. 13.



LEW K. COHN

Senior cheerleader Alyson Jahns performs a jump as she is introduced prior to Gonzales' game against Cuero on Friday, Oct. 13.

# What's on the ballot

**BY THE TEXAS TRIBUNE**

Each item on the ballot was approved by the Texas Legislature earlier this year.

**Proposition 1 – HJR 126** “The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management.”

**What it means:** With Texas cities continuing to grow, this amendment would raise the bar for state and local regulation of generally accepted farming and ranching practices. It would require for state and local governments to provide evidence that the regulation is needed to protect the public from danger. For example, it would prevent a city from banning farming in an area for no specific reason, but it would allow for a government to require ranchers to put up fences for their livestock, according to the Texas Farm Bureau, which supports the amendment. The amendment would not affect state or local government efforts needed to preserve or conserve natural resources, such as water, fish, wildlife and trees. Nor would it affect state actions needed to protect animal health and crop production. Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller said “municipal encroachment will no longer threaten the livelihoods” of farmers and ranchers if the amendment passes. — *Jayme Lozano Carver and María Méndez*

**Proposition 2 – SJR 64** “The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility.”

**What it means:** This resolution would allow cities and counties to exempt child care providers from property taxes for any facilities used to run a child care business. The value of the exemption would have to be at least 50 percent of the property’s appraised value.

The amendment would offer relief for child care businesses that have been struggling to stay open since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. With federal pandemic relief money set to dry up for child care businesses, some providers are preparing to close in the next year.

Supporters of the resolution argue that keeping child care businesses open is a win for the economy. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Foundation found that the Texas economy loses nearly \$9.4 billion a year from breakdowns in child care. Critics say property tax exemptions will result in higher tax burdens for homeowners and other businesses, who will have to pay more to make up for the lost revenue. — *Sneha Dey*

**Proposition 3 – HJR 132** “The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.”

**What it means:** Several states have proposed so-called “wealth taxes” in recent months, referring to a tax on a person based on the market value of assets they own, which can include real property and retirement accounts, minus their debts or liabilities, such as bankruptcies. Texas has not introduced this and does not have a similar tax.

Supporters of those taxes argue that the impact on the extremely wealthy would be minimal, that the definition of “wealth” can be defined in a way that best suits each state, and that it would help pay for costly programs without impacting lower income people. Critics say raising taxes on someone’s wealth discourages business and that the revenue from it will be less than anticipated. They also say that overall wealth would decline, which would result in less investment and loss of tax revenue from other sources, such as sales and property taxes.

This amendment would force lawmakers to ask voters for authorization before they could impose any new state taxes on residents that would be based on net worth or wealth. — *Karen Brooks Harper*

**Proposition 4 – HJR 2** “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to exempt certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from

the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts.”

**What it means:** Texas has some of the highest property taxes in the nation. Earlier this year, Texas lawmakers approved a \$12.7 billion package of property tax cuts that needs voter approval in order to take effect.

The package would send \$7.1 billion to school districts so they can lower their property tax rates. School district taxes make up the bulk of a Texas property owner’s tax bill. The amendment would also raise the state’s school district homestead exemption — or the slice of a home’s value that can’t be taxed to pay for public schools — from \$40,000 to \$100,000, at a cost of \$5.6 billion.

The amendment also includes other tax reforms, including a temporary limit on appraisals for commercial, mineral and residential properties that don’t receive a homestead exemption that are worth less than \$5 million. If voters approve the idea, appraisal districts could not raise the taxable value of those properties by more than 20% each year for the next three years. The limit would expire in 2026 unless lawmakers and voters decide to extend it.

The amendment would also expand the pool of businesses that don’t have to pay the state’s franchise tax — and allow voters to elect three members to their local appraisal district’s board of directors, which are currently appointed. — *Joshua Fechter*

**Proposition 5 – HJR 3** “The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy.”

**What it means:** If passed, the amendment would rename the National Research University Fund to the Texas University Fund. The university fund would gain the annual interest income, dividends and investment earnings from Texas’ rainy day fund to support research at state universities. Total money moved to the university fund in the 2024 fiscal year would be limited to \$100 million. The annual amount may be adjusted for inflation and is limited to a 2% growth rate. The Texas A&M and Univer-

sity of Texas systems will not receive money from the fund as they receive research funds from a separate Permanent University Fund.

House Bill 1595 will also take effect if the amendment is passed, requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to determine which universities are eligible and the size of each deposit. The fund will be managed by the comptroller and the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company. — *Caroline Wilburn*

**Proposition 6 – SJR 75** “The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state.”

**What it means:** If approved, this resolution would create a new special fund in the state treasury outside of the general revenue fund, endowed with a \$1 billion down payment. The fund would be administered by the Texas Water Development Board to support a wide range of projects including fixing Texas’ aging, deteriorating pipes, acquiring more water sources and mitigating water loss.

A portion of the fund would have to be used for water infrastructure projects in rural areas as well as for water conservation strategies and water loss projects. At least 25% of the fund would be used for the New Water Supply Fund for Texas, which will support projects to increase the state’s water supply through, for example, marine desalination and treating “produced water,” which comes from the ground during the oil fracking process.

The new fund would be created Jan. 1, 2024. — *Pooja Salhotra*

**Proposition 7 – SJR 93** “The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities.”

**What it means:** If approved, this resolution would create a state fund allowing officials to distribute loans and grants to companies with the aim of building new natural gas-fueled power plants. This would include giving a 3% interest loan for the construction of or upgrades to gas-fueled power plants on the state’s main electric grid and paying a bonus for getting new plants connected by June 2029.

The Legislature set aside \$5 billion to fund these programs for the next two years. Supporters say more gas-fueled power is needed because it can come on any time, unlike wind and solar power that depend on the wind to blow and the sun to shine to operate. Still, gas-fueled power plants are not always reliable and emit greenhouse gasses, which are driving climate change. — *Emily Foxhall*

**Proposition 8 – HJR 125** “The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects.”

**What it means:** Texas lawmakers made an investment in broadband development by passing a bill which would create the Texas broadband infrastructure fund — pending approval of this resolution.

With the passage of this resolution, \$1.5 billion would be allocated to

expand internet availability in Texas, where some 7 million people currently lack access. These dollars would help pay to develop and finance broadband and telecommunications services as well as 911 services. The fund will also provide matching funds with federal money from the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program. — *Pooja Salhotra*

**Proposition 9 – HJR 2** “The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.”

**What it means:** During the regular session, lawmakers passed Senate Bill 10, which would provide some retired Texas teachers with cost-of-living raises to their monthly pension checks. For some, this is the first raise they will see in almost 20 years.

But to afford these raises, lawmakers need to ask voters to allow them to use \$3.3 billion from the general revenue fund and move it to the retired teachers fund. — *Brian Lopez*

**Proposition 10 – SJR 87** “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain.”

**What it means:** School districts, cities and counties are currently allowed to collect property taxes on the value of equipment and inventory that are held by the manufacturers of medical or biomedical products, such as pharmaceuticals, personal protective equipment stocks, and medical devices.

This amendment would exempt those from a facility’s overall property values, leading to a potential decrease in their taxes. The new exemption would cost districts some \$207 million in estimated revenue over the next five years, according to a financial analysis.

Supporters of the exemption say that it will encourage more manufacturers in the industry to locate in Texas, lower healthcare costs and strengthen the medical supply chain. Detractors say that school districts are already strapped for money and that the same goals can be achieved without lowering their revenue. They also point out that the amendment doesn’t keep taxing entities from raising tax rates to make up for the loss. — *Karen Brooks Harper*

**Propositions 11 and 12 are specific to El Paso County and Galveston County, respectively.**

**Proposition 11 – SJR 32** “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.”

**What it means:** Eleven counties’ conservation and reclamation districts are currently permitted to issue bonds supported by property taxes to fund recreational development and improvement. This proposed amendment would add El Paso County to the list.

Conservation and reclamation districts aid in managing stormwater

storage, land irrigation and the conservation and development of forests within their designated boundaries. Critics of the amendment say it could cause property taxes to increase for El Paso County residents. — *Ali Juell*

**Proposition 12 – HJR 134** “The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County.”

**What it means:** If passed by a majority of Texans and Galveston County residents, this amendment would abolish Galveston County’s office of the county treasurer, an office that exists in other counties.

The office’s current role is to act as a bank for the county, which includes overseeing county investments, maintaining records of deposits and withdrawals and ensuring the safety of county funds. The Commissioner’s Court of Galveston County would be allowed to employ or contract an existing county official or other qualified person to complete tasks previously under the office.

Galveston County’s current treasurer, Hank Dugie, ran on eliminating the position and said in his campaign video the office is, “redundant and a waste of more than half a million dollars each year.” The County Treasurers Association of Texas opposes the proposition, however, arguing that such a change won’t save money and that having an independently elected treasurer — rather than an employee of the commissioners court — ensures a separation of powers in the county and creates a system that lets a treasurer “challenge the commissioners’ court if they question the legality and propriety of a payment order.” — *Ali Juell*

**Proposition 13 – HJR 107** “The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges.”

**What it means:** Voters will decide if state judges can retire at 79, instead of the current mandatory retirement age of 75. Proposition 13 would also increase the minimum retirement age from 70 to 75 for state judges.

Legal groups advocating for the change argued that more people are working later into their careers than previous generations. Supporters say extending this mandatory retirement age will minimize judicial turnover by keeping elected public servants, who are willing to do this work, on the bench. — *William Melhado*

**Proposition 14 – SJR 74** “The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks.”

**What it means:** Texas ranks 35th in the nation for state park acreage per capita, according to a report by Environment Texas. This pressured lawmakers to propose investing more than \$1 billion for state parks, which advocates said would create “a new golden age” for the park system. The funding would go to buying more land for the state parks system, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. — *Alejandra Martinez*

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WANDY VAN EPPS

Organizations around the area gathered in pink for breast cancer awareness month at the THRIVE Center for the annual Pink Out luncheon by the Gonzales Health System Thursday, Oct. 12.

on during the month of October benefits this fund. So we can continue to offer these screenings to all who need them. Together, we are saving lives. And we are blessed that you all here and are helping to contribute to this effort. This fund is being utilized more and more," Danz said.

Patients come from all over the area for the mammogram screening, including Gonzales, Waelder, Shiner, Hallettsville, Yoakum, Moulton, Port Lavaca, Goliad, Victoria, Seguin, and Schulenburg, Danz

said.

"These patients could go to facilities that might be closer to them, but they make the decision to come here because of the care and compassion that Kristy [Garcia], Kasey [DuPree], and Crissie [Siebert] show them. They are the reason. They set us apart from the rest," Danz said.

The Gonzales Health System not only wants to spread awareness of breast cancer, but also the importance of getting screenings to detect breast cancer.

"Early detection

is the key to treating breast cancer. While we raise funds to help the unfunded in our area, our message to all is to make that appointment. Get that screening. The life you save may just be your own, but Gonzales Healthcare Systems is here with you," Danz said.

"To care for you, to support you, our facility, these ladies, and all of our staff, are dedicated to the health of our entire community. And for that, we should all be so grateful," Danz added.

# CTE

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last year. He is at TSTC working on a welding certification. And he comes home and he's got a job offer already as soon as he completes his welding program up there because of what he learned over here at the welding shop," Ervin said.

A \$95.08 million bond election is around the corner for GISD, and one of the two bond propositions that Gonzales residents will vote on is a potential new CTE building.

Ervin was excited of the possibilities of having a new potential CTE building for the high school. She said she has done a lot of traveling and seen many CTE campuses.

"I just toured a facility not too long ago, and it's 20 years old. It's not brand spanking new, but they have the space in the facility. They have a vet tech program," Ervin said.

One of the biggest concerns in the CTE program is facing is space, Ervin said.

"We cannot always buy the state of the art equipment, because we don't have the facilities, the infrastructure, the electrical setup, plumbing issues, and mainly just space, so a new building would allow us to have the space and the facilities that we need to give the kids the state of the art equipment to learn these programs," Ervin said.

The high school has 10 welding booths and the programs runs 147 students day, Ervin said.

"Our eighth period class, when we have two teachers who have a block class, we have 47 students in that club in

that shop that's designed for maybe 15-16 max, so we have to share, and while my teachers don't mind sharing, our kids are not getting the full benefit of the program," Ervin said.

"Spacing is one of the biggest issues that we face. If it comes down to

it, we'll have to do a lotto system for students to get into these programs if we keep growing and that's something that we don't ever want to see happen because then kids that might really want to pursue it may not be able to be in that program," Ervin added.

# AG DAY

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again seeing children learn about agriculture and being able to host this was very exciting. Special thanks to GVEC, TxDOT, Dapper Dairy, Gonzales County SW.CD and Dwight Sexton, Gonzales County Ag Extension Agent.

The Nixon-Smiley FFA was also out

to help with the event as well as some of the Farm Bureau's board members, who also donated their time and expertise. GCFB looks forward to doing this again next year.

To learn more about the Gonzales County Farm Bureau, stop by 1731 Seydler Street or call (830) 672-7518.

# CONTRACT

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Schurig, director of the Gonzales Memorial Museum, who passed away Monday, Oct. 9. Schurig also is Sucher's brother-in-law.

"He was a member of our staff at the museum, the director of the museum for seven years. And we will miss him greatly. Please keep him and his family and the Suchers in your thoughts and prayers," Koepp said.

In other business, the council approved the consent agenda with the exception of one agenda item — the contract between the city of Gonzales and the Texas Junior High Rodeo Association.

Councilman Lorenzo Hernandez asked the council to discuss this particular agenda item.

"We've had some folks come before us and asked us why JB Wells is losing so much money. And I'm looking at the obligations and the fees of the city. And that, in my opinion, I don't know who negotiated this contract — it's horrendous," Hernandez said.

Gonzales City Manager Tim Crow said he takes full responsibility for negotiating the contract with TJHRA.

"I followed the contracts of the past and made some adjustments and actually put some increases in place where the city gained a larger portion of funding in different areas of this contract," Crow said.

"I worked with with Amanda (Garza), our JB Wells Parks director, and also with our finance director (Laura Zella) as we went through this and did some calculations and I thought we were in a better position after we met some of the adjustments we had made," Crow added.

The agenda item was tabled to November's meeting to be discussed more.

The council approved the following agenda items:

--approved Authorizing the City Manager to Submit, and Accept if Awarded, an Application and Associated Documents to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for \$2,999,400 in CDBG-MIT grant funds for Infrastructure Improvements to Mitigate the Impact of Future Flooding Events.

--approved, 3-1, Authorizing the Nomination of Candidates for Positions to be Filled on the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

--approved Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Publicity and Tourism Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the hosting and operations of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce.

--approved Authorizing the Appointments to the Airport Advisory Board, Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau, Museum Advisory Board, and Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board.

--approved Changes to the Current Position Classifications for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

--approved Authorizing Amendments to the City of Gonzales Personnel Policy.

--approved Declaring Certain Electric Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing a Sale to Techline Construction, LLC Pursuant to the Existing Agreement in Place between the entities.

--approved Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with JET Development LLC in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for grant administration services for the TXGLO MIT MOD allocation through the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission for funding to be administered through the General Land Office (GLO).

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### NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, on the 7th day of November, 2023, in accordance with the following order:

#### ORDER CALLING BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2023 the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Waelder Independent School District (the "District") adopted an order (the "Original Order") for a bond election (the "Election") to be held on November 7, 2023 ("Election Day");

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"), has agreed to hold a joint election with other political subdivisions within Gonzales County and Caldwell County and contract and will enter into agreements with Gonzales County and Caldwell County for the provision of election services in the respective counties (the "Applicable Election Services Contract"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Applicable Election Services Contract, the Gonzales County Elections Administrator (the "Gonzales County Election Officer"), and the Caldwell County Elections Administrator (the "Caldwell County Election Officer," collectively the "Applicable County Election Officers") will provide for the administration of the Election in the respective counties;

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election for and within the District on the propositions hereinafter set forth;

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to adopt this Order by the Board of Trustees of Waelder Independent School District Calling a Bond Election (the "Election Order") in order to provide for the Election on November 7, 2023 as hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which the Election Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Findings. The statements contained in the preamble of this Election Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Date; Propositions. An election (the "Election") shall be held for and within the District on Tuesday November 7, 2023 ("Election Day"). At the Election the following propositions (the "Propositions") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District:

#### WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$5,826,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING DISTRICT-WIDE RENOVATIONS, AND THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE NOT MORE THAN 35 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS?

#### WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION B

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,100,000 FOR THE RENOVATION, EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING CONVERSION OF THE DISTRICT PAVILION TO A CLIMATE-CONTROLLED GYMNASIUM; SUCH BONDS TO MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE (NOT MORE THAN 30 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, AND SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS?

Section 3. Official Ballot. (a) Voting at the Election, and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved voting systems and ballots.

(b) The preparation of the necessary equipment and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code so as to appear and permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid Proposition which shall appear and be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

#### WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION A

FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,826,000 BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING DISTRICT-WIDE RENOVATIONS, AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

AGAINST

#### WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION B

FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 BONDS FOR THE RENOVATION, EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING CONVERSION OF THE DISTRICT PAVILION TO A CLIMATE-CONTROLLED GYMNASIUM; AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

AGAINST

Section 4. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 5. Election Precinct, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The voting locations for voting on Election Day shall be the countywide polling locations set forth in **Exhibit A**, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the County Election

Officers in accordance with the Applicable Election Services Contract, and such locations are hereby adopted and approved. Exhibit A and the notices of the Election shall be completed without further action of the Board to include the final locations designated by the County Election Officer. On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Section 6. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times; Appointment of Early Voting Elections Administrator

(a) Early voting by personal appearance shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in **Exhibit B** or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the County Election Officers in accordance with the Applicable Election Services Contract, and such locations are hereby adopted and approved. Exhibit B and the notices of the Election shall be completed without further action of the Board to include the final locations designated by the Applicable County Election Officer. Permanent and/or temporary branch offices for early voting by personal appearance may be established and maintained according to the Texas Election Code.

(b) The Board of Trustees hereby appoints Gwen Shaefer, Gonzales County Elections Administrator, as Gonzales County Early Voting Clerk and applications for ballot by mail shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at the following address: Attention: Ballots By Mail c/o Gonzales County Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 1753, Gonzales, Texas 78629, or delivered by hand: Attention: Gonzales County Elections Office, 427 St. George, Suite 306, Gonzales, Texas 78629, or by email at ea@co.gonzales.tx.us. If an application is sent by fax or email, the original must still be mailed to the mailing address above. For more information, see the Gonzales County early voting website, <https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.Elections.Admin>.

(c) The Board of Trustees hereby appoints Devante Coe, Caldwell County Elections Administrator, as Caldwell County Early Voting Clerk and applications for ballot by mail shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at the following address: Attention: Ballots By Mail c/o Caldwell County Elections Administrator, 1403 Blackjack, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644 Lockhart, Texas 78644, or delivered by hand to: Attention: Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644 Lockhart, Texas 78644, or by fax at 512-398-1821, or by email at kimber.daniel@co.caldwell.tx.us. If an application is sent by fax or email, the original must still be mailed to the mailing address above. For more information, see the Caldwell County early voting website, <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.ElectionsOffice>.

Section 7. Election Services Contract; Joint Election. The District will contract with the County for election services and will conduct a joint election with other participating governmental entities in Gonzales and Caldwell counties who are holding elections on Election Day. The President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, or their designees, are authorized to negotiate and enter into the Election Services Contract and one or more joint election agreements, or similar contracts or agreements with the County and any joint election participants, if desired or required to comply with applicable law.

Section 8. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner required by law.

Section 9. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

#### Section 10. Required Information

(a) Pursuant to Section 3.009, Texas Election Code: (i) the proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized are set forth in Section 2 of this Election Order, (iii) the principal amount of bonds to be authorized is set forth in Section 2 of this Election Order, (iv) if the issuance of bonds is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the annual principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed, (v) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature over not to exceed 35 years from their date of issuance, (vi) based on market conditions at the time of this Election Order, the maximum net effective interest rate on any series of the bonds authorized at the Election is estimated to be 4.50%, (vii) as of the date of this Election Order, (A) the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations is \$2,445,000, (B) the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations is \$725,850, and (C) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate is \$0.0743 per \$100 assessed valuation of taxable property.

(b) The statements contained in this Section (i) are based on information available to the District on the date of adoption of this Election Order, including projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) necessarily consist of estimates and projections that are subject to change based on facts, circumstances and conditions at the time that bonds approved pursuant to this Election Order are issued and (iii) are not intended to limit the authority of the Board to issue bonds in accordance with other terms contained in this Election Order. Accordingly, actual tax rates, interest rates, maturity dates, aggregate outstanding indebtedness and interest on such debt will vary and will be established after the bonds are issued. To the extent of any conflict between this subsection and other terms of this Election Order, such other terms control.

(c) The respective Early Voting Clerk's website is: <https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.Elections.Admin> and <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.ElectionsOffice>. The District's website is: <https://www.waelderisd.org/>.

Section 11. Voter Information Document. The forms of Voter Information Document for each Proposition are attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. The Voter Information Document shall be posted in the same manner as is required for the posting of this Election Order, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.003(f), Texas Election Code, and may be posted as part of this Election Order.

Section 12. Necessary Actions. The President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, and all other appropriate officers, agents, and representatives of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the purposes of this Election Order and to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 13. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Election Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Election Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the District in adopting this Election Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Election Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 14. Effective Date. This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 14th day of August, 2023.

  
President, Board of Trustees

  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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**EXHIBIT A  
ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS  
November 7, 2023 hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Caldwell County:**

LOCATION	ADDRESS
FIRST LOCKHART BAPTIST CONNECTION CENTER	200 S. BLANCO ST. LOCKHART, TX 78644
GRACE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP HALL	108 N. MEDINA (FIR ST ENTRANCE) LOCKHART, TX 78644
VFW POST 8927	7007 S. US HWY 183 LOCKHART, TX 78644
LOCKHART EVENING LIONS CLUB	220 BUFKIN LANE LOCKHART, TX 78644
SOUTHSIDE CLUBHOUSE	1035 S. MAGNOLIA AVE LULING, TX 78648
MCNEIL BAPTIST CHURCH	14304 FM 1322 LULING, TX 78648
MCPAHAN COMMUNITY CENTER	6022 FM 713 DALE, TX 78616
LULING CIVIC CENTER	333 E. AUSTIN ST. LULING, TX 78648
THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL	103 MAIN ST. MARTINDALE, TX 78655
MAXWELL FIRE STATION	9655 TX 142 MAXWELL, TX 78656
UHLAND COMMUNITY HALL	15 N. OLD SPANISH TRAIL UHLAND, TX 78640
FENTRESS COMMUNITY CHURCH	13481 STATE PARK RD. (STATE PARK/BARBER ST.) FENTRESS, TX 78622
ST. MARKS METHODIST CHURCH	602 E. LIVE OAK ST. LOCKHART, TX 78644
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH HALL	205 W. PECAN ST. LOCKHART, TX 78644
LYTTON SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH	8511 FM 1854 DALE, TX 78616
DALE FIRE STATION	1414 FM 1854 DALE, TX 78616

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ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATIONS  
November 7, 2023 hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Gonzales County:**

**Emmanuel Fellowship & School**  
1817 St. Lawrence St., Gonzales, TX 78629

**City Hall Gonzales**  
820 St. Joseph, Gonzales, TX 78629

**Waelder Community Center**  
311 Hwy 90 W, Waelder, TX 78959

\*Locations subject to change up until Election Day

**EXHIBIT B  
EARLY VOTING LOCATION, DATES AND TIMES  
CALDWELL COUNTY**

<u>Scott Annex Building – Conference Room</u> <u>(Main Early Voting Location)</u> 104 Blackjack St. Lockhart, Texas 78644	Luling Civic Center 333 E. Austin St. Luling Texas, 78648
OCTOBER 23, 2023 – OCTOBER 27, 2023 MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM ----- SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2023 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM ----- SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2023 12:00 AM - 6:00 PM ----- OCTOBER 30, 2023 – NOVEMBER 3, 2023 MONDAY – FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	OCTOBER 23, 2023 – OCTOBER 27, 2023 MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM ----- SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2023 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM ----- SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2023 12:00 AM - 6:00 PM ----- OCTOBER 30, 2023 – NOVEMBER 3, 2023 MONDAY – FRIDAY 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**GONZALES COUNTY**

**MAIN LOCATION:**  
Randle Rather Bldg., 427 St. George, STE 100, Gonzales, TX 78629

**TEMPORARY LOCATIONS:**  
Nixon City Building, 100 W. 3rd St., Nixon, TX 78140  
Waelder City Hall, 300 Hwy 90 W, Waelder, TX 78959

DAYS	DATES	TIME
Monday – Friday	October 23 <sup>rd</sup> – October 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Monday – Wednesday	October 30 <sup>th</sup> – November 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday – Friday	November 2 <sup>nd</sup> – November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

**EXHIBIT C  
VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION A**

(1) The language that will appear on the ballot for Proposition A is set forth below:

**WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION A**

FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,826,000 BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING DISTRICT-WIDE RENOVATIONS, AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

AGAINST

(2) Certain information regarding District debt is provided in table below:

Principal Amount of Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Principal of all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of 8/14/23):	Estimated Remaining Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of 8/14/23):	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of 8/14/23):
\$5,826,000	\$4,635,540	\$10,461,540	\$2,445,000	\$725,850	\$3,170,850

The estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District (a) with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the bonds to be authorized under Proposition A is \$0 and (b) with an appraised value of \$150,000 to repay the bonds to be authorized under Proposition A is \$55.18, assuming: (i) the homestead exemption of \$100,000, (ii) the bonds are issued in 2024, (iii) an amortization of the bonds over 25 years, (iv) an interest rate of 4.50% on the bonds, and (v) a 2.50% annual growth in taxable assessed values in the District through fiscal year 2034 and 0.50% growth thereafter for the life of the bonds. The foregoing is only an estimate provided to comply with Texas law and is subject to change; it does not serve as a limitation or a guarantee regarding outstanding indebtedness, the amount of taxes to be imposed, the amortization period for the bonds or the District's other debt obligations, interest rates, or taxable assessed values.

**VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION B**

(1) The language that will appear on the ballot for Proposition B is set forth below:

**WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION B**

FOR

THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 BONDS FOR THE RENOVATION, EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING CONVERSION OF THE DISTRICT PAVILION TO A CLIMATE-CONTROLLED GYMNASIUM; AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

AGAINST

(2) Certain information regarding District debt is provided in table below:

Principal Amount of Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Principal of all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of 8/14/23)	Estimated Remaining Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of 8/14/23):	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of 8/14/23):
\$1,100,000	\$875,231	\$1,975,231	\$2,445,000	\$725,850	\$3,170,850

The estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District (a) with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the bonds to be authorized under Proposition A is \$0 and (b) with an appraised value of \$150,000 to repay the bonds to be authorized under Proposition A is \$11.57, assuming: (i) the homestead exemption of \$100,000, (ii) the bonds are issued in 2024, (iii) an amortization of the bonds over 25 years, (iv) an interest rate of 4.50% on the bonds, and (v) a 2.50% annual growth in taxable assessed values in the District through fiscal year 2034 and 0.50% growth thereafter for the life of the bonds. The foregoing is only an estimate provided to comply with Texas law and is subject to change; it does not serve as a limitation or a guarantee regarding outstanding indebtedness, the amount of taxes to be imposed, the amortization period for the bonds or the District's other debt obligations, interest rates, or taxable assessed values.

**AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE BONOS**

TA LOS VOTANTES HABILITADOS, RESIDENTES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER:

POR EL PRESENTE, SE NOTIFICA que el 7 de noviembre de 2023 se celebrará una elección en el DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER, de acuerdo con la siguiente orden:

**ORDEN PARA CONVOCAR UNA ELECCIÓN DE BONOS**

EN VISTA DE QUE el 14 de agosto de 2023 la Junta de Síndicos (la "Junta") del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Waelder (el "Distrito") adoptó una orden (la "Orden Original") para una elección de bonos ("Elección") a celebrarse el 7 de noviembre de 2023 ("Día de Elección");

EN VISTA DE QUE, la Junta, en virtud de las disposiciones pertinentes del Código Electoral de Texas (el "Código"), aceptó celebrar una elección conjunta con otras subdivisiones políticas dentro del Condado de Gonzales y del Condado de Caldwell y un contrato y celebrará convenios con el Condado de Gonzales y el Condado de Caldwell para la provisión de servicios electorales en los respectivos condados (el "Contrato de Servicios Electorales Aplicable"); y

EN VISTA DE QUE, en conformidad con el Contrato de Servicios Electorales Aplicable, la Administradora de Elecciones del Condado de Gonzales (la "Funcionaria de Elecciones del Condado de Gonzales") y el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Caldwell (el "Funcionario de Elecciones del Condado de Caldwell", en conjunto, los "Funcionarios de Elecciones del condado aplicable") estarán a cargo de administrar la Elección en sus respectivos condados;

EN VISTA DE QUE la Junta halla y determina que es necesario y aconsejable convocar y celebrar una elección para el Distrito y dentro del mismo sobre las proposiciones descritas más adelante en la presente;

EN VISTA DE QUE la Junta halla y determina que es necesario y aconsejable adoptar esta Orden por la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Waelder para convocar una Elección de Bonos (la "Orden de Elección") para disponer la Elección del 7 de noviembre de 2023 según se expone más adelante en la presente; y

EN VISTA DE QUE, la Junta halla y declara que la asamblea en la cual se considera esta Orden de Elección está abierta al público, y que se dio aviso público de la hora, el lugar y el propósito de la asamblea, según lo exige el Capítulo 551 del Código de Gobierno de Texas; ahora, por tanto,

LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER ORDENA:

Sección 1. Hallazgos. Las declaraciones contenidas en el preámbulo de esta Orden de Elección son verdaderas y correctas y, por la presente, se adoptan como determinaciones de hechos y como parte de las disposiciones operativas de esta.

Sección 2. Elección ordenada; Fecha; Proposiciones. Se celebrará una elección (la "Elección") para el Distrito y dentro del mismo el martes 7 de noviembre de 2023 ("Día de Elección"). En la Elección, se presentarán las siguientes proposiciones (las "Proposiciones") a los votantes habilitados del Distrito:

**PROPOSICIÓN A DE WAELDER ISD**

¿SE DEBERÁ AUTORIZAR A LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER (EL "DISTRITO") A EMITIR BONOS DEL DISTRITO, EN UNA O MÁS SERIES, EN LA CANTIDAD TOTAL DE CAPITAL DE \$5,826,000 PARA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO, INCLUSO RENOVACIONES PARA TODO EL DISTRITO, Y LA COMPRA DE LOS PREDIOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES, BONOS QUE VENCERÁN EN NO MÁS DE 35 AÑOS A PARTIR DE SU FECHA, Y DEVENGARÁN INTERÉS A ALGUNA TASA O TASAS, SIN EXCEDER LA TASA MÁXIMA AUTORIZADA POR LEY AHORA O MÁS ADELANTE, COMO SERÁ DETERMINADO POR LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS EN EL MOMENTO DE EMISIÓN; Y SE DEBERÁ AUTORIZAR A LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS A GRAVAR Y COMPROMETER, Y HACER TASAR Y RECAUDAR, IMPUESTOS ANUALES AD VALOREM SOBRE TODA PROPIEDAD GRAVABLE EN EL DISTRITO, SUFICIENTES, SIN LÍMITE EN CUANTO A TASA O CANTIDAD, PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE DICHOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO FIRMADO O AUTORIZADO EN ANTICIPO, RELACIÓN O CONEXIÓN CON LOS BONOS?

**PROPOSICIÓN B DE WAELDER ISD**

¿SE DEBERÁ AUTORIZAR A LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER (EL "DISTRITO") A EMITIR BONOS DEL DISTRITO, EN LA CANTIDAD DE CAPITAL DE \$1,100,000 PARA RENOVACIÓN, EQUIPAMIENTO Y MEJORA DE INSTALACIONES RECREATIVAS, INCLUSO LA CONVERSIÓN DEL PABELLÓN DEL DISTRITO A UN GIMNASIO CLIMATIZADO; BONOS QUE VENCERÁN EN SERIE O DE OTRA MANERA (EN NO MÁS DE 30 AÑOS A PARTIR DE SU FECHA) Y DEVENGARÁN INTERÉS A ALGUNA TASA O TASAS, SIN EXCEDER LA TASA MÁXIMA AUTORIZADA POR LEY AHORA O MÁS ADELANTE, COMO SERÁ DETERMINADO POR LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS EN EL MOMENTO DE EMISIÓN; Y SE DEBERÁ AUTORIZAR A LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS A GRAVAR Y COMPROMETER, Y HACER TASAR Y RECAUDAR, IMPUESTOS ANUALES AD VALOREM SOBRE TODA PROPIEDAD GRAVABLE EN EL DISTRITO, SUFICIENTES, SIN LÍMITE EN CUANTO A TASA O CANTIDAD, PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE DICHOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO FIRMADO O AUTORIZADO EN ANTICIPO, RELACIÓN O CONEXIÓN CON LOS BONOS?

Sección 3. Boleta Oficial de Votación. (a) La Votación en la Elección y, por consiguiente, en la votación anticipada será mediante el uso de sistemas de votación y boletas legalmente aprobados.

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(b) La preparación del equipo necesario y las boletas oficiales de votación de la Elección deberá hacerse en conformidad con los requisitos del Código de forma tal de aparecer y permitir a los votantes votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la Proposición antedicha, la cual aparecerá y se presentará en las boletas de votación sustancialmente de la siguiente forma:

**PROPOSICIÓN A DE WAELDER ISD**

[ ] A FAVOR

LA EMISIÓN DE \$5,826,000 EN BONOS PARA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO, INCLUSO RENOVACIONES EN TODO EL DISTRITO, Y LA COMPRA DE LOS PREDIOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES, Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO RELACIONADO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

[ ] EN CONTRA

**PROPOSICIÓN B DE WAELDER ISD**

[ ] A FAVOR

LA EMISIÓN DE \$1,100,000 EN BONOS PARA RENOVACIÓN, EQUIPAMIENTO Y MEJORA DE INSTALACIONES RECREATIVAS, INCLUSO LA CONVERSIÓN DEL PABELLÓN DEL DISTRITO A UN GIMNASIO CLIMATIZADO; Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO SUFICIENTE PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO RELACIONADO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

[ ] EN CONTRA

Sección 4. Personas habilitadas para votar. Todos los votantes habilitados residentes del Distrito serán elegibles para votar en la Elección.

Sección 5. Precinto electoral, lugares de votación y horarios de votación del Día de Elección. Los lugares de votación para votar el Día de Elección serán los centros de votación de todo el condado establecidos en el Anexo A, o en aquellos otros lugares que designen los Funcionarios de Elecciones del Condado, en conformidad con el Contrato de Servicios Electorales Aplicable y, por la presente, se adoptan y se aprueban dichos lugares. El Anexo A y los avisos de la Elección se completarán sin necesidad de una medida adicional de la Junta para incluir los lugares definitivos designados por el Funcionario de Elecciones del Condado. El Día de Elección las casillas de votación estarán abiertas de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Sección 6. Lugares, fechas y horarios de votación anticipada; Designación del Administrador de Elecciones de Votación Anticipada. (a) La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo en los lugares, los horarios y los días indicados en el Anexo B, o en aquellos otros lugares que de aquí en adelante puedan ser designados por los Funcionarios de Elecciones del Condado en conformidad con el Contrato de Servicios Electorales Aplicable, y por la presente, se adoptan y se aprueban dichos lugares. El Anexo B y los avisos de la Elección se completarán sin necesidad de una medida adicional de la Junta para incluir los lugares definitivos designados por el Funcionario de Elecciones del Condado Aplicable. Las sucursales permanentes y/o temporales para la votación anticipada en persona se establecerán y mantendrán de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas.

(b) Por la presente, la Junta de Síndicos designa a Gwen Shaefer, Administradora de Elecciones del Condado de Gonzales, como Oficial de Votación Anticipada del Condado de Gonzales y las solicitudes de boletas de voto por correo deberán enviarse a la Oficial de Votación Anticipada a la siguiente dirección: Attention: Ballots By Mail c/o Gonzales County Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 1753, Gonzales, Texas 78629, o entregarse en mano en: Attention: Gonzales County Elections Office, 427 St. George, Suite 306, Gonzales, Texas 78629, o por correo electrónico a ea@co.gonzales.tx.us. Si una solicitud se envía por fax o por correo electrónico, de cualquier manera, se debe enviar el original a la dirección indicada previamente. Para obtener más información, consulte el sitio web de votación anticipada del Condado de Gonzales en <https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.Elections.Admin>.

(c) Por la presente, la Junta de Síndicos designa a Devante Coe, Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Caldwell, como Oficial de Votación Anticipada del Condado de Caldwell, y las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo deberán enviarse al Oficial de Votación Anticipada a la siguiente dirección: Attention: Ballots By Mail c/o Caldwell County Elections Administrator, 1403 Blackjack, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644 Lockhart, Texas 78644, o entregarse en mano a: Attention: Caldwell County Elections Office, 1403 Blackjack, Suite A, Lockhart, Texas 78644 Lockhart, Texas 78644, o por fax al 512-398-1821, o por correo electrónico a kimber.daniel@co.caldwell.tx.us. Si una solicitud se envía por fax o por correo electrónico, de cualquier manera, se debe enviar el original a la dirección indicada previamente. Para obtener más información, consulte el sitio web de votación anticipada del Condado de Caldwell: <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.ElectionsOffice>.

Sección 7. Contrato de Servicios Electorales; Elección conjunta. El Distrito contratará al Condado para la prestación de servicios electorales y llevará a cabo una elección conjunta con otras entidades gubernamentales participantes en los condados de Gonzales y de Caldwell que también celebran elecciones el Día de Elección. El Presidente de la Junta de Síndicos, el Superintendente o sus representantes designados están autorizados para negociar y celebrar el Contrato de Servicios Electorales y uno o más convenios de elección conjunta, o contratos o acuerdos similares con el Condado y cualquiera de los participantes de la elección conjunta si así lo desean o fuese obligatorio para cumplir con la ley aplicable.

Sección 8. Aviso de Elección. Se dará aviso de la Elección como lo exige la ley.

Sección 9. Celebración de la Elección. La Elección se llevará a cabo en conformidad con el Código, salvo por las modificaciones del Código de Educación de Texas, y la Ley Federal de Derechos de Votación de 1965 y sus enmiendas, incluido, sobre todo, el Capítulo 272 del Código respecto de los requisitos bilingües.

Sección 10. Información requerida.

(a) En virtud de la Sección 3.009 del Código Electoral de Texas: (i) el lenguaje de la proposición que aparecerá en la boleta de votación se establece en la Sección 3 de esta Orden de Elección, (ii) los propósitos por los cuales se han de autorizar los bonos se establecen en la Sección 2 de esta Orden de Elección, (iii) la cantidad del capital de los bonos a autorizar se establece en la Sección 2 de esta Orden de Elección, (iv) si los votantes aprueban la emisión de bonos, se pueden imponer impuestos suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a tasa o cantidad, para pagar el capital y el interés anuales de los bonos y los costos de cualquier acuerdo de crédito, (v) los bonos autorizados en virtud de esta Orden de Elección se pueden emitir para vencer en un periodo que no exceda los 35 años desde su fecha de emisión, (vi) según las condiciones del mercado a la fecha de esta Orden de Elección, la tasa de interés máxima efectiva neta sobre cualquier serie de los bonos autorizados en la Elección se estima en 4.50%, (vii) a la fecha de esta Orden de Elección, (A) la cantidad total de capital pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito es de \$52,445,000, (B) la cantidad total del interés pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito es de \$725,850, y (C) la tasa de impuesto ad valorem del servicio de la deuda del Distrito es de \$0.0743 por cada \$100 de tasación fiscal de propiedad gravable.

(b) Las declaraciones contenidas en esta Sección (i) se basan en la información disponible para el Distrito a la fecha de adopción de esta Orden de Elección, incluidos los pronósticos obtenidos del asesor financiero del Distrito, (ii) consisten necesariamente en estimaciones y pronósticos que están sujetos a cambio con base en hechos, circunstancias y condiciones al momento en que se emitan los bonos aprobados conforme a esta Orden de Elección y (iii) no están pensadas para limitar la autoridad de la Junta en la emisión de bonos de acuerdo con otros términos contenidos en esta Orden de Elección. Consecuentemente, las tasas de impuestos, las tasas de interés, las fechas de vencimiento, el endeudamiento total pendiente y el interés sobre tal deuda reales variarán y se establecerán tras la emisión de los bonos. En la medida en que haya algún conflicto entre esta subsección y otros términos de esta Orden de Elección, esos otros términos regirán.

(c) El sitio web del respectivo Oficial de votación anticipada es: <https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.Elections.Admin> y <https://www.co.caldwell.tx.us/page/caldwell.ElectionsOffice>. El sitio web del Distrito es <https://www.waelderisd.org/>.

Sección 11. Documento de Información para los Votantes. Las formas del Documento de Información para los Votantes sobre cada Proposición se adjuntan a la presente como Anexo C. El Documento de Información para los Votantes será colocado de la misma manera que se requiere para la colocación de esta Orden de Elección, en virtud de las disposiciones de la Sección 4.003(f) del Código Electoral de Texas y se puede colocar como parte de esta Orden de Elección.

Sección 12. Medidas necesarias. Por la presente, se autoriza e instruye al Presidente y al Secretario de la Junta de Síndicos, al Superintendente y todos los demás funcionarios, agentes y representantes correspondientes del Distrito a que tomen todas y cada una de las medidas necesarias para llevar a cabo los propósitos de esta Orden de Elección y cumplir con las disposiciones del Código y de la Ley Federal de Derechos de Votación para realizar y celebrar la Elección, sean expresamente autorizadas en la presente o no.

Sección 13. Divisibilidad. Si cualquier disposición, sección, subsección, oración, cláusula o frase de esta Orden de Elección o la aplicación de ella a cualquier persona o conjunto de circunstancias es por alguna razón hallada inconstitucional, nula, inválida o no aplicable, ni las partes restantes de esta Orden de Elección ni su aplicación a otras personas o conjunto de circunstancias se verán afectadas por esto, siendo la intención del Distrito al adoptar esta Orden de Elección que ninguna parte de ella o disposición o norma contenida en la presente llegue a ser inoperativa o falle debido a la inconstitucionalidad, nulidad, invalidez o imposibilidad de aplicación de cualquier otra parte de ella, y todas las disposiciones de esta Orden de Elección se declaren divisibles a tales efectos.

Sección 14. Fecha de entrada en vigencia. Esta Orden de Elección entra en vigencia inmediatamente después de su aceptación y aprobación.

ACEPTADA Y APROBADA el 14 de agosto de 2023.

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Presidente de la Junta de Síndicos

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Secretaria de la Junta de Síndicos

(SELLO)

**ANEXO A  
LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN DEL DÍA DE ELECCIÓN  
7 de noviembre de 2023 de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.**

**Condado de Caldwell:**

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MCNEIL BAPTIST CHURCH	14304 FM 1322 LULING, TX 78648
MCMAHAN COMMUNITY CENTER	6022 FM 713 DALE, TX 78616
LULING CIVIC CENTER	333 E. AUSTIN ST. LULING, TX 78648
THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL	103 MAIN ST. MARTINDALE, TX 78655
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UHLAND COMMUNITY HALL	15 N. OLD SPANISH TRAIL UHLAND, TX 78640
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7 de noviembre de 2023 de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.**

**Condado de Gonzales:**

**Emmanuel Fellowship & School  
1817 St. Lawrence St., Gonzales, TX 78629**

**City Hall Gonzales  
820 St. Joseph, Gonzales, TX 78629**

**Waelder Community Center  
311 Hwy 90 W, Waelder, TX 78959**

\*Lugares sujetos a cambios hasta el Día de Elección.

**ANEXO B  
LUGAR, FECHAS Y HORARIOS DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA  
CONDADO DE CALDWELL**

<b>Scott Annex Building – Sala de conferencias (Principal lugar de votación anticipada) 104 Blackjack St. Lockhart, Texas 78644</b>	<b>Luling Civic Center 333 E. Austin St. Luling Texas, 78648</b>
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30 DE OCTUBRE DE 2023 AL 3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2023 LUNES A VIERNES 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	30 DE OCTUBRE DE 2023 AL 3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2023 LUNES A VIERNES 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**CONDADO DE GONZALES**

**LUGAR PRINCIPAL:**  
Randle Rather Bldg., 427 St. George, STE 100, Gonzales, TX 78629

**SUCURSALES TEMPORALES:**  
Nixon City Building, 100 W. 3rd St., Nixon, TX 78140  
Waelder City Hall, 300 Hwy 90 W., Waelder, TX 78959

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De lunes a viernes	23 de octubre al 27 de octubre	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Lunes a miércoles	30 de octubre al 1 de noviembre	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Jueves y viernes	2 de noviembre y 3 de noviembre	7:00 am – 7:00 pm

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Gonzales County Court will be holding a hearing for a Mass Gathering permit for Cattle County 2023 to be held in Gonzales. The hearing is pursuant to the State Law required under the Health and Safety Code Title 9, Safety, Subtitle A. Public Safety, Chapter 751. Mass Gathering.

The hearing will be held on October 26, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. in the Gonzales County Commissioners Courtroom located on the first floor of the Courthouse.

At the hearing, any person may appear and testify for or against granting the permit. Any person that testifies will be allotted 3 minutes each to speak.

After the completion of the hearing prescribed by section 751.006, the County Judge shall enter his findings in the record and shall either grant or deny the permit.



Patrick C. Davis  
Gonzales County Judge

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF GONZALES COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT On Proposed Additions and Amendments to the District's Management Plan

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District ("the District") will hold a public workshop for the purpose of receiving comments on proposed additions and amendments to the Management Plan of the District.

The Board of Directors will take public comments on the proposed amendments to the Management Plan on Monday, November 07, 2023, at the District office located at 522 Saint Matthew Street, Gonzales, Texas. The public workshop will begin at 5:30 p.m. Agenda is as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. President of the Board to make comments.
3. Receive comments from the public on the District's proposed Management Plan.
4. Discussion of other items of interest by the Board and direction to management.
5. Adjourn.

Copies of the proposed additions and amendments to the Management Plan of the District are available at the offices of the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District, 522 Saint Matthew Street, Gonzales, Texas, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on the District's website at [www.gcuwcd.org](http://www.gcuwcd.org).

Written comments should be submitted to the General Manager, PO Box 1919, Gonzales, Texas 78629 by November 07, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. or presented at the hearing.

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1. Call to order.
2. President of the Board to make comments.
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## Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Erasmo Marcelino Salazar, Deceased, were issued on October 10, 2023, in Cause No. PW23-0298, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Eduardo Salazar Escobar.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Robert W. Bland**  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 119  
GONZALES, TX 78629

Dated the 11th day of October, 2023.



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### ANEXO C DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN PARA LOS VOTANTES SOBRE LA PROPOSICIÓN A DEL WAELDER ISD

(1) El lenguaje que aparecerá en la boleta para la Proposición A se establece a continuación:

#### PROPOSICIÓN A DE WAELDER ISD

A FAVOR

LA EMISIÓN DE \$5,826,000 EN BONOS PARA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO, INCLUSO RENOVACIONES EN TODO EL DISTRITO, Y LA COMPRA DE LOS PREDIOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES, Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO RELACIONADO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

EN CONTRA

(2) Cierta información con respecto a la deuda del Distrito se provee en el cuadro siguiente:

Cantidad de capital de los bonos a autorizar:	Interés estimado de los bonos a autorizar:	Capital e interés combinados estimados de los bonos a autorizar:	Capital de toda la deuda fiscal pendiente (al 8/14/23):	Interés remanente estimado de toda la deuda fiscal pendiente (al 8/14/23):	Capital e interés sobre toda la deuda fiscal pendiente combinados estimados (al 8/14/23):
\$5,826,000	\$4,635,540	\$10,461,540	\$2,445,000	\$725,850	\$3,170,850

El aumento anual, máximo y estimado en la cantidad de impuestos que se impondrían sobre una residencia principal en el Distrito (a) con una tasación fiscal de \$100,000 para repagar los bonos a ser autorizados bajo la Proposición A es \$0 y (b) con una tasación fiscal de \$150,000 para repagar los bonos a ser autorizados bajo la Proposición A es \$55.18, si se supone: (i) la exención al bien de familia de \$100,000, (ii) que los bonos se emiten en 2024, (iii) una amortización de los bonos a lo largo de 25 años, (iv) una tasa de interés del 4.50% sobre los bonos propuestos y (v) un crecimiento anual del 2.50% en las tasaciones fiscales gravables en el Distrito hasta el año fiscal 2034 y 0.50% de crecimiento a partir de entonces durante la vigencia de los bonos. Lo anterior es solo un estimado provisto para cumplir con la ley de Texas y está sujeto a cambios; no sirve como una limitación o una garantía con respecto a las deudas pendientes, la cantidad de impuestos que se han de imponer, el período de amortización para los bonos o las demás obligaciones de deuda del Distrito, tasas de interés o tasaciones fiscales gravables.

### DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN PARA LOS VOTANTES SOBRE LA PROPOSICIÓN B DEL WAELDER ISD

(1) El lenguaje que aparecerá en la boleta para la Proposición B se establece a continuación:

#### PROPOSICIÓN B DE WAELDER ISD

A FAVOR

LA EMISIÓN DE \$1,100,000 EN BONOS PARA RENOVACIÓN, EQUIPAMIENTO Y MEJORA DE INSTALACIONES RECREATIVAS, INCLUSO LA CONVERSIÓN DEL PABELLÓN DEL DISTRITO A UN GIMNASIO CLIMATIZADO; Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO SUFICIENTE PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO RELACIONADO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

EN CONTRA

(2) Cierta información con respecto a la deuda del Distrito se provee en el cuadro siguiente:

Cantidad de capital de los bonos a autorizar:	Interés estimado de los bonos a autorizar:	Capital e interés combinados estimados de los bonos a autorizar:	Capital de toda la deuda fiscal pendiente (al 8/14/23)	Interés remanente estimado de toda la deuda fiscal pendiente (al 8/14/23):	Capital e interés sobre toda la deuda fiscal pendiente combinados estimados (al 8/14/23):
\$1,100,000	\$875,231	\$1,975,231	\$2,445,000	\$725,850	\$3,170,850

El aumento anual, máximo y estimado en la cantidad de impuestos que se impondrían sobre una residencia principal en el Distrito (a) con una tasación fiscal de \$100,000 para repagar los bonos a ser autorizados bajo la Proposición A es \$0 y (b) con una tasación fiscal de \$150,000 para repagar los bonos a ser autorizados bajo la Proposición A es \$11.57, si se supone: (i) la exención al bien de familia de \$100,000, (ii) que los bonos se emiten en 2024, (iii) una amortización de los bonos a lo largo de 25 años, (iv) una tasa de interés del 4.50% sobre los bonos propuestos y (v) un crecimiento anual del 2.50% en las tasaciones fiscales gravables en el Distrito hasta el año fiscal 2034 y 0.50% de crecimiento a partir de entonces durante la vigencia de los bonos. Lo anterior es solo un estimado provisto para cumplir con la ley de Texas y está sujeto a cambios; no sirve como una limitación o una garantía con respecto a las deudas pendientes, la cantidad de impuestos que se han de imponer, el período de amortización para los bonos o las demás obligaciones de deuda del Distrito, tasas de interés o tasaciones fiscales gravables.

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# Teen video contest underway at Gonzales National Bank

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales National Bank is accepting submissions for its Lights, Camera, Save! video contest. The contest, organized by the American Bankers Association Foundation, is a national competition that encourages teens to use video to communicate the value of sound money management and set their peers on a sound financial path.

"Lights, Camera, Save! gives our students an opportunity to harness their creativity, learn about using money wisely and communicate those lessons with their peers," said Maria Toro, Assistant Vice President with First National Bank of Shiner. "A strong financial education is critical to a successful future and we are thrilled to participate in a contest that reinforces that message."

To participate, students (ages 13-18) must create a video, 30-seconds or less, on using money wisely and submit a link to the



video along with a completed entry form to the bank by Dec. 1, 2023. The contest is open to filmmakers of all experience levels.

First National Bank of Shiner will host the first round of judging and select a winner to compete on the national level for one of three cash prizes, including \$5,000 for first place, \$2,500 for second place and \$1,000 for the third place. National contestants will face off head-to-head in the first round of national judging on ABA's Insta-

gram page which will determine which videos advance to the second round of national judging.

Videos will be judged on their quality, message, content and the criteria set forth by the contest's official rules.

To learn more about Lights, Camera, Save! email lightscamerasave@fnbshiner.com to request the contestant packet. Once completed you will receive your contestant entry form to enter.

# VC's Museum of the Coastal Bend to host fun, fall events

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College's Museum of the Coastal Bend will host fun and family-friendly events this fall.

Celebrate International Archaeology Day on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Participate in free activities for children and adults. The museum's Public Archaeology Lab volunteers will host a free artifact ID session from 1-3 p.m.

Hands-on History: Cave Painting will also be taking place on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Learn how to make pigments from powdered minerals and create your own cave art paintings and drawings just like the early people of Texas. Appropriate for children and adults; \$5 supply fee per person. Free for museum members and VC employees. Advance registration is not required for Hands-on History activities. Supplies are limited; first-come, first-served.

Experience the museum like never before this spooky season at Spooky Flashlight Tour on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5-7 p.m. Flashlights will be furnished to all attendees.

The museum is located at 2200 E. Red River. For more event details or information, contact Claudia Moseley, MCB Education Coordinator at (361) 582-2559.

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# 67th Saturn Homecoming held

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On Sunday, Oct. 8, the 67th Saturn Homecoming was held. Fifty-six people met at the Saturn Community Building and enjoyed fellowship, food, and the live auction.

Thank you to all the donors and buyers that supported the live auction. Loved ones were recognized since the last gathering in 2022.

In addition, the following were recognized: longest married couple Wayne & Teri Koch; couple most recently married Johnny and Kourtney Derocher; farthest travelled Richard Hamerness; youngest person River Carter; oldest person Gladys Campion; closest birthday to annual homecoming Allen Knox; and service to our country Leon Schacherl.

The 68th Saturn Homecoming will be held Oct. 13, 2024 (Second Sunday in October). All are invited to the next meeting where elections will take place on Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Saturn Community Center.

# IsElation

Hi there everyone, I hope you're doing well. While today's title may seem/sound kinda strange, it is not a spelling error. It's a combination of two different words; isolation, meaning to be separated from, and elation, meaning to be happy about it. It seems that as the world we live in is changing at an accelerated pace these days, it's all we can do to try and keep up. Kind of reminds me of chasing the school bus after oversleeping a bit, which many of us have had some experience with, though many years ago by now, are still fond memories none the less.

I'll explain the title a little further, but want to encourage everyone to keep the nation of Israel in your prayers after recent attacks. They are Gods chosen people and their main enemy (Satan) is still trying to eradicate them by any means necessary. Besides the horror of war and the human crisis at hand, it's important to back them as we, the United States of America, are still considered "one nation under God", and in spite of Satan's attacks here, want to remain that way!

The world is definitely going through some growing pains, especially in the area of technology. While there are plenty of good things, like convenience, medical advancement, communication etc., there are most definitely some drawbacks as well. Between the internet, satellites, cam-



**ERIC ESTES**  
Love, Eric and Eloise

eras everywhere, smart phones, cars, TVs etc., we're so connected now, the only way out would be to journey back to the days of early man. Don't get me wrong, I love the conveniences as well, but I mean, have you seen the price of loin cloths these days? And no matter how hard I try, I just can't rock the bone in the nose look.

In the book of Exodus, the first of God's Ten Commandments states that "You shall have no other gods before me." Between our love of self, and the somewhat misguided pleasures technological advantages afford us, we're walking dangerously close to that line. I've run across many articles and newscasts on the subject of our declining personal relationships and social interaction with each other due to the rise in the use of these "modern" advances. It seems that our current addiction to our phones has made us realize that Covid wasn't solely responsible for social distancing. While the pandemic hit us like a ton of bricks, technology has been way more subtle, and as the pace picks up, we're apparently on the verge of a new frontier...dating avatars.

Recent studies have indicated that romantic relationships among the young are in decline. Currently, 63% of men under thirty are single, compared to 34% of females, and approximately 50% of those men are not seeking serious relationships. This is expected to lead to a further decline in future births, now lowered by 50% over the last 60 years. It seems that many younger women are turning to older men who will give them children. Sorry girls, I'm off the market. Besides, who wants ugly babies?

This new trend of dating digital avatars was introduced in the 2013 movie "Her", starring Joaquin Phoenix and Scarlett Johansson, an interesting watch if you haven't seen it. Joaquin falls for his virtual assistant and goes for a wild ride along the way, with a bit of an unexpected twist at the end. One of his friends explains that she understood because he always wanted a "wife without the challenges of dealing with anything real." It seems like more people are falling into this mindset, leading to even more of an iselation reality. Yep, life's complicated, confusing, and harder than we'd like, but I can't see this scenario ending up very well. Too much to cover on this topic, so I'll continue next week...stay tuned.

Until next time, have a great week, love you guys, Eric.

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**Constitutional Amendment and Joint Election** (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución y Elección Conjunta)  
**Gonzales County, Texas** (Condado de Gonzales, Texas)  
**November 7, 2023** (7 de Noviembre de 2023)  
**Official Ballot** (Boleta Oficial)

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Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)	Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)	Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 1</b> "The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 1 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que protege el derecho a dedicarse a la agricultura, la ganadería, la producción de madera, la horticultura y la gestión de la vida silvestre.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 4</b> "The constitutional amendment authorizes the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to exempt certain apartments to pay ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 4 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional para autorizar a la legislatura a establecer un límite temporal sobre el valor máximo de tasación de los bienes inmuebles que no sean residencias familiares a efectos de impuestos ad valorem; a aumentar el monto de la exención de impuestos ad valorem por un distrito escolar aplicable a las residencias familiares de \$40,000 a \$100,000; a ajustar el monto de la limitación de los impuestos ad valorem del distrito escolar aplicados a las residencias familiares de personas mayores o discapacitadas para reflejar los aumentos en ciertos montos de exención; a excluir ciertas asignaciones de pagar para el alivio del impuesto ad valorem de la limitación constitucional sobre la tasa de crecimiento de las asignaciones; y a autorizar a la legislatura a prever un mandato de cuatro años de cargo para un miembro de la junta directiva de ciertos distritos de tasación.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 6</b> "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 6 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que crea el fondo de agua de Texas con el fin de facilitar el financiamiento de proyectos hídricos en este estado.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 2</b> "The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 2 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza una exención opcional a nivel local de impuestos ad valorem por un condado o municipio sobre la totalidad o parte del valor tasado de los bienes inmuebles utilizados para operar una instalación de cuidado infantil.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 5</b> "The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 5 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional relacionada con el Fondo Universitario de Texas (Texas University Fund), que establece financiamiento para ciertas instituciones de educación superior con el fin de lograr renombre nacional como importantes universidades de investigación e impulsar la economía estatal.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 7</b> "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 7 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que establece la creación del fondo de energía de Texas con el fin de apoyar la construcción, mantenimiento, modernización y operación de instalaciones generadoras de energía eléctrica.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)
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Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)	Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)	Gonzales Independent School District (Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gonzales)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 9</b> "The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuities of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 9 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la 88a Legislatura a proporcionar un ajuste por costo de vida a ciertos beneficiarios del Sistema de Jubilación de Maestros de Texas.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 13</b> "The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 13 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional para aumentar la edad obligatoria de jubilación para los magistrados y jueces estatales.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>Proposition B</b> "THE ISSUANCE OF \$44,480,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF ATHLETIC STADIUM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. REQUIRED STATEMENT FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.003, TEXAS EDUCATION CODE." <b>(Proposition B)</b> ("LA EMISIÓN DE \$44,480,000 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN, MEJORA Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE INSTALACIONES DEL ESTADIO DEPORTIVO EN EL DISTRITO, Y EL BRINDAMIENTO Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CREDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL. DECLARACIÓN REQUERIDA PARA TODAS LAS PROPOSICIONES DE BONOS DE DISTRITOS ESCOLARES EN VIRTUD DE LA SECCIÓN 45.003 DEL CÓDIGO DE EDUCACIÓN DE TEXAS.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 10</b> "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 10 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a eximir de impuestos ad valorem los equipos o inventarios pertenecientes a un fabricante de productos médicos o biomédicos con el fin de proteger a la red de atención médica de Texas y fortalecer nuestra cadena de suministro médico.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 14</b> "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 14 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que establece la creación del Fondo de conservación de los parques centenarios que se utilizará para la creación y mejora de los parques estatales.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>Proposition A</b> "THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,600,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING DISTRICT WIDE SAFETY, SECURITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND LIFECYCLE PROJECTS, A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUILDING AND AN AGRICULTURAL BARN, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. REQUIRED STATEMENT FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.003, TEXAS EDUCATION CODE." <b>(Proposition A)</b> ("LA EMISIÓN DE \$50,600,000 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN, MEJORA Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO, INCLUIDO PROYECTOS DE PROTECCIÓN, SEGURIDAD, ACCESIBILIDAD Y CICLO DE VIDA PARA TODO EL DISTRITO, UN EDIFICIO PARA EDUCACIÓN TÉCNICA Y PROFESIONAL Y UN GALPÓN AGRARIO, Y EL BRINDAMIENTO Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CREDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL. DECLARACIÓN REQUERIDA PARA TODAS LAS PROPOSICIONES DE BONOS DE DISTRITOS ESCOLARES EN VIRTUD DE LA SECCIÓN 45.003 DEL CÓDIGO DE EDUCACIÓN DE TEXAS.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 11</b> "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 11 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a permitir que los distritos de conservación y reclamación en el Condado de El Paso emitan bonos respaldados por impuestos ad valorem para financiar el desarrollo y mantenimiento de parques e instalaciones recreativas.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 12</b> "The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 12 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que establece la abolición del cargo de tesorero del condado en el Condado de Galveston.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>Vote Both Sides</b> (Vote ambos lados)
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# Sample Ballot - County/WISD

**Constitutional Amendment and Joint Election** (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución y Elección Conjunta)  
**Gonzales County, Texas** (Condado de Gonzales, Texas)  
**November 7, 2023** (7 de Noviembre de 2023)  
**Official Ballot** (Boleta Oficial)

**INSTRUCTION NOTE:**  
Vote for the statement of your choice in each race by darkening in the oval (●) provided to the left of the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.  
**(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN):**  
(Vote por la declaración de su preferencia en cada carrera llenando completamente el espacio ovalado (●) a la izquierda de la declaración.)

Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)	Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)	Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 1</b> "The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 1 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que protege el derecho a dedicarse a la agricultura, la ganadería, la producción de madera, la horticultura y la gestión de la vida silvestre.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 4</b> "The constitutional amendment authorizes the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to exempt certain apartments to pay ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 4 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional para autorizar a la legislatura a establecer un límite temporal sobre el valor máximo de tasación de los bienes inmuebles que no sean residencias familiares a efectos de impuestos ad valorem; a aumentar el monto de la exención de impuestos ad valorem por un distrito escolar aplicable a las residencias familiares de \$40,000 a \$100,000; a ajustar el monto de la limitación de los impuestos ad valorem del distrito escolar aplicados a las residencias familiares de personas mayores o discapacitadas para reflejar los aumentos en ciertos montos de exención; a excluir ciertas asignaciones de pagar para el alivio del impuesto ad valorem de la limitación constitucional sobre la tasa de crecimiento de las asignaciones; y a autorizar a la legislatura a prever un mandato de cuatro años de cargo para un miembro de la junta directiva de ciertos distritos de tasación.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 6</b> "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 6 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que crea el fondo de agua de Texas con el fin de facilitar el financiamiento de proyectos hídricos en este estado.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 2</b> "The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 2 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza una exención opcional a nivel local de impuestos ad valorem por un condado o municipio sobre la totalidad o parte del valor tasado de los bienes inmuebles utilizados para operar una instalación de cuidado infantil.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 5</b> "The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 5 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional relacionada con el Fondo Universitario de Texas (Texas University Fund), que establece financiamiento para ciertas instituciones de educación superior con el fin de lograr renombre nacional como importantes universidades de investigación e impulsar la economía estatal.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 7</b> "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 7 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que establece la creación del fondo de energía de Texas con el fin de apoyar la construcción, mantenimiento, modernización y operación de instalaciones generadoras de energía eléctrica.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 3</b> "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 3 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que prohíbe la aplicación de un impuesto sobre la riqueza o el patrimonio neto individual, lo que incluye un impuesto basado en la diferencia entre los activos y pasivos de una persona o familia.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 8</b> "The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 8 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que crea el fondo para infraestructura de banda ancha con el fin de expandir el acceso a la banda ancha de alta velocidad y facilitar el financiamiento de proyectos de conectividad.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 9</b> "The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuities of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 9 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la 88a Legislatura a proporcionar un ajuste por costo de vida a ciertos beneficiarios del Sistema de Jubilación de Maestros de Texas.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)
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Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)	Constitutional Amendment Election (Elección sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)	Waelder Independent School District (Distrito Escolar Independiente de Waelder)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 9</b> "The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuities of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 9 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la 88a Legislatura a proporcionar un ajuste por costo de vida a ciertos beneficiarios del Sistema de Jubilación de Maestros de Texas.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 13</b> "The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 13 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional para aumentar la edad obligatoria de jubilación para los magistrados y jueces estatales.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>Proposition B</b> "THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 BONDS FOR THE RENOVATION, EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING CONVERSION OF THE DISTRICT PAVILION TO A CLIMATE-CONTROLLED GYMNASIUM; AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE." <b>(Proposition B)</b> ("LA EMISIÓN DE \$1,100,000 EN BONOS PARA RENOVACIÓN, EQUIPAMIENTO Y MEJORA DE INSTALACIONES RECREATIVAS, INCLUIDO LA CONVERSIÓN DEL PABELLÓN DEL DISTRITO A UN GIMNASIO CLIMATIZADO Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO SUFFICIENTE PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CREDITO RELACIONADO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 10</b> "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 10 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a eximir de impuestos ad valorem los equipos o inventarios pertenecientes a un fabricante de productos médicos o biomédicos con el fin de proteger a la red de atención médica de Texas y fortalecer nuestra cadena de suministro médico.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 14</b> "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 14 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que establece la creación del Fondo de conservación de los parques centenarios que se utilizará para la creación y mejora de los parques estatales.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>Proposition A</b> "THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,826,000 BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING DISTRICT-WIDE RENOVATIONS, AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE." <b>(Proposition A)</b> ("LA EMISIÓN DE \$5,826,000 EN BONOS PARA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO, INCLUIDO RENOVACIONES EN TODO EL DISTRITO, Y LA COMPRA DE LOS PREDIOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES, Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE UN IMPUESTO PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CREDITO RELACIONADO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)
<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 11</b> "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 11 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a permitir que los distritos de conservación y reclamación en el Condado de El Paso emitan bonos respaldados por impuestos ad valorem para financiar el desarrollo y mantenimiento de parques e instalaciones recreativas.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 12</b> "The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County." <b>(PROPUESTA NÚMERO 12 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS)</b> ("La enmienda constitucional que establece la abolición del cargo de tesorero del condado en el Condado de Galveston.") <input type="radio"/> For (A Favor) <input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)	<b>Vote Both Sides</b> (Vote ambos lados)
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