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Iranian students scuffle with police Saturday at the University of Tehran. Demonstrations in major cities are growing violent, with at least two people shot.

Iran protesters urge ouster of top cleric

Demonstrations enter third day over economy, lack of freedoms

NEW YORK TIMES

Iran's leaders were confronted by unauthorized protests in major cities for the third straight day Saturday, with crowds aiming their anger at the supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and some demanding that he step down.

The demonstrators first took to the streets of Mashhad, one of the holiest places in Shiite Islam, on Thursday. By Saturday, dozens of people had been arrested, and police had fired tear gas to disperse crowds.

On Saturday night, the protests turned violent, with at least two demonstrators shot in the western town of Dorud, according to videos posted on social media. At least one of the videos was verified by BBC Persian. It could not be determined who was responsible for the gunfire.

The protests, which erupted over declining economic conditions, corruption and a lack of personal freedoms, presented a serious challenge to the government of President Hassan Rouhani, who won re-election on promises to revitalize the economy.

On Saturday, the angry crowds turned out on the



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In a counter-demonstration, Iranians chant Saturday as they march in support of the government near the Imam Khomeini grand mosque in Tehran.

same day that an annual pro-government rally took place in Tehran to commemorate counter-demonstrations against those who had challenged the re-election of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as president in 2009.

But the pro-government rallies, planned for 1,200 cities and towns, according to the state media, were overshadowed in intensity by Iranians in Tehran shouting, "Death to the dictator" and "Clerics should get lost," witnesses said.

Overtly political demonstrations are rare in Iran, where security services are omnipresent.

The Interior Ministry urged Iranians on Saturday "not to participate in these illegal gatherings as they will create problems for themselves and other citizens," according to the BBC.

The Revolutionary

Guards, which along with its Basij militia spearheaded a crackdown against protesters in 2009, said in a statement carried by state news media Saturday that efforts were underway to replicate that unrest, and that Iran "will not allow the country to be hurt."

Later in the evening, police fired tear gas to disperse crowds protesting at Tehran's central Vali-e Asr Square, a witness said.

About 4,000 people, meanwhile, turned out for the annual pro-government rally in the capital, state media reported. State television stations showed marchers carrying banners in support of Khamenei in Mashhad, Iran's second-largest city.

President Donald Trump tweeted support for the protesters, saying the government should respect the people's right to express themselves.

AROUND THE WORLD

GERMANY

'Safety area' for women draws police ire

BERLIN — A German police union boss has criticized organizers of Berlin's annual open-air New Year's Eve party for designating a special "safety area" for women, saying it suggests they aren't safe from assault elsewhere.

The comments by Rainer Wendt, who heads the right-leaning DPolG union, come amid an ongoing debate in Germany about how to tackle an increase in sexual assaults. Wendt told the Neue Osnabruecker Zeitung daily in an interview published Saturday that establishing such a safe zone sends a "devastating message."

"By doing so one is saying there are safe zones and unsafe zones" for women that could result in "the end of equality, freedom of movement and self-determination," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

Wendt said the move appeared to ignore the "political dimension" in Germany, two years after hundreds of women reported being assaulted

or robbed during New Year's Eve celebrations in Cologne. The suspects in most of those assaults were migrants.

The number of rapes and sexual assaults recorded in Germany last year rose 12.8 percent compared to 2015, to 7,919 cases, an increase blamed on an influx of asylum-seekers, many young and male. Statistics for 2017 aren't yet available.

EGYPT

Video shows church gunman calmly strolling

CAIRO — Video clips circulating on social media on Saturday show the gunman who opened fire outside an Egyptian church and a nearby store owned by a Copt in an attack that killed at least nine people walking armed and unchallenged on a residential street for nearly 10 minutes.

The gunman, the videos show, stops only occasionally to shoot at his pursuers before he is himself shot.

The sight of the gunman's calm just minutes after Friday's attack contrasted with the self-congratulation pro-government media basked in on Saturday; their coverage focused on how police "successfully" prevented "the Islamic State militant from breaking into the church and detonating an explosive device said to

have been found on him.

The Interior Ministry, which oversees the police, said the gunman was wounded and arrested, but the Health Ministry said he was shot dead.

The discrepancy could not be immediately reconciled.

Ex-president gets 3 years for insulting judges

CAIRO — An Egyptian court convicted former Islamist President Mohamed Morsi and 19 others on Saturday of insulting the judiciary, sentencing



Morsi

them to three years in prison in a court session aired on TV. All the defendants are accused of insulting the judiciary by making statements that were made public either on TV, radio, social media or in publications that the court found to be inciting and expressing contempt toward the court and the judiciary.

The court ordered Morsi to pay 1 million Egyptian pounds (\$56,270) as compensation to one of the judges and 1 million Egyptian pounds to a powerful union of judges known as the "Judges Club," state-run Al-Ahram newspaper reported.

From wire reports



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Galena Park Independent School District (GPISD) is soliciting proposals for **RFP 18-003 Furniture-Office, Classroom, Cafeteria, and Specialty Furnishings**. Details are more fully set out in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The submission deadline will be 10:00 A.M. CST on January 17, 2018, at the GPISD Admin Bldg., Room Q109, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Dept. at purchasing@galenaparkisd.com or on our website: <http://www.galenaparkisd.com/departments/purchasing/upcomingBids.php>. Galena Park ISD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. as Construction Manager for CFISD will receive bids or proposals from all qualified subcontractors for the 2017 Moore Elementary School Restoration GMP Package, Phase 2.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held **January 16, 2018 at 1:30 pm at the site, 13734 Lakewood Forest Drive, Houston, Texas 77070.**

Bids or proposals are due **January 26, 2018 at 2pm.** Bids or proposals should be emailed to Houstonbids@satpon.com, faxed to 713-690-2299, or mailed/delivered to Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc., 11000 Equity Drive, Suite 100, Houston Texas 77041. Late bids will not be accepted.

There will be no public opening of bids or proposals. All bids or proposals shall be available after award of contract, or the 7th day after final selection of bids or proposals, whichever is later. After receipt of bids or proposals, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. will conduct its evaluation of the subcontractor bids or proposals in relation to the project requirements and will select the bid(s) or proposal(s) that offers the best value to CFISD.

CFISD, the Owner, reserves the right to waive any informality and/or to reject any, or all bids, or proposals.

Contact Terry Haugle at thaugle@satpon.com for additional information on the project.

100% Drawings will be issued on January 4, 2018.

Drawings and Specifications may also be reviewed at:
Associated General Contractors, 3825 Dacoma Street, Houston, TX 77092, (713) 843-3700
McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge, www.construction.com
Virtual Builders Exchange, 3910 Kirby, #131, Houston, TX 77098, (832) 613-0201

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Sealed Proposal Solicitation #TP07-18 Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program Trenchless Pipeline Rehabilitation Services
Pre-Proposal Conference: 01/15/18 @ 9am
Response Deadline: 03/13/18 @ 1pm
Public Opening: 03/13/18 @ 2pm
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SANTA FE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is requesting Competitive Sealed Proposals for A New Elementary School. A pre-proposal conference will be held at the Cowan Administration Building, 4133 Warpath, Santa Fe, TX 77510 at 10 AM on Wednesday, January 09, 2018. Contractors are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-proposal conference and to visit the site to become familiar with the work. The Competitive Sealed Proposals will be received at Santa Fe ISD Cowan Administration Building, 4133 Warpath, Santa Fe, TX until 2:00 PM (Base Proposals) and 3:00 PM (Alternate Proposals) on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. A public opening will be held at the above address immediately following the closing time of 3:00 PM. Plans and specifications may be obtained at Thomas Printworks, 4235 Richmond Avenue, Houston, TX, 77041. 713.621.0022. A refundable deposit of \$250.00 will be required for each set of documents. Checks are to be made payable to Santa Fe ISD. Contact Jerry Bevel, cre8 Architects, 713.526.2738 for additional information.


REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS
TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION FRASSATI WAY AT SPRING STUEBNER ROAD
The Klein Independent School District will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the Klein Independent School District Administrative Building, 7200 Spring-Cypress Road, Klein, Texas 77379. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the above location. Evaluation Criteria are published in the "Instructions to Offerors", and a qualification statement is required as per section 1.23. Bid documents, plans and specifications are available electronically from <https://www.civicsusa.com/user/project/5a39567bfbcc10c86c9dc25/plans> and are also available by request from Traffic Engineers, Inc. The Owner Reserves the right to waive any Informalities and to reject any or all proposals.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) is planning to issue the procurement documents listed in this advertisement.
IFB No. 4018000041: For Cleaning of the Stormwater Oil Water Separators. Solicitation will be available on or about 1/2/2018.

Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at <https://www.ridemetroapp.org/procurement/>.

If you are unable to download the documents or having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 739-4881.

LEGAL NOTICE:
This Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket game will close on January 25, 2018. You have until July 24, 2018, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1873 Triple 777** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.12. This Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket game will close on January 28, 2018. You have until July 27, 2018, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#2008 Season's Greetings** (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.45. This Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket game will close on February 1, 2018. You have until July 31, 2018, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1808 Bonus Break the Bank** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.29. These Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket games will close on February 21, 2018. You have until August 20, 2018, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#1843 Instant Winnings** (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.82. **#1854 Lucky Symbols** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.84. **#1839 Back to School Crossword** (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 3.64. **#1867 Mega Loteria** (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.54. **#1822 Winners Galore** (\$20) overall odds are 1 in 1.00. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a lottery claim center or by mail, with a completed Texas Lottery® claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$2,500,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at **800-375-6886** or visit the lottery website at tlottery.org for more information and location of nearest claim center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures and final decisions of the Executive Director. A scratch ticket game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education and veterans. **PLAY RESPONSIBLY.** For help with a gambling problem, ncpgambling.org. © 2017 Texas Lottery Commission. All rights reserved.



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Harris County Department of Education Notice of Public Hearing

The Harris County Department of Education will conduct a public hearing to distribute its FY 2016-17 Annual Financial Management Report on "January 24, 2018" at 1 p.m.

At the public hearing the Report will be distributed and members of the public are permitted to address the Board of Trustees.

The public hearing will be held at Harris County Department of Education in the Board Room at 6300 Irvington Blvd., Houston, Texas 77022

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL
PERMIT NO. W00014936001
APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 500, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. W00014936001 which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 280,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on July 27, 2017.

The facility will be located at 17610 Mound Park, in Harris County, Texas 77433. The treated effluent will be discharged directly to Cypress Creek in Segment No. 1009 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 1009 are high aquatic life use, public water supply, and primary contact recreation. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.956944&lng=-95.688611&z=00m=38&type=s>.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Lone Star College-CyFair Library, 9191 Barker-Cypress Road, Cypress, Texas.

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

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

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

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

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

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

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application and the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea informacion en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 500 at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Jennifer L. Elms, P.E., EHRA, at (713) 784-4500.

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