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Independent Taipei city mayor Ko Wen-je celebrates his re-election with supporters Sunday.

Major defeat for ruling party in Taiwan elections

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TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan’s ruling party was handed a major defeat in local elections Saturday that were seen as a referendum on the administration of the island’s independence-leaning president amid growing economic and political pressure from China.

Soon after the results came in, President Tsai Ing-wen resigned as head of the Democratic Progressive Party. She will remain as president and her resignation will have no direct effect on the business of government, although the results bode ill for her re-election chances in two years.

Rival China said the results reflected a desire of Taiwanese for better relations with the mainland. Ma Xiaoguang, the spokesman for Beijing’s Taiwan Affairs Office, said his government will continue to treat Taiwan as part of China and “resolutely oppose separatist elements advocating ‘Taiwan independence’ and their activities.”

The DPP lost the mayoral election to the Nationalist party in the southern port city of Kaohsiung, where it had held power for 20 years. The Nationalists also defeated the DPP in the central city of Taichung, home to much of Taiwan’s light industry, while Ko Wen-je, the independent mayor of Taipei, the capital, appeared on track to win a second term.

At a brief news conference at DPP headquarters late Saturday, Tsai announced she was stepping down as DPP chair and said she had refused Premier William Lai’s resignation, saying she wanted him to continue her reform agenda.

“Today, democracy taught us a lesson,” Tsai said. “We must study and accept the higher expectations of the people.”

The elections for mayors and thousands of local posts were seen as a key test for Tsai’s 2-year-old administration, which has been under relentless attack from Beijing over her refusal to endorse its claim that Taiwan is a part of China.



Tsai

Tsai and the DPP won a landslide victory in 2016, but China swiftly responded by cutting all links with her government. Beijing has been ratcheting up pressure on the island it claims as its own territory by poaching its diplomatic partners and barring its representatives from international gatherings, while staging threatening military exercises and limiting the numbers of Chinese tourists visiting Taiwan.

The Nationalists, known also as the KMT, had campaigned on their pro-business image and more accommodating line toward Beijing.

Since her election, Tsai has walked a fine line on relations with China, maintaining Taiwan’s de facto independent status that the vast majority of Taiwanese support, while avoiding calls from the more radical elements of her party to declare formal separation from the mainland.

Saturday’s results throw Tsai’s political future into question. While the DPP still controls the national legislature, local politicians are crucial in mobilizing support among grass-roots supporters.

U.S. soldier killed in Afghanistan

2 Afghan troops also die during copter’s landing

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KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military said Saturday that a service member has been killed in Afghanistan, while in a separate incident two Afghan soldiers died when their helicopter failed to land properly.

The brief U.S. military statement did not provide further details on the soldier’s identity or the time or place of death.

The two Afghan soldiers died Saturday when their helicopter made an “emergency landing” in the southern Kandahar province due to a technical problem, Defense Ministry spokesman Ghafor Ahmad Jawad said. He said two other soldiers were wounded when the helicopter caught fire after landing. The Taliban claim to have shot the helicopter down.

In the capital, Kabul, a senior religious scholar was shot and killed, said Basir Mujahid, a spokesman for the capital’s police chief. No one immediately claimed the killing of Abdul Basir Haqqani, but police arrested a man with a pistol

near the scene of the shooting, Mujahid said.

Also Saturday, the Islamic States group in statement posted on its Amaq website claimed responsibility for the suicide attack on Friday inside an army base in eastern Khost province which killed at least 27 army soldiers.

“The attack was carried out by a suicide bomber who detonated his explosive vest among them (army soldiers),” the IS statement said, without mentioning that the attack occurred inside a mosque at the base.

The attack came just days after a suicide bomber killed 55 religious scholars gathered in the Afghan capital to celebrate the holiday marking the birth of Islam’s Prophet Muhammad. The Taliban denied involvement in that bombing, which also wounded 94 people.

The U.S. and NATO formally concluded their combat mission in 2014, but still provide vital support to Afghan security forces, who have been struggling in recent years to combat a resurgent Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate. Some 15,000 U.S. soldiers are currently serving in Afghanistan.



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WALLISVILLE FIRE STATION CHAMBERS COUNTY

Chambers County will accept Competitive Sealed Proposals until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 06, 2018, at the Chambers County Courthouse Purchasing Office Conference Room, 404 Washington Ave, Anahuac, TX 77514 for the Wallisville Fire Station project. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. at the Road and Bridge Conference Room, 201 Chambers County Airport, Anahuac, TX 77514. Proposal Evaluation Criteria are published in the "Instructions to Offerors" section of the proposal documents. Plans and specifications will be released on Monday, November 19, 2018 and are available to general contractors from the following address upon deposit of \$100.00 per set: PBK Architects, Inc., 11 Greenway Plaza, 22nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77046, 713-965-0608. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all proposals.

Sealed request for pro posals addressed to Spring Branch Independent School District, ATTN: Director of Purchasing will be received in the SBISD Purchasing Office at 1031 Witte Rd., BLDG T-1A, Houston, TX 77055-6016 until: **JANUARY 15, 2019 @ 1:00 PM FOR: ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR DATA CABLING UPGRADE (13122) PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 28, 2018 @ 1:00 PM at the SBISD Purchasing Department, 1031 Witte Rd., Bldg. T-1A, Houston, TX 77055.** Proposals will be publicly opened and read at 1031 Witte Road, Building T-1A, Houston, TX 77055, immediately following the deadline for the receiving of the proposals. For information contact the SBISD Purchasing Department at (713) 251-1102. Proposers may download documents from SBISD website on or after 11/19/2018 at: <https://www.springbranchisd.com/about/departments/finance/purchasing/bids-proposals>

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Gamma Construction invites you to propose on the Alvin Independent School District New Junior High School # 8 – Phase II Building Package. The proposals are due on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Please have your proposal either emailed (phaynes@gammacoast.com), faxed, hand delivered or called in by 2:00 p.m. to Gamma Construction attention Pam Haynes. There will be a pre-proposal meeting Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Alvin Independent School District, 301 E. House Street, Board Room, Alvin, Texas 77511. This is not mandatory but highly encouraged. All plans are available at Houston AGC, ABC, Dodge, ISQFT and Gamma’s FTP site, 713-963-0086, fax # 713-963-0961. Alvin Independent School District and Gamma Construction reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all Proposals.

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The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) is planning to issue the procurement documents listed in this advertisement.
IFB No. 4019000019: For Landscaping Services for METRO’s Public Facilities. Solicitation will be available on or about 11/19/2018. 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 are having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 739-4881.

Sealed Bid Solicitation #EM06-19 Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program Earth Moving & Construction Equipment
Pre-Bid Conference: 12/03/18 @ 9 a.m.
Response Deadline: 01/31/19 @ 1pm
Public Opening: 01/31/19 @ 2pm
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX.
Per ADA, reasonable accommodation provided with 24-hour prior notice.
713- 499-6693 or www.hgacbuy.org for info.

Notice of Public Hearing
Royal Prep Leadership Academy, a proposed charter school, sponsored by Generation 360 Foundation for Educational Advancement, will hold a public hearing on December 1, 2018, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Westside Event Center (Meeting Room) located at 2150 Country Place Pkwy, Pearland, TX 77584. Board members: Minih Vo, Renee Lapeyrolerie, and Dr. Tywantha Chisley.

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The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) is planning to issue the procurement documents listed in this advertisement.

IFB No. 4019000024: Bus Stop Improvements. Solicitation will be available on or about 11/27/2018.

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Bid Proposal Invitation-San Jacinto College Longenecker Building Renovation

BID DATE: December 11, 2018 **TIME:** 2:00 PM CT

START DATE: January 2018 **END DATE:** December 2020

PROJECT CONTACT: Mickey Gammenthaler @ mgammenthaler@flintco.com

PROJECT VALUE: \$13,500,000.00

DESCRIPTION: MEP and Life Safety upgrades throughout the building. There is also some architectural improvements that will take place during construction. This building will remain occupied while construction is ongoing. This invitation is limited to the divisions below. The remaining scopes of work have already been bid out.

Flintco, LLC are soliciting proposals from Subcontractors and Suppliers for the San Jacinto College – Longenecker Building Renovation. The following bid division are currently out for bid:

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| Division 3 – Concrete | Division 4 – Masonry |
| Division 5 – Steel and Decorative Handrails | Division 6 – Millwork and Countertops |
| Division 7 – Joint Sealants | Division 8 – Doors Frames and Hardware |
| Division 8 – Glazing | Division 9 – Drywall |
| Division 9 – Resilient Flooring | Division 9 – Tiling |
| Division 9 – Acoustical Ceiling | Division 9 – Terrazzo |
| Division 9 – Painting and Coatings | Division 10 – Specialties |
| Division 27 – Communications and Low Voltage | Division 28 – Electronic Safety and Security |

Proposals by fax 281-767-6301 email- Houstonbids@flintco.com or delivered to Flintco’s office at 2950 North Loop West, Suite 450, Houston TX 77092 are due 12/11/18 @ 2:00 PM.

Prebid walkthrough and conference will be taken place on November 30, 2018 at 1 PM. Contact Flintco for address and room number.

Documents will be available via SmartBidNet.com, AGC, and Builder’s Exchange.

All Bidders are requested to reach out to Flintco to be signed up for our SmartBid distribution.

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ECO SERVICES CORP.
8615 Manchester Street
Houston, Texas 77012

In accordance with the provisions of TCEQ Permit No. HW50095, the Eco Services Houston Plant nominates the following firms as independent inspectors to perform a site environmental audit: CH2M HILL, Environmental Compliance Associates, and URS Corporation. A selection meeting will be held in the Administrative conference room at 4 p.m. on December 17, 2018. The audit will be scheduled at a later date with agreement of all parties. Interested parties may contact Brad Shanks at above address or phone 713-924-1434.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST OF LOGIC AND ACCURACY

Notice is hereby given that OLD TOWN SPRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT will conduct a public test of the logic and accuracy of direct recording electronic voting machines and precinct scanners which will be used in the election to be held on December 15, 2018. The test will determine that the voting machines will accurately record the votes cast for all offices and all propositions.

The tests will be conducted on November 27, 2018 commencing at 9:00 AM at the following location: 606 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, Texas 77373.

AVISO PÚBLICO DE LA PRUEBA DE LÓGICA Y PRECISIÓN

Se notifica por el presente que el DISTRITO DE MEJORAS DE OLD TOWN SPRING, realizarán una prueba de la lógica y precisión de las máquinas de votación electrónicas de grabación directa y de las máquinas escáners que serán utilizadas en la elección a celebrarse el sábado 15 de diciembre de 2018. La prueba determinará que las máquinas de votación registrarán con exactitud los votos que se emitan para todos los cargos y proposiciones.

La prueba se llevará a cabo el 27 de noviembre de 2018 comenzando a las 9:00 a.m. en el siguiente lugar: 606 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, Texas 77373.

CHÍNH XÁC VÀ VIỆC KIỂM TRA CÁC TRANG THIẾT BỊ KIỂM PHIẾU

Thông báo theo đây cho biết rằng CƠ QUAN CẢI TIẾN OLD TOWN SPRING, sẽ tiến hành kiểm tra công khai mức độ lô-gíc và chính xác của máy bỏ phiếu điện tử ghi trực tiếp và các máy quét ó phản khu sẽ được dùng trong cuộc bầu cử diễn ra vào ngày 15 tháng Mười Hai, 2018. Mục đích của buổi kiểm tra là để bảo đảm các máy bỏ phiếu sẽ ghi chính xác các lá phiếu bầu cho tất cả các vị trí và các kế hoạch đề nghị.

Buổi kiểm tra sẽ diễn ra vào ngày 27 tháng Mười Một, 2018, bắt đầu từ 9 giờ sáng, tại địa điểm sau đây: 606 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, Texas 77373.

關於邏輯和準確度測試和自動列表顯示設備測試之公告

特此公告，OLD TOWN SPRING 改善區的，將舉行直接紀錄電子投票機和選區掃描儀的關於邏輯和準確度的公共測試，其將用於與 2018 年 12 月 15 日舉行的選舉。此測試將確定投票機會準確紀錄所有投給辦公室及議案的票數。

此測試將於 2018 年 11 月 27 日，上午 9:00 舉行，地點如下：606 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, Texas 77373.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, TX (METRO), will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 26, 2018**, at 12 noon to receive public comment regarding proposed February 2019 service changes. The proposed changes include:

Realignments to routes; 360, 363, 418; schedule changes to 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 47, 49, 51, 52, 54, 63, 70, 72, 73, 85, 87, 153, 217, 344, 360, and METRORail Red Line; and implementation of new route 364 Missouri City MCTX Flex route.

Information also will be presented for the proposed changes to METRO’s Service and Fare Equity Policies. Copies of proposed route maps and schedules will be available Monday, November 19, 2018, for public review online and at the following location: METRO Administration Building - 1900 Main Street, Houston, TX, 77002, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays. The public hearing will be held in the 2nd floor boardroom at 1900 Main Street, Houston, TX (served by METRO routes 6, 11, 32, 44, 51, 52, 54, 82, 85, 102, 137, 160, 161, 162, 249, and METRORail).

HOW TO COMMENT ABOUT THE SERVICE CHANGES
Attend the public hearing on November 26, 2018.
Write us at METRO, ATTN: February 2019 Service Change, 1900 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002.
Fax comments with a subject line referencing “February 2019 Service Change” to (713) 652-7956.
Call METRO’s Customer Care Line at (713) 635-4000.
Submit comments at METRO’s website - RideMETRO.org.

Comments should be received by METRO no later than the date and time of the public hearing.

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- This Public Hearing conforms to requirements described in the Federal Transit Administration’s Circular 9030.1D, published May 1, 2010, page IV-13.
- METRO does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or in treatment or employment in, its services, programs, and activities.
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