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## Election Day moves into runoff

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As polls closed down in Fort Bend County on Nov. 5, two front runners were evident in the special election for Texas House District 128 - Democratic Candidate Elizabeth "Eliz" Markowitz and Republican Gary Gates. The two are likely headed into a runoff election because neither was able to garner 50 percent or more of the vote in the district as required by Texas law.

"I commend each and every one of my Re-

publican colleagues for putting their all into it and I look forward to working to change the narrative and hopefully move into a positive runoff with Mr. Gates," Markowitz said.

Unofficial results show Markowitz receiving about 39 percent of the vote while Gates received about 28 percent. Markowitz was the only Democratic candidate while Gates was joined by five other Republicans - Anna Allred, Clinton D. Purnell, Sarah Laningham, Tricia Krenek and Gary Hale. Krenek received about 18 percent of the vote while no other candidates received more than 10 percent.

Craig Murphy, a spokesman for the Gary Gates campaign, said the campaign felt the election was generally a win for Republicans with that party's candidates taking a little more than 60 percent of the vote. He added that the runoff campaign should run smoothly moving forward.

"We're going to continue doing what we've been doing," Murphy said. "[Gates is] going to be walking door to door. He's hit 5,000 households himself already."

This special election for Texas House District 28 was prompted by former Representa-

tive John Zerwas' (R-Richmond) resignation in September of this year. Zerwas has since moved on to become the University of Texas System health administrator.

A runoff election occurs in Texas whenever no candidate in a race obtains a majority of more than 50 percent of the vote according to the Texas Election Code. Candidates for a runoff include the two candidates in the race that received the two highest percentages of the overall vote. Canvassing of the vote must

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## Katy schools on top of list

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy Independent School District continues to dominate Niche's list of the best Houston-area public schools. Just recently Niche, an independent research and analysis firm, named Katy ISD as the number one school district in the greater Houston area, as well as ranked 19 of the District's elementary campuses in its list of top 25 elementary schools. Now, the organization has also ranked 8 Katy ISD junior highs within the top 25 spots in its annual list of "2020 Best Public Middle Schools in the Houston area." This is up from last year, which had 7 Katy ISD junior highs on the list.

"Katy ISD has outstanding teachers and staff who work hard every day to make certain our students are exposed to critical and innovative thinking skills, problem solving and collaboration," said Dr. Ken Gregorski, Superintendent of Katy ISD. "It is the passion and knowledge that they bring to the classroom day in and day out that makes this school district a leader in Texas and the nation."

Each year, Niche (an independent research and data analysis organization) assesses school districts from across the country. The

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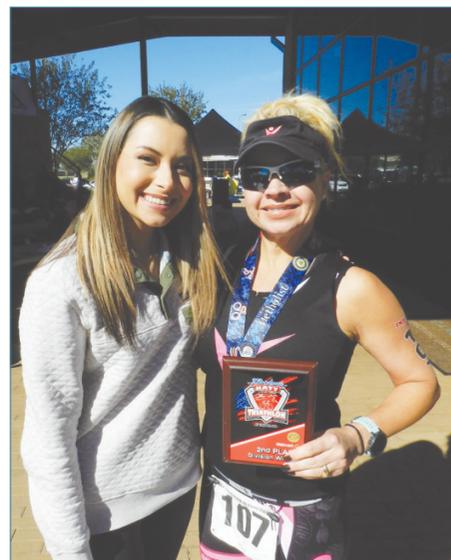
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## A CHILLY SUCCESS

Another great run for annual Katy triathlon



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See more photos of the Katy triathlon on page A8



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The Katy Triathlon at Cane Island wrapped up its 27th year of action last weekend. It is one of the oldest triathlons in Houston. The money raised goes toward scholarships and charities. It is a sprint triathlon that include a 500-meter swim, 15-mile bike ride and three-mile run. The new course at Cane Island made its debut in 2018. Racers are encouraged to stay in Katy the night before the event to enjoy what the city has to offer. "It was a great event, we had over 300 participants. There was a little chill when the race started but turned out to be a beautiful day. Post party was outstanding with the athletes, family, and friends. Next year is set for Labor Day weekend Sept 6, 2020," said Scotty Jung, president of the Katy Rotary Club. For full results go to <https://www.trisignup.com/Race/Results/10728/#resultSetId-179328;perPage:10>

## COUGARS

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ended up recruiting, and getting, sophomore guard Quentin Grimes, a native of The Woodlands. While Grimes is a gifted athlete and scorer, he is not the shooter Brooks or Davis were.

The Cougars' top returner in 3-point makes is redshirt sophomore forward Cedrick Alley Jr. (31) and their top returner in 3-point percentage is sophomore guard Nate Hinton (.337).

It makes for an interesting transition for an offense built upon spacing.

"Our strength won't be 3-point shooting," Sampson said. "I'm not sure it would have been a strength on our team if the line had not changed. Guys like Armoni and Corey make you think, well, who's going to be our 3-point shooters this year? I think the numbers will show, at the end of the year, there won't be as many 3s attempted, certainly by our team. Those guys were snipers. You looked at us and say, 'Boy, your zone offense is really good tonight.' Yeah, because Armoni and Corey made 3s. When you don't have

that, you have to find another way to do it, and that's not as easy as it sounds."

### Potential reigns

Sampson likes this year's team because of what it can become.

"Potential. This team can be pretty good," he said. "I like our five guards: (redshirt junior) Dejon (Jarreau), Quentin, Nate, (redshirt freshman) Caleb Mills and (freshman) Marcus (Sasser). A lot of lineups will surprise people. Up front, we've always liked the Noah's Ark approach. Two fours (forwards), three fives (centers). We're an inexperienced team."

Mills and Sasser will essentially fill roles left behind by veteran playmakers Davis and Galen Robinson Jr. The five guards are the crux of the Cougars' identity.

Sampson said the team has only been at full health together for four of the first 18 practices this season.

"Guys don't come in and be where guys were," Sampson said. "And I'm watching it. We're not nearly as good of a team right now as we were in January, February and March. Nowhere close to as good. Now, hopefully, when we get to January this year, we'll be

improving. I know what I have and I know what we're working with, and we have a long way to go."

The Cougars open the season Nov. 12 at home versus Alabama State.

### In favor, but with exception

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, the NCAA voted unanimously to allow student-athletes to be compensated for their name, image and likeness.

Sampson said it's another evolution of college athletics. But, like any rule, it could have an adverse effect.

"The thing I've noticed is, when we start allowing our kids to get the cost-of-attendance checks, the first one is August and the last one is May," Sampson said. "And they so depend on those checks. Here's the problem: the unintended consequence of that is they have no money in June or July, or until they get their check. I think if we're going to do the likeness thing, do we really want to give the money then? Or do we want to save it for them until school's out, or if they're a senior after their eligibility is out?"

The cost of attendance is "calculated by an institutional financial aid office that

includes the total cost of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and other expenses related to attendance at the institution," according to NCAA Bylaw 15.02.2.

Sampson said the NCAA permitting student-athletes to profit off their image, name and likeness could create unintended consequences between student-athletes who profit and student-athletes who don't.

"A kid like Johnny Manziel, for instance, when he was at Texas A&M. He was different than anybody else, but he was still a student-athlete at Texas A&M," Sampson said.

Sampson is for the change. But he is also for delaying payment, particularly during the school year when he said student-athletes already get between \$500-700 a month, beyond their scholarship check.

"I do understand adjusting and evolving," Sampson said. "I just want to see how they're going to legislate that. How are they going to monitor this thing on our individual campuses? What are the rules that are going to be put in place? My thought is, whatever they make money-wise, keep it. And then whenever school is out, give it to them. That's when they need it. We have to help them."



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Cynthia Jean Menefee went to heaven on October 5, 2019. She was born in Katy, Texas on July 30, 1951 to Tom and Nancy Cardiff. Cynthia was married to Tom Menefee for nearly 30 years. She was the oldest of five children.

She is survived by her husband Tom; her brother Jim Cardiff and his wife Cynthia Marie, their son Jake and daughter Lili; her mother Nancy Cardiff and sister Deborah Dantin and family, and Leslee Sisk and family; her step daughter Melissa Foulds, her husband Chris along with their son Kyle and daughter Rachel. She is preceded in death by her brother Chuck Cardiff and her father Tom Cardiff.

Cynthia worked on the family's farm harvesting rice in the summers and graduated from Katy High School. She later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University in 1973



**CYNTHIA JEAN MENEFEE**  
1951-2019

and was very successful in her career with Exxon Mobil and Texaco/Chevron.

Cynthia loved life. She especially enjoyed antiquing, home decorating, travel and good friends. She was an avid fan of Texas music and Texas history.

Cynthia shared a close and personal relationship with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was a loving and kind daughter, sister and aunt. She was a giving person and always willing to care for her loved ones. She was loved by all who knew her.

Tom would like to recognize Shandra Williams who began as a care giver and in four years became a companion and close friend.

No services are planned; however, a celebration of life will take place at a later date. Please no flowers or gifts...but remember her and smile.

Linda Kay Willis, loving wife, mother, and grandmother, daughter and sister went to be with her Lord and Savior Monday, October 28th, 2019 at the age of 68 after a nearly two-year battle with brain cancer.

Linda was born March 10th, 1951 to Aubrey Moses Sutton and Rose Medeiros Sutton, in Edinburg, Texas, she later moved to East Bernard, Texas with her family in 1964. Linda graduated from East Bernard High School in 1969 and later attended Wharton County Junior College, where she met her future husband, Walter M. Willis, Jr. They were married in 1973 and later had their daughter, Amanda.

Linda enjoyed music; she played the piano and sang in the church choir at Katy Bible Church for over twenty years. She played French Horn in the East Bernard High School Marching and Concert Band winning several competitions as well. Linda loved to attend Texas A&M Football games with Walter throughout the years and was nicknamed the "12th Woman" always yelling for the team in true Aggie Spirit.

Linda was always known for her contagious laugh and smile and always brought happiness to those around her. She was probably most known for her servant's heart. She set the

example by being a devoted wife and mother, homeschooling her daughter and being involved in many church

activities throughout the years. She later worked with her husband, Walter, as Senior Accountant, even continuing through her recent illness until a few months ago.

Linda was preceded in death by her Father, Aubrey Moses Sutton and Brother Gary Wayne Sutton. She is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Walter M. Willis, Jr., Mother, Rose Sutton, Daughter, Amanda Everitt, Son-in-Law, Michael Everitt,

Granddaughter, Victoria Everitt, and Sister Elizabeth Sutton.

Visitation was held Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 between 12 noon and 2 o'clock p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life Service beginning at 2 o'clock p.m. at Katy Bible Church, 2500 Avenue D, Katy, Texas 77493.

Flowers may be sent to Katy Bible Church, 2500 Avenue D., Katy, Texas 77493. Donations may be made to the Music Ministry at Katy Bible Church, 2500 Avenue D., Katy, Texas 77493 or to Houston Methodist Hospital, Neurological Institute, Center of Excellence, www.houstonmethodist.org/giving/.

To express condolences, please visit www.SchmidtFuneralHome.net



**LINDA KAY WILLIS**  
1951-2019

**LISA ANN WILDER**

Lisa Ann Wilder was welcomed into this world on January 26, 1961 in San Antonio, Texas to Richard E. and Cynthia Wilder. She was a graduate of Katy High School and went on to receive her Bachelor of Science degree from Sam Houston State University. She spent her earlier years studying music and piano. Her modeling career ended when she received a diagnosis of Progressive Multiple Sclerosis. She lost this battle and went to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

She is survived by her parents, Richard and Cynthia Wilder; her brother, Craig Wilder and his wife, Catherine; and his two nephews, Carson Wilder and his wife, Danielle, and Collin Wilder; his niece, Camryn Wilder; as well as numerous cousins.

A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

Funeral services held under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home  
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TEXANS NOTEBOOK

# TE Fells a red-zone titan for Texans

By DENNIS SILVA II  
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

The Texans ranked as the fourth-worst team in red zone scoring percentage last season. This season, they rank seventh-best, scoring touchdowns on 65.6 percent of their red zone appearances.

The considerable strides within the opponent's 20-yard line are due in large part to tight end Darren Fells. The 6-foot-7, 270-pound Fells was signed by the Texans in March and has been a welcomed red zone target for quarterback Deshaun Watson.

Fells scored early on a 1-yard catch from Watson in Sunday's 26-3 dismantling of Jacksonville at Wembley Stadium in London, establishing an early lead for the Texans which they would never surrender.

Overall in nine games this season, Fells has 245 receiving yards and a team-best six touchdowns on 24 catches. All six of Fells' touchdowns have come in the red zone, and he also has five catches for first downs in the red zone.

It's been a career year for Fells, who did not play college football. Instead, Fells played college basketball at the University of California-Irvine.

Prior to his NFL career, when he made his first career start as an Arizona Cardinal in 2014, Fells, 33, played professional basketball in Belgium, Finland, France, Mexico and Argentina.

"He's been great," Watson said. "He's been a great factor, just a basketball guy who can go up, play big. He's still learning the game of football coming from basketball. He's helped us out as far as just being a veteran guy, professional, coming to work each and every day, especially for that locker room, but especially for that unit, that tight end group."

Fells' six touchdowns equal his previous two seasons combined and have already tied a Texans record for touchdowns by a tight end in the season.

The number of catches are a season-best for the sixth-year pro (his previous high was 21). Fells has been targeted 31 times this season. Last season, with Cleveland, he was only targeted 12 times in eight games. The previous season, 2017, with Detroit, Fells was targeted 26 times in 13 games.

Houston is 4-0 when Fells scores a touchdown.

"It's always fun to be able to help my teammates," Fells said. "I've always felt that the more weapons you have on offense, the



Houston Texans tight end Darren Fells (87) catches an 8-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter of an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the Atlanta Falcons at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas, on Oct. 6, 2019.

harder you are to stop. So anything I can do to help out the team, pass game, run game, I'm going to do and try to get my teammates involved as well."

The Fullerton, California, native had a reputation as a solid blocker and presence in the locker room. This season, Fells has shown the ability to consistently catch passes and make plays in short-yardage situations, using his size and build to win matchups and provide an easy target for the improvisational Watson.

"He's a very talented player, and his basketball background kind of gives him some unique talents," offensive coordinator Tim Kelly said. "He's doing a good job of going out there and playing well and catching the balls that Deshaun's (Watson) throwing to him."

Head coach Bill O'Brien and Kelly praise Fells for his maturity and professionalism. That, initially, was the attraction. O'Brien said he's only gotten better and better in the passing game.

"He's been a good addition since the day he walked in here," O'Brien said. "He works very hard. He's very smart. He's always about the team. He just thinks about the team, what's best for the team. I think that's a big

deal, and then he goes out there and he tries to do it the way we coach to do it. He's had a really good year. It needs to continue. He's become a really good player for us."

## International win

The Texans soundly beat Jacksonville in London to go to 6-3 overall heading into their Week 10 bye. The AFC South foe Jaguars dropped to 4-5.

Watson was more than enough for the Texans. Despite playing with a red, swollen left eye after being kicked during a game the previous week against Oakland, Watson completed 22 of 28 passes for 201 yards and two touchdowns, both 1-yarders to Fells and DeAndre Hopkins.

Time and time again against the Jaguars, Watson eluded trouble with his feet and wits.

"Y'all see some of things he can do, right?" Hopkins said of Watson. "I don't think you get that many quarterbacks in this stadium that can do that. He's an amazing player. He's humble with a great attitude."

The Texans outgained the Jaguars 410-318 in total yards and averaged 6.5 yards per play.

## Fournette halted

Jacksonville running back Leonard Fournette entered the game as the NFL's second-best leading rusher going up against a Texans defense that has gone 24 straight games without allowing a 100-yard rusher. Make that 25 straight games.

Behind an aggressive and fast four-man Texans defensive front that looked to make up for the absence of J.J. Watt, Fournette managed just 40 yards on 11 carries. He had just 72 scrimmage yards, his fewest in a game this season.

Texans linebackers Benardrick McKinney and Zach Cunningham were pivotal in helping pick up some of the pass rush slack. Houston wanted to keep Jacksonville quarterback Gardner Minshew II in the pocket. The Texans accomplished that.

In the fourth quarter, which the Texans entered leading 19-3, Houston intercepted Minshew twice and forced a fumble from the quarterback to prevent a Jaguars rally.

"We did a very good job of team defense," O'Brien said. "There were a lot of guys that made plays out there. It was good to see. Everyone was disciplined in their pass rush, disciplined in their gap control relative to the running game. Our secondary played disciplined. They just did their jobs and did it efficiently."

## Hyde runs wild

Texans running back Carlos Hyde rushed for 160 yards on 19 carries against the Jaguars.

It was his most rushing yards in a game since 2016 and the fifth-most in a game in Texans history.

On a dazzling 58-yard run in the fourth quarter, Hyde fumbled the ball before he was just about to cross the goal line. It was his only mistake all game long.

"I'm sure he's kicking himself on that one, but he runs hard," O'Brien said. "He does a good job getting his pads down. He's a bull. He's good with the ball. I coached against him at Ohio State when I was at Penn State, and he's a guy that gets behind his pads. He's meant a lot to our offense."

The Texans got eight first downs via running. In all, they rushed for 216 yards on 34 carries, good for 6.4 yards per carry.

"It opens up everything. Every offense starts with the run," Watson said. "If you run the ball and establish the line of scrimmage, it slows down the pass rush, slows down the blitz package and everything they want to do."

## UH COUGARS MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK



Houston coach Kelvin Sampson reacts during a game Dec. 1, 2018, against the University of Oregon in Houston.

# New 3-point line no matter

By DENNIS SILVA II  
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

In June, the NCAA announced it was moving its men's college basketball 3-point line from 19-feet, 9-inches, to 22-feet, 1 3/4-inches.

The change goes into effect this season for Division I teams, and next season for Division II and Division III teams.

Moving the line farther back would have not been an issue for last year's University of Houston team, coach Kelvin Sampson said. That 33-4, Sweet 16 team was complete with sharpshooters in Corey Davis, Jr. and Armoni Brooks.

And it won't be a problem for this year's UH team, Sampson said, which does not have any "snipers."

"Everything's relevant to how many guys you have that can shoot," Sampson said. "It would have had zero impact on last year's team. Moving that line back 10, 15 inches wouldn't have mattered to Armoni or Corey, because they're good shooters. They're not guys that shoot it; they're guys that make it. There's a big difference. We don't have those kinds of guys on this team. That's not the makeup of this team."

Last year, the Cougars made nine 3-pointers and attempted 25.4 3-pointers per

game, making them at a 35.5 percent clip. Three-pointers accounted for 42.6 of Houston's total shot attempts and 35.8 percent of its total points.

Davis and Brooks—who each had the "fluorescent green" light to shoot, Sampson said—were big reasons why. Brooks led the Cougars by making 121 of 310 3s (39 percent) and Davis made 111 of 296 (37.5 percent).

Davis now plays in the Turkish Basketball Super League. Brooks was a surprise departure

after he chose to leave college early for the NBA Draft. Brooks went undrafted. He played with the Washington Wizards in Summer League and signed with the Atlanta Hawks in August before being released on Oct. 18.

"We don't have (shooting) because we had a guy leave early. We didn't plan on Armoni not being here," Sampson said. "That's just the truth. Sometimes you get caught without shooting, that's a recruiting decision on your part. But we didn't plan on not having a shooter. We found out on May 29 we weren't going to have Armoni. So you don't all of a sudden just go get an Armoni."

Armoni's departure is why Houston



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**KATY ISD HOOPS GLANCE**

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**CINCO RANCH:** The Cougars went 16-17 last season and are seeking their first playoff appearance since 2012-13. Cinco Ranch returns four starters in senior guard Catherine Hursh, senior post Taylor Rowland, junior point guard Abby Bala and sophomore guard Madison Mascorro. Coach Dwayne Archangel is also excited about his freshmen class, which includes three players who will make the varsity in point guard Danielle Williams and guards Briana Broxson and Isabella Hartl. Archangel said the strength of his team is experience. A veteran core of starters return after not missing the playoffs by one game each of the last two seasons. They are determined that the third time is the charm. Archangel's primary concern is health, as his team has been bombarded with injuries each of the last two years.

**KATY:** The Tigers had a tremendous year last season, going 28-4 before falling in the regional quarterfinals. But only one starter returns, though she is a gifted one: senior forward and 19-6A Offensive Player of the Year Allana Thompson, who has committed to play at Prairie View A&M. Returning varsity lettermen include junior Sasha Fernandez, who will be the starting point guard, senior post Joy Jegede, and junior forward Aubrey Ridenhour. A key newcomer this year is junior guard Asya May, sister of last year's district MVP Savannah May. Coach Shanna Marhofer said strengths for this year's team are speed and athleticism. Her concerns are that her Tigers are inexperienced and young. The Tigers are coming off the best district season in Katy basketball in over 50 years after going 12-0. With her fourth win this season, Marhofer will reach 100 career wins in her fifth season as head coach.

**MAYDE CREEK:** The Rams went 12-21 last season and are seeking their first playoff appearance since the 2010-11 season. Three starters return: senior guard Jennifer Herrera, senior guard Mame Matala and senior guard Yosseline Flores. Coach Joshua May said his team will consistently display a team-first effort and attitude on and off the court, and perform resiliently to the best of its abilities. His expectations are to improve individual character, develop and implement a growth mindset, and practice and perform with vulnerability, resiliency, effort, integrity, trust, love and team.

**MORTON RANCH:** The Mavericks went 21-13 last season, making the playoffs despite losing star post player Madyson Bailey to an ACL injury midway through district play. Bailey, now a senior, could return at some point this season, and if so she is a double-double threat and a contender for district MVP. The Mavericks have experience returning in junior post Aaliyah Wiley, senior forward Valentina Taborda and senior wing Jharyn Craig. Junior point guard Schyler Falls will also have an impact after coming on late as a significant player last season.

**PAETOW:** The Panthers went 8-21 last season and won one game in District 19-5A play. But they have a solid core of seniors this season in guard Sanae Smith, guard Sera Lewis, guard Kaitlyn Galer, forward Amari Rosario, post Lauren Williams and post Kelaiaha Williams. With more experience and a veteran coach in Stacey Stroman, the Panthers could surprise people this season.

**SEVEN LAKES:** The Spartans return two starters from last season's 15-18 playoff participant. Junior guard Addison Poth and senior guard Bayli Bulawa are those starters. Coach Angela Spurlock said the strengths of this year's team are mental toughness, grit and experience in a Spartans system that has made the playoffs for eight consecutive seasons. As always, Spurlock said, the challenge is to compete every night in a district that has as much parity as 19-6A.

**TAYLOR:** The Mustangs finished last season 20-14 overall, 6-6 in district play, to make the playoffs. Two key players return from that team in seniors Sarah Holson and Danielle St. Denis. Otherwise, Taylor looks to be in rebuilding mode under coach Blair Ary.

**TOMPKINS:** The Falcons return three starters from last year's 19-15 team. Still, Tompkins barely missed the playoffs, tying for fourth and losing a play-in game to Cinco Ranch, and is hopeful for a return. Leading the way will be junior post Kenzie Durnford, senior post Mia Hill and junior guard Crystal Smith. Key newcomers to varsity are freshmen forwards Loghan Johnson and Fiyin Adeleye. Coach Tamatha Ray said she has a solid core returning with good senior leadership. With her fifth win this season, Ray will reach 100 career wins in her sixth year as a head coach.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**CINCO RANCH:** The Cougars return two starters from a 27-7 team last season that reached the playoffs. Senior forwards Jayden Collymore and Derek Dickenscheidt are those starters. They are versatile, playmaking wings that give opponents nightmare matchup issues. Returning lettermen are junior guard Braedon Edison and senior guard Chris Ngene. Key newcomers to varsity are senior forward Jonathan Joseph and junior guard Rhett Evans. Coach Neil King said this team has good chemistry and depth and can shoot the ball well. He expects it to play hard, play smart and play together.

**KATY:** The Tigers went 13-19 last season and are seeking their first playoff appearance since 2014. Senior guards Chermene Sims and Bryce Purchase will lead Katy, while varsity newcomers in junior guard Ryon Johnson and freshman forward Ayden Perdue will play significant roles. Coach Danny Russell said he has good skill players with smarts, returning a core group of contributors who finished the regular season in a three-way tie for third place just one year ago. His concerns for this year are size and athleticism, as well as uncertainty with bench play. Russell said he has a motivated team with experienced upperclassmen.

**MAYDE CREEK:** The Rams were a terrific story last season, going 22-15 and returning to the playoffs under first-year coach Anthony Fobb. Mayde Creek returns three starters from that team: senior guard Rommel Williams, senior guard David Chavez and senior post KaVon Moore. A key newcomer to varsity is junior guard Jermon Washington. Fobb said his team's strengths will be its ability to score and create mismatches on offense while playing fast on defense. His concerns are size and complacency. Fobb said he is "very optimistic" about this team.

**MORTON RANCH:** Morton Ranch is Katy ISD's best bet of getting a shot at a state basketball championship this season. The Mavericks are ranked No. 2 in Class 6A in the state and return four starters from last year's 28-7 team: senior guard and Baylor commit L.J. Cryer, senior center and TCU commit Eddie Lampkin, senior guard and district Defensive Player of the Year Westley Sellers, and senior forward Adrian Caldwell, son of the former NBA player. Key newcomers are transfers Ethan Shifflett, a junior wing from Cypress Park, and senior post Anthony Nwagwu, a transfer from San Antonio. The Mavericks feel they have the best decision-maker in the city in Sellers, the best scorer in Cryer, the best big man in Lampkin, and an improved defensive team with rim protection and aggressive on-ball defense. Coach Khris Turner said this is a season where his players must "leave everything on the floor" in order to make the battle-tested trip to the state tournament in San Antonio.

**PAETOW:** All five starters return from a Panthers team that went 11-20 last season. Those starters are senior guard Joel Delva, sophomore guard Trevor Frank, senior guard David Bradley, senior guard Davion Sargent-Young and senior post Bryce Luster. Key newcomers to varsity this year are sophomore post Charles Chukwu, sophomore guard Elijah Roberts, junior guard Brian McKnight, junior guard Jayden McCullough and senior guard Ben Norris. Coach Michael Niemi said depth and experience will be strengths. Concerns are team cohesiveness on the court and how his team will handle adversity. Niemi said he has a talented group of young men, and if the Panthers play with their pace and with the intensity necessary defensively, they can put themselves in position to compete and win games.

**SEVEN LAKES:** The Spartans went 12-19 last season but have five returners that all started games at some point last year for a playoff qualifier. Those players are senior point guard Isiah Lewis, senior guard Morris White, senior wing Johnny Miller, senior wing Wylie Holden and senior post Momen Elgamel. Key newcomers to varsity are senior wing Declan Kelly, junior wing Stennett Prior, junior wing Ethan Marszalek, sophomore point guard Grant Van Hoozer and sophomore guard Tahaad Davis. Coach Shannon Heston said halfcourt defense and depth will be strengths; Heston feels he has 10-12 guys that can contribute on any given night. He also thinks his team has the ability to score the ball at a much higher percentage than last year. Turnovers are a concern for Heston; the Spartans had a turnover on 24 percent of their possessions last season, and Heston said it cost his team games. Heston said he loves this team because of its attitude, work ethic and positivity.

**TAYLOR:** The Mustangs went 19-18 last season and made the playoffs to snap a three-year drought. However, they graduated most of that team. The Mustangs do not return any starters. Junior guard Jake Arnold, and senior guards Boston Graves and Da'Zhon Lewis will look to make it back-to-back playoff appearances for the Mustangs. Arnold, a sharpshooter who had a standout summer on the AAU circuit, is one to watch. Coach Matthew Brayton said shooting and chemistry will be strengths for his team, while depth and experience are concerns.

**TOMPKINS:** After a run to the Class 6A state championship game in 2018, the Falcons rebuilt last season and finished 17-16. Two starters return in sophomore guard BB Knight and senior forward Hank Sanders. Key newcomers to varsity are senior guard Johnny Nash, senior guard Matt Long, sophomore forward Carmelo Yakubu, sophomore guard Jason Clark, and senior forward Bryson Morehead. Coach Bobby Sanders said shooting will be a strength, but he is concerned about depth. He said his team will be entertaining and competitive for a playoff spot.

— Reports compiled by Dennis Silva II

# Hungrier than ever



DENNIS SILVA II

From left to right, seniors L.J. Cryer, Eddie Lampkin and Westley Sellers look to push No. 2 state-ranked Morton Ranch above and beyond and to the state tournament.

## Sense of urgency a boon for No. 2 Morton Ranch

By DENNIS SILVA II  
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Morton Ranch center Eddie Lampkin was on the verge of tears, furiously frustrated. The hallway leading up to the Mavericks' locker room at the Merrell Center was solemn and desolate, other than a random coach here and there running around, looking to track down players who wished to be on their own.

Inside the locker room after the game, coach Khris Turner said it was as quiet as he's ever heard a locker room; a group of players and coaches struggling to come to grips with what just took place.

Elkins 70, Morton Ranch 66. A game that saw Morton Ranch lose a 15-point second-half lead as quickly as it had gained it. A game that prematurely ended a promising season for a Mavericks team that had aspirations of a state championship, yet one that only lasted three games into the postseason.

"It was hard," said Lampkin, then a junior. "That team was not better than us. We were up the whole game, and towards the end they started coming back. Me and (then-junior guard) Westley (Sellers) were talking about it the other day ... the time just started going by so fast. They got the lead and the game was over so fast, it was like we couldn't even do anything about it."

They did, however, learn from it. "From previous experiences," Sellers said, "we know in order to get the job done, you have to keep your foot on the opponent's neck at all times."

This year's Mavericks are ranked No. 2 in the state in Class 6A in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches preseason poll. For the second straight year, Morton Ranch, which entered last season ranked No. 3 in the state, has hype and potential surrounding projections of it as the best team in Class 6A in Houston.

That's because of the ridiculously talented and veteran core.

Senior guard L.J. Cryer is a Baylor verbal commit who surpassed the 2,000-point career scoring mark last year. He and Sellers, a senior guard

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— MORTON RANCH SENIOR WESTLEY SELLERS

who does a little bit of everything for the Mavericks, have been on varsity since their freshmen years.

Lampkin is a senior center and TCU verbal commit who has been on varsity since his sophomore year, a nightly double-double threat who is one of the best passers in the city, not just among bigs.

Cryer averaged 27.5 points and 5.8 assists last season while shooting 54 percent. Sellers averaged 10.5 points, 6.2 assists, 4.2 rebounds and two steals. Lampkin averaged 14.2 points, 10.6 rebounds and 2.4 assists. Remarkable talents, indeed.

Still, this 2019-20 season is the final chapter for Morton Ranch's three stars. The sense of urgency is palpable.

"It was tough," Cryer said of the Elkins loss. "We learned that when we're up, have some poise and patience. Keep the lead. Down the stretch, I missed some shots because I was fatigued, but this year I'm trying to push through mentally, staying focused when I'm tired."

"It's not a good loss, but it made us hungrier this year. It's our last shot. We're giving it all we've got."

The Mavericks talk a good game. They show it as well. During practices, Cryer takes aside some of the new players on varsity and shows them what to do on certain plays. He corrects them and re-runs through plays until they get it right. On the other end of the court, Sellers works with post players on how to correctly execute a drop-step.

Turner said the Elkins loss has undoubtedly had an effect.

"That loss opened our eyes," Turner said. "We'd spent most of the season playing behind in games, and we'd always make that comeback to win. When we weren't able to make

that comeback, it made these guys understand that this is about now. You can't wait until the fourth quarter to make it happen. Get it done now. That should be the theme."

So how does that happen? Turner said it starts with his seniors. Sellers has to understand that as the team's defensive stopper, there are "no days off," Turner said. Lampkin has to continue crashing the boards and seeing the floor offensively.

And L.J.?  
"L.J. just has to be L.J.," Turner said.

Turner said this group understands that it's "now or never."

"It was 2011 since we were as successful as we were this past year," Turner said. "So we know it's possible that it may be another 7-8 years before we have a special group again like we have now."

The Mavericks have two Power-5 Division I talents in Cryer and Lampkin, and another probable DI player in Sellers.

"I don't think any other team has three like we do," Lampkin said. "We should want to win a state championship, and that's what we should do. That's the goal."

The Mavs don't need inspiration. But if they do, all they have to remember is that dark, cold Feb. 26 night when Elkins stole their season right out of their hands.

"That was a game I put out of my head, because it was more painful than any of the other ones," Turner said. "The locker room was the most silent I've ever seen. You don't even know what to say when it comes to the postgame speech. How do you say that we handed them the game?"

"But the beauty of it is, it made the returners hungrier this year than ever before."

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Seven Lakes junior Ally Batenhorst (14) delivers a spike, getting it past Fort Bend Austin's Sydney Plemons (17) during their Class 6A bi-district playoff game Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Merrell Center.

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## Sykes, Batenhorst advance Spartans to area round

By **STEPHEN GREENWELL**  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Seven Lakes used a steady diet of aggressive serving from junior Peyton Sykes and stellar outside hitting from junior Ally Batenhorst to sweep Fort Bend Austin, 25-13, 25-16, 25-12, in their Class 6A bi-district volleyball playoff game Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Merrell Center.

The effort took the Spartans (26-17) only about 70 minutes as they weren't seriously challenged by the Bulldogs for most of the match. Austin only had two leads across three sets, both times by a single point, and Seven Lakes consistently held 5-15-point leads.

While the 6-foot-4 Batenhorst is a well-known commodity for the Spartans and led them with 22 kills, the opening set showed off the sharp serves of Sykes as well. She finished with eight aces and constantly kept the Bulldogs off-balance.

Poor returns on her serves led to easy kills for Batenhorst.

"I was just looking for the zones that my coach told me to serve, and trying to hit them," Sykes said. "In practice, we work a lot on serving and being consistent with our serves, not missing, because in past games we've had trouble. But this game was a lot better, and our energy was great."

The power of her serve showed in lopsided runs for the Spartans.

With Sykes starting the first set off, Seven Lakes

scored six straight points, and she was serving during a four-point run to close out the first set. Sykes had back-to-back aces in the second set, and she was serving again during a nine-point run by the Spartans to put the third set away.

"She is our most aggressive server," Seven Lakes coach Amy Cataline said. "She can serve over 40 miles per hour consistently."

Cataline said the team played cohesively against the Bulldogs, who minimized errors.

"We can sometimes get plagued with unforced errors," she said. "I think we did a really good job at rebounding."

The Spartans only had 16 errors, but mostly because they were constantly on the attack. Sophomore Casey Batenhorst was the main setter for her older sister, but she had four kills of her own, using surprise attacks on the second ball.

"She did a really good job at moving the ball around and playing at a faster tempo," Cataline said. "She's a smart setter and she does a great job feeding our hitters."

Junior Mayo Olibale, and seniors Nyliessa Snagg and Gabrielle Collins took strikes when the Spartans went away from Ally Batenhorst. The trio combined for seven kills.

Seven Lakes advanced to the area round of the playoffs later this week. The Spartans will play District 17-6A champ Cy-Fair. Cy-Fair swept Lamar in its bi-district game.



MARK GOODMAN

Tompkins sophomore Paris Herrman (13) goes after the ball during a Class 6A bi-district playoff game against Ridge Point on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Merrell Center.

## Tompkins feisty in loss

By **STEPHEN GREENWELL**  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

A young Tompkins team proved to be a pesky challenge for District 20-6A champion Ridge Point, capitalizing on Panthers errors to win a thrilling first set, but the Falcons were eventually overwhelmed by the size of the favorites in a 3-1 loss Tuesday, Nov. 5, in their Class 6A bi-district playoff game at the Merrell Center.

After losing the first set 30-28, Ridge Point (41-4) re-established control with three straight wins, 25-18, 25-19, 25-13. But the Panthers struggled with consistency throughout the night as a rugged Tompkins squad continually fought back.

That opening set was one of the most exciting of area volleyball this year, as Tompkins trailed 19-12 late and fought off three set points during its comeback. Tompkins coach Allison Merrell said her team didn't panic despite the situation.

"I told them to have fun," she said. "We game-planned well and we knew the opponent very, very well, and we knew what they were capable of doing. We were relaxed."

It was youth leading the way for the Falcons during the comeback, as sophomore Paris Herrman and freshman Tendai Titley had a pair of kills. However, a pair of errors led to a 23-19 deficit for the Falcons.

At that point, Tompkins freshman Cindy Tchouangwa took over for the Falcons. She earned the next two points on blocks at the net. Ridge Point managed to get to set point, 24-21, after a kill by senior Claire Jeter, a Texas A&M recruit.

Facing the potential of a first set loss, Tchouangwa struck again with two more spikes at the net for kills, and the score was knotted 24-24 after a Ridge Point error. The Panthers never regained the lead

in the set, as instead it took the Falcons five set points to finally get a 30-28 victory on an ace by Herrman.

However, while Tompkins played well in the second and third sets, Merrell said the Panthers' size upfront was too much for them. Jeter finished with 18 kills, and her fellow senior Reagan Rutherford—committed to play at the University of Kentucky—had a team-high 19 kills.

The Panthers also had their own freshman spark plug in outside hitter Sydney Jordan. She had seven kills, all of which came during the middle of sets to repel Tompkins' rallies.

As a result, the Falcons struggled to handle the attack and to effectively counterattack. Tchouangwa and Herrman had five kills each in the first set. They had 11 kills combined in the next three sets as the Panthers tightened up their own defense.

Junior Eliana Posada led the Falcons with 12 kills, mostly from tips and striking from different angles.

"They're a huge blocking team, and if we're out of system at all, we struggled with what to do with the ball," Merrell said. "In system, we knew what the game plan was, and they fought hard and played well."

While the loss ended her team's season at 25-17 overall, Merrell also seemed to be channeling the famous quote from college basketball coach and commentator Al McGuire: "The best thing about freshmen is that they become sophomores." Every player that had a kill, block or ace on Tuesday night for the Falcons returns for the 2020 season.

"I've got four freshmen and a bunch of sophomores," Merrell said. "It's a growing experience for them, and we were definitely the underdogs coming in. I'm proud of them."



ALLEN SCARROW

Cinco Ranch's Danyle Courtley (14) reaches for the ball during the Cougars' sweep of Fort Bend Travis in their bi-district playoff game on Nov. 4 at Wheeler Fieldhouse.

## COUGARS

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things we set goals to work on, and we're going to continue to work on that."

Junior Kayla Griebel and senior captain Madalyn O'Brien served as the other hammers up front for the Cougars, finishing with 13 and eight kills, respectively. Senior Reece Vanslyke had two blocks and two kills upfront, and O'Brien also had four blocks. Her younger sister, freshman Courtney O'Brien, had an impressive playoff debut with four kills and a block.

The Cinco Ranch setters and back row players—sophomore Catalina Martinez, juniors Hayley Byrd and Eva Fitzgerald, and junior Brooke Hirsch—had a stellar

night. With Cinco Ranch repeatedly setting up the outside hitters for strikes and staying in system, Travis didn't have opportunity to attack often or effectively. The Tigers only averaged five kills per set.

The Cougars will play either Carnegie Vanguard, the runner-up in District 18-6A, or Cypress Falls, the third place team in District 17-6A, in the area round later this week.

Regardless, the identity of Cinco Ranch's opponent doesn't concern Wells.

"We're just going to continue to work on what we need to, to get better," she said. "When we get to the playoffs, it's more about what we're going to do and what's our strategy and how we're going to execute. We just need to continue to get better at the little things."

## KATY

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Waak was brilliant setting up hitters all over the place. The LSU verbal commit had 24 assists. Four Tigers had at least eight kills: Waak led the way with 13, junior Perris Key had 11, and senior Skylor Weaver and sophomore Jordan Gamble had eight apiece.

Because of the array of talent at her disposal, coach Karen Paxton has changed lineups liberally throughout the season. That was again the case against Dulles.

Waak got the Tigers' attack rolling, and Key and Weaver finished it off. In between, junior Hannah Hoover had four aces and senior Karah Parkerson had six kills.

"Our passes and serve-receive are really going right now, so we have a lot of options to run," Parkerson said.

Hoover added 23 digs, senior libero Maddie Thayer added 20 and Parkerson finished with 17. Defensively, the Tigers took away Dulles' best outside hitters in freshmen Kylie Mueller and Renata Bolado Cornona.

After that first set, Katy only had nine errors the rest of the way.



MARK GOODMAN

Katy sophomore Maddie Waak (16) sets up the shot during a bi-district playoff game between Katy and Fort Bend Dulles on Nov. 4 at the Merrell Center in Katy.

"Our team is so talented that we can rely on anybody at any given time," Paxton said. "That's what makes this group really special."

A regional quarterfinalist last season, the Tigers are a team littered with sophomores and juniors. Paxton said the nerves that took place in the first set will happen.

Katy has won seven of its last eight games and is 32-14 overall. The Tigers swept Dulles in the bi-district round of the playoffs

for the second straight season.

All stellar accomplishments.

But as the playoffs go on and teams get tougher, Katy will have to play its best from the first serve.

"We've battled this year in some really close games, and I think what it comes down to is, mentally, reminding ourselves that we've got to finish," Paxton said. "In tight games and when we get challenged, we have to respond to that challenge."

SPORTS

ON THE GRID: WEEKLY FEATURE SPOTLIGHT

# Velliquette returns home to Cinco Ranch

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When Chris Dudley was officially hired as head football coach and athletic coordinator at Cinco Ranch High in May, one of his first calls was to Zach Velliquette.

Velliquette, a standout cornerback for the Cougars from 2007-2009 who led the state in interceptions his senior year when Cinco Ranch made it to the state semifinals, was wrapping up his second year as a cornerbacks coach at Stratford High in Spring Branch ISD. Velliquette had yet to even wipe the sleep from his eyes when he got Dudley's call in the early morning.

"He told me he got the job. He asked if I was interested," Velliquette recalled. "Of course, I was. It's always nice to come back home, where my roots started. I played here, had great success here. Loved the environment. I told him, 'Tell me what day and what time, and I'm there.'"

Perfect match. And for Dudley, a pretty sweet first win.

"Zach was a kid who we knew was a coach, obviously, and even last year when I was at Taylor (as assistant head



Zach Velliquette is the first Cinco Ranch football player to return to coach at his alma mater.

coach/defensive coordinator), he was going to a few of our games," Dudley said. "He's a good, young coach. He played at the college level, so he has that background as well. I know Coach (Chad) Simmons at Taylor tried to get him over there at one point too, but we were lucky enough to get him over here."

Velliquette, 28, is the first Cinco Ranch football player to return to coach at his alma mater. He coaches safeties for the varsity and also has a significant role coaching defense on the freshman level.

When Velliquette talks, players are wise to listen. He averaged 3.1 tackles during his Cougars career and finished with 13 career interceptions. Velliquette had a state-best 10 picks in 2009.

"He was a competitor," said Dudley, who was a linebackers coach at Cinco Ranch when Velliquette played. "He wasn't the biggest kid, but he'd fight you and compete. He didn't care who was across from him. He had to go against a lot of great receivers and he never backed down. He was very coachable and a leader. He's

the prototypical Cinco player, reliable and gets after it."

After his Cinco Ranch career, Velliquette played football at Texas State in San Marcos. He played 35 games for the Bobcats, mostly on special teams and as a reserve safety.

Afterward, Velliquette, who majored in exercise and sports science, was a personal trainer for a few years before his brother Brett, a coach at Richmond Foster, persuaded him to get into coaching.

"I kind of wanted to get back into sports anyway," Velliquette said. "I started to get back into it, and it's the best decision I've ever made."

His first stop was Stratford for the 2017-18 school year.

"Stratford taught me a lot and I loved it," Velliquette said. "Good guys, young staff. I have nothing but good things to say about over there. But when Coach Dudley gave me that call... it was a no-brainer."

For Dudley, Velliquette was an obvious choice. First, he had a clear passion for coaching and doing things the way they should be done.

Dudley said a young coach has to have trust from the coaching staff and a good rela-

tionship with kids. Velliquette checked off both boxes.

"You'll see (young coaches) who come to watch practice or go to clinics and you know they're serious about it. That's part of it," Dudley said. "Then, when you get them on your staff, you see if they have initiative on things. That's always big with me, guys who show initiative and don't just wait until they're told what to do. Zach has that. When you give him something to do, he'll get it done the right way."

And second, Velliquette's background knowledge of defensive backs was critical. Dudley said Velliquette has a "big-picture idea on things," which is a good trait to have.

With so many adjustments necessary due to innovative offenses these days, it's essential to have defensive backs who are cerebral and able to adapt and read varying formations, motions and pass routes while also being able to fit the run game.

There are a lot of moving parts back there, Dudley said. And because of that, Velliquette is key.

"As a young coach, to be well-coached on the back end, the DB portion of things,

that is really a strong trait to have," Dudley said. "That's the hardest stuff to learn defensively. It's much easier to learn the D-line and linebackers stuff. When you come in and can be an expert on the DB part of things, that's going to really help you down the road, whether it's to be a coordinator or a head coach."

Velliquette said it is a different perspective being outside the sidelines. He said there is more pressure as a coach than as a player.

"It's not just me out there. I had to adjust to that. I have to get other kids ready Monday through Thursday, so that they're ready for Friday," he said.

But he still takes the same time to prepare and study the game now just as he did when he was a player.

"To be the first alum in football to come back and coach, that's awesome," Velliquette said. "I have a lot of buddies that still come back every now and then, and I encourage them, 'Hey, come back. Coach. You know the feel, you know the culture. You can come back home! It's an honor to be here. I love it here and I love to be back.'"

## H.S. FOOTBALL TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL LEADERS DISTRICT 19-6A

### TEAM OFFENSE

	GP	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average
Katy	9	2547	1383	3930	436.7
Tompkins	10	2315	2039	4354	435.4
Mayde Creek	9	2421	1028	3449	383.2
Taylor	9	1810	1512	3322	369.1
Seven Lakes	9	1314	1186	2500	277.8
Morton Ranch	9	1617	805	2422	269.1
Cinco Ranch	9	701	666	1367	151.9

### TEAM DEFENSE

	GP	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average
Katy	9	410	1057	1467	163.0
Tompkins	10	1371	909	2280	228.0
Morton Ranch	9	884	1385	2269	252.1
Mayde Creek	9	1148	1329	2477	275.2
Taylor	9	1573	1214	2787	309.7
Seven Lakes	9	1676	1487	3163	351.4
Cinco Ranch	9	2476	1727	4203	467.0

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
R. Hoff, Katy	193	1289	6.7	16	52
J. Loughridge, Mayde Cr.	144	1095	7.6	10	68
R. Smith, Tompkins	153	1041	6.8	21	70
C. Shorter, Taylor	157	964	6.1	11	53
M. Shoulders, Tompkins	69	824	11.9	11	67
M. Jones, Seven Lakes	117	771	6.6	10	54

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	P-A-Int	Yards	Pct.	Long	TDs
J. Milroe, Tompkins	94-141-2	1991	66.7	82	23
J. Jensen III, Taylor	83-159-6	1164	52.2	75	10
C. Beltran, Seven Lakes	83-153-7	1117	54.3	70	7
B. McClelland, Katy	58-102-3	1074	56.9	77	12
J. Zalocha, Mayde Creek	44-82-2	739	53.7	51	5
J. Wilson, Morton Ranch	42-72-2	598	58.3	45	5

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	LR
E. Johnson, Seven Lakes	38	575	15.1	2	70
G. Dougherty, Taylor	33	514	15.6	3	75
J. Gatton, Morton Ranch	30	494	16.5	7	62
J. Patrick, Katy	27	598	22.2	5	77
S. Stiles, Katy	25	348	13.9	5	37
G. Atkin, Tompkins	23	652	28.4	5	73

## DISTRICT 10-5A, DII

### TEAM OFFENSE

	GP	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average
A&M Consolidated	9	1705	2098	3803	422.6
Paetow	9	2668	1127	3795	421.7
Lamar Consolidated	9	2189	1209	3398	377.6
Rudder	9	1697	1505	3202	355.8
Montgomery	8	1043	1790	2833	354.1
Lake Creek	9	1708	1222	2930	325.6
Huntsville	8	785	1650	2435	304.4
Cleveland	9	1174	348	1522	169.1

### TEAM DEFENSE

	GP	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average
Paetow	9	809	1196	2005	222.8
A&M Consolidated	9	1142	1095	2237	248.6
Huntsville	8	872	1283	2155	269.4
Lamar Consolidated	9	1672	1208	2880	320.0
Rudder	9	1814	1113	2927	325.2
Lake Creek	9	1692	1387	3079	342.1
Montgomery	8	1962	1566	3528	441.0
Cleveland	9	2792	1278	4070	452.2

### INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
J. Jolly, Paetow	140	1220	8.7	13	75
McWilliams, Lamar C.	110	1133	10.3	15	94
D. Bankston, Paetow	106	962	9.1	8	78
A. Johnson, Mont.	116	779	6.7	9	69
J. Ayers, Rudder	138	724	5.3	8	55
Blackmore, Lamar C.	79	644	8.2	10	67

### INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	P-A-Int	Yards	Pct.	Long	TDs
G. Pahl, A&M Cons.	117-193-4	1973	60.6	54	24
B. Bolfig, Mont.	130-202-8	1770	64.4	77	16
EJ Ezar, Rudder	94-166-11	1425	56.6	69	13
BJ Harris, Lamar Con.	78-145-2	1209	53.8	80	14
N. Gunn, Lake Creek	87-173-10	1151	50.3	88	10
Southern, Huntsville	97-154-7	1043	63.0	56	11
C. Dumas, Paetow	71-122-3	1041	58.2	64	21

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	LR
T. Harden, Montgomery	44	797	18.1	6	77
B. Linscomb, Lake Creek	33	335	10.2	1	52
M. Little, Montgomery	33	356	10.8	2	66
K. Lee, Rudder	31	576	18.6	11	69
T. Carter, Huntsville	30	372	12.4	5	68
N. Hambricht, Huntsville	30	311	10.4	1	46

## H.S. FOOTBALL STANDINGS

### DISTRICT 19-6A

	OVERALL		DISTRICT		SCORING	
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
x-Katy	9	0	5	0	410	75
x-Tompkins	9	1	5	1	487	149
Mayde Creek	7	2	3	2	233	194
Taylor	5	4	3	2	261	262
Morton Ranch	5	4	2	3	201	175
Seven Lakes	3	6	0	5	183	287
Cinco Ranch	0	9	0	5	50	413

### DISTRICT 10-5A, D2

	OVERALL		DISTRICT		SCORING	
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
x-A&M Consolidated	9	0	6	0	392	115
x-Paetow	8	1	5	1	405	146
Huntsville	6	3	4	2	250	131
Lamar Consolidated	7	2	4	2	360	181
Rudder	5	4	3	3	295	299
Montgomery	2	7	1	5	237	336
Lake Creek	3	6	1	5	239	315
Cleveland	0	9	0	6	81	495

x-clinched playoff berth

## WEEK 11

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In simpler terms: Mayde Creek and Taylor have the best odds of getting in, though Morton Ranch is in control of its own destiny. Sort of.

Gotta love this time of year.

Here's what else is looming in Week 11.

### Taylor (5-4, 3-2 19-6A) at Katy (9-0, 5-0)

Thursday, Nov. 7, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.

Taylor is coming off a bye but has lost two consecutive district games since starting 19-6A play, 3-0. Katy beat Mayde Creek last week, 47-0, to clinch at least a share of the district championship. ... With a win, the Tigers can secure their 11th consecutive undefeated district title. ... Katy is the district's top offense (45.7 points on 436.7 yards per game) and top defense (8.3 points allowed on 163 yards per game). ... Taylor has the second-best passing game, statistically, in the district. The Mustangs are led by junior QB J. Jensen III, who has thrown for 1,164 yards and 10 touchdowns, and senior WR Griffin Dougherty, who has caught 33 balls for 514 yards and three TDs. ... Two of the four best running backs in the district share the field in this one: Katy senior Ron Hoff leads the district with 1,289 yards to go with 16 TDs. Taylor junior Casey Shorter has 964 yards and 11 TDs. ... Taylor leads the district in takeaways with 22: 12 interceptions and 10 fumbles recovered. Senior Braden Hay has four interceptions, and seniors Lee Davis and Cecil Ivey have three each. ... Katy has just 10 giveaways. ... Taylor senior Patrick Talbot is second in the district in punting, averaging 35.7 yards per punt. ... The Mustangs are aiming for the

fifth playoff appearance in six seasons. ... Katy has two of the top five receivers in the district in senior Jordan Patrick (27 catches, 598 yards, five TDs) and senior Steven Stiles (25, 348, 5).

### Mayde Creek (7-2, 3-2) at Morton Ranch (5-4, 2-3)

Friday, Nov. 8, at Legacy Stadium, 6:30 p.m.

Mayde Creek lost to Katy, 47-0, last week. Morton Ranch beat Seven Lakes, 10-7, to keep its playoff hopes alive. ... Mayde Creek was without its two best playmakers last week, as senior WR/RB Daniel Huery and junior QB/WR Donte Jones missed the Katy game with injuries. However, those injuries are not believed to be serious, and they are likely to return to the field this week. ... Rams junior RB Julius Loughridge is second in the district in rushing with 1,095 yards to go with 10 touchdowns. ... Mayde Creek is tied with Taylor in the district lead in fumble recoveries with 10. The Rams have forced 16. Juniors Gequan Faucette (DL) and Tremaine Armour (LB) have two fumble recoveries each. Senior Jesse Jones (DL) has three fumbles caused. ... Though the Rams have 12 fumbles, they have only four lost, a district-low. ... Senior JaCoby Wilson ranks third in the district in kickoff returns with 250 yards on eight returns, an average of 31.3 yards per return. ... Morton Ranch ranks next-to-last in the district in offense but third in defense. The Mavericks give up just 19.4 points on 252.1 yards per game. ... Mavs senior DL Brandon Brown averages 6.8 tackles per game and has 10 tackles for a loss to go with seven sacks and two fumbles caused. ... Morton Ranch

12 takeaways this season: six interceptions and six fumble recoveries. ... Senior WR Josh Gatton ranks third in the district in receiving with 494 yards and seven TDs on 30 catches.

### Cinco Ranch (0-9, 0-5) at Seven Lakes (3-6, 0-5)

Friday, Nov. 8, at Rhodes Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Cinco Ranch fell to Tompkins last week, 58-0. Seven Lakes lost to Morton Ranch, 10-7. ... For the Cougars, this is the last chance to get a win for head coach Chris Dudley in his first year at the helm. For Seven Lakes, it's a chance to get its first district win. ... These are two worst defenses, statistically, in the district. ... Seven Lakes lost two of its best playmakers, receiver Jaden Embra and linebacker Parker Jones, to season-ending injuries in its district opener against Tompkins on Sept. 27. ... Cinco Ranch is fielding its youngest team since it started varsity football in 2000. The Cougars have 26 juniors and sophomores, and start six sophomores. ... Cinco Ranch sophomore LB Kasey Murry is averaging 7.5 tackles per game to go with 5.0 sacks. ... Seven Lakes junior RB Milton Jones ranks sixth in the district in rushing with 771 yards and 10 TDs. ... Junior QB Cristian Beltran ranks third in the district in passing, completing 54.3 percent of his passes for 1,117 yards and seven TDs to seven INTs. ... Seven Lakes senior WR Eric Johnson leads all of Katy ISD with 38 catches, averaging 15.1 yards per catch.

### Paetow (8-1, 5-1 10-5A, D2) at Lamar Consolidated (7-2, 4-2)

Friday, Nov. 8, at Traylor Stadium

Paetow rallied from a 28-7 third-quarter deficit last week to beat Montgomery, 34-0. Lamar Consolidated beat Cleveland, 41-8. ... Paetow's only loss this season has come to eventual district champ A&M Consolidated. ... Paetow ranks first in the district in defense (16.2 points on 222.8 yards per game) and second in offense (44.6 points on 421.7 yards per game). ... Paetow senior RB Jonathan Jolly leads all rushers in the district with 1,220 yards and 13 TDs. Junior RB Damon Bankston is 38 yards away from the 1,000-yard rushing mark. ... Bankston also leads the district in kickoff returns with 314 yards on eight, an average of 39.3 yards per return. Two of those eight returns have been for touchdowns. ... Sophomore QB Channing Dumas Jr. has thrown for 21 TDs to three INTs. ... Senior WR Johnathan Baker has caught 28 passes for 479 yards and 13 TDs. Baker is averaging 17.1 yards per catch. ... Paetow has 20 takeaways this season: nine interceptions and 11 fumble recoveries. The Panthers only have eight giveaways for a plus-12 turnover margin. ... Paetow senior LB DJ Mourning averages 6.8 tackles per game with seven tackles for a loss, six sacks, three fumble recoveries, one interception and one fumble caused. ... Lamar Consolidated ranks third in the district in offense and fourth in defense. ... Lamar Consolidated has 23 takeaways this season. ... The top three running backs will be on the field. Jolly ranks first, Bankston ranks third, and Lamar Consolidated senior Taye McWilliams ranks second with 1,133 yards and 15 TDs. ... Lamar Consolidated junior Darrin Bankston leads the district with three INTs.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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INSIDE THE TIGERS NOTEBOOK

# Katy aims for another undefeated district title

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Katy High can earn its 11th consecutive undefeated district championship with a win over Taylor on Thursday, Nov. 7, in its regular season finale.

The Tigers (9-0 overall, 5-0 District 19-6A) secured at least a share of the district title with a win over Mayde Creek last week.

"It's still important to win a district championship, and I know we've clinched a district championship but I and the kids want to be able to win it outright," coach Gary Joseph said. "You lose sight of that, then your goal is to win a state championship or nothing. But our goal is to win a district championship and then go play for a state championship."

"I feel if we can do one, we have a chance to do both."

Joseph said the road to winning a district title has not gotten easier.

"It's been hard," he said. "There's been tests the whole way. We've had some really good football teams that have played very well. When you play in district, you're going to get everybody's best shot. Everybody wants to knock off the top dog. You have to be ready to play, and not just that but play your best. That's what we strive for, to make sure we're playing at



Katy junior cornerback Hunter Washington covers Mayde Creek's L'Den Skinner during a game Nov. 1 at Rhodes Stadium.

our best. You don't take anything or anyone for granted. There's too good of talent around here and too good of coaches to not do that."

Against Taylor, Joseph said he wants to see focus and continued execution with the passing game and defense.

"It's a growth process that you have to go through if you're going to play for a state championship," he

said. "You don't want to go into the playoffs not playing your best and not humming."

Joseph said he likes the Thursday scheduling for the Taylor game since it allows an extra day of preparation in advance of next week's Class 6A-Division I bi-district playoff game against Ridge Point, which will be held Friday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Legacy Stadium.

"It's a good thing," Joseph said. "Gives the kids a chance to reboot. We can get our stuff done Friday and give them Saturday off instead of having them be up here Saturday. The playoffs are a six-straight-week haul. You have no down time. Even Thanksgiving week, we're working. It's a good thing to give them a day off beforehand."

## Washington's stock rises

Katy junior cornerback Hunter Washington's recruiting stock has risen rapidly this season.

Since Sept. 1, Washington has been offered by Arkansas, Arizona State, Missouri, Oklahoma, SMU, Tennessee, LSU, Arizona, Texas A&M, USC, Florida and Colorado.

In all, Washington has 20 offers. This season, he has two interceptions as the Tigers' top cover corner. Both were returned for touchdowns.

"He's a better football player because he understands more right now," Joseph said. "It's a maturity process and understanding what he's doing. Not just about what he can do, but what we do so he knows exactly where he fits in. The mental part of the game has really improved with him, and that maturation has helped."

At 6-feet, 170 pounds, Washington is long, athletic and quick. Not only is he tall, but he has an impres-

sive reach that allows him to get to passes in tight spaces.

Joseph said Washington must continue working more on his speed and angles, but as far as maturing he's "grown up quite a bit."

## Patrick's one of the best

Katy senior Jordan Patrick has missed a couple of games due to injury but continues to rank statistically as one of the top receivers in the district.

Patrick has caught 27 passes for 598 yards and five touchdowns in seven games. He averages 22.2 yards per catch, which ranks second in the district.

"Jordan has been a good football player for us, and he's always been a good football player for us," Joseph said. "He gets frustrated like all other receivers sometimes when he doesn't get the ball, but he's a big part of what we do on offense. He's right where he needs to be."

"He's one of the better competitors we have on our football team."

Joseph said Patrick, who came into the program as a freshman running back, has improved his downfield blocking the most. Joseph said Patrick understands what he's trying to do on routes and where the open spaces are.

"Understanding what he's doing is big for him and us," Joseph said.



Katy High senior Jordan Patrick (13) makes the catch during a game Nov. 1 against Mayde Creek at Rhodes Stadium.

## Katy's passing game thrives

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For just the fourth time this season, Katy High starting quarterback Bronson McClelland, starting receivers Jordan Patrick and Steven Stiles, and veteran No. 3 receiver Matthew Stanley all played in a game together.

And, as if eagerly serving up a helpful reminder, all four once again showed what the Tigers' passing game is capable of when that happens.

McClelland threw for 208 yards and three touchdowns, Patrick caught four passes for 92 yards, Stiles had four receptions for 51 yards and a touchdown, and Stanley had a catch for 53 yards and a score in a 47-0 win over Mayde Creek on Friday, Nov. 1, at Rhodes Stadium that clinched at least a share of the District 19-6A title for No. 2 state-ranked and No. 8 nationally-ranked Katy.

The Tigers are 9-0 overall, 5-0 in District 19-6A. A win over Taylor this week Thursday, Nov. 7, secures the Tigers' 11th consecutive undefeated district title.

The last time McClelland, Patrick, Stiles and Stanley all shared the field together was Oct. 11 versus Morton Ranch. Before that, it was Katy's win at Atascocita on Sept. 6 that they all played together.

McClelland has missed a pair of games because of disciplinary reasons. Patrick missed two games because of minor injuries. Stanley missed three games because of hand and ankle injuries.

Only Stiles has played in all nine of Katy's games.

But against Mayde Creek's stout defense, ranked third in 19-6A, the passing game thrived. McClelland completed 11 of 18 passes and showed off his arm strength, decisiveness and touch. All but two of his 11 completions went to either Patrick, Stiles or Stanley, and all three of his touchdowns went to different Tigers—Stanley, fullback Dylan George and Stiles.

"It was good," coach Gary Joseph said. "We see it every day in practice, we just haven't put it forth in a game. I thought all of them did well. For the most part, we didn't have any drops. We made some bad decisions, and we've got to get back to just taking what they give us, but the kids made some really fine catches."

Katy entered the game averaging 9.2 yards per pass attempt. Against the Rams, the Tigers' starters averaged 11.6 yards per pass attempt.

"Our mentality throughout the (practice)

week was getting our timing right, getting our routes down to perfection, and just getting open, mainly," Stiles said.

Katy knew it would have opportunities to pass against the Rams. Stanley said Mayde Creek brought its safeties up, so play-action was available. Cornerbacks played low and inside, so quick outs were options as well.

That's what Stanley ran on his 53-yard scoring catch with 7:15 to go in the first quarter. He got by one flailing defender and had open field the rest of the way as he streaked down the visitors sideline.

"We've all been out at different times, and just having us all back together is good," Stanley said. "Scoring early felt really good. It was smooth-sailing from there."

It was Stanley's first touchdown of the season. He showed what he can do when given the chance. The senior is averaging 12.3 yards per catch.

"He's got good speed, and the thing is all of them do," Joseph said of his receivers. "They've just got to be more physical. But they're doing a good job blocking, too, and they're very unselfish kids. That's what they need to be. All three of them gives us a nice receiving corps."

Patrick, the Tigers' No. 1 receiver who was making his return from a foot injury, made two big plays—for 24 and 41 yards, respectively—to get Katy deep into the Rams' red zone. Both were acrobatic, highlight hauls.

Stiles, the rock of Katy's receivers all season long, was consistent once again. Averaging 14.2 yards per catch coming into the game, he averaged 12.8 against Mayde Creek.

"The timing hasn't always been there, but we've really worked on it, so it's improved a lot," Stiles said "It's between (McClelland's) steps, the wraps, our routes, how deep we run ... that all came together. I think we've shown what we're capable of when we pass the ball a lot."

The 222 total passing yards were the most for Katy since it compiled 224 against Clear Springs in Week 4. It was a welcomed sight for Joseph with the playoffs starting up next week.

"It's important, because you can't be one-dimensional in the playoffs," said Joseph, who noted pass protection needed to be addressed and would be emphasized during practice this week. "Especially with who we are, we've got to be able to throw play-action passes and be able to hook up on routes down the field to get some vertical stretch. No doubt we did some of that, and we've got to continue doing that."

## Morton Ranch wins, keeps district playoff hopes alive

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After Morton Ranch and Seven Lakes traded touchdowns in the opening four minutes of their Saturday, Nov. 2, game at Legacy Stadium, it suggested a back-and-forth offensive showdown between the two teams.

Instead, both defenses bore down and neither team scored a touchdown for the remaining 44 minutes. A 36-yard field goal by Morton Ranch kicker Gabriel Garcia with 7:48 left in the second quarter proved to be the deciding factor in the Mavericks' 10-7 win, which kept their playoff hopes alive and still largely under their control.

Morton Ranch improved to 5-4 overall, 2-3 in District 19-6A play, while the Spartans fell to 3-6, 0-5 in district.

Senior defensive lineman Brandon Brown and junior defensive end Jacoby Graham made the difference for the Mavericks, as both continually harassed Seven Lakes junior quarterback Cristian Beltran throughout the game. Beltran was sacked eight times, with Brown and Graham having three sacks each.

"We've been waiting to get off like that," Brown said, adding that there was a friendly, competitive spirit between he and his teammate. "I told him (Graham) that he had to beat me to the quarterback. On the field, it worked today."

Graham attributed their success to the coaching staff.

"It was pretty much all coaching," he said. "Coaches were telling me to get off the line and use my hands, get off at the snap of the ball."

The best example of the pressure came on consecutive plays in the third quarter. On second-and-10, Brown used a speed rush to meet Beltran at the same time the shotgun snap did, sacking him immediately for a six-yard loss.

On the next play, Brown was double-teamed but still pushed both Spartans linemen backward, forcing Beltran to sidestep and move up in the pocket. Graham immediately tackled him for a sack and a two-yard loss.

"I told him that we were going to do that all game," Brown said of the sequence. "Every time I pressured up the middle, (Beltran) turned right back to him."

Senior defensive back Jaelon Parker also had an interception for the Mavericks, and their defensive special teams also excelled. The Spartans attempted a



Morton Ranch senior linebacker Garren McLaughlin (31) makes the stop, causing the fumble on Seven Lakes' Corey Johnson (3) during their game Nov. 2 at Legacy Stadium.

field goal at the end of the first half, but couldn't get the kick off because of a bad snap and a strong rush by Morton Ranch. In the second half, Seven Lakes dropped a punt return, which was quickly covered by Morton Ranch players.

It came down to defense for the Mavericks because the offense was limited to only four plays greater than 10 yards in the second half. Seven Lakes did a good job containing Morton Ranch skill players, as the longest gain was a 16-yard run by Mavericks quarterback Jaymarcus Wilson.

Morton Ranch managed just 232 total yards but held Seven Lakes to 213.

Seven Lakes forced a Morton Ranch punt with 1:56 left in the game, taking over at its own 28-yard line. The Spartans drove to the Mavericks' 44-yard line, but a stiff hit on a wide receiver led to a fumble with 52 seconds left, and Morton Ranch ended the game with two kneel-downs.

Morton Ranch coach Ron Counter said he relied on his defense in the second half.

"It wasn't very pretty," he said. "We did a lot of things wrong. We had some personal fouls and some late hits on the quarterback. We had too many penalties, but the defense really came through at the end. I may have been a little too conservative at the end, but I have confidence in our defense and they made plays when they needed to."

In terms of defensive philosophy, Counter said they put many of their best athletes on that side of the ball.

"More times than not, it works out," he said. "I've got a lot of confidence in our defense. We've got a lot of good players on that end, and they won the game for us."

With the win, the Mavericks remain alive for the fourth and final playoff spot

in 19-6A and control their own destiny to an extent.

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"We're going to have to play better, because Mayde Creek is better on offense this year, and a whole lot better on defense," Counter said. "It's a big game between the Morton Ranch kids and the Mayde Creek kids, and it's kind of exciting this year that the last game, there's more to it and playoff spots are on the line."



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## 2019-20 KATY AREA VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS & SCHEDULE

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### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

#### FOOTBALL

- Tompkins 58, Cinco Ranch 0
- Katy 47, Mayde Creek 0
- Paetow 34, Montgomery 30

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

#### FOOTBALL

- Morton Ranch 10, Seven Lakes 7

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 6A Bi-District Playoff Volleyball
- Cinco Ranch 3, Fort Bend Travis 0
- Katy 3, Fort Bend Dulles 1
- Tuesday, November 5
- 6A Bi-District Playoff Volleyball
- Seven Lakes 3, Fort Bend Austin 0
- Ridge Point 3, Tompkins 1

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

#### FOOTBALL

- Taylor at Katy, at Legacy Stadium, 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

#### FOOTBALL

- Mayde Creek at Morton Ranch, at Legacy Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch at Seven Lakes, at Rhodes Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Paetow at Lamar Consolidated, at Traylor Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Girls Basketball
- Fort Bend Austin at Tompkins, 7 p.m.
- Foster at Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
- Fort Bend Elkins at Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Katy at Dickinson, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

#### CROSS COUNTRY

- UIL Class 6A cross country state championships, at Old Settlers Park, 2:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Kempner at Katy, 7 p.m.
- Cy Ranch at Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins at Cy Falls, 6:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Hastings, 7 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch at Fort Bend Bush, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

#### CLASS 6A-DI BI-DISTRICT FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

- Tompkins vs. Fort Bend Travis, at Mercer Stadium, 7 p.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Katy at Spring Branch Tournament
- Seven Lakes at Peggy Whitley Classic, at Clear Creek High

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

#### CLASS 6A-DI BI-DISTRICT FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

- Katy vs. Ridge Point, at Legacy Stadium, 6:30 p.m.

# Katy responds, upends Dulles

By DENNIS SILVA II  
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Once Katy understood that its poor play during the first set of Monday's Class 6A bi-district playoff game against Dulles was unacceptable, there was nothing the Vikings could do about it.

With service errors, miscommunication and nerves plaguing the first set loss, Katy rallied demonstratively to beat Dulles 3-1 (26-28, 25-10, 25-13, 25-18) on Nov. 4 at the Merrell Center to advance to the area playoffs later this week against Bellaire.

By the time Dulles earned its first point via its own terms in the first set, Katy had already gifted the Vikings nine points through errors. In all, the Tigers committed 16 errors in the first set.

"After that first set, we all came together and realized that that's not how we play," sophomore setter Maddie Waak said. "We always play cleaner, and that was sloppy with thru-balls dropping and stuff. Our huddle after that first set helped because we talked and got on the same page."

From there, it was no contest.

The Tigers adjusted their attack, relying more on outside hitters and the right side instead of running so much of their offense through the middle.



MARK GOODMAN

Katy senior Karah Parkerson (8) delivers a spike, getting it past Dulles's Kristin Mueller (15) and Brooke Duncan (12) during their bi-district playoff game Nov. 4 at the Merrell Center in Katy.

See **KATY**, page B4

# Cinco Ranch sweeps by Travis into area round

By STEPHEN GREENWELL  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Cinco Ranch looked exactly like an undefeated district volleyball champion in its Class 6A bi-district playoff game Monday, as the Cougars needed just 54 minutes for a sweep of Fort Bend Travis by scores of 25-14, 25-12, 25-13 at Wheeler Fieldhouse on Nov. 4.

Cinco Ranch (34-5) never trailed by more than two points in the game, and coach Danielle Wells didn't have to call a single timeout. Senior captain and outside hitter Danyle Courtley immediately set the tone for the Cougars with eight kills in the first set.

Courtley finished with a team-high 16 kills, but Wells said they consciously tried to work the ball around more for other hitters as the match went on.

Starting with the second set, Wells expanded her rotations to give more time to other players on the roster.

"We played them last year in the first round, so we were expecting the same kind of match-up," she said. "I thought it was a great match to open up the playoffs with. There were

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ALLEN SCARROW

Cinco Ranch's Madalyn O'Brien (20), Danyle Courtley (14) and Brooke Hirsch (4) are all smiles during a sweep of Fort Bend Travis in their bi-district playoff game on Nov. 4 at Wheeler Fieldhouse.

## KATY ISD WEEK 11 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Three teams alive with two spots left in 19-6A

By DENNIS SILVA II  
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

One week. Two spots. Three teams.

Those are the stakes in District 19-6A heading into the final week of the Texas high school football regular season. Only Katy High and Tompkins have secured playoff spots. They will represent 19-6A in the Class 6A, Division I bracket.

Mayde Creek, Morton Ranch and Taylor are all vying for one of the last two spots. Here's how it breaks down:

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CHRIS COLIHAN

Tompkins junior quarterback Jalen Milroe and the Falcons have a bye this week after finishing the regular season 9-1 overall and in second place in District 19-6A at 5-1.

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**ELECTION**

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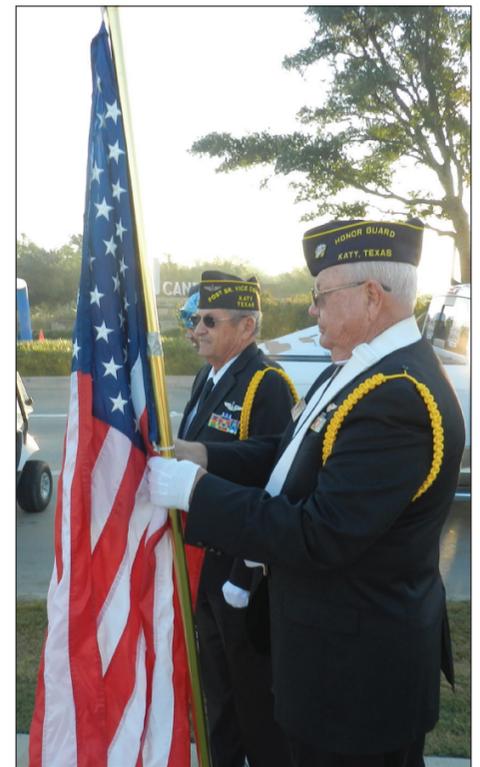
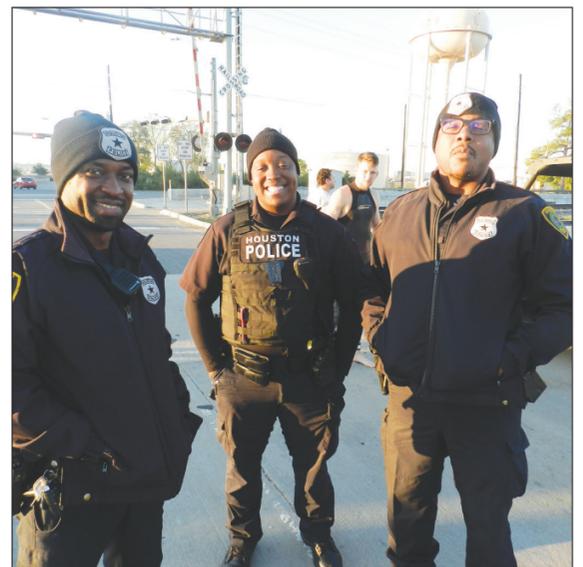
Unofficial voter turnout in Fort Bend County was 15.5 percent. Official results will be reported once the vote is canvassed within the next five days.

Overall support was good for Republicans and the Gates campaign anticipates that Republicans will support their remaining candidate, Murphy said.

Markowitz said she felt increased Democratic voter turnout for the runoff would aid her in the runoff campaign.

"We're going to make sure that we have the messaging in order to activate the Democratic base and get them out to the polls," Markowitz said. "We had a great campaign this time, but we can always improve upon it and we have the numbers, we just got to have people turn out to the polls."

**Another great run for Katy triathlon**



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The Katy Triathlon at Cane Island wrapped up its 27th year of action last weekend. It is one of the oldest triathlons in Houston. The money raised goes toward scholarships and charities. It is a sprint triathlon that include a 500-meter swim, 15-mile bike ride and three-mile run. The new course at Cane Island made its debut in 2018. Racers are encouraged to stay in Katy the night before the event to enjoy what the city has to offer. "It was a great event, we had over 300 participants. There was a little chill when the race started but turned out to be a beautiful day. Post party was outstanding with the athletes, family, and friends. Next year is set for Labor Day weekend Sept 6, 2020," said Scotty Jung, president of the Katy Rotary Club. For full results go to <https://www.trisignup.com/Race/Results/10728/#resultSetId-179328;perPage:10>

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## Judge hammers officials over foster care failures

### TEXAS TRIBUNE

DALLAS — Nearly four years after a federal judge first ruled that Texas violated foster children's civil rights by placing them in a system where rape and over-medication were the norm, it's high time for the state to stop dragging its feet and start making changes, that same federal judge ruled on Tuesday.

Failure to do so could cost the state up to \$100,000 per day under a new ruling from U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack, who found the state in contempt of court for failing to comply with some of her earlier orders.

In a Dallas federal courtroom Tuesday morning, state officials scrambled to answer a volley of questions from a visibly exasperated and often sarcastic Jack. At times, the judge accused state officials of lying in their official testimony during an earlier phase of the lawsuit, threatened to throw a state official in jail for producing records for the court that were illegible, and reprimanded a state attorney for wasting time and failing to address her with respect.

"The judge came down hard on the state, for good reason," said Paul Yetter, an attorney representing long-term foster children in the suit brought against state leaders — from Gov. Greg Abbott to the state's executive leadership in charge of health and human services.

"Her orders need to be obeyed in the interest of these children," he said.

Those orders, which were upheld by an appeals court earlier this year, include a requirement that every home or facility that houses foster kids in a setting with six or more children hire enough staff to supervise the children, awake, for 24 hours per day.

Another order required the state to change its electronic records system for foster kids to clearly display whether a child has been a victim or a perpetrator of sexual violence. The children's caregivers are supposed to have seamless access to that information, Jack said, to adequately



An exasperated U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack found the state in contempt of court for failing to comply with some of her earlier orders in the wide-ranging lawsuit filed on behalf of Texas foster children.

supervise children and ensure that they are not being further victimized.

Jack appointed two monitors to oversee that the state is following those rules. Jack was clear that, based on information provided by those monitors, Texas' health and human services agencies were making inadequate progress.

"I can no longer find [the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services] to be credible in any way," Jack said. "It's shameful ... You all cannot be relied upon for anything. Period."

Among the accusations was that Lisa Black, a former executive of the child welfare agency, had lied in court years ago when she said the state required large facilities for certain foster kids to have 24-hour, awake supervision. Jack called on Kristene Blackstone, who succeeded Black as associate commissioner for Child Protective Services, to explain why no one at the agency ever disputed Black's testimony.

Blackstone said she was not familiar with Black's earlier testimony. While there has been no

reasonable provisions that make that care more safe and accessible, and we are dedicated to working with all parties toward that goal."

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A separate point of contention in the hearing were discussions that the court-appointed monitors, Deborah Fowler and Kevin Ryan, have had with state officials about the appropriate number of children that a Child Protective Services worker may have on his or her caseload.

The state's health and human services agencies "sought clarification concerning the broad order at issue in this case and demonstrated that they are working expeditiously to comply with the court's order," Marc Rylander, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, said in a statement after the hearing. "Our children deserve

reasonable provisions that make that care more safe and accessible, and we are dedicated to working with all parties toward that goal."

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The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the possibility of a judge creating a cap on the size of a worker's caseload, instead instructing the state to study the issue and come up with guidelines for child welfare workers. The state named John Fluke of the University of Colorado at Denver for that task, but the court-appointed monitors took issue with the choice.

In at least one other child welfare lawsuit, Fluke has testified that workers' caseload sizes have "no scientific relationship"

with children's outcomes. Jack expressed disbelief that the state would nominate someone with such a track record. Still, given that the state had moved forward with a proposal for the caseload study, she opted not to hold the state in contempt of court on that issue.

Jack gave the state a Friday deadline to notify children's caregivers if the children were sexual violence victims or aggressors. Child welfare officials testified that they are working to amend their electronic records system to make that information more easily accessible but that it would take until mid-December for the state to make the technology changes.

If the state fails to guarantee that foster children living in group settings have 24-hour, awake supervision by Friday, the state will face fines of \$50,000 per day, the judge ruled. Later this month, that fine will double to \$100,000 if the state has not verified with the state's monitors that the fixes have been made.

Lawyers from the Texas Attorney General's office, which represents the state officials named in the lawsuit, argued Tuesday that the \$15 million in fees charged to the state by some of the children's attorneys were excessive. Jack said she would limit some of the attorneys' fees, such as those charged at high rates for work done by interns or paralegals. But she signaled that she was not generally sympathetic to the state's arguments.

"Many of you did remarkable jobs, and I know the children are grateful," she told the children's lawyers.

Jack appeared disappointed with a remark from Blackstone that the last time the Child Protective Services chief had visited a large foster care facility was three or four months ago. Jack suggested that the court would need to rely more heavily on its monitors going forward.

But doing so is likely to provoke even more outcry from state officials over expenses; Fowler and Ryan charge Texas \$425 per hour for their services, according to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

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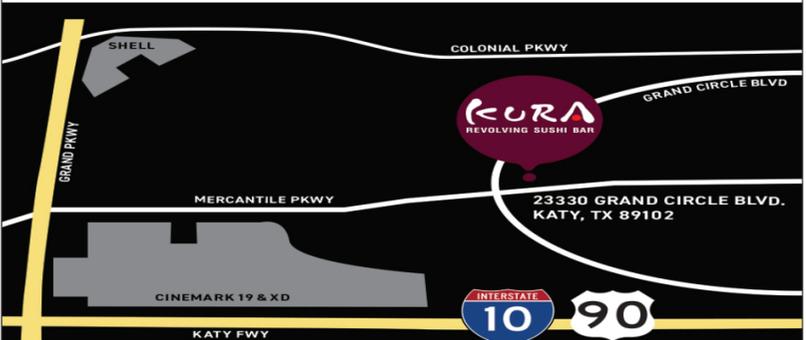
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## KATY PRAIRIE CONSERVANCY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS SATURDAY



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Saturday, November 9, Katy Prairie Conservancy needs volunteers from 9:00 - 11:30am. The address is 31975 Hebert Rd., Katy. Help restore 55-acres of the Katy Prairie. Volunteers will work together to transplant native prairie plants in order to help restore prairie habitat. Groups also welcome.

## Voters to decide on proposed amendments to constitution

### ED STERLING CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN — The state's 10-day early voting period ran from Oct. 21 to Nov. 1 with Election Day on Nov. 5.

On the ballot are 10 proposed constitutional amendments, special elections and local political subdivision elections, including those for mayor, city council, school board, municipal utility districts and other local entities.

Secretary of State Ruth Hughs, the state's chief election officer, encouraged all eligible voters to fulfill their civic duty by voting. During the early voting period, Hughs said, "It is critical that all eligible Texans have the opportunity to help shape the direction of the Lone Star State."

For more information on voting in Texas and a list of the proposed constitutional amendments, visit [www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov).

### Feds set hemp rules

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller on Oct. 29 announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture's release of interim final rules for the U.S. Domestic Hemp Program.

The rules, part of the 2018 Farm Bill, serve as a framework for states like Texas that are planning to build an industrial hemp growing program. With federal guidelines in place, the Texas Department of Agriculture can now submit a state hemp plan to USDA for approval, Miller said. The

rules can be found online at [usda.gov](http://usda.gov).

"This is the big leap forward we've all been waiting for," said Miller. "I want to make it clear - it is still not yet legal to grow industrial hemp in Texas. But we are one step closer to allowing farmers to get this exciting new crop in the ground."

Miller said he expects to submit the Texas plan for an industrial hemp program in 30 days or less.

### Harvey disaster continues

Gov. Greg Abbott on Oct. 28 extended the disaster proclamation he originally issued on Aug. 23, 2017, for counties affected by Hurricane Harvey that brought loss of life and damages estimated at more than \$125 billion.

In the proclamation, the governor authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster.

Original counties named in the proclamation were: Aransas, Austin, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Harris, Jackson, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Waller, Wharton and Wilson.

Abbott later expanded the list to include the counties of: Angelina, Atascosa, Bastrop, Bexar, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Cameron, Comal,

Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Jasper, Kerr, Lee, Leon, Madison, Milam, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Washington and Willacy.

### Update: 'Vaping' cases

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Oct. 29 reported that 165 Texas cases of severe lung disease have been identified so far in people who report "vaping" before developing symptoms.

One case was reported to have resulted in death. State health officials are gathering more information on about 13 other possible cases to determine whether they are consistent with the symptoms and substance use seen in cases in Texas and 48 other states.

Patients range in age from 13 to 75 years old, with a median age of 22 years. About one-quarter of the people affected in Texas are minors. Three-quarters are male, and nine in 10 report vaping THC or marijuana, possibly in conjunction with other substances. Almost all were hospitalized, with many requiring intensive care.

### TEA reports test results

The Texas Education Agency on Oct. 30 reported that Texas fourth graders taking the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress in mathematics improved from two years ago, outpacing the national average.

However, for eighth-grade students, mathematics scores declined slightly, dropping below the national average for the first time since 2003. Furthermore, eighth-grade reading scores showed the largest decline, mirroring a large decline across the nation.

NAEP is a random sample test of reading and mathematics in fourth and eighth grades, overseen by the U.S. Department of Education and conducted every two years in every state.

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# Bring hope to families in need

Katy ISD's Partners in Education is inviting the community to bring hope to families in need this holiday season. Food for Families allows the community of Katy to bring a little joy into the homes of some of our students and their families. Katy ISD identifies students for the program, and Partners in Education collects community and corporate donations. Grocery gift cards, along with a note of support from the Katy ISD community, are then delivered to each student by a campus staff member. Last year, Food for Families raised \$37,000. Since its inception in 2002, this initiative has raised over \$228,000 and assisted more than 4,800 families.

Contributions any amount are welcome and appreciated. Those interested in helping these Katy ISD families experience a happier holiday season should donate by December 6.



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Sealed proposals for Construction of Katy Boardwalk District Underground Ductbank will be accepted at the City of Katy, Attn: City Secretary, until 2:30 PM, Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493.

The Owner is the Katy Development Authority, City of Katy, Texas.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Owner.

A Cashier's Check or Certified Check payable, without recourse, to the Owner or an acceptable Surety Proposal Bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total bid, including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute bonds in forms provided as outlined in the Contract Documents. Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and Maintenance Bond, in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required.

For public projects, not less than the minimum wage rates as prescribed in the General Conditions must be paid.

The Contract for this project will be awarded by the City based on the best bid received and not the lowest bid.

**The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in bids.**

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A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493.

It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that his bid is actually in the Owner's office prior to the expiration of the time and date above.

For questions, please contact Binkley & Barfield, Inc. (BBI) @ 713.869.3433

Contact:  
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Jose Villarreal - [jlv@binkleybarfield.com](mailto:jlv@binkleybarfield.com)

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for FRANZ ROAD PAVING AND MOBILITY 2019 PROJECT will be received at City of Katy Municipal Building, 910 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, until **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2019.**

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**Monday, November 18, 2019**

**Place and Time of Sale:** The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 (the "District") will receive and publicly read bids for the purchase of the Bonds at the designated meeting place outside the boundaries of the District, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, 3200 Southwest Freeway Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027 at 1:30 P.M., Central Time, Monday, November 18, 2019.

**Address of Bids:** Bids, which must be submitted in duplicate on the Official Bid Form and plainly marked "Bid for Bonds," should be addressed to "President and Board of Directors of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3," and delivered to the District's Financial Advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010 prior to 10:00 A.M., Central Time on the date of the bid opening. Any bid received after 10:00 A.M., Central Time, Monday, November 18, 2019, will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. All bids must be accompanied by a Bank Cashier's Check in the amount of \$213,600 payable to the order of the District as a good faith deposit.

**Information:** The Bonds are more completely described in the "Official Notice of Sale" and the "Preliminary Official Statement" which may be obtained from Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010; Financial Advisor to the District. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities except time of filing. This notice does not constitute an offer to sell the Bonds but is merely notice of sale of the Bonds as required by law. The offer to sell the Bonds will be made only by means of the "Official Notice of Sale," "Preliminary Official Statement," and the "Official Bid Form."

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## Well owl be!

First, I noticed the owl. “Peter! Did you see the owl?!” Our last Airbnb in Spain had a ceramic owl. So, when I found a similar owl—in a similarly inconvenient location—I took it as a good omen.

**CARRIE CLASSON**  
THE POSTSCRIPT



“What owl?” my husband, Peter, said. Then I found four more owls, bringing our tally up to five. “Five owls! Now I know this is going to be a good trip!” “Huh,” Peter agreed. (Sometimes Peter’s not as effusive as I am.) We are staying in Frigiliana, a small town in the south of Spain. The rent was suspiciously cheap, but the reviews were all good except to say that the house was on a road with stairs. There is a good reason for this: the town predates wheels. Roads with stairs work perfectly fine if you don’t drive on them. We were dropped off as close as possible, then faced the challenge of dragging our luggage up the stairs (which was actually the road) to the little blue door of our house. We met our landlady who was both informative and hardy as she hefted our luggage over the cobblestone.

Peter and I have our travel priorities well synched. First, Peter made ice cubes because we need more ice than any European can imagine. We don’t care. We like ice. Peter makes ice cubes in small plastic cups he brings along. “Wonderful ice cubes!” Peter remarks, every time he does this. Then we found the tourism office (there actually was one!) after we took a wrong turn and asked directions at the gelato shop. I did not have a gelato as it was threatening to rain and no one likes to eat gelato in the rain. Plus, I had just polished off an entire bag of cookies I bought just to see if they were any good. (They were.) Then we went to the big grocery store which was not big but had everything we needed. They had a lot of vegetables and a variety of beans, including some I could not identify. So, naturally, I bought them. It turns out they were mammoth fava beans with skin still on them. Who knew fava beans had skin? Who knew it had to be removed?

Peter made soup with the fava beans. After the soup was cooked, Peter fished the beans out of the soup and skinned them. This is not the recommended order of operations. “It’s not that bad!” Peter said. “It’s like shucking shrimp!” (Peter is such a romantic.) Then I went up to the bathroom and opened the door to the rooftop terrace. The bathroom is upstairs, all by itself, and the entrance to the terrace is through the bathroom. (It is an unusual arrangement.) Outside I discovered two cats on the roof who immediately made it clear they were expecting a handout. I rustled up some milk. I am quite sure they will show up tomorrow expecting bigger things.

Of course, not everything could go well. We failed to find any kitchen towels—which now constitutes an emergency. (A person needs at least one minor emergency just to keep sharp.) We went to bed early. It started to rain. There had not been much rain, so everyone was grateful. I was lying in bed when I saw it. “Peter! Another owl!” The church bells stop ringing at 10 p.m. At least, I think they do, as that is the last thing I remember. “Six owls!” I said to Peter, as the church bells rang. “Umm,” Peter replied. I could tell he was impressed. Until next time, Carrie  
*Carrie Classon’s memoir, “Blue Yarn,” was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.*



## Try me a river: ‘try and’ a fixture of pop culture

Of course, they were gonna try and kill me. Do not try and bend the spoon. Thor, you gotta try and bottleneck that portal. I just quoted the movies “Riddick,” “The Matrix,” and “The Avengers,” respectively. I could have used more than a thousand other movie quotes to illustrate the fact that the phrase “try and” is a fixture of popular culture and usage.



**CURTIS HONEYCUTT**  
GRAMMAR GUY

This begs the question: does that make “try and” okay? We certainly live in a post-proper society. No longer do we dine in the parlor or take tea on a doily on a regular basis. Does that mean rules don’t apply anymore? Does that mean grammar relativism is a slippery slope to the land of doofus textspeak chaos? Let’s pump the brakes for a second and examine “try and” and “try to.” Usually, people say “try and” when they should technically say “try to.” I’m going to try to fix my turntable. I’m going to try and fix my turntable. In these two examples, “try to” is considered standard usage, while “try and” is informal or idiomatic usage that means “try to.” However, upon further examination,

“try and” may communicate something different. If I “try and” fix my turntable (which is broken, by the way; I’m devastated.), it implies that I will be successful in fixing it. I will try and pass my test. I will try and reboot the server. In other contexts, “try and” implies irony and suggests certain failure. “I’d like to see you try and stop me, Batman!” I’ll go ahead and insert my caveat refrain: it’s best to avoid using “try and” in a formal context, unless you intend to use it in a literal sense. While filling out the form to nominate my writing on grammar usage for the Pulitzer Prize (Thank you, by the way.), opt for “try to,” as in: “Honeycutt will try to make grammar palatable through his use of attempted humor; whether he succeeds or not is up to what each reader finds chuckle-worthy.” If you understand “try

and” as an idiom (which is a type of figurative language), then go ahead and use it. After all, idioms aren’t meant to be taken literally. Technically, “try and” is not standard usage, but I can’t try and make you stop using it. *Curtis Honeycutt is an award-winning syndicated humor columnist. Connect with him on Twitter (@curtishoneycutt) or at curtishoneycutt.com.*

### PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE B3

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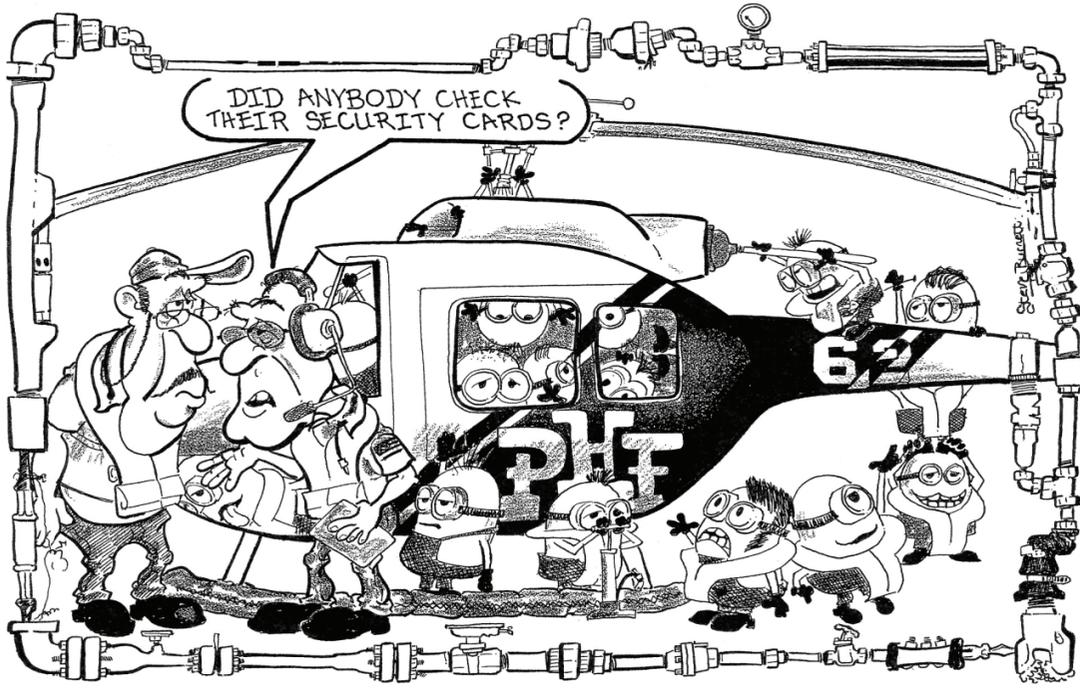
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Level: Intermediate

- CLUES ACROSS**
- Flat-topped hill
  - Fire usually accompanies it
  - Talked
  - Skillset
  - Unembarrassed
  - Where teens spend their days
  - Boxing’s GOAT
  - Used to anoint
  - Rust fungi
  - Panthers’ signal caller
  - Forests have lots of them
  - Lentils
  - One’s self-esteem
  - Where you entered the world (abbr.)
  - High school test
  - Large, flightless bird
  - Expectorated
  - Some practice it
  - Prickly shrub
  - French river
  - Told on
  - Steep hillside
  - Peyton’s little brother
  - Soviet Socialist Republic
  - Welsh river
  - Brews
  - Orange-brown
  - Separates DNA and RNA
  - Mexican agave
  - Self-contained aircraft unit
  - Encourage
  - Atomic #52 (abbr.)
  - About latitude
  - Trivial gadget
  - Film a scene again
  - Small blisters
  - Dark brown
- CLUES DOWN**
- Advanced degree
  - Goes with flow
  - The Caspian is one
  - Accumulate on the surface of
  - Vascular systems or plants
  - A popular kids magazine
  - \_\_\_ podrida: spicy Spanish stew
  - Vandalized a car
  - Prefix meaning “within”
  - Soviet labor camp system
  - Strong hostilities
  - B complex vitamin
  - Go quickly
  - Toast
  - A team’s best pitcher
  - A Philly culinary special
  - Small child
  - Unhappy
  - Trims by cutting
  - Weepy
  - It might be on the back
  - Spy organization
  - Female body part
  - Came back from behind
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## #WhatYouPostMatters

**CONTRIBUTED REPORT**

Katy Independent School District debuts Public Service Announcement (PSA) video targeting the rise of social media threats, many of which are often posted by youth as a joke or hoax.

According to the Educator's School Safety Network (ESSN) study of violent threats reported during the 2018-2019 school year, 18% of incidents were mock or false reports while 38% of those "threats" had known origins.

"So many young people are unaware that there is real life, lasting consequences associated with posting social media messages that they may intend as a joke, but others could perceive as life-threatening," said Dr. Andrea Grooms, Katy ISD's Chief Communications Officer. "This PSA was produced to help reinforce that message among our more than 83,000 students across Katy ISD," Grooms added.

The District's PSA depicts a student posting a threatening image and words on a social media platform in a failed attempt at humor.



The friend in the video, upon seeing the image, immediately reports the post through Katy ISD's SpeakUp mobile app, an anonymous reporting system for school safety related concerns. After that report is made, school administration is alerted, and a series of events begin to unfold including the individual being arrested, required to attend court, and the perpetrator's placement in an alternative school program — typical consequences associated with hoax social media threats.

Katy ISD encourages parents to use this PSA tool to speak with their students about the severity of posting threats online, regardless of their

intention, and the potential consequences they could face should they use social media in such a manner.

The SpeakUp app is just one of a number of tools the District has introduced in recent years to help make reporting potential safety threats easier for Katy ISD students.

Link to Video: <https://youtu.be/u19719nFvII>

More information regarding the Katy ISD SpeakUp mobile application:

SpeakUP is a reporting system that enables Katy ISD students, parents, and community members to anonymously submit safety and well-being tips to help prevent school related incidents that could cause harm to others.

Tips may include bullying, weapons, suicide or self-harm, illicit drug use, inappropriate relationships, violence, and other concerns for safety and well-being. In addition to submitting anonymous and secure tips, users can upload video and photo evidence. All tips are thoroughly investigated by campus personnel, police and/or a crisis management team.

### WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

**NOVEMBER**

**Honor Our Veterans breakfast**

Friday, Nov. 8, 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.  
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**Community Campout**

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-9  
The Community Campout is a family-oriented free event that is hosted twice annually at VFW Park. Participants can enjoy the park then settle in for the evening with a hot dog dinner and outdoor movie. Delight in some time with your fellow campers at breakfast the next morning before loading up and enjoying the rest of your weekend! Participants are responsible for bringing their own tents, sleeping bags, etc. There is no fee to participate, but registration in advance is necessary to ensure we have enough supplies on hand. For more information call 281-391-4840 or [katyparks@cityofkaty.com](mailto:katyparks@cityofkaty.com).

**YMCA Veteran Family Free Fun Day**

Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Monty Ballard YMCA at Cinco Ranch  
22807 Westheimer Pkwy, Katy, TX

**Veterans Day Wall of Honor**

Sunday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Second Baptist Church, West Campus  
19449 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX

**Veterans Day Celebration**

Monday, Nov. 11, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Breakfast/Honor Ceremony at 22807 Westheimer Pkwy

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**Songs to celebrate veterans**

Monday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Join us in Griffin Center to hear the voices of the Aristoi Classical Academy's Choir. Songs to celebrate American and honor our Veterans.  
Aristoi Classical Academy  
Upper Campus Griffin Center  
5610 Morton Road Katy, Texas, 77493  
<http://www.aristoi.classical.org>

**Saving Private Ryan**

Monday, Nov. 11, 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
Veteran's Day Screening: Saving Private Ryan  
Alamo Drafthouse Cinema LaCentera  
2707 Commercial Center Blvd suite k-100, Katy, TX

**Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting**

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 a.m.  
Fulshear-Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting with guest speaker: Texas Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
At Parkway Fellowship 27043 FM 1093, Richmond, TX 77406

**DECEMBER**

**Christmas tree lighting**

Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.  
The annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting is held in Historic Downtown Katy at City Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. on December 5. Your family can enjoy a Christmas story from the Mayor and live entertainment from a local choir and dance company. Santa will also be here for photos so bring your cameras! Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served! Bring your family and friends to enjoy a night in Historic Downtown Katy celebrating this wonderful holiday season!

## Free entrance to Texas State Parks Nov. 10

In honor of both active and retired military, daily entrance fees at Texas State Parks will be waived for all visitors Sunday, Nov. 10.

"The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas State Parks are very

proud of the men and women that serve our country in the military," said Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. "We look forward to seeing visitors enjoying state parks for free this Sunday. It is a

small gesture to say thanks to those who have served in the military and their families. We invite all Texans to connect with the outdoors and make state parks a part of their Veterans Day weekend."

Parks will be hosting guided hikes, bird walks and other programs throughout the day. Camping and special activity fees will still apply.

For a full list of events, visit the Texas State Parks calendar page. A map of all Texas State Parks is available on the TPWD website.

Visitors now have the option to purchase day use passes up to one month in advance, guaranteeing access to parks even during

busy times like weekends and holidays. To purchase a day pass, visit the Texas State Parks Reservation System page on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website.

When purchasing a hunting and fishing license, buyers can add a donation of \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 to help support the Veterans Commission's Veterans Assistance Fund.

Donations to the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) program provide grants to veteran service organizations and nonprofit charitable institutions that assist veterans and their families at the community level throughout Texas.

**SAN EATERY**

Coming Soon!

Fresh latin asian inspired food coming to serve the neighborhood early 2020. Come join us while we serve you plantains, garlic chicken, latin style sushi, and more!

## Cajun Catfish Mondays

5:00 - 9:00 pm  
All You Can Eat  
for \$10.99



## Kathy's Shrimp Boil

from 5-9pm  
(every Friday) for \$10.50 lb  
includes corn and potato  
with every pound.



**Kathy's**

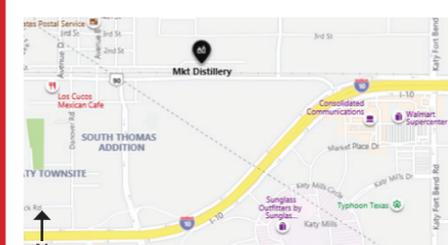
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## Come out to support Old Katy Originals on Saturday November 9th from 6-10 PM at MKT Distillery

MKT Distillery  
(next to No Label Brewery in the Rice Dryers)  
5373 1st St, Katy, TX 77493




Come out for food and fun. Lone Star Smoke Syndicate will be cooking BBQ plates for purchase. MKT distillery is giving Old Katy Originals a portion of the drink sales directly to OKO to support our mission to raise funds for FFA students in Katy ISD. There will be over 30 door prizes to give away including polo shirts, hats, and more. As always, there will be many ways to support Old Katy Originals that Saturday.

Diamonds in the Rough Auctions will be there with Houston and sports related memorabilia. We have 2-3 guns to raffle and games to win as well. There will also be a diverse group of silent auction items to bid on as well. All proceeds of this event will go directly to Katy ISD FFA students through the Katy ISD Livestock Show for animal purchases and add-on's. We will have Old Katy Originals hats representing each school in Katy ISD by color. Come help support YOUR local FFA buyers' group.

Most of you may not know that not every animal was purchased last year @ Katy ISD FFA Livestock sale. It is up to people like you and groups like us to raise all the money we can to NOT let that happen again.

To date OKO has raised over \$110,000 in the last 4 years to help support the Katy ISD FFA student projects. We have spent \$30,000 in Katy livestock sales and add-ons alone last year. Please help us to make this 2020 Katy ISD Livestock sale the best year yet!



