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Supply chain issues require smarter solution

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Businesses must focus on near-shoring—shipping from ports closer to home—as supply chain issues continue to affect the economy, a supply chain expert said Thursday. Margaret Kidd is program

director for supply chain and logistics technology, and an instructional assistant professor at the University of Houston College of Technology. She spoke at a Katy Area Chamber of Commerce meeting held at Alamo Drafthouse, 2707 Commercial Center Blvd. Katy's location, coupled with

the strong business climate, presents opportunities for economic growth. Kidd showed a map that projected future Greater Katy Area population growth. "Everything is growing between US 59 and I-10 where we're sitting right here," Kidd said. "And so, there's a lot of opportunity as

that population expands into our region. And then, when we look at the jobs, it's the same phenomenon, so between US 59, I-10 and then a little bit up towards US 290. We have another decade plus of growth and we do have to work together collectively with our school districts and with higher ed,

with the community colleges, the technical colleges, the economic development folks, the chambers to keep that momentum going." While the Katy area continues to do well, the situation in Europe is very different. There, she said,

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Mamie George Community Center Executive Director Gladys Brumfield-James, event co-chair Eillah Cavazos, Father Dat Hoang and event chair Elsa Poole prepare to kick up their heels at the "Boots and Blessings"-themed Mission of Love gala.

'Visionary:' Mamie George Community Center honors Fulshear priest

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

"Father Dat Hoang is tireless—almost like an Energizer Bunny," said Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. "He's a visionary priest." Father Dat, pastor of St. Faustina Catholic Church in Fulshear, was honored Sept. 8 at the annual Mission of Love gala, benefitting the Mamie George Community Center, the hub for Catholic Charities services in Fort Bend County. The priest is the founding pastor

at the church, which came into being in 2014 when DiNardo appointed him to solidify a congregation in fast-growing Fulshear. Since then, the parish has grown to become one of the largest congregations in the area. "I was the only parishioner when I came out here. And today, the Lord has blessed us with more than 5,000 families," Dat said. Dat Hoang has a remarkable life story. As a young child living with his large Catholic family in Vietnam, he wanted to be a priest. Because his father had served as an officer

in the South Vietnamese Air Force, their bishop advised that they leave the country to realize the youngster's dreams. It took two years and harrowing journeys to escape. Eventually, Dat Hoang was reunited with his brothers in Houston, where he pushed himself to learn English in high school, and went on to attend seminary and realize his dream of becoming a priest. At the Mission of Love gala, John Gillespie, chair of the MGCC advisory

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District investigating heckling incident at Jordan High School

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy ISD officials are investigating a heckling incident at a Sept. 2 Paetow-Jordan volleyball match at Jordan High School. Lekeesha Kemp-Adams, who is a parent of a Paetow volleyball player, recorded and posted a video on social media in which some fans heckled the Paetow players. Some fans can be heard in

the video to be making what Adams described as monkey sounds. Kemp-Adams said she complained to Katy ISD officials. "My daughter's team literally consists of Black and Hispanic players, so you can clearly understand what they were facing," Kemp-Adams wrote. "Jordan's volleyball team literally has one

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City authorizes slab and construction work for Katy Fitness Court

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy City Council Monday awarded a \$16,850 bid to Venus Construction of Katy to build the concrete slab and install the equipment for the Katy Fitness Court project at the Katy City Park. The fitness court will be built on the north side of the park, near the covered basketball court and the Play Station Playground. The city in July received a \$50,000 National Fitness Cam-

paign 2022 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas for creation of the fitness court. Part of the deal was that the city had to pay for installation of the slab and surfacing where the court would go. The city also had to cover equipment and any customized artwork. The council voted in July to authorize spending an additional \$92,350 for these things. The court will feature equipment used for body weight training. In these exer-

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Local British expat remembers Queen Elizabeth II



Queen Elizabeth II, seated in this 2016 photograph, died Thursday. Here she poses with her eldest son Charles, who ascended the throne and is now King Charles III.

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, who died last Thursday at age 96, had admirers in Katy. One of them is Helen Hall. She is a clinician's aide at Cinco Ranch High School. She and her family moved from the UK to Texas in 2000. But while she said Texas is home now, one can't take the Brit out of the girl. Like people around the world, Hall and her daughters have followed the news from the UK. "We were all devastated when Queen Elizabeth died," Hall said. "We thought she'd live forever. We never thought she would die. England will not be the same without the queen." Hall admired how the queen carried herself, and for being patient when her children had escapades that brought unwanted scrutiny and headlines. "She never put her foot wrong," Hall said. "She was such a gracious lady with a beautiful smile. She'll definitely be missed. Charles has some big boots to fill, that's for sure." Elizabeth's eldest son Charles ascended

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—Helen Hall

the throne as King Charles III. Elizabeth's funeral is set for Monday at Westminster Abbey in London. "I just love the Abbey," Hall said. "It's such a magnificent place. Nobody does pomp and circumstance like the Brits. My daughter said we'd have to get up early to watch the funeral. I told my coworker I would probably be late to work that day." After the funeral, the coffin is to be taken for burial at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, outside London, next to her late husband, Prince Philip. Elizabeth's 70-year reign is the longest in the history of the British monarchy. She ascended the throne upon the death

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Arc of Katy Achieve with Us Gala moved to Jan. 13, 2023

The Arc of Katy board of directors said that The Arc of Katy Achieve with Us Gala, originally planned to take place on Sept. 23, has been rescheduled to Jan. 13, 2023.

The time, from 6:30-11 p.m., and the location, Beckendorff Farms, 28533 Morton Road, remain the same.

The gala is an annual benefit with dinner and entertainment will raise funds for day programs and other resources for teens and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families residing in the tri-county Katy area.

Roderick Batson, of Howdy Homemade Ice Cream in Katy, will be the guest speaker.

Honorees include Marie Tsakiris, 2022 Ann Davis Founders Award recipient, and Judy Colabella and Walt Palen, volunteers of the year.

To register to sponsor, underwrite, donate to the auction or attend, visit the website events.readysetauction.com/arc-katy/2022gala. For more information on the gala, email gala@thearcofkaty.org.

For more information on The Arc of Katy programs, including volunteer and donor opportunities, visit the website thearcofkaty.org.

Special Pals partnering with Best Friends Animal Society for National Adoption Weekend

Special Pals Rescue Resource Center and Best Friends Animal Society, a leading animal welfare organization, are teaming up for another adoption campaign to encourage people to choose to adopt, not buy, their next pet.

During this adoption weekend event, Special Pals will waive adoption fees on all dogs older than 5 months and larger than 50 pounds. "Big dogs stay in shelters longer than the average adoptable dog, and our hope is to encourage the community to adopt these loving, larger pals," Becky French, Special Pals executive director, said.

Special Pals is open for adoptions daily from 12-4 p.m. including during the National Adoption Event. All adoptable pets are ready to go home with up-to-date vaccinations, and they have been spayed or neutered, microchipped, and treated with one month of heartworm and flea prevention medication.

Recent data released by Best Friends showed that U.S. shelters were seeing an increase in animal intakes and a decrease in pet adoptions from shelters. This has



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

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steadily turned into a crisis in the animal welfare community, where many shelters like Special Pals are over capacity.

Anyone considering adding a new pet to their family can make a difference by choosing to adopt instead of purchasing their pet.

"There is a growing shelter crisis across the country and the animal welfare community won't just sit by and let innocent pets die," Julie Castle, Best Friends Animal Society CEO, said. "In fact, it's quite the opposite. We're joining forces with our vast network of shelters and rescues across the country to host our third National Adoption Weekend since May to incentivize people to get out and adopt."

Due to recent problems such as staffing shortages, limited shelter hours, decreased volunteers, and reduced adoption events, the time is now to help save lives by adopting a pet.

"We have proof that national promotions like the first two adoption weekends we did in May and July work," Castle said. "Our

July National Adoption Weekend saw close to 10,000 animals adopted in a three-day period."

That's why Special Pals is compelled to be a part of the upcoming National Adoption Weekend. "As a limited-intake shelter, we can only accept as many dogs and cats as our space and resources will allow," French said. "We are doing our best for the dogs and cats in our care, and with more adoptions, we can say 'yes' to the requests we receive."

Those who can't adopt can consider fostering dogs and cats with Special Pals. Support, medical care, and daily supplies are all provided by the shelter team, and fostering animals makes room to help even more.

For more information, visit specialpals.org.

Special Pals is a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare organization founded in 1979 and is the oldest continuously running "no-kill" animal shelter in the Houston metro area.

The Best Friends Network comprises thousands of public and private shelters,

rescue groups, spay/neuter organizations and other animal welfare organizations in all 50 states.

Cheers to the Chamber at No Label Brewery

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Cheers to the Chamber" as part of its celebration of Chamber of Commerce Week.

The event is from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at No Label Brewery. Guests receive a chamber edition pint glass, filled with a beer of their choice.

Tickets are \$25. For more information, call the chamber at 281-391-7423.

LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch to host 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease

LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch is joining the fight to end Alzheimer's disease as the host of the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's 5K, presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Houston and Southeast Texas.

The event is set to be held from 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sept. 24.

LaCenterra is calling on members of the Katy community and surrounding areas to register for the event and join the fight against the disease. The event will kick off with an opening ceremony at 8:15 a.m. and the walk will start promptly at 8:30 a.m.

In addition to the walk, participants can enjoy live music and entertainment to warm up, snacks and beverages for walk fuel and a special tribute to those who have experienced Alzheimer's.

"We are thrilled to be working with our friends at the Alzheimer's Association of Houston and Southeast Texas to bring a fun-filled day of activities to the Katy community," Zach Reynolds, at LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch marketing director, said. "Alzheimer's disease affects many people and we are proud to support the organization in its fight to end the disease and bring greater awareness through this event."

Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate. There is no fee to register, but all participants are encouraged to raise funds to support the Alzheimer's Association's mission to provide 24/7 care and support and advance research toward methods of prevention, treatment and, ultimately, a cure.

To register and make a donation, visit the website at act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2022/TX-HoustonampSoutheastTexas.

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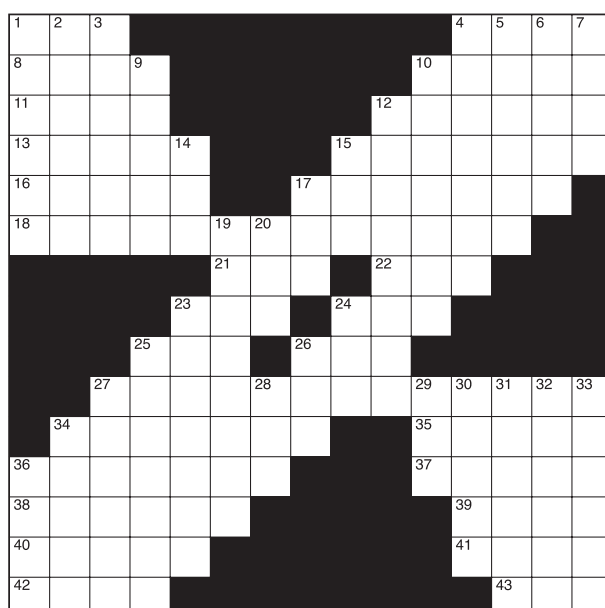
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- Japanese commercial city
- A way of binding
- Early Christianity French historian
- Kids' term for bugs
- Beloved family holiday activity
- Work unit
- Bundle
- A number or amount not specified
- Military official (abbr.)
- Queens ballplayer
- Type of gibbon
- Norma Jean's stage name
- Places
- Bluish greens
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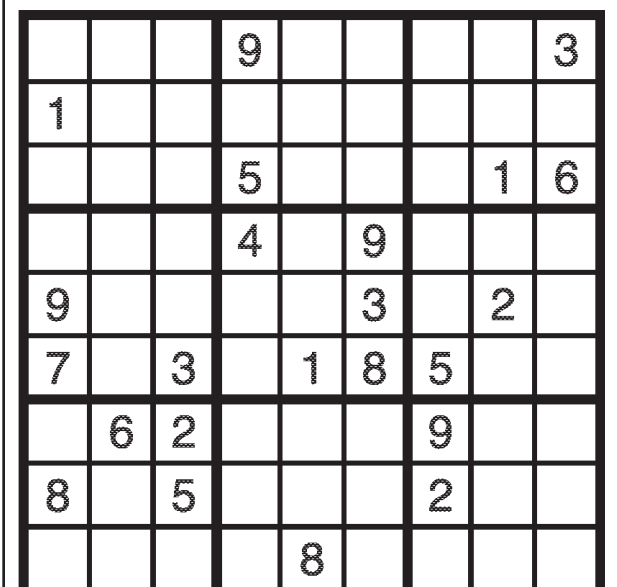
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- Avid reader
- Lead singer of Heart
- Pigeon sound
- Vital part
- People who are not Jewish
- Shed tears
- Pokes holes in the ground



- Beverage receptacle
- Stone used to surface roads
- French-Belgian river
- Type of phone
- Long-lasting light bulb
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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

Katy Triathlon sets fundraising record

STAFF REPORT

A record 515 participants took part in the 29th annual Rotary Club of Katy Triathlon at Cane Island, raising about \$76,000 for student scholarships.

"It's definitely a record," Paul Kurt, event chairman, said. "We are very excited. We all worked hard for it. It's a team effort." The triathlon took place Sept. 4 in Cane Island.

The triathlon featured athletes in a number of age categories. For results by category, visit the website, the abbreviated URL for which is bit.ly/3xo3zqh.

During the triathlon, a 61-year-old man suffered cardiac arrest, and Katy EMS took him to Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital, a Katy Fire Department spokesperson said. No further word was available on the man's condition at press time.

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cises, a person uses his or her body weight as resistance, instead of dumbbells.

Among other items, the equipment will include destabilized pushing rings, stabilized free-form pushing bars, and a stabilized pull-up bar.

When completed, the fitness court will have areas for people to do a variety of exercises to improve their physical fitness.

The fitness court is one improvement at the park. Another is the renovation of the tennis courts. The city had planned to renovate the courts, but Aileen Rios and her company, Harvest Midstream of Houston, reached out to the city about making a donation.

Kevin Browne, the city's parks director, said Rios mentioned renovating the tennis courts at the park. He said the city was already planning to make those renovations, but the donation was welcomed.

Rios is a GIS (for geographical information system) technician. Harvest Midstream is a privately-held mid-stream company services provider.

As for the fitness court, Council Member-at-Large and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris said he was happy to see Venus Construction get the slab and construction agreement.

"It's a local company and they take a very active role in the community," Harris said.

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gas prices are high because of oil pipelines being cut off. Countries have also imposed trade sanctions on Russia because of its invasion of Ukraine.

"We're starting to read about factory closures," Kidd said, adding just within the last month, steel manufacturing plants have closed in Spain and Germany. "Because we're so interconnected, there are concerns globally of a slowdown."

The situation in China, Kidd said, involves both lockdowns and access to power, with factory closures due to power surges.

"Now, certainly the situation in China has improved from the spring when 45 cities were on lock down at about 400 million people were stuck at home on mandatory confinement," Kidd said. "But as a result of that and again, go back to the interconnectedness of all our economics. Back in the spring, China was estimated to have a growth rate of 4.2%. That's a very high youth unemployment rate at 18%."

Inflation is another factor, Kidd said.

"Inflation has been certainly painful throughout the crisis," Kidd said. "The shortage of raw materials and the shortage of equipment or components to going to manufacturing, the excessive consumer demand that's driven inflation up. Right now, we're around 8.5%. Last year it was 7%."

Kidd said the US is better positioned on inflation, but not by much.

"Europe is running around 9% on average, 9.1%," Kidd said.

Kidd said society is not only networked but interconnected. Yet, she said, there are no rules. The flow of capital, information and driving consumption are instantaneous.

Then, the pandemic came.

"We thought that was bad, and then the Ukraine situation came around," Kidd said. "There are opportunities and we've seen some great success stories during COVID, and that was based on organizations and companies that adapted and collaborated and they leveraged technology."

Kidd said Amazon is one company that successfully did these things.

"Amazon made a lot of news last year when they just went out and said, we're just going to charter our own ships," Kidd said. "We're going to charter our own planes. So, they had excess space and then monetized it. They sold excess space to competitors. That's logistics as a service. It's a great method. They were able to get into ports like Houston because there was less traffic."

Kidd said "nearshoring," by which she referred to shipping to and receiving goods from Western Hemisphere ports in Mexico, South America, or parts of the Caribbean Sea, requires a renewed focus.

"We need to look at technology and automation and we need to look at logistics as a service," Kidd said. "No more of this less than a truckload of empty space. That's not sustainable. We need to figure out how do we collaborate to make a more sustainable supply chain system."

PRIEST

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ry board and a parishioner at St. Faustina Catholic Church, paid tribute to Father Dat: "He is the most humble, spiritual man we know. We also know that the last thing he wants, is to draw attention to himself."

The Mission of Love Gala raises funds needed to provide social services at the Mamie George Community Center, which provides meals, gatherings and classes to keep seniors engaged and active. In addition, the center provides vital services for

people of all ages: a food pantry, financial assistance, help for women veterans, and parenting education for young families.

"We're located in one of the poorest areas of Fort Bend County, so we see poverty every day," Gladys Brumfield-James, center executive director, said.

During the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, MGCC converted to home deliveries of meals and food to seniors, virtual interaction with other clients and

drive-through food distribution. The center re-opened after the worst of the pandemic and is fully operating, including in-person "shopping" for food items in the food pantry—by appointment. Nearly five million pounds of food have been distributed, with help from a devoted corps of volunteers, since the pandemic began.

For more information about the Mamie George Community Center, visit the website CatholicCharities.org.

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of her father, King George VI, who died in 1952.

Hall also paid tribute to Philip, who died last year.

"I suspect she couldn't have done it without him," Hall said.

The British International School of Houston, 2203 N. Westgreen Blvd., was making its preparations to commemorate Elizabeth's life and reign but those plans had not been finalized as of press time.

HECKLING

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Black girl. Our girls were distraught and devastated to endure such hatred."

Kemp-Adams said she complained to Katy ISD officials. In a letter to Paetow parents sent Sept. 5, district officials said they were aware of the incident and were investigating.

In a follow-up letter sent the next day, officials said their investigation "has identified some students engaged in behaviors that are not aligned with the district and the UIL's expectations for sportsmanship conduct during an athletic event."

The district said any student behavior that violates its Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct would face disciplinary consequences.

"The safety of all Katy ISD students is our district's utmost priority," the letter said. "Students, staff and community play an important role in keeping our school safe by reporting potential safety issues."

Officials said those with questions or information on the incident may express them by emailing kisdconcerns@katyisd.org.

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Health care confusion

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For more than a week, I was a lump on a bed, completely unable to move or do anything.

To make sure I wasn't going to perish, I paid a visit to the hospital emergency room. They tested me for all kinds of things and, five hours later, said I had the flu and that I could go home.

It was nice to be assured that all I had to do was let my immune system wage a mighty battle for the rest of the week.

It wasn't so nice when the bills started coming in, which totaled more than \$7,000—from what I can gather.

I have a decent health insurance policy through my corporate client that has temporarily brought me on as an employee to support a big project, so, after deductibles are met, I owed \$2,500 or thereabouts—from what I can gather.

Months later I am still in a state of total confusion and know it will take me hours to figure out how much I owe and to whom.

And I am not alone. Millions of Americans are befuddled by their health insurance policies and the convoluted bills they receive when, God forbid, they need to get health care.

According to the Portland Press Herald News, there are lots of hidden fees in medical bills that jack up the cost of services, and there is no continuity among providers.

One hospital may charge \$750 for an MRI and another may charge \$3,000 or more for the identical service.

Healthcare.com conducted a survey that found more than one in four Americans are befuddled by unexpected medical bills.

Don't understand the difference between co-pays and deductibles or in-network and out-of-network providers?

Well, get in line, because you have a lot of company—but there may be hope for us all yet.

In January 2022 the No Surprises Act went into effect. It requires hospitals and health care providers to make the fees they charge for services public, according to MarketWatch.



TOM PURCELL
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

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The intent of this act is to prevent patients from getting crushed by surprise bills, such as "balance billing," which healthinsurance.org explains well.

Balance billing occurs when providers bill a patient for the difference between the "retail price" they charge and the amount that the patient's insurance pays—which is almost always less. When some providers bill the patient for the difference, or balance, it's called "balance billing."

In other words, if you have an emergency and you get care from a provider outside of your network, you will get a big fat bill.

But under the No Surprises Act patients are liable only for their in-network fees.

That's a nice start, but the real problem is that our health care system is a confusing mess. It needs reform from top to bottom.

If a person does not have a decent health insurance policy—and decent policies are costlier now—he's still at the mercy of receiving massive bills for needed care.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to figure out who and how much I owe for coming down with the worst flu of my life.

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"On a scale of 1 to 10, how good is your insurance?"

New school clothes for Dad

Now that my eldest and middle daughters are off at college dashing my prospects for retirement, and my youngest daughter has started navigating the pubescent challenges of high school, I can turn to more important matters—namely, pants.

Yes, we've reached the time of year when, to the relief of my friends and family, I'm back to wearing trousers on a semi-regular basis. And since I hadn't updated my professional wardrobe since the second Bush administration, I recently decided to throw caution (and several pair of worn-out pleated slacks with expandable waistband) to the wind and start over.

Unfortunately for a dude who is steadily losing the dad-bod battle, though, seemingly every men's fashion designer now feels compelled to trigger me by advertising their garments as "slim fitting." I haven't squeezed my girth into anything described as "slim" since I was five years old with a Kool-Aid mustache and wearing Toughskins jeans from Sears.

Fortunately for me, when I was scrolling through Facebook looking at back-to-school pics of teenagers wishing their parents would leave them alone, I came across a well-placed ad for men's pants that seemed to read my mind (or detect my search history after I had previously spent an hour googling, "pants that will make me look cooler than I am").

These pants hilariously promise



JASE GRAVES
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

to be "butt molding" (whatever that means) and provide plenty of "breathing space" for other regions thanks to a "diamond-shaped gusset." They also claim to repel stains, stretch without bagging with "new-age fabric," somehow keep me from stinking due to drying technology and, most importantly, boost my confidence. (Did I mention the butt molding?)

"So, what is this dark magic?" I wondered. "Are these pants for real, or is this another disappointing marketing ploy for a second-rate product—like Sea-Monkeys. (I mean, the females don't even wear lipstick like in the picture.)"

Determined to suppress my skepticism, I reached for one of my beleaguered credit cards and ordered a pair. They weren't cheap, but how could I pass up the opportunity for what the advertising called a "cheeky upgrade" to my wardrobe that would also "prevent bulging"?

I'm happy to say that the pants fit perfectly and looked decent, so I ordered three more pairs. I can't vouch for the enhancements to my caboose since I can't see back there, but I figure it couldn't look any worse.

To complete the ensemble, I found some stretchy button-up shirts on summer clearance that are meant to be worn untucked and are described by the designer as "timeless and elegant—for the modern man." The modern man isn't named, but I'm guessing he spends a lot less time eating chips and salsa than I do.

What I like most about these shirts, other than their heavily discounted price, is that the tighter sleeves offer the illusion of actual muscles, and the body of the shirt disguises the fact that my abdomen resembles a misshapen Bartlett pear.

On my first day back to work after our summer vacation, my sweet wife told me I looked "good," which is probably her way of saying that I don't look quite as much like a bloated thrift-store mannequin. My youngest daughter just peered suspiciously over the top of her glasses and remained silent—thankfully.

I must admit that my fresh wardrobe has made me feel better physically and emotionally. And if you ever find yourself walking behind me, I apologize in advance for any distractions caused by the "butt molding."

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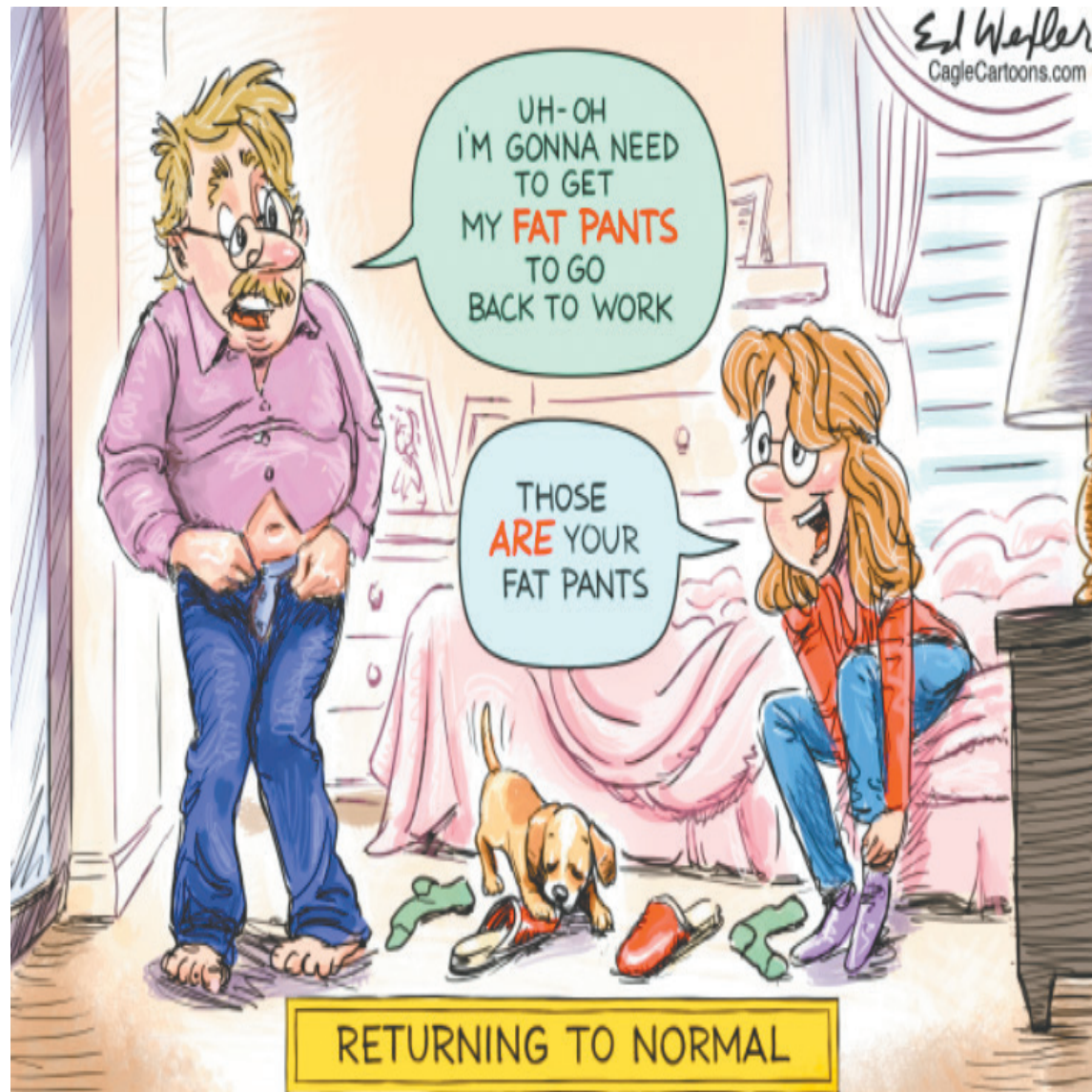
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Cinco Ranch Junior High teacher named Math Teacher of the Month

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Stacey Vanhorn, a math teacher at Cinco Ranch Junior High School, was celebrated at a Houston Astros game for being the "Math Teacher of the Month" by ConocoPhillips.

Vanhorn is a seventh-grade math teacher at Cinco Ranch Junior High School. She graduated from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in Merchandising-Industrial Distribution and a minor in Marketing Education. During her time in college, Vanhorn swam for UH and was involved with the Student Council.

Stacey has been a teacher for twelve years, and all those years have been dedicated to teaching math. As the seventh-grade math team lead, Stacey was integral in working to improve lesson design and local/state test scores at her school. She spearheaded changes that led to steady improvement of the seventh-grade math scores that ultimately out-paced the district average. Stacey's



Astros mascot Orbit salutes Stacey Vanhorn, a Cinco Ranch Junior High School teacher of the month.

dynamic personality and teaching style engage her students in lively discussions about math. Her former students frequently recall the math skills she enthusiastically taught in class. Outside of positively impacting her students, Vanhorn has been instrumental in helping train several

pre-service teachers, making sure they are prepared to be dynamic full-time math teachers when their student teaching semester ends.

She has worn many hats throughout her teaching career, including being department chair, seventh-grade KAP and Academic teacher, Katy ISD seventh-grade course lead, a mentor teacher, Student Council sponsor as well as a student-led Bible study sponsor. She has a passion for encouraging students to become problem solvers and gives them the tools to advocate for themselves to help them live up to their potential.

This last year has brought on the challenge of a breast cancer diagnosis for Stacey. While teaching, she went through 12 rounds of chemotherapy and a double mastectomy. During her treatment, she continued to go to work and carried on with her can-do attitude, only missing days of work to go to treatment. Vanhorn gives 100% to her students and takes great pride in her work.

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More growth expected in Royal ISD, demographer says

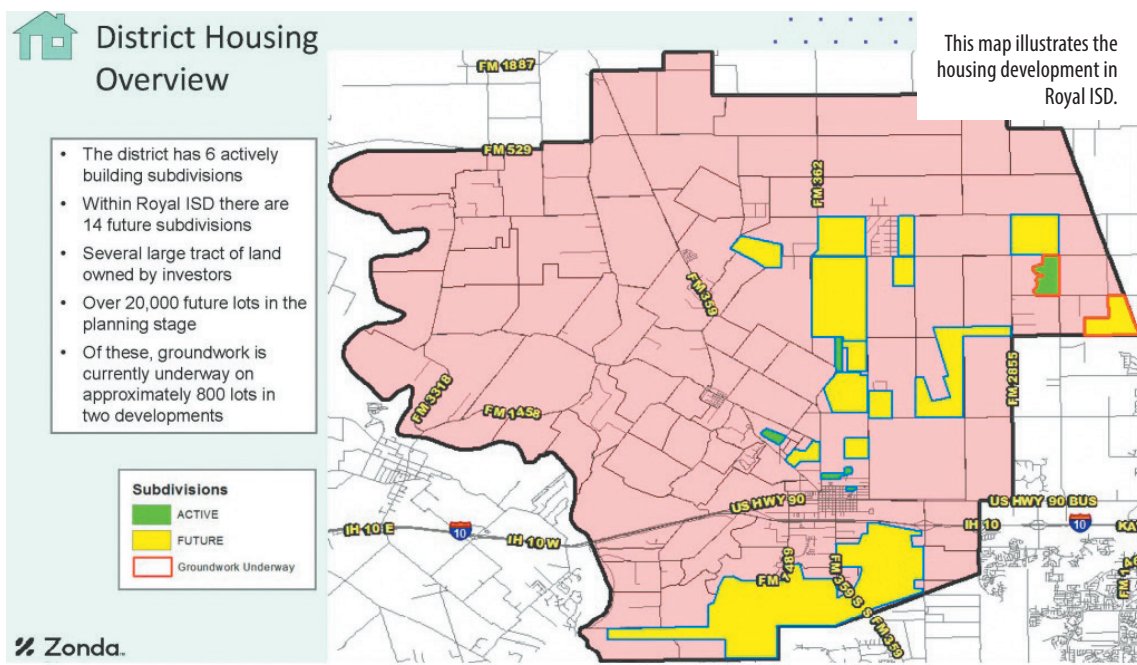
BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Home sales in Royal ISD have more than tripled in the last five years, and those sales will likely exceed 800 homes per year in the next 2-3 years, a demographer said Thursday.

Bob Templeton of Zonda Education spoke at the Royal ISD Facilities Advisory Committee meeting at the Royal Early Childhood Center. The committee is holding a series of meetings in anticipation of putting a bond issue on the May 2023 ballot. Zonda Education is based in Southlake, near Dallas. Templeton said his firm works with school districts across Texas, focusing on demographics and planning.

"We're looking at building permit activity and we do this every quarter so that we can understand how the housing market is changing," Templeton said. "As you know, it changes almost every week. But I will tell you that this area is about to experience dramatic growth period it'll become one of the fastest growing school districts in the state of Texas, and that's not too far down the road."

The increase in home sales will be reflected in the district's student enrollment, which Templeton said would top 4,100 students in



the 2026-27 school year and 7,700 students in the 2031-32 school year. The campuses are approaching capacity limits, he said.

Superintendent Rick Kershner said the enrollment and capacities of the five Royal ISD campuses were as follows:

- Early Childhood Center: 426 students enrolled, 568 capacity, 86% of capacity.

- Royal Elementary School: 561 students enrolled, 825 capacity, 86% of capacity.

- Royal STEM Academy: 329 students enrolled, 563 capacity, 86% of capacity.

- Royal Junior High: 452 students enrolled, 699 capacity, 75% of capacity.

- Royal High School: 836 students enrolled, 1,030 capacity, 75%

of capacity.

The district is entering into a new era of fast growth with total enrollment doubling in the next 5-7 years, Templeton said.

Templeton shared maps that illustrated the new housing developments within royal ISD boundaries. He said the district has six actively building subdivisions. Fourteen future subdivisions are planned.

"We're tracking the housing market for Royal," Templeton said. "Just a few years ago, we were telling you about 100 to 120 home sales per year, and you can see how it has increased over the last several years. In 2021 and 2020 it was somewhere around 300 home sales per year. I can tell you from my research that's going to double pretty quickly, and it's going to triple within about three to four years."

Templeton said there is also an increase in pricing that has shot up over the last two years.

"The average price of a home sale within Royal ISD and 2021 is \$241,000," Templeton said. "I suspect that's even higher for 2022 and this increase in the interest rate was meant to slow inflation. That's the reason the Fed did it. We'll see if it plays out, but right now I haven't seen signs that inflation is slowing."

Even with home prices going up, the growth is coming, Templeton said.

"This is the same kind of growth you see in Frisco (north of Dallas) you've seen this fast growth in various areas around," Templeton said. "what's happening is something that many others have experienced along those edges of the major Metroplex areas."

Templeton said the growth was not a matter of if, but when.

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Infrastructure needs detailed for Royal ISD committee

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Security, infrastructure and technology upgrades are needed at the five Royal ISD campuses, an architect who studied the buildings and facilities said Thursday.

Michael Lovaglio, a principal at Stantec Architects, gave the presentation to the Royal ISD Facilities Advisory Committee. He said the architects began their review by gathering existing drawings of the five district campuses.

"After reviewing it, we sent some questionnaires out to all the principals and created a draft report," Lovaglio said. "Then I met with the principals that walked me through their campuses and showed me and reiterated everything you saw on campus tours."

Committee members toured the five campuses last month.

"We had a lot of people there," Lovaglio said. "So, from that you can see a common theme as we go through these next slides that you've been hearing from everybody. That's what will get us to our final report."

Here is a top priority project summary by campus.

Early Childhood Center

The Early Childhood Center, built in 2009, is one of the two newest campuses in the district. Lovaglio said the top priorities for this campus included security upgrades for the vestibule, or lobby, along with roof leak repairs, exterior door replacement, and library compliance with the Texas Education Agency. He said the campus needed security equipment upgrades.

Royal Elementary School

Royal Elementary School, built in 2002, needs a fire sprinkler system and foundation repairs, Lovaglio said. Its vestibule needs to be upgraded and the campus needs security fencing.

The campus also needs roof leak repairs, exterior door replacements, and a fire sprinkler system.



Royal Junior High School needs some ceiling repair work.

Royal Junior High School

Royal Junior High School, built in 1967, is the district's oldest campus.

The campus needs upgrades to its vestibule, along with security fencing and roof leak repairs.

Lovaglio said the campus needed exterior door replacement, security equipment and ADA (Americans with Disability Act) upgrades, along with a fire sprinkler system.

Royal High School

Like Royal Elementary School, Royal High School opened in 2009.

The campus needs security equipment and upgrades to its vestibule, along with security fencing. It needs exterior door replacements. The science prep/storage must also be brought into compliance with TEA requirements, Lovaglio said.

Royal STEM Ay

The Royal STEM Academy building opened in 1984.

Lovaglio said the building, like the others, needs security upgrades to the vestibule, along with security fencing and equipment upgrades. The exterior doors must also be replaced, he said.

The building needs other upgrades to be ADA compliant and the library needs upgrades to be compliant with TEA requirements.

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A tax rate of \$0.440000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Katy.

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The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Katy is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 26, 2022 AT 6:30 pm AT Katy City Hall, 901 Ave C, Katy TX 77493.

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	2021	2022	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.447168	\$0.440000	decrease of -0.007168, or -1.60%
Average homestead taxable value	\$352,650	\$393,773	increase of 41,123, or 11.66%
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Total tax levy on all properties	\$17,712,156	\$18,988,685	increase of 1,276,529, or 7.21%

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Royal ISD technology chief details district's tech needs

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Mike Nicholas, Royal ISD technology Dir., described changes he would like to see if voters approve a bond expected to be put on the May 23 ballot.

The first priority would be putting interactive flat panels in each classroom. Nicholas said these panels have been the industry standard for years. In 2020, he said, 93% of schools purchased at least one such panel for classroom use. He said the panels increase student engagement, they are portable and they have a longer life. He said the cost for such panels in each classroom would be about \$750,000.

Presently, Nicholas said, the district uses ENO boards and projectors purchased in 2013. He said they are unusable due to lost and broken parts. The manufacturer, he said, is out of business and is unable to replace them. As a result, he said, students and teachers are behind the technology curve and at a disadvantage.

Another priority is replacing the network infrastructure at the



MIKE NICHOLAS
Royal ISD Technology Director

five district campuses. Nicholas said Wi-Fi 6e is the latest standard, and is more dense and faster. He said the network upgrades directly benefit students. The upgrades accommodate extra growth for network power devices like phones and security cameras. He said the cost for replacing the network infrastructure would be about \$1 million.

Presently, Nicholas said, the district performed a "forklift" upgrade in 2015 for \$720,000. He said it uses Wi-Fi 5, and the manufacturer support will end for the current gear in May 2023.

Nicholas called for multi-use space for the district's office, work, Police Department and Geek Squad.

He described this as dedicated multi-use space that reduces the amount of time for large projects. Furthermore, he said, it would serve as a permanent base of operations for the District's Geek Squad. It would not displace campus space for students. It could also be used for training in large meetings.

Presently, Nicholas said, the current dedicated space for technology at the high school is about 300 square feet. He said it must support repairs, office space and meeting and presentation space. For meetings involving large projects, the technology must use campus space, but as the campuses grow, there is little to no room for supplies and gear.

The other priority is for a vehicle capable of towing a small trailer. Nicholas described it as a district vehicle that would enable projects to be completed faster. A purpose-built vehicle would keep items more secure, he said.

Currently, Nicholas said, the technology staff must often move large items for meeting setup some projects both inside and outside the district. Currently, he said, personal vehicles must be used or borrowed a vehicle must be barred from the maintenance department.

Nicholas said vehicle availability impacts project completion time. He said borrowing district vehicles impacts the efficiency of other departments.



Marilyn Vaughn, Royal ISD police chief

GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Royal ISD police chief talks improving campus security

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The May 24 mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde has put security at the top of school-related issues. Marilyn Vaughn, Royal ISD police chief, offered a vision of the changes she would like to see if voters approve a bond expected to be put on the May 23 ballot.

Vaughn said a recent US Secret Service analysis of plots against schools shared key findings. She said targeted school violence is preventable when communities identify warning signs and intervene. In every case, she said, a tragedy was averted by community members coming forward when they see worrisome behaviors.

When possible, Vaughn said, schools and communities must partner to identify and intervene with students who need help before their behavior escalates to something criminal.

As for project suggestions that might appear on a bond initiative, Vaughn spoke of improvements to infrastructure, facility upgrades and programs.

On infrastructure, Vaughn called for adding an additional security fencing. In this way, safety would be improved by ensuring clear, protective boundaries for Royal ISD property.

Vaughn called for the district to buy additional security cameras and upgrade software equipment. She also called for upgrading the districts staff and student identification system.

She called for the district to buy additional alarms systems and upgrade the existing alarm systems.

Vaughn recommended upgrading the district's communication equipment, including radios and emergency notification systems.

On facilities upgrades, Vaughn called for installing film on all exterior windows and doors, making them shatterproof. She also called for upgrading of school access points, doors and door locks. Doing these things will reinforce and limit areas of access to visitors.

On programs, Vaughn asked for planning school safety programs and training for them. She also called for programs to manage emergencies through mental health personnel. She called for officers trained and certified as mental health officers to work with the districts social emotional learning director and counselors.

A growing student population also means more traffic. Towards this end, Vaughn suggested adding an additional road to alleviate traffic congestion, therefore making it safer for students, staff and the community.

Katy ISD announces secondary Gifted and Talented screening

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Gifted and Talented (GT) screenings for incoming secondary students are now taking place at Katy ISD. The district encourages all parents with a gifted and talented child headed to junior high school to sign up for a secondary GT screening. Students currently in fifth grade who are not identified as part of the elementary Challenge Program can be screened for GT program services, which would begin in the fall of the student's sixth-grade year.

Parents wishing to refer their child for secondary GT screening must complete a Secondary Parent Checklist and return it to their child's elementary campus by Sept. 21. Checklists can be obtained

from the student's school or the Katy ISD GT and Advanced Academics website at katyisd.org/page/4405. Secondary gifted program options are available in English, reading, mathematics, science and social studies.

"Students may be screened at their current campus in October and November in any or all content areas," Joan Otten, GT and Advanced Academics director, said. "Parents will be notified of the placement decision in January 2023."

Students who qualify for the GT program will begin the program in the fall of their sixth-grade year. Interested parents should contact the Challenge teacher at their child's elementary school if they have more questions.



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Jewelry store owner gets jail for cash advance fraud

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen Friday imposed a 27-month-term of imprisonment to be immediately followed by three years of supervised release. Mora was co-owner with his business partner of Alku Modern Jewelers, 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd.



CONTRIBUTED REPORT

A 40-year-old Katy man has been sent to federal prison following his conviction of committing wire fraud, U.S. attorney Jennifer B. Lowery said.

Santiago Mora pleaded guilty March 3.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen Friday imposed a 27-month-term of imprisonment to be immediately followed by three years of supervised release. Mora was co-owner with his

business partner of Alku Modern Jewelers, 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd.

During sentencing, the judge heard that Mora failed to deliver pre-paid Rolex watches valued at approximately \$3.9 million to a customer. In an effort to pay the customer and others, Mora executed a scheme by which he obtained a total \$500,000 in merchant cash advances via wire transfer by impersonating and using the good credit of his business partner.

Mora eventually admitted his fraudulent dealings to his business

partner and to using his partner's identity to apply for and receive multiple merchant cash advances.

In June 2021, Mora was taken into custody in Miami after he failed to appear in court for further proceedings.

Mora will remain in custody pending transfer to a U.S. Bureau of Prisons facility to be determined in the near future.

The FBI conducted the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Tina Ansari and Grace Murphy prosecuted the case.

Fort Bend County district clerk's passport acceptance facility passes inspection

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Beverley McGrew Walker, Fort Bend County district clerk, said that the district clerk's passport acceptance facility has passed compliance inspection with a perfect score for the fourth consecutive year.

Periodically, the Passport Services' Office of Acceptance Facility Oversight (AFO) inspects Passport Acceptance



BEVERLEY MCGREW WALKER

Facilities in four areas: Passport Application Acceptance Procedures, Information Security, Supplies and Signage, and Training. The AFO's focus is on protecting the integrity of the passport issuance process.

During the inspection, the AFO has three goals. First, it determines management controls for noncompliance with written guidance provided by Passport Services. Second, it mitigates the risk of fraud and misfeasance/malfeasance. Finally, it identifies and reports systemic trends and (4) assesses acceptance facilities' compliance with Department of State regulations.

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Walker credited her staff, which includes Michelle Jochen, first assistant; Courtney Paterson, division supervisor of passports; and Autumn Morrow, department supervisor of passports, for their work.

Walker said county residents are welcome to visit the facilities at the Fort Bend County Justice Center, 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle, Monday through Friday, or at the Sienna Annex, 5855 Sienna Springs Way on Wednesdays and Thursdays to apply for a new passport or renew an existing passport. Walker said appointments are preferred.

"Having passed inspection consecutively with an exceptionally high score of 100 should assure customers needing passports that their applications are being executed by highly trained professionals," Walker said.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards has determined the Harris County Jail is out of compliance because of the overcrowding situation, the Harris County Sheriff's office said in a statement.



Sheriff: Courts backlog places jail in non-compliance status

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards has determined the Harris County Jail is out of compliance with state standards because of the overcrowding situation, the Harris County Sheriff's office said.

Specifically, jail inspectors identified instances in which 64 people spent more than the maximum 48 hours in the booking area's holding cells. The sheriff's office is now required to submit a corrective action plan of action within 30 days.

Harris County's backlog of pending criminal cases has swelled since 2017, when Hurricane Harvey caused major structural damage to the courthouse building.

The backlog continued to grow during the pandemic, as public health concerns prevented courts from conducting in-person

hearings and trials at their usual pace.

The sheriff's office said there are currently 10,343 people housed in the jail, while an additional 597 have been sent to a jail in La Salle Parish, La.

This represents the first time the jail population has exceeded 10,000 in over a decade. Nearly half of the people currently in custody are charged with violent crimes.

Harris County recently signed a contract to begin housing up to 600 more people at a jail facility in Garza County.

The sheriff's office said the introduction of telemedicine, additional health care staff, and other steps are also being taken to expedite medical and mental health screenings during the booking process.

In addition, Harris County Commissioners Court has made significant investments to tackle the criminal courts case backlog.

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FOOTBALL

Scores

- Katy 14, Tompkins 13
- Cinco Ranch 49, Taylor 28
- Jordan 42, Mayde Creek 15
- Paetow 34, Morton Ranch 29

Thursday

- Paetow vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Friday

- Katy vs. Morton Ranch, 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium
- Cinco Ranch vs. Tompkins, 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Saturday

- Seven Lakes vs. Taylor, 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

VOLLEYBALL

Friday

- Katy vs. Cinco Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Taylor, 5:30 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Tompkins, 5:30 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Seven Lakes, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

- Tompkins vs. Jordan, 5:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Katy, 5:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Paetow, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Friday

- Cinco Ranch at Richmond Foster, 3 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Bellaire, 3:30 p.m.
- Katy vs. Fulshear, 3 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Clear Springs, 3 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Cy-Woods, 3 p.m.
- Tompkins at Dawson, 3 p.m.

Tuesday

- Seven Lakes vs. Jordan, 2:30 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Paetow, 3 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Mayde Creek, 3 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Morton Ranch, 3 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday

- Cinco Ranch at College Station meet, 8 a.m.
- Paetow at Spring Creek meet, 8 a.m.

Saturday

- Mayde Creek and Taylor at Mayde Creek meet, 7:30 a.m.
- Jordan at A&M Corpus Christi meet, 8 a.m.
- Katy and Seven Lakes at Kingwood meet, 8 a.m.
- Tompkins at McKinney meet, 8 a.m.

Paetow outlasts Morton Ranch for first 6A district win

BY ANDRES CHIO
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

It was a lesson in perseverance for Paetow on Friday night as the Panthers came back from behind to defeat Morton Ranch 34-29 at Rhodes Stadium.

It was Paetow's first district game against a Katy ISD school and a familiar foe welcomed the team to District 19-6A.

Morton Ranch came out swinging as the Mavericks looked to avenge their losses to Paetow in 2020 and 2021 non-district play.

The two teams are no strangers to close games and Paetow head coach Lonnie Teagle said he expects all of the district games to be tough like Friday night's matchup.

"It is 6A. It is Katy ISD. Everyone is loaded. It is the toughest district in the state and it is going to be a heavyweight

See **PAETOW**, page B8



Katy's Seth Davis hurdles Tompkins' Braden Foor during Saturday's game between Katy and Tompkins at Legacy Stadium.

RAMS REYNA, SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Katy survives stiff test from Tompkins in district opener

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy knew how much of a battle this weeks district opener would be against Tompkins.

Both teams have battled over the course of the past few years in close matchups and with the teams starting District 19-6A play against each other, the Tigers knew how important this game would be.

Just like in week two of the season, Katy (3-0, 1-0) went back and forth with a state ranked team as both traded blows, and just like in week two, Katy managed to come away with a victory, narrowly beating a very strong Tompkins (2-1, 0-1) squad 14-13 on Saturday night at Legacy Stadium.

The win kept the Tigers perfect on the season and gave them the start they needed in district play, as the Tigers look to repeat as district champs.

It was the defense that led the Tigers on the night, as they came away with two key takeaways and stopped the Falcons from gaining any momentum offensively, stalling drives repeatedly before it could result in touchdowns.

"It all started with our defensive line," said junior linebacker Connor Johnsey. "They had to be physical up front and

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KELLY RICHMAN | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Jordan's Zechariah Sample and Zion Jones celebrate after Sample scored a touchdown on an interception during Saturday's game between Jordan and Aldine Davis.

Jordan defeats Mayde Creek for first-ever district win

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Jordan came into this week motivated. Fresh off their first loss of the season, the Warriors knew exactly what they needed to do coming into this week, and they wanted to make sure they didn't feel the sting of defeat after the first district game in the school's history.

The Warriors answered any questions about them in resounding fashion, coming out in their District 19-6A opener and defeating Mayde Creek 42-15 to start district off in a strong manner and get back on the right foot after last week's loss. And they used how they are perceived in the district for even extra motivation.

"We all took that loss to heart last week," said senior safety Braden Franklin. "We

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Texans blow 17-point lead, settle for tie in opener

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

For three quarters on Sunday, the Texans looked like they were going to have a perfect start to the season.

The defense was making plays and forcing turnovers, the offense was driving and the pass game was working, and the special teams was doing its job.

Then, everything fell apart in the fourth quarter.

Houston blew a 17-point lead in the fourth quarter against the Indianapolis Colts at NRG Stadium, eventually settling for a 20-20 tie in overtime as both teams were unable to score in the overtime period.

"We talk a lot about finishing here and we didn't finish the way we needed to today," said Texans head coach Lovie Smith. "When you have a 20-3 lead at home, you have to finish that off. We did some good things offensively and defensively early on, but it wasn't enough today."

Indianapolis came out strong from the start. After trading punts with the Texans to begin the game, the Colts drove down the field, but the Texans were able to hold them to just a field goal as the Colts went up by 3.

It was a defensive battle in the first half and the Texans continued to bend but not break defensively. The Colts got the ball all the way down to the Texans 2-yard line early in the second quarter, but Jonathan Greenard made a huge stop on fourth and goal to keep things a one possession game.

That stop rejuvenated a Texans offense that had up to that point been stopped on every drive. Houston drove the ball 69 yards on 14 plays, taking six minutes, 20 seconds off the clock before Ka'imi Fairbairn tied things on a 45-yard field goal.

The Texans then stopped another drive that looked good from the Colts, with Jerry Hughes making an interception. The Houston offense took advantage of good field position, going on a four play, 58-yard drive that culminated in a 16 yard pass from Davis Mills to OJ Howard, giving the Texans a 10-3 lead.

The Colts seemed destined to respond, driving down the field on a two minute drill, but Jerry Hughes again came up huge for the Texans' defense, with a big sack to stall the drive and move the Colts out of field goal position, preserving the Texan seven-point lead heading into the half.

The Texans came out in the second half with the offense still carrying that momentum and added to their lead on a 43-yard field goal, and the Texans' defense continued to bend but not break, adding another turnover to their tally with a fumble recovery. And the Texans' offense cashed in once again, going on a four play, 58-yard drive where Mills threw a 22-yard touchdown to Howard for their second scoring connection of the day, making things 20-3 in favor of the Texans.

"OJ really only got here last week and he's got to work and put his head down," Mills said. "I think he's in a really good spot right now. He made some big time plays today and we have a lot of guys across the field we can utilize in those situations."

The Colts started to fight their way back in the fourth quarter and again had a drive inside the Texans 5-yard-line, but a big defensive stand by Houston limited Indianapolis to just a field goal.

But the Texans gave the Colts life on their next drive. Mills lost a fumble as he was sacked and Indianapolis recovered it inside the Texans 20-yard-line. The Colts took advantage of it — Jonathan Taylor ran in a 2-yard touchdown with seven minutes left in the game, trimming the Texans lead to 20-13. The Colts then tied things up on their next drive, going 80-yards on seven plays and scoring on a Matt Ryan pass to Michael Pittman. The Colts got the ball back with a chance to win the game, but the Texans



Above: Houston Texans quarterback Davis Mills (10) passes the ball during an NFL game between the Texans and the Colts on September 11, 2022 in Houston. The game ended in a 20-20 tie after a scoreless overtime period. At right: Indianapolis Colts linebacker Zaire Franklin (44) and defensive end Kwity Paye (51) wrap up and tackle Houston Texans running back Dameon Pierce (31) on a carry. The game ended in a 20-20 tie after a scoreless overtime period.

PHOTOS BY SCOTT W. COLMELMAN



held, and the game went to overtime.

Once the game got to overtime, the Texans faltered, the offense went 3-and-out, losing 16 yards on the drive before punting it away. The Colts came back and drove down the field but missed a field goal to win the game, and the Texans could do nothing with their final drive of the game, pinning the Colts back on a punt and ensuring a tie. The tie was the first in the Texans' 21-year history.

"We thought about going for it on our last fourth down in overtime, but ultimately we thought punting it was the better option," Smith said. "If we didn't get it, they still had some time to get in field goal range and our defense was not playing its best. I just felt like there based on everything that we needed to pin them back and secure the tie. There's a lot of football left this season and I felt like a tie was better than a potential loss."

The Texans know that blowing that 17-point lead was unacceptable, and they're determined to come back stronger in week two. Houston travels to face the Broncos on Sunday in search of a bounce back.

"We have to learn how to close games out," Hughes said. "We were up on those

guys and we had our chances in the second half and fourth quarter to shut the door as a defense. When you have someone on the ropes, you have to shut them down completely and solidify the game. We didn't do that. We have to learn from this game and figure out a way to close games, because you have to do that in the NFL — it's the only way you're going to win is by getting it done in that fourth quarter."

"When you have someone on the ropes, you have to shut them down completely and solidify the game. We didn't do that. We have to learn from this game and figure out a way to close games...."

—Jerry Hughes



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Katy remains at No. 5 in state rankings after win

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy remained at No. 5 in the Class 6A Dave Campbell Texas Football state rankings after their week 3 win over Tompkins. The top five all remained the same, with Westlake, North Shore and Southlake Carroll topping the rankings.

Tompkins dropped one spot from No. 11 to No. 12 after its loss to Katy — the Falcons were usurped by Allen, which jumped from No. 23 to No. 9 after a win over Arlington Martin.

No other Katy ISD teams were ranked this week.



Katy's Damian Neveaux tackles Tompkins Caleb Komolafe during Saturday's game between Katy and Tompkins at Legacy Stadium.

RAMS REYNA, SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

CLASS 6A				
Rank	School	(Record)	Week 3	Prv rank
1	Austin Westlake	(3-0)	W	1
2	Galena Park N. Shore	(3-0)	W	2
3	Southlake Carroll	(3-0)	W	3
4	Duncanville	(2-0)	Idle	4
5	Katy	(3-0)	W	5
6	Denton Guyer	(3-0)	W	6
7	Humble Atascocita	(2-1)	W	10
8	Cibolo Steele	(3-0)	W	13
9	Allen	(2-1)	W	23
10	Dallas H'land Park	(3-0)	W	12
11	Arlington Martin	(2-1)	L	9
12	Katy Tompkins	(2-1)	L	11
13	DeSoto	(2-1)	W	15
14	SA Northside Brennan	(2-1)	W	14
15	Spring Westfield	(2-1)	L	7
16	Alvin Shadow Creek	(3-0)	W	16
17	Prosper	(3-0)	W	17
18	Dripping Springs	(2-0)	Idle	18
19	Austin Vandegrift	(2-1)	W	20
20	Round Rock	(3-0)	W	21
21	Rockwall	(2-1)	L	8
22	Klein Cain	(3-0)	W	24
23	Jersey Village	(3-0)	W	19
24	Waxahachie	(3-0)	W	25
25	The Woodlands	(2-1)	W	NR

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KISD Fine Arts/Band	\$10,000.00
KISD Seven Lakes - FFA Booster Club Special Rodeo	\$4,000.00
KISD Take Me Fishing - Hutsell	\$1,000.00
KISD FFA (Animals for kids to raise)	\$12,000.00
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Katy Christian Ministries	\$2,000.00
Guerrero Crystal Foundation	\$3,500.00
Katy Responds	\$5,000.00
Camp Hope/PTSD Foundation of America	\$5,000.00
Child Advocates of Fort Bend (CASA Wings)	\$5,000.00
Global Grant for Cucuta Columbia	\$2,625.00
Shredding on the Go	\$500.00
Pregnancy Help Center of West Houston	\$2,000.00
Ft. Bend County - YANA Program	\$1,800.00
Special Olympics Texas	\$1,000.00
City of Katy - 3B Learning Center	\$3,000.00
KISD - Cimarron Elementary Literacy Program	\$3,000.00
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WEEK 4 KATY ISD PREVIEW

Katy only undefeated team left in district

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

*All games District 19-6A

THURSDAY

Paetow (2-1, 1-0) vs. Mayde Creek (2-1, 0-1), 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Did not play

Paetow and Mayde Creek will play Thursday and the teams come into the matchup in dramatically different situations after one week of district play.

Paetow comes into the game fresh off its first district win in 6A and after a good performance against Mayde Creek, starting the first week of District 19-6A in strong fashion.

Paetow put up 34 points in the game, doing good work offensively in each of the last three quarters. Koby Truehill threw touchdown passes to VanKeith Brown and Gene Kendall while also running in a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Paetow again leaned on senior Alex Kilgore, who came in to score on a 34-yard touchdown.

The Paetow defense struggled in the game; however, Morton Ranch's run game was very successful even with Paetow's very strong defensive line and the Mavericks were able to make a comeback until Justin Stevenson returned a kickoff for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter. But it was the defensive line that came up huge late in the fourth quarter with David Hicks Jr. forcing a fumble on the Mavericks' final drive.

Mayde Creek has a much tougher time in its first district game of the season, falling to Jordan and struggling mightily on both sides of the ball.

The Rams turned the ball over twice and only gained 10 yards on the ground in the game, while defensively giving up over 400 yards and struggling with Jordan's offense all day.

The Rams did manage to find success late in the game through the air and they will need to continue that success behind Cardell Beard and Reggie McNeal against Paetow if they are to stay in the game and have a chance at the win.

Paetow will need to continue to have a strong pass attack while continuing to develop their run game, while the defense will need to keep stopping the ground attack of Mayde Creek.

FRIDAY

Katy (3-0, 1-0) vs. Morton Ranch (2-1, 0-1), 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Katy 66, Morton Ranch 15

Katy has survived two straight games against state ranked opponents and now the Tigers take on Morton Ranch in the second week of district.

A week after the offense looked



Katy's Connor Johnsey celebrates after intercepting Tompkins quarterback Chris Gilbert Jr. during Saturday's game between Katy and Tompkins at Legacy Stadium.

very strong against Atascocita and the defense struggled at times, it was the opposite against Tompkins as the Tigers defense stepped up again and again while the offense struggled to get going. But the result was the same, with Katy coming out on top both times.

The Tigers leaned on Seth Davis last week, as the senior running back got the team both of their touchdowns and rushed for 117 yards to lead Katy to the win. The pass game was not there for Katy this week though, as they managed just 56 yards through the air.

Katy's defense stepped up in a big way though, not allowing any points in the second half of the game and forcing Tompkins into two interceptions, with one being the game winner with just over a minute left in the fourth quarter.

Now the Tigers have a chance to take advantage of playing an opponent that isn't quite at the same level as those state ranked teams. Katy will look to keep up their explosive run game and strong defense, while carrying over their defensive performance

against Tompkins, as they look to cement themselves as the leading contender for the district title.

Morton Ranch meanwhile, struggled defensively, but almost did enough offensively to start district with a win against Paetow. The run game once again was the strong point for the Mavericks. Santana Scott had 100 yards and two touchdowns, Josh Johnson rushed for 103 yards and Ryan Hall added 33 yards rushing. Johnson had a decent day through the air as well, throwing for 153 yards and a touchdown, but also throwing an interception, while Cameron Hudson, Jairon Davis and Michael Gerald all had over 30 yards receiving.

Defensively, the Mavericks will need to step it up against Katy if they are to compete, while offensively, the Mavericks will need to find a way to again have a strong game against a defense that has been stingy against every team's run offense they have faced so far.

It will be a battle of strengths for the two teams, with Morton Ranch looking to establish its strong run game with both their

running back and quarterback and trying to build their play action game off that and Katy looking to continue to dominate off the ground offensively with Caleb Koger mixing in the pass when needed.

Cinco Ranch (2-1, 1-0) vs. Tompkins (2-1, 0-1), 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Tompkins 32, Cinco Ranch 28

Tompkins and Cinco meet in what will be a battle between the two sides as both come into this looking to be district contenders. Tompkins will be determined to rebound after narrowly falling to Katy and feeling they could have won if a few things had gone differently.

Tompkins had a very strong first half, but adjustments by Katy in the second half kept Tompkins from building any more momentum.

The Falcons had 177 yards through the air and Chris Gilbert Jr. was efficient, going 18-28 but also throwing two interceptions.

The run game was not nearly as effective as the pass game, but the Falcons still battled, rushing 28 times for 60 yards.

Defensively, Tompkins was very strong, forcing three turnovers and doing everything they could to stay in the game, as Tompkins eventually fell by one point.

Cinco meanwhile, used another strong offensive performance to earn a win and start district out on a strong note.

The Cougars came out 49-28 winners over Taylor, as Gavin

Rutherford and the Cinco Ranch's offense led the way with another strong day, and the Cougars overcame a strong start from Taylor to get a big win over the Mustangs. Cinco passed for 296 yards and rushed for 178 yards in the win, but also allowed Taylor to have a good day on offense, giving up 273 yards on the ground as well as 144 yards through the air.

This game will be about which strength of the two teams wins out. Tompkins defense has been exceptional the past two weeks and have held really good teams in check, but Cinco's passing game is one of the strongest units in the entire district. So the question will be, can Cinco's pass offense do enough against a very strong defense for Cinco to win or will Tompkins defense have another great week and lead the Falcons to a win.

SATURDAY

Seven Lakes (0-2) vs. Taylor (1-2, 0-1), 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium

Last year: Seven Lakes 44, Taylor 20

Seven Lakes and Taylor both are looking to get back into the win column as both come off losses in their last games.

For Seven Lakes, they started district on their bye week and it came at a good time, as the Spartans lost both of their first two games.

Both of the Spartans losses came down to the wire, with the team's last loss coming 44-41 to Klein in week two of the season.

The Spartans' offense showed huge improvements from the first week of the season. Tanner Perez threw for 297 yards and two touchdowns but also threw an interception, while Jake Farris and Barrett Hudson combined for 153 yards and three scores and Perez also ran in a touchdown. Marcel Davis was a force through the air with 107 yards receiving while Evan Tomalty, Jake Farris and Landon Ross all had over 40 yards receiving.

But the Seven Lakes defense struggled mightily against Klein, allowing 257 yards through the air and not forcing any turnovers in the game, leading to the loss.

Taylor meanwhile, comes into the game after losing its first game in district, 49-28 to Cinco Ranch.

The Taylor offense had a good day in the game. Dante Archie rushed 24 times for 182 yards and a touchdown and Taylor rushed for 273 yards in total, while also passing for 144 yards. But the Taylor defense didn't do enough as they gave up 474 yards of total offense to Cinco in the loss.

This is an extremely important game for both teams although it is early in the district schedule, as both need a win to solidify their place in the playoff hunt. Both teams will try to establish the run game offensively and play off that, while leaning on defenses to slow the others running attack down.

DISTRICT 19-6A STANDINGS

	Team	W	L	District W	District L	District PF	District PA
1*	Katy	3	0	1	0	14	13
1*	Jordan	2	1	1	0	42	15
1*	Cinco Ranch	2	1	1	0	49	28
1*	Paetow	2	1	1	0	34	29
4	Seven Lakes	0	2	0	0	N/A	N/A
5*	Tompkins	2	1	0	1	13	14
5*	Morton Ranch	2	1	0	1	29	34
5*	Taylor	1	2	0	1	28	49
5*	Mayde Creek	2	1	0	1	15	42

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KATY

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make gaps for our linebackers and safeties to fit into. We prepared every day this week hard, and so we were ready for this, we know how important it was and what we had to do.”

Johnsey set the tone early in the first quarter, picking off Tompkins on the Falcons' first possession of the game, but it was the Falcons who would strike first, after recovering a Katy fumble. The Falcons drove down the field and got a 31-yard field goal from Andrew Horner to take the lead.

Katy then had another miscue offensively, throwing an interception to Cody Chapman, but after getting the ball back, Seth Davis got the Tigers on the board in the second quarter with an eight-yard touchdown run.

“We had to keep reminding ourselves that we didn't have to hit the big plays every time,” Davis said. “We just had to keep driving down the field, keep going yard by yard and wearing them down. That's how we're successful and we knew if we did that everything was going to be okay.”

Tompkins was not going to go down easy though. After Katy muffed a punt return, Tompkins trimmed the Katy lead to 7-6 on another field goal and then took a 13-7 lead just before the half on a Chris Gilbert fade throw to Wyatt Young, who came down with the touchdown in the back of the endzone.

Katy went into the locker room knowing that the first half wasn't good enough, and the Tigers came back out and didn't turn the ball over or give up another point the rest of the way.

“The most important thing for us coming out of the half was to just take care of the football,” Davis said. “We knew that we couldn't turn the ball anymore and for the rest of the game we had good ball security and took everything right to them.”

Both teams continued to battle through the second half until Davis got Katy back in front late in the third quarter on a 2-yard touchdown run, making it 14-13.

Davis didn't have his usual dominant night running the ball, but the senior and the Katy offense did just enough, as Davis rushed for 117 yards on 24 carries and both of Katy's scores.

The one-point advantage would be just enough for Katy the rest of the way. Both teams couldn't get anything more going offensively and on Tompkins' last chance late in the fourth quarter, Micah Sweats jumped a comeback route and intercepted a pass on fourth down to seal the game and give the win to the Tigers.

“They had been running lots of stop



RAMS REYNA, SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Katy's Oliver Ginn runs down the sideline as Katy head coach Gary Joseph looks on during the Aug. 27 game between Katy and Tompkins at Legacy Stadium.

routes and I knew that since they needed four yards, that's what they would go to,” Sweats said. “I trusted the front seven to the quarterback and I just read the route and was able to make the play. I was just doing my job and I'm glad I could make the play.”

Katy held Tompkins to 237 yards of offense on the day and only 60 rushing yards, and the defense stepped up in a big way.

“We improved and did a lot better than last week defensively,” Sweats said. “We gave up less points than last week and that's the goal to keep improving on that. We just continued to do our job and make the plays we needed to.”

Katy moves on to play Morton Ranch (2-1, 0-1) next, and the Tigers know that although they've beaten two very good teams in the last two weeks, they have to keep improving.

“We have to practice even harder and

push ourselves even more,” Davis said.

“We're winning these close games but we can be better and we know that we have to keep improving every day we go out there.”

**KATY 14,
TOMPKINS 13**

Katy	0	7	7	0	--	14
Tompkins	3	10	0	0	--	13

First quarter

T: Andrew Horner 31 field goal, 3:12

Second quarter

K: Seth Davis 8 run (Hunter Ondrusch kick) 9:59
T: Horner 25 field goal, 4:42
T: Chris Gilbert Jr. 11 pass to Wyatt Young (Horner kick) 0:11

Third quarter

K: Davis 2 run (Ondrusch kick) 2:48

Team stats

	KATY	TOMPKINS
First downs	9	11
Yards rushing	32-166	28-60
Yards passing	56	177
Passes	3-8-0-1	20-30-1-2
Punts	4-41	4-35
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Penalty-yards	7-60	5-45

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Katy: Seth Davis, 24-117-2; Dallas Glass, 5-26; Micah Koenig, 1-16; Chase Johnsey, 1-5; Caleb Koger, 1-2; Tompkins: Wyatt Young, 8-30; Caleb Komolafe, 14-30; Chris Gilbert Jr. 4-1; Caleb Blocker, 2-(-1);
Passing – Katy: Caleb Koger, 3-8-56-0-1; Tompkins: Chris Gilbert, 18-28-117-1-2; Wyatt Young, 2-2-60-0-0
Receiving – Katy: Oliver Ginn, 2-35; Chase Johnsey, 1-21; Tompkins: Wyatt Young, 8-63-1; Alejandro Alvarez, 2-60; Matthew Ogunrin, 8-54

JORDAN

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came in and we used that as motivation for this week. We knew coming into this week that we're the underdogs. Everyone thinks we're going to lose, everyone thinks we're going to be last in district because we're new and this is our school's first year in district. But we aren't going to let that happen. We're going to keep pushing, keep working and get better every day.”

Jordan came out red hot in the game, scoring 21 first quarter points and putting on a dominant display in the first half.

Jordan is known for its pass game, but it was the Warriors' ground game that led them early on. Chad Gasper pounded the ball on the first possession and broke away for a 45-yard touchdown run to give the Warriors the lead.

Jordan got the ball back after a three and out from Mayde Creek and immediately increased their lead, as Colin Willetts threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Marsh to put the Warriors up two scores.

And Jordan wasn't done there, as Gasper ran in a two-yard touchdown late in the first quarter, increasing the Warriors' lead to 21-0. Gasper was a strong force on the ground all night, carrying the ball 24 times for 157 yards and three touchdowns.

“We saw a lot out of (Gasper) last week and we really have been seeing that improvement,” said Jordan head coach Mike Rabe. “He ran the ball well and so we were

excited to give him some more touches tonight and he really stepped up and had a heck of a game.”

And Gasper's work on the ground continued to open up the pass game and it paid off as Willetts got another touchdown pass to Marsh late in the first half, continuing to build the Warriors' lead as they went back into the locker room.

“When Chad is playing like that, it helps everything with the offense so much,” Willetts said. “Teams have to come down into the box, play the run and then we just throw it over the top. And that's the gameplan — our coaches gave us a great gameplan for this game and we just followed it.”

Mayde Creek got on the board with two touchdowns and a safety in the second half, but that was all the Rams could muster.

And as good as Jordan's offense was, the defense may have been even better, as the Warriors held Mayde Creek to under 250 yards of offense, with much of that coming when the game was already out of hand. The Jordan run defense was especially strong, holding Mayde Creek to just 10 yards on 14 carries, while the secondary had two interceptions coming from Franklin and Zion Jones.

“I'm really proud of those guys,” Rabe said. “We did some big things in the secondary, the defensive line played lights out

and didn't give their offense a lot of time, the linebackers were supportive in the run game. It was just an overall great performance for all of them tonight.”

And for Rabe, this win is a special one. He may have won district games in Katy ISD before, but he knows what it means to these kids who have never had this experience before.

“It's just a really good feeling,” Rabe said. “It's so fun watching these guys and seeing them get things like this. To watch them go through this experience is awesome. They came up big tonight and I'm just proud of all of them.”

JORDAN 42, MAYDE CREEK 15

Jordan	21	7	7	7	--	42
Mayde Creek	0	0	7	8	--	15

First quarter

J: Chad Gasper 45 run (Jake Kilander kick) 8:46
J: Colin Willetts 57 pass to Andrew Marsh (Jake Kilander kick) 6:47
J: Gasper 2 run (Kilander kick) 2:10

Second quarter

J: Willetts 2 run (Kilander kick) 2:00

Third quarter

J: Willetts 9 pass to Marsh (Kilander kick) 2:34
MC: Carldell Beard 4 run (Jacob Campos kick) 1:10

Fourth quarter

J: Gasper 3 run (Kilander kick)
MC: Safety Sack 3:18
MC: Beard 65 pass to Beau Bankston (pass failed) 1:55

Team stats

	JORDAN	MAYDE CREEK
First downs	10	5
Yards rushing	37-218	14-10
Yards passing	222	210
Passes	11-18-2-1	11-28-2-1
Punts	1-27	5-33.4
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalty-yards	3-20	1-5

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Jordan: Chad Gasper, 24-157-3; Ifeanyi Monye, 7-23; Colin Willetts, 2-(-5)-1; Mayde Creek: Jerimiah Hill, 5-14; Carldell Beard, 4-8; Reggie McNeal Jr., 3-4; Quintin Davis, 1-(-5); Ansel Carter, 1-(-11);
Passing – Jordan: Colin Willetts, 11-18-222-2-1; Mayde Creek: Carldell Beard, 5-14-151-1-1; Reggie McNeal, 6-14-59-0-1
Receiving – Jordan: Andrew Marsh, 4-85-2; Ryker Akins, 2-58; Nathan Salz, 2-47; Bryce Coffie, 1-13; Zechariah Sample, 1-11; Deacon Stanfield, 1-8; Mayde Creek: Beau Bankston, 4-108-1; Jerimiah Hill, 3-93; Christian Mendoza, 1-6; Ansel Carter, 1-2; Marvin Bodden, 1-1;

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Eighteen Cougars on NFL ranks to open season

STAFF REPORT

With the start of the 2022 NFL regular season underway Thursday, 18 former Houston football athletes have earned their way onto their respective teams' 53-man rosters or practice squad league-wide. Here's a look at with former Cougars will be showcasing their talents in the NFL this season:

• **Matthew Adams, LB | Chicago Bears**

Entering his fifth season in the NFL and his first with the Chicago Bears.

Adams recorded 55 tackles, six tackles for loss and one fumble recovery over four seasons in Indianapolis. In 48 games for the Cougars, Adams posted 259 tackles, 21 tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks and five forced fumbles.

• **Kyle Allen, QB | Houston Texans**

Entering his fifth season in the NFL and his first with the Houston Texans.

Adams spent the last four seasons with the Carolina Panthers (2018-2019) and the Washington Commanders (2020-21), combining for 4,318 passing yards and 24 touchdowns. In two seasons at Houston, Allen tossed 771 passing yards, four touchdowns and posted a career-high 141.2 quarterback rating in five games.

• **Tyus Bowser, LB | Baltimore Ravens**

Entering his sixth season in the NFL with the Baltimore Ravens. Bowser will start the season on the reserve list.

Coming off a career season, Bowser has recorded 139 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, 17.5 sacks and three forced fumbles in 80 games. In four seasons with the Cougars, Bowser was a force on the defensive front as he racked up 136 tackles, 27.5 tackles for loss, 21.5 sacks, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

• **Logan Hall, DL | Tampa Bay Buccaneers**

Entering his first season in the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Hall was selected 33rd overall in the 2022 NFL Draft after a distinguished senior season with the Cougars in 2021. In four seasons at Houston, Hall consistently improved every season and evolved into a top defensive line prospect as he ended his Cougar career with 98 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss, seven sacks and one forced fumble.

• **William Jackson III, CB | Washington Commanders**

Entering his sixth season in the NFL and his second with the Washington Commanders.

Jackson III spent the last five seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals and the Washington Commanders, where he has totaled 189 tackles, 49 passes defended and five interceptions with one pick-six. In one season with the Cougars, Jackson III recorded 43 tackles, five interceptions including two pick-sixes and one fumble recovery in 12 games.

• **Josh Jones, OL | Arizona Cardinals**

Entering his third season in the NFL season with the Arizona Cardinals.

In two seasons, Jones appeared in 30 games while starting in 12 games last season. Jones was a cornerstone in the Cougars' offensive line after only allowing 18 pressures on 1,282 pass-blocking snaps during his final three seasons at Houston.

• **Marcus Jones, CB | New England Patriots**

Entering his first season in the NFL with the New England Patriots.

Jones was selected 85th overall in the 2022 NFL Draft. In two seasons at Houston, Jones was a swiss-army knife with his playmaking ability in all aspects of the game. Jones finished his Houston career with 71 tackles, six interceptions, and one forced fumble on the defensive end while posting 63 punt/kick returns, 1323 total return yards and five touchdowns on special teams.

• **Case Keenum, QB | Buffalo Bills**

Entering his tenth season in the NFL and his first season with the Buffalo Bills.

Keenum has seen time with the Houston Texans, St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams, Minnesota Vikings, Denver Broncos, Washington Commanders, Cleveland Browns and the Buffalo Bills, where he has recorded 14,876 passing yards and 78 touchdowns over nine seasons. Keenum ranks as one of the best quarterbacks in program history as he finished his Cougar career with 1,546 completion for 19,217 yards and 155 touchdowns.

• **Ed Oliver, DL | Baltimore Ravens**

Entering his fourth season in the NFL with the Buffalo Bills.

The former ninth-overall pick has recorded 117 tackles, 21 tackles for loss, 12 sacks and three forced fumbles over three seasons

whole piling up 43 tackles, five tackles for loss and five sacks during the 2019 regular season. With 192 tackles, 53 tackles for loss and 13.5 sacks in three seasons at Houston, Oliver was a standout nationwide while also becoming the first Houston player ever to win the Outland Trophy in 2017.

• **Elandon Roberts, LB | Miami Dolphins**

Entering his seventh season in the NFL and his third season with the Miami Dolphins.

Roberts spent the last six seasons with the New England Patriots and the Miami Dolphins, totaling 350 tackles, 29 tackles for loss and four forced fumbles. In three seasons at Houston, Roberts finished with 175 tackles, 23.5 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and one interception in 25 games played.

• **Marquez Stevenson, WR | Buffalo Bills**

Entering his second season in the NFL with the Buffalo Bills. Marquez will start the season on the injured list.

Stevenson was selected 203rd overall by the Buffalo Bills in the sixth round of the 2021 Draft. With the Bills, Stevenson has recorded 21 punt/kick returns and 297 return yards. In four seasons at Houston, Stevenson was a top receiving threat with 147 receptions, 2269 receiving yards and 22 touchdowns in 32 games.

• **Grant Stuard, LB | Indianapolis Colts**

Entering his second season in the NFL and first with the Indianapolis Colts.

Stuard was selected by the Buccaneers with the 259th pick in the seventh round of the 2021 Draft. Stuard enters his first season with the Colts after being traded prior to the 2022 NFL season. In four seasons with the Cougars, Stuard tallied 191 tackles and 16.5 tackles for loss while moving around at linebacker, safety and defensive back.

• **Payton Turner, DL | New Orleans Saints**

Entering his second season in the NFL with the New Orleans Saints.

Turner was drafted 28th overall by the Saints in the first round of the 2021 NFL Draft. In his rookie season, Turner tallied 12 tackles, three tackles for loss and one sack in five games. In four seasons at Houston, Turner recorded 115 tackles, 25 tackles for loss, 10 sacks, one interception and one forced fumble.

• **Greg Ward Jr., WR | Philadelphia Eagles**

Entering his seventh season in the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles. Ward will begin the season on the injured list.

A practice squad player from 2016-2019, Ward earned his way into the roster and the wide receiving room, having recorded 88 catches for 768 yards and 10 touchdowns in 40 games. In four seasons at Houston, Ward shifted the culture on the football field for the Cougars as a dual-threat quarterback with 8,704 yards and 52 touchdowns through the air along with 2,381 yards and 39 touchdowns on the ground.

• **Damarion Williams, CB | Baltimore Ravens**

Entering his first season in the NFL with the Baltimore Ravens.

Williams was drafted 141st overall by the Ravens in the fourth round of the 2022 NFL Draft. In three seasons with the Cougars, Williams produced 163 tackles, three interceptions including one for a pick-six, along with one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

• **Brandon Wilson, S | Cincinnati Bengals**

Entering his sixth season in the NFL with the Cincinnati Bengals. Wilson will start the season on the reserve list.

In five seasons, Wilson posted 59 tackles and three forced fumbles in 60 games while also being heavily involved on special teams. In four seasons at Houston, Wilson posted 138 tackles, 15 passes defended, six tackles for loss and two interceptions.

• **David Anenih, DL | Tennessee Titans**

Entering his first season in the NFL with the Tennessee Titans. Anenih was signed as an undrafted free agent and eventually signed to the practice squad prior to the 2022 NFL season. In five seasons with the Cougars, Anenih collected 98 tackles, 31.5 tackles for loss, 20.5 sacks and four forced fumbles.

• **Kody Russey, OL | New England Patriots**

Entering his first season in the NFL with the New England Patriots. Russey was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Patriots, later signing to the practice squad before the start of the 2022 NFL season. In his one season for the Cougars, Russey was the starting center and a centerpiece to one of The American's best offensive lines.

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Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

FOR the proposal:	Gregg Nady, John Savage, Alexander "Alec" Bray, Joseph S Robinson
AGAINST the proposal:	(none)
PRESENT and not voting:	(none)
ABSENT:	(none)

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

	Last Year	This Year
Tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.18500 /\$100 Adopted	\$0.17200/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.01300 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-7.03%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$340,419.00	\$378,106.00
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$340,419.00	\$378,106.00
Tax on average residence homestead	\$629.78	\$650.34
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$20.57 3.27%

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

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

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

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

PAETOW

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fight every week," Teagle said. "I'm proud of the way our guys fought back and played."

Morton Ranch senior Lamarcus Hurrington got his team's defense going early as he intercepted an overthrown pass on the first play of Paetow's second drive to give the Morton Ranch offense great field position.

The Mavericks were able to capitalize as senior Santana Scott scored on a 10-yard touchdown run as his offensive line pushed him across the goal line to gain a 7-0 lead.

Despite the early score, Paetow senior David Hicks brought defensive pressure on every play and was routinely double teamed. With two players covering Hicks, it opened up opportunities for his teammates.

"If I get double-teamed, then someone else is going to make a play," Hicks said.

While Paetow gave up some early scores, the pass rush forced Morton Ranch to throw away the ball often. The Mavericks completed just eight of their 22 passes in the game.

Paetow crossed midfield with a long pass from senior quarterback Koby Truehill to

senior Jason Blue. Once across, Paetow lined up senior linebacker Alexander Kilgore at full-back and he broke through the Morton Ranch defense with a 34-yard touchdown run.

Senior Carsen Luna came up big for the Mavericks on the next drive as he forced a fumble to give his team the ball at midfield. Morton Ranch took advantage and took a 10-7 lead after Rincon made a 24-yard field goal.

A few drives later, Morton Ranch senior quarterback Josh Johnson threw a perfect fade pass to Gerald for a 7-yard touchdown pass to give Morton Ranch a 16-7 lead after a missed extra point.

Paetow refused to go quietly into halftime as Truehill found Justin Stevenson wide open for a 34-yard pass to get into the redzone. Truehill threw a fade pass touchdown of his own to junior VanKeith Brown to close out the half 16-14.

While the defense made some important stops on third down in their own half of the field, Kilgore said the team had a lot to learn and improve on.

"That's all we can do. [All we can do] is love

one another, share the ball and go out there and work hard," Kilgore said.

The rest of the night saw Paetow and Morton Ranch continue the game of call and answer as each team had a quarterback sneak touchdown and a 67-yard kickoff return.

Paetow's Stevenson took his return for a touchdown while Morton Ranch's Scott was tackled at the Paetow 20-yard line. Scott was able to score on an 8-yard touchdown run later in the fourth quarter.

With the score at 34-29 in the Panthers' favor and just four minutes to play, the Mavericks reached midfield. The Panthers focused on stopping the run all game and it paid off in a huge way as Hicks forced a fumble and Paetow recovered.

With the ball and lead in hand, Paetow ran the ball to run out the clock and seal the victory.

Teagle emphasized the need to start the game stronger after falling behind early.

"We got to come out and punch first. It was a wakeup call for us and hopefully next week we'll come out and punch first," Teagle said.

**PAETOW 34,
MORTON RANCH 29**

Paetow	0	14	7	13	--	34
Morton Ranch	7	9	0	13	--	29

First Quarter

MR: Santana Scott 10-yard run (Angel Rincon kick) 00:27

Second Quarter

P: Alexander Kilgore 34-yard run (Brady Wade kick) 10:56
MR: Rincon 24-yard field goal 4:42
MR: Josh Johnson 15-yard pass to Mike Gerald (Rincon kick missed) 1:06
P: Koby Truehill 7-yard pass to VanKeith Brown (Wade kick) 00:02

Third Quarter

P: Truehill 11-yard pass to Gene Kendall (Wade kick) 1:57

Fourth Quarter

P: Truehill 1-yard run (Wade kick) 8:44
MR: Scott 8-yard run (Rincon kick) 7:57
MR: Johnson 1-yard run (2-pt conversion fail) 4:52
P: Justin Stevenson 67-yard kick return (2-pt conversion fail) 4:37

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