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Previewing the Texas Senate races in the Katy area

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Three Texas state senators represent parts of the Greater Katy area. One of them, Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, is unopposed in his re-election bid. The other two senators, Joan Huffman and Lois Kolkhorst, face challengers.

This is a brief overview of the Senate candidates and their priorities. It did not run in last week's newspaper due to space constraints, but the full version was posted to the Katy Times website.

District 17

In terms of the Greater Katy area, the district includes parts of Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties and includes the City of Katy. It also includes central Waller County, along with Fulshear and Weston Lakes in Fort Bend County.

Incumbent Sen. Joan Huffman, a Republican, faces a challenge from Titus Benton, a Democrat.

Other than infrastructure and education, what would your top three priorities be, and why?

BENTON: Education. Teachers are



TITUS BENTON



JOAN HUFFMAN

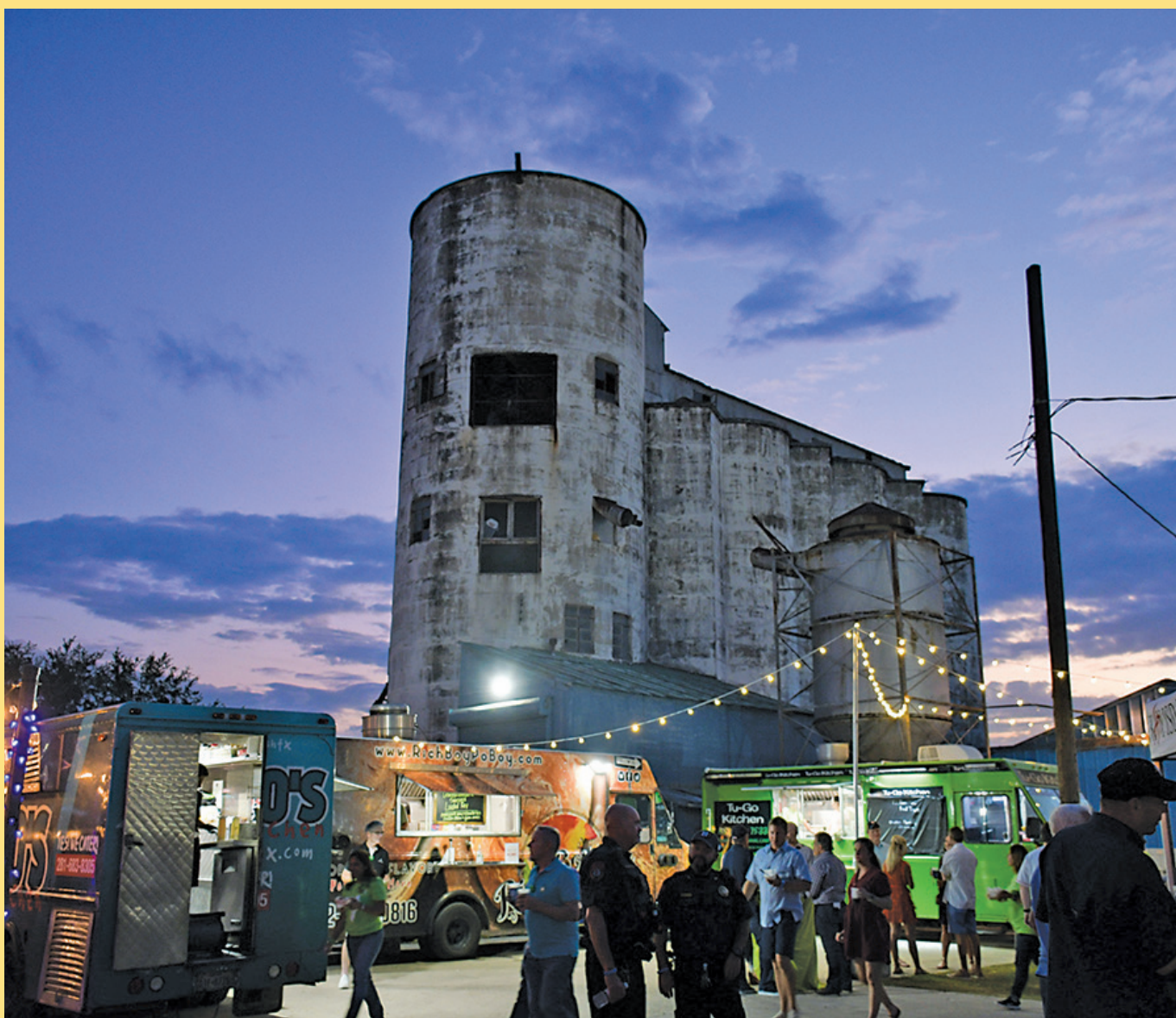
leaving and education is underfunded. Teachers make an average of \$7,000 less than their peers nationwide. It's kind of crazy when you've got a \$30 billion surplus

but that's where it is. Health care is huge. We need to expand Medicaid in Texas. We are the most uninsured state in the country. You have to be prohibitively poor to qualify. We cannot overlook economics. We need to look at jobs. How do you keep quality people? You do that by giving people what they deserve.

HUFFMAN: I have been a leading voice in the Texas Senate for public safety since I was elected in 2008. I authored and passed SB 6 last session which has helped to sty-

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FIREFLIES AND FOODTRUCKS



KATY ISD PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

The Katy ISD Partners in Education Fireflies and Foodtrucks is a major fundraiser for the organization, with over \$100,000 raised at its Oct. 13 event, which was at No Label Brewery, 5351 1st St.

Election preview: Waller County Pct. 4 commissioner

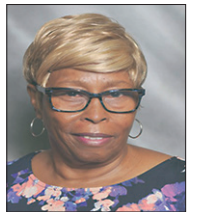
BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Incumbent Justin Beckendorff, a Republican, is facing challenger Ethel Wilmore, a Democrat, for Waller County Pct. 4 commissioner. The precinct, which comprises the southern portion of the county, includes the eastern side of Katy along with the cities of Brookshire and Pattison.

Beckendorff did not return a candidate questionnaire.

Briefly describe your professional background, and how it will help you if elected.

WILMORE: I am a registered nurse with a master's degree in Nursing Administration. I have been a nurse for over 45 years and a successful business



ETHEL WILMORE

owner for 35+ years. I have dedicated my life to caring for others. I believe that the job of the Waller County commissioner is to take care of the residents in their precinct. As a nurse I have been blessed to work in various capacities as a floor nurse, operating room nurse, a nurse administrator, and professor. Throughout my nursing career I've had experience dealing with people from all walks of life and with all types of personalities. I contribute my business and nursing success in part to the business and legal courses taken when obtaining my degrees. My college education and years of real-world experience will be beneficial to Waller County if

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Katy Heritage Society making plans for railroad depot anniversary

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The depot at the Katy Railroad Park, 5615 1st St., will soon be celebrating its 125th anniversary. The Katy City Council gave it a gift of sorts Monday.

The council passed an ordinance that enables the Katy Heritage Society, which oversees the park where the depot sits, to make repairs—when necessary—that keep the building consistent with historical standards of that building and not necessarily to current city specifications. In this way, the society would maintain the historical integrity of the building.

The park consists of a caboose, owned by the society, and the MKT Depot Museum,



FILE PHOTO

This red caboose sits at the center of Katy Railroad Park, 5615 1st St. The park is in the heart of downtown Katy and salutes the city's railroad heritage.

owned by the city. Adrienne Davitz, Katy Heritage Society president, said the society owns and operates all of the

artifacts in the museum. Davitz said the ordinance

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School trustees approve attendance boundary modifications for several elementary schools

CONTRIBUTED AND STAFF REPORTS

Katy ISD school trustees Monday approved attendance boundary modifications for several elementary schools.

The new boundaries are to take effect for the 2023-24 school year.

The changes affect the two forthcoming, yet-to-be-named elementary schools, as well as areas served by Bethke, Campbell, Golbow, Hutsell, Leonard, McElwain and McRoberts elementary

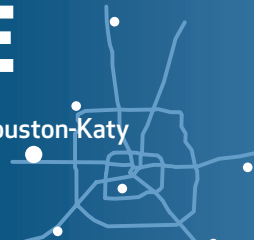
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Community Calendar

November

NOV. 5

BRIDGELAND HARVEST FARMER AND ARTESIAN MARKET FESTIVAL

Family fun with children's activities. The festival begins at 11 a.m. Nov. 5 at 10519 Fry Road.

NOV. 5

THE MARKET AT MKT DISTILLERY

The Market at MKT Distillery has vendors for an afternoon of fun shopping. Admission is free. The event is from 2-6 p.m. at MKT Distillery, 5373 1st St.



NOV. 8

ELECTION DAY

Katy-area voters will select officials in state and county elections. For more information about where to vote, visit the Texas Secretary of State's website teamrv.msp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do.

NOV. 11

VETERANS WHISKEY NIGHT AND NETWORKING EVENT

Share a night meeting veterans in the Katy area and have some drinks. All veterans and their families welcome. The first drink for all veterans will be covered by Katy's very own Bugs Incorporated. The event is from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 11 at MKT Distillery, 5373 1st St.

NOV. 11

VETERAN'S DAY EVENT AT CENTRAL GREEN

Diamond Rio, a Grammy Award-winning band, will perform at a Veteran's Day event at Central Green. The show is from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 11 at Central Green, 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd.

Katy's own Hayden Baker will open the show. The night will kick off with a history war bird flyover from Wings over Houston and feature speeches



from veterans. No glass or alcohol allowed. For more information, visit the website willowforkparks.com.

NOV. 12

KCM COMMUNITY FOOD FAIR AT PARKWAY FELLOWSHIP

Join Parkway Fellowship and Katy Christian Ministries as they fight to end food insecurity in the Greater-Katy Area with our ongoing community food fairs. These events are aimed at feeding local families in their time of need and providing fresh produce to those in need.

The food fair is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 12 at Parkway Fellowship (North Katy), 5819 10th St. For more information, visit the website ktcm.org/foodpantry.

NOV. 12

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Keep Katy Beautiful is hosting a recycling event set for 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Nov. 12 at Katy's First Baptist Church, 600 Pin Oak Road. For more information, email kbb@cityofkaty.com.



NOV. 12

KATY PRAIRIE MARKET

A family fun market with a variety of vendors with farm products, artisan goods, food drinks and more. The market is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 24111 Stockdick School Road.

NOV. 12

KCM KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Katy Christian Ministries hosts its first annual kids fishing tournament. The event will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 12 at Mary Jo Peckham Park, 5597 Gardenia Lane. The tournament, designed for children ages 17 and under, includes fishing, games, lunch, art, more fishing, class, and Italian ice. Admission is \$20 per participant, with a discount for additional children.

Proceeds benefit KCM. For more information, call KCM at 281-391-0003.

NOV. 12-13

CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET

There is a little bit of everything and something for everyone, with prices ranging from as little as \$5 and up to \$2,000



and beyond. The market is from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 12-13 at the Katy ISD Agricultural Sciences Center, 5801 Katy Hockley Cut Off Road.

General admission is free and does not require advanced registration or tickets.

NOV. 17

KATY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce hosts a presentation from the Katy Heritage Society. The meeting is from 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 17 at the chamber office, 814 East Ave., Suite G. For more information, contact the chamber at 281-391-5289.

NOV. 19

KATY MARKET DAY

The monthly Katy Market Day features vendors, a food truck, beer garden, entertainment, and inflatable attractions for children's entertainment. The event is from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in historic Downtown Katy. For more information, call Betsy Proctor at 281-391-1993.

NOV. 19

KATY SIP N STROLL

The 24th edition of the Katy Sip N Stroll, presented by Keller Williams and Kroger, is set for Nov. 19 at The ARK by Norris, 21402 Merchants Way.

The event features 35+ food tasting stations and other special event features, including two live music stages featuring Katy's own Kristen Hart on the American Furniture Warehouse Back Lot Music Stage, and Shang and Byron's 2 Man Band on the Party Stage.

The event also features a silent auction, wine pull and party raffle. Proceeds benefit The Ballard House, which provides temporary housing for

those who are hospitalized or receiving treatment for serious medical conditions.

Sponsorship opportunities and restaurant registrations are still available.

General admission tickets are \$65, Aruba VIP Zone tickets are \$95. All tickets are all-inclusive, and attendance is limited. For more information about The Ballard House, visit the website theballardhouse.org. For more information about Sip n Stroll and to buy tickets, visit the website <https://www.sipandstroll.com/>

NOV. 24

KATY YMCA TURKEY DASH

The Katy YMCA hosts its 20th annual Turkey Dash, which includes a 10K Run, 5K Run, 1 Mile family Run/Walk, and 1 Mile Kids Race. The dash begins at 22807 Westheimer Parkway. For more information visit the website <https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Katy/KatyYMCATurkeyDash>.

NOV. 26

MKT CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Enjoy music, great cocktails and awesome spirits all within Katy's historic rice dryers as we revive and continue the historic tradition of putting a Christmas Tree on the Rice Dryers.

Dusk is estimated at 5:23 p.m. and the tree will be lit around 6:45 p.m. MKT Distillery is at 5373 1st St.



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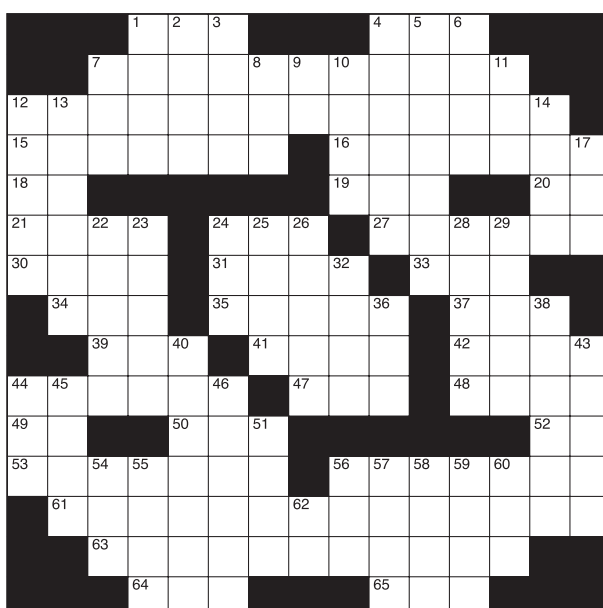
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

- Unhappy
- Clairvoyance
- One who works under you
- What happens there stays there
- Not ingested
- Got the picture
- One thousandth of a gram
- Breakfast item
- About
- Tall deciduous trees
- Safe keeping receipt
- Cowardly
- Pueblo people of New Mexico
- Herring-like fish
- A very large body of water
- Angle (abbr.)
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- White clerical vestment
- Cool!
- Matchstick games
- Thick piece of something
- A state that precedes vomiting
- Burned item residue
- Jaguarundi
- Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- The home of "60 Minutes"
- Dorm official
- Give cards incorrectly
- One who is learning the job

CLUES DOWN

- Fijian capital
- Assist
- Elected lord in Venice
- The capacity of a physical system to do work
- People of the wild
- Parent-teacher groups
- Midway between south and southeast
- Moved quickly on foot
- Handheld Nintendo console
- "Top of the Stairs" playwright
- Electronic data processing
- "Dog Day Afternoon" director
- Leaned
- About aviation
- Mountain is a popular type
- Lake along Zambia and Congo border
- Heroic tales
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- "Star Trek" villain
- Hand gesture popular on social media
- Renters have one
- Tubular steel column
- Database management system



- Similar
- Providing no shelter or sustenance
- Death
- What a sheep did
- Midcentury Asian battleground
- Horizontal passage into a mine
- Mortified
- Improper word
- No seats available
- Financial obligation
- It can be hot or iced
- Tough out of skin of a fruit
- Spumante (Italian wine)
- Misfortunes
- Negative
- Camper

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

SUDOKU

	6				4	9	3	
		7	3	4				
5			1					
			9		6		5	
	1				2		6	
2							8	
			6			9		
		4			1			
	8					7		6

Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.

Here's How It Works:

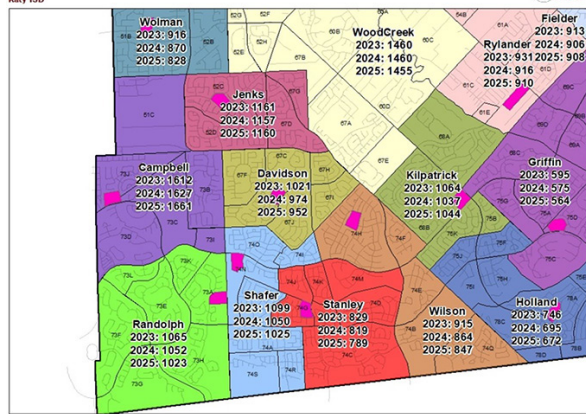
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

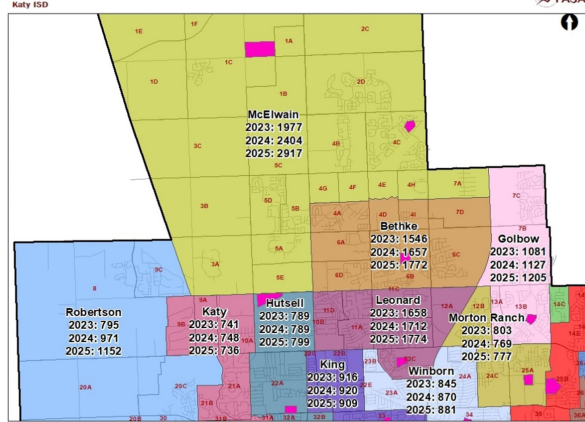
SCHOOLS

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Current Attendance Zones
Katy ISD



Current Elementary Attendance Zones
Katy ISD



The present attendance boundaries map for several Katy ISD elementary schools will be updated for the 2023-24 school year. To see all the maps and changes, see the Katy ISD website.

schools. The changes are meant to address the student population growth surrounding those campuses. District officials said the changes ensure efficient campus usage and help balance enrollment across Katy ISD campuses. The district's newest elementary school, Robertson Elementary, opened in August, and serves the Cane Island community in the northwest portion of the district.

In July, the district began surveying families who were identified as potentially impacted by the boundary modifications. Ted Vierling, the district's chief operations officer, said these changes are commonly known to happen when a new campus is set to open. "However, this same process can be utilized when the district observes schools being over-utilized or under-utilized," Vierling said.

"With tonight's approval, several Katy ISD quadrants will see relief for the next two to three years." The northwest quadrant of Katy ISD is experiencing increased growth due to several new housing developments and businesses coming to the area. Both the forthcoming elementary schools—called Elementary #45 and #46 for the moment—are in this quadrant and are scheduled to open in the fall of 2023.

ANNIVERSARY

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enables the society to make simple updates "without messing it up" and that no changes were needed. "It's a very solid structure," Davitz said. "Were just trying to look ahead." The society is looking ahead as it plans to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the depot. Davitz said the tentative celebration date is Jan. 14, 2023, but plans are still in the works. "We have some really incredible things planned," Davitz said. "Union Pacific Railroad and other large entities are wanting to make their debut in the Katy area. We want to be flexible in making the best decisions for the community." Davitz said sponsorships are still being sought. She said the society is compiling sponsorship packets for prospective sponsors. Davitz said the society's board has worked with Council Member-at-Large and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris to write and pass the ordinance. The council

passed a similar ordinance for Katy Heritage Park, 6001 George Bush Dr., last year. The ordinance language for both parks is similar, but the ordinances themselves are separate in that if future changes are needed to one or the other park, those changes can more easily be made, City Attorney Art Pertile said. Ward A Council Member Dan Smith endorsed the measure. "Any time we can continue to take action to preserve these historical sites and make them safe for the public to enjoy is a wonderful thing," Smith said. The Heritage Society announced earlier this month that the park would have new hours. The park is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. The park is closed Monday-Wednesday. For more information on sponsoring the celebration, email the society at katyheritagesociety@outlook.com.

SENATE

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mie the practice of releasing violent repeat criminals on low or personal bonds, but more needs to be done. I have spent decades of my life fighting for victims and their families, first as a prosecutor and now as a senator, and I will always champion policies that seek to make our streets and our state safer.

Another priority of mine is funding mental health programs and supporting doctors and nurses that are working to help keep Texans healthy. Due to the pandemic, a growing population, and shortage of medical professionals, our healthcare system is being challenged like never before. I believe it is imperative that in this upcoming session that we find ways to overcome these challenges and improve healthcare access and affordability for all Texans, especially women and children.

Additionally, as the Senate's lead budget writer, I am committed to cutting property taxes. I will fight for lasting property tax relief and a fair and transparent appraisal process because we cannot allow

Texans to be taxed out of our homes and businesses.

District 18
In terms of the Greater Katy area, the district includes Brookshire, Pattison and the southern portion of Waller County. Incumbent Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, a Republican, faces a challenge from Josh Tuff, a Democrat. Tuff did not return a candidate questionnaire.



LOIS KOLKHORST

Other than infrastructure and education, what would your top three priorities be, and why?
KOLKHORST: We must fight crime. I was also elected Legislator of the Year by the Sheriff's Association of Texas for my efforts to curtail the release of dangerous criminals by liberal and leftist judges. Also, we must create jobs and increase career and technology training for Texans to secure 21st Century jobs. Lastly, I am committed to securing our border, having secured billions in Texas funds and passing new trespassing laws to do the job our federal government is not currently doing.

CORRECTION

■ In its "Previewing the Katy ISD tax ratification election" story (Oct. 20), the Times reported that the Katy ISD property tax rate dropped from \$1.3517 to \$1.3048 per \$100 property tax evaluation. The tax rate presently is \$1.3517, and will remain so if voters approve, or ratify, that rate. Should voters reject the tax ratification measure, the rate will drop to \$1.3048. Also, district officials said they expect to hire additional Katy ISD police officers if voters approve the tax ratification measure.

The Times regrets this error.

WILMORE

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I am elected as the next Commissioner of Waller County Pct. 4. **How do you think the precinct can best manage its growth?** WILMORE: Growth is a good thing. However, it must be managed appropriately to prevent problems. In recent years our area has experienced exponential growth. With increased growth we have also seen an increase in crime, street flooding, and public-school crowding. I believe big business and new home builders must equally share the county's tax burden. It is not right to expect the taxpayers to foot the bill of rapid growth without sufficient help from those influencing the growth. **Several county roads near Katy must be expanded as the area population grows. How can you as commissioner accelerate the redevelopment of these roads and make traffic less of a burden?** WILMORE: As the commissioner I would work closely with city planners and all city officials that are involved with housing development and road and bridge redevelopment to ensure that adequate transportation corridors and drainage are created for new subdivisions to limit traffic congestion and road flooding. Existing roadways and drainage systems should be reevaluated and updated to ensure the same efficiency as

newer developments. **If elected, what would your top three priorities be, and why?** WILMORE: As a healthcare professional, my top three priorities will focus on public safety and public health. My first focus would be the redevelopment of roads and bridges that are deemed a safety hazard and the reopening of roads or bridges that have been closed. When our transportation corridors are in poor condition, they are a safety hazard for all individuals that must travel them. My second priority would focus on proper street drainage in new and established neighborhoods. Flooding of streets and roads can lead to major property damage. Standing water is also a health and travel hazard. My third priority would be to address neighborhood safety. This includes working with city and county officials to limit the building of warehouses in residential neighborhoods. Abandoned warehouses are a safety hazard, encouraging the presence of vagrants and the occurrence of undesirable activity in our neighborhoods. This can lead to decreases in safety for residents and decreases property values. I would also petition for the installation of better lighting for our streets and parks to help deter crime and improve public safety.

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Does Halloween candy trivia drive you crazy?

Perhaps it's partly because my mother owns a huge antique desk from Milky Way Farm (the former estate of Franklin C. Mars, founder of Mars Candies), but I pay keen attention to the annual flurry of "filler" news items about Halloween candy.

"Prices up or down? What's hot and what's not? Should I call my manual laborer cousin and rub this sweet gig in his face or not?"

(Think of the perennial stories as being like the swallows returning to San Juan Capistrano, except with cavities, tummy aches and hyperactivity.)

According to a survey by the oral care platform Byte ("Rinse, spit, blurt out the name of a favorite candy before cussing and slamming the phone down..."), candy corn is this year's favorite treat in Ohio and five other states - although a plurality of Americans are ambivalent about the confection and 34% actively detest it. ("Let's drag it to the town square and string it up by its neck with...black licorice! No—stone it with circus peanuts!")

I happen to like candy corn (although my consumption of it resembles the frustration of trying to eat just one Lay's potato chip). It gets a bum rap because it's like a wide-open target in a game of dodgeball. Some candy mogul got cold feet and abandoned all the OTHER candies designed to remind you of the school cafeteria. You know, the Greasy Ladle, Chocolate Hairnets and Sweet-and-Sour Popular Kids' Table.

As a former geography whiz, I am aware that different states have different ethnic mixes, industries and traditions. But I must confess it bugs me that there is such a wild variation of favorite and least-favorite candies between the states. Are taste buds so sensitive to state borders?

State nicknames must figure in there somewhere. It's like the Tar Heel State, Wolverine State and Garden State are joined by the "Nougat Is the Spawn of Satan" State or "Almonds Can Bite ME" state.



DANNY TYREE

SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Okay, maybe it is better to have a little diversity rather than allowing one or two populous states dictate what everyone else likes. ("Kids, don't fret about messy candy wrappers. Tickle your tonsils with the new delivery system: discarded syringes!")

I'm not the first person to mock the "fun-size" designation for candy bars and I won't be the last (unless those new hate-crime laws go into effect, incarcerating people who persist in heinous acts such as referring to Butterfinger bars instead of Digital Coordination-Challenged bars).

To me, "fun-size" candy would be Lifesavers you can use as a hula hoop or Twix bars you could wield as a light saber. Razor blades? A fun-size Snickers should be able to accommodate a machete!

According to Byte, a whopping 52% of Americans are going to tick off trick-or-treaters by not dispensing treats this Halloween. Official excuses include inflation, "don't celebrate Halloween" and lingering pandemic fears. Digging deeper brings confessions of "I really need the eggs and toilet paper."

I hope next year's filler stories are tame. Alas, the signs are not good, with politics and social trends intruding.

"How many licks to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop? You and your Western European math!"

"REESE'S Pieces? How capitalist! This piece is your piece, this piece is my piece, from California to the New York Island..."

"Because you demanded it...one musketeer and two self-severe musketeers!"

Sigh

Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."



What's in my name?

I've experienced a lifelong identity crisis, of sorts, because of my name (or names), and I've actually kind of enjoyed it—most of the time.

The controversy began in 1970, around the time that I made my almost 10-pound newborn debut (sorry, Mom). Apparently, the discussion between my parents centered on whether to name me "Jase" or "Jason," both names originating from a Greek word meaning "healer" or "royal pain in the rear."

Other than referring to me as their massive baby who was like delivering a propane tank, my parents finally settled on the more formal "Jason" for my birth certificate—thinking that I could later go by "Jase" if I wanted to pretend to be cool.

They then proceeded to call me by my family nickname, "Bub," from that point forward. In fact, it didn't really sink in that I had any other name than "Bub" until I entered public school. All I had heard myself called for the first five years of my life was "Bub."

"Bub, get that battery out of your nose!"

"Bub, don't drink the aquarium water!"

"Bub, stop licking the television screen!"

I initially responded with disbelief when my parents advised me that my kindergarten teacher

JASE GRAVES

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would call me "Jason" anytime she asked me to stop eating the Elmer's glue. But I eventually accepted the idea—sort of.

Shortly before kindergarten began, I proposed that I be called "Bub-Jase-Jason" at school—until my big brother assured me that such a name would probably guarantee me a weekly wedgie from my classmates.

I finally settled on "Jase" for educational settings, which, by the time I entered high school, had been corrupted to "Jass" by my thoughtful and loving closest friends. (The "J" was silent, by the way.)

In my post-mullet teen years, I worked as a lifeguard during the summers and wore a pair of knock-off Ray-Ban Aviator sunglasses, which prompted some of the more nearsighted swimmers to boost my ego by calling me "Maverick" after the "Top Gun" character. My abs were actually out of the closet back then. I miss them.

By the time I went off to college at Texas A&M University, I was

back to "Jase," thank goodness, but the fun didn't end there. On the first day of my Spanish III class, I noticed that I was the only student in the entire room whose name was of non-Hispanic origin, and when the professor reached my name on the roster, I guess she didn't want me to feel left out, so she pronounced it "José Grávez." (I still ask my wife to call me that when we're eating Mexican food.)

These days, the most fun I have with my name is when my social media friends hit the wrong key and address me as "Jade." I always just laugh it off and tell them I expect to see them in the front row at my next drag show.

Yes, my names have been varied throughout my life, but I've appreciated them all in one way or another, especially after becoming a father. At home, I'm mainly addressed as "Dad," "Diddy" or "Can I use the credit card?"

And it surely is comforting that I can still go visit my parents and hear their familiar advice, "Bub, get that battery out of your nose!"

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TRIBUTE

Jerry Hebert was born in Houston, TX in 1932. She married her high school sweetheart, Bill Evans in 1951 while he was serving in the US Air Force. She remained married to "Billy" for 68 years until his death in 2019. Theirs was a marriage based on love, immense mutual respect, and a total, all in commitment to Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior.

Jerry and Billy went on to have three children and lived in Garland for many years. Later they moved to Katy, TX to be near their extended family.

In addition to being a supportive wife and a loving, caring mother, Jerry worked as an office assistant for many years at Orchard Hills Baptist Church in Garland before moving to Katy. During her time in Garland, she was a troop leader for her daughter's Brownie troop, taught Sunday School at Orchard Hills and sponsored a High School girls Bible study group which met at her home once a week and many more activities too numerous to list.

Jerry and Bill were active in a local Square Dance club, and often traveled across the US in their RV



JERRY EVANS
1932-2022

with friends to various Square Dance events. The best of times were when they took their grandkids on trips in the RV. The grandkids always hoped the trips would never end.

While in Katy, Jerry organized and lead the Senior Adult group at First Baptist, Katy on monthly day trips.

After the passing of her beloved Billy, Jerry moved back to Garland to live out the rest of her years.

The family would like to extend their eternal gratitude and appreciation for all the love and care she received while living at Grand Brook Memory Care in Garland.

Survived by:
Children: Debbie Hillenbrand and husband John of Katy, and Steve Evans and wife Lindy of Garland.

Grandchildren: Michael Hillenbrand and wife Lauren of Arlington; Donelle Henthorne and husband Rick of Spring; Rachel Hillenbrand of Katy; Jennifer Simpson and husband David of Lucas; Mark Evans and wife Christina of Alamogordo, NM; and Stephanie Evans of Garland.

Great grandchildren: Emerie and Adalynn Henthorne, Luke Hillenbrand, Madison Simpson, and Liam and Eliana Evans.

Preceded in death by: Husband, William A. Evans of Katy; son, Donald Mark Evans of Garland; great grandchildren, Emery and Jesse Evans; mother, Reginald Luce of Houston; father, Barney Hebert of Houston; and sister, Barbara Reichle of Houston.

Family visitation (lunch will be provided) will be in the McDonald Activity Center, 425 9th St. Garland, Tx., at the First Baptist Church of Garland will be on November 5th at 12:30 p.m. Followed by a Memorial Service at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church's Chapel.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Wonderland Market set for Saturday at Cinco Ranch High School

Wonderland Market offers over 100 local small businesses featuring clothing boutiques, handcrafted jewelry, delectable sweets, unique holiday gifts, home, one-of-a-kind crafts and artwork, children's gifts and more.

The market is from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Ninth Grade Center at Cinco Ranch High School, 23440 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Parking is free.

Friends of Willow Fork Park staging biking event Saturday

The Greater Cinco Ranch area has over 50 miles of dedicated bike trails. On Saturday, Greg Nady, an avid biker and Willow Fork Drainage District director, will lead a ride that enables people to learn about those trails.

This free event is a collaboration between Cool Cat Cycles and Willow Fork Drainage District. There will be two rides: a short family ride to WFDD park starting at Cool Cat Cycles store (near Local Table restaurant in Villaggio Town Center) and a longer adult ride (starting/ending at Willow Fork Park) for anyone who wants to explore this area. Participants must have bicycles in good working condition. Kids who participate must not be using training wheels on their bicycles. All kids under 14 years of age must wear helmets.

The event is set for Saturday at Central Green, 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. Activities are scheduled as follows:

- 8-8:30 a.m.: Ride from Cool Cats Cycle to Willow Fork Park.
- 8:30-9 a.m.: Bike Trails program and Dedication of new bike trails.
- 9-10:30 a.m.: Roundtrip bike ride from Willow Fork Park.

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Madailein Fitch, a Taylor High student, poses with Big Tex at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

Artwork by Seven Lakes High student Gabriela Bautista Teillez won at the National Shine a Light on Bilingualism student art contest.



EDUCATION BRIEFS

Jordan High School Educator Named Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction

Hailey-Ann Booth, an educator at Jordan High School, was recently selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS).

Booth, who is also the school's Career Technology Education (CTE) department chair and the Jordan High School 2021 Teacher of the Year, was nominated by a student for her outstanding devotion and commitment to being a role model for her students.

Each year, student members of NSHSS are invited to nominate educators who have made the most significant contribution to their academic success for the Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction award. This award recognizes those exemplary educators whose passion inspires students to strive for success. "Being selected for this award is truly an honor," Booth said. "Guiding students in one of the most transitional periods of their lives is my priority. My passion is to inspire students to grow and develop as leaders, and it is extremely rewarding to be able to contribute to their academic career."

The NSHSS seeks to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students

through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study and peer networks. NSHSS is continually seeking new ways to provide lifetime learning and growth opportunities for academically talented and accomplished student leaders, and the educators who support them.

Seven Lakes High School student wins at art contest

Gabriela Bautista Teillez, a Seven Lakes High School student, was a winner of the National Shine a Light on Bilingualism student art contest, a K-12 student art contest that celebrates Hispanic culture and bilingualism.

Taylor High School student placed as grand champion

Madailein Fitch, a Taylor High School student, competed with her Agriscience Fair Project and placed as the grand champion of Food Products and Processing Systems at the State Fair of Texas earlier this month in Dallas. Madailein took home a \$1,000 scholarship and is on the road to compete at National Convention in two weeks.

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GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Jeremy Mancera, a Royal Junior High student, was among the speaker at a "Soaring to Success with Royal" luncheon held Oct. 19 at Royal High School. Mancera spoke of what his Royal experience meant to him.

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Katy's Seth Davis breaks a tackle during Friday's game between Katy and Cinco Ranch at Rhodes Stadium.

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WEEK 10 KATY ISD PREVIEWS

Katy, Cinco, lock up playoff spots

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

All games District 19-6A
THURSDAY

Taylor (3-5, 2-4) vs. Paetow (4-4, 3-3), 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Did not play

• Taylor fought to stay in the playoff picture for as long as it could this season. The Mustangs were in a number of games and stayed with Jordan for three quarters this past week, but a 34-14 loss leaves the Mustangs on the outside looking in with two weeks remaining, as they would need an improbable number of things to happen to make the playoffs.

The Taylor offense did its best to hold its own against Jordan. Joe Jefferson threw for 207 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 26 yards and Dante Archie caught six passes for 60 yards and two scores while rushing for 61 yards.

But the Taylor defense was unable to contain Jordan, giving up 28 points in the second and third quarters. Taylor allowed 400 yards and three touchdowns through the air and 173 yards and two touchdowns on the ground, while allowing three different receivers to get over 90 yards receiving on the day.

It will be a much different offense Taylor faces this week and they will need to stop a strong Paetow run game, while needing their offensive line to be able to handle Paetow up front if they are to come out with a win.

Paetow on the other hand, kept itself in the playoff race with a win over Seven Lakes, as the Panthers sit a game back of fourth place and the final playoff spot in District 19-6A with two games remaining.

It was a badly needed win for the Panthers, who need to win out the rest of the way to get in the playoffs. It was the pass game that really opened things up for the Panthers, Koby Truehill threw for 207 yards and three touchdowns, but will need to be better with some of his decision making in the next game, as he also threw two interceptions. Justin Stevenson had 96 yards and a score receiving while Jason Blue had 54 yards and a touchdown

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Katy clinches district title with win over Cinco Ranch

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy just keeps improving. The Tigers have continued to grow as the season has gone along and it has shown in their performances.

After starting off District 19-6A play with two close games, the Tigers kicked it into gear, blowing out Mayde Creek, Jordan and Paetow.

But the Tigers (8-0, 6-0) may have saved their best district performance for Friday night, as the Tigers took down a very talented Cinco Ranch (6-3, 5-2) team 56-28, keeping the Tigers undefeated on the season and sealing a district championship for the team with two weeks remaining in the

district season.

"It was a good test for us tonight," said Katy head coach Gary Joseph. "You don't see that many teams before the playoffs that can sling it around like they can, so it's really good to experience that and play against that. Our guys played well tonight, but we could have cleaned up a few things as well, but the main things is playing against a good team like that. Anytime you play a really good opponent like that it's going to help you."

Katy was dominant in every phase of the game in the win. The Tigers limited the Cinco Ranch offense until the game was out of reach while rushing for 348 yards and passing for 158 yards as a team.

Katy got things going early, easily going

down the field on the games first drive and scoring on a 1-yard run by Seth Davis. Katy then forced a turnover on downs and Davis did it again, scoring on a 13-yard run as Katy took control in the first quarter.

Katy added on early in the second quarter, as Caleb Koger threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Oliver Ginn, before Cinco Ranch finally got on the board with a 72-yard pass from Gavin Rutherford to Sam McKnight. Katy though got right back into it with a 9-yard pass from Koger to Chase Johnsey. Cinco scored once more shortly before the half, but Katy only needed 30 seconds to go 65 yards and capped things off with a 29-yard pass from Koger to Micah

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Paetow beats Seven Lakes as Hicks earns first head coaching win

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Thursday was a special day at Paetow.

The past two weeks had been tumultuous. The football program and its student athletes have had to deal with a large amount of adversity with the resignation of their former head coach and the ensuing fall out.

That amount of adversity could break a team, but it did the opposite at Paetow. The Panthers, under the helm of interim head coach David Hicks Sr., put together a very strong game last week against one of the best teams in the area in Cinco Ranch, and then followed that up with an even better performance this week, beating Seven Lakes 42-14 and staying in the playoff race in District 19-6A in the process.

"I'm just so proud of every single guy in that locker room," said senior linebacker and captain Alex Kilgore. "Before everything happened, I felt like we were taking 10 steps forward and 30 steps backwards, but

we came together through this, we faced that adversity and it's amazing how our guys have responded. I don't think anyone expected for us to overcome this but that's who we are. I would never want to be with any other group of young men. This is who I want to be with out there playing on the field every single day."

The win was the first in the head coaching career for David Hicks Sr. After the game he was presented with the game ball by Kilgore and his son, D.J. Hicks, in what was a memorable moment for the entire team.

"It was a really cool moment, but like I tell them every day, you can't get too high and you can't get too low," Hicks said. "That really is a 24-hour rule and you just have to keep growing from it every single day. I'm just extra proud of all of these guys right now, but we'll be right back at it and working tomorrow morning."

Paetow put together a strong game in all three phases, with

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Paetow head coach David Hicks Sr. watches from the sideline during Thursday's game between Paetow and Seven Lakes at Legacy Stadium.

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WEEK OF OCTOBER 21

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Scores

- Paetow 42, Seven Lakes 14
- Tompkins 52, Mayde Creek 28
- Katy 56, Cinco Ranch 28
- Jordan 34, Taylor 14

Thursday

- Taylor vs. Paetow, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Katy vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

Friday

- Morton Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Tompkins vs. Jordan, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

VOLLEYBALL

Monday-Tuesday

- Bi-District playoffs

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Thursday

- Jordan vs. Taylor, 5:30 p.m.
- Katy vs. Friendswood and A&M Consolidated, 5 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Seven Lakes, 5:30 p.m.



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Katy players bring down a Cinco Ranch ballcarrier during Friday's game between Katy and Cinco Ranch at Rhodes Stadium.

Koenig right before halftime as the Tigers took a 35-14 lead into the locker room.

"We had a good game today, but we could have done better at the same time," said senior safety Jonathan Hall. "The biggest thing that made us successful tonight was our communication defensively. We communicated well and we needed to because there was lots of switching. They run lots of different combinations of routes that you have to be ready for and it made communication key. We really focused on that the past two weeks and it paid off."

Cinco got another score to open the second half on an eight yard pass from Rutherford to Seth Salverino, but Katy quickly put any thoughts of a touchdown to bed. Davis ran in another touchdown from 6-yards out and after Cinco scored again Dallas Glass game back and scored on a 35-yard run.

Glass relieved Davis the rest of the way as both had extremely good nights, with Davis rushing for 147 yards and three touchdowns and Glass rushing for 120 yards and two scores.

"That's part of what we preach from the time the kids get here is you have to be unselfish with one another and those two really get that," Joseph said. "It doesn't matter who scored the touchdowns, what matters is who had the most points at the end of the game. They've bought into that and it's a great thing to have two seniors that are so unselfish. It makes you a much better football team in the long run."

Cinco and Katy traded scored the rest of the way, with the Tigers holding on to a strong lead until the end of the game, as Katy clinched the district title for the second straight season.

With that title clinched, the Tigers' focus goes to improving these last two weeks of district ant remaining unbeaten through heading into the playoffs, and the Tigers know that they need to continue to improve if they want to make a run.

"We know that we're going to face some really good teams," Hall said. "This was a good team, but if we want to make a run, it won't be the best team we play. We have to go back in to film, back into practice and get better and keep improving every day — that's how you become champions."

KATY 56, CINCO RANCH 28

Cinco Ranch	0	14	7	7	--	28
Katy	14	21	7	14	--	56

First quarter

K: Seth Davis 1 run (Hunter Ondrush kick) 8:36
K: Davis 13 run (Ondrush kick) 2:03

Second quarter

K: Caleb Koger 17 pass to Oliver Ginn (Ondrush kick) 9:11
CR: Gavin Rutherford 72 pass to Sam McKnight (Santiago Taborda kick) 8:19
K: Koger 9 pass to Chase Johnsey (Ondrush kick) 0:45
CR: Rutherford 8 pass to Seth Salverino (Taborda kick) 0:45
K: Koger 29 pass to Micah Koenig (Ondrush kick) 0:06

Third quarter

K: Davis 6 run (Ondrush kick) 8:18
CR: McKnight 1 run (Taborda kick) 3:50

Fourth quarter

K: Dallas Glass 5 run (Ondrush kick) 11:49
CR: Rutherford 48 pass to Noah Abboud (Taborda kick) 9:51
K: Glass 28 run (Ondrush kick) 5:56

Team stats

	CINCO RANCH	KATY
First downs	15	26
Yards rushing	26-94	40-348
Yards passing	273	158
Passes	17-27-3-2	10-17-3-1
Punts	1-51	N/A
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Penalty-yards	1-5	5-52

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Katy: Seth Davis, 16-147-3; Dallas Glass, 12-120-2; Chase Johnsey, 5-39; Micah Koenig, 2-22; Romarian Tillman, 4-13; Jared Kelly, 1-7; Donye Lake, 1-7;
Cinco Ranch: Sam McKnight, 5-48-1; Gavin Rutherford, 11-25; Eric Eckstrom, 9-18; Seth Salverino, 1-3;

Passing – Katy: Caleb Koger, 9-16-133-3-1; Elijah Bowman, 1-1-25-0-0; **Cinco Ranch:** Gavin Rutherford, 17-27-273-3-2;

Receiving – Katy: Micah Koenig, 3-56-1; Oliver Ginn, 3-34-1; Adam Jackson, 2-34; Romarian Tillman, 1-25; Chase Johnsey, 1-9-1; **Cinco Ranch:** Noah Abboud, 6-109-1; Sam McKnight, 2-88-1; Seth Salverino, 2-24-1; Jack McCall, 3-18; Gavin Beavers, 2-16; Eric Eckstrom, 1-14; Aadi Patel, 1-4

PAETOW

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their defense holding the Spartans to just over 100 yards of offense, the Panthers offense putting together a very balanced game and the team's special teams doing what it needed to do throughout.

Damyron Phillips put the Panthers ahead midway through the first quarter on a 29-yard touchdown run and Paetow was driving again late in the first quarter before Isaac Radtke intercepted a pass and returned in 75 yards to set Seven Lakes up inside the 10-yard line, where they tied the game on a 2-yard touchdown pass from Tanner Perez to Evan Tomalty.

But Paetow came right back with an answer, as Koby Truehill drove the team down the field and scored on a 1-yard touchdown run, before Phillips scored again on a 9-yard touchdown run and Truehill made things a three score game shortly before the end of the half on a 44-yard touchdown pass to Derrick Johnson.

"It was one of the first times this season we really had a complete game with all three cylinders clicking," Hicks said. "That's exactly what we were looking for was to have a complete game and to grow from it. Now we've put some good stuff on film and the key is to use that and teach the guys from it and grow even more going forward."

Paetow kept things going in the second half with two long touchdown passes from Truehill to Justin Stevenson and Jason Blue as the Panthers sealed things with a strong third quarter.

The Paetow offense had one of their strongest games of the year, as the Panthers rushed for 159 yards and also threw for 165. The Panthers have taken a step up offensively especially over the past two weeks with a return to the teams roots in the I-formation.

"It's just something that we know and we're really comfortable with," said senior offensive lineman Nicholas Lira. "As you can see it's working, we're just all on the same page as an offense now and as teammates we're communicating better and minimizing mistakes."

Now the Panthers turn their focus to next week's matchup against Taylor. There is a motto going through the Paetow locker room right now, as they are focusing on winning the day in front of them.

"You have to win the day," Hicks said.

PAETOW 42, SEVEN LAKES 14

Seven Lakes	0	7	0	7	--	14
Paetow	7	21	14	0	--	42

First quarter

P: Damyron Phillips 29 run (Gabriel Schaeffer kick) 5:16

Second quarter

SL: Tanner Perez 2 pass to Evan Tomalty (Jon Franco kick) 11:17
P: Koby Truehill 1 run (Schaeffer kick) 4:48
P: Phillips 9 run (Schaeffer kick) 2:16
P: Koby Truehill 44 pass to Derrick Johnson (Schaeffer kick) 2:16

Third quarter

P: Truehill 41 pass to Justin Stevenson (Schaeffer kick) 8:20
P: Truehill 42 pass to Jason Blue (Schaeffer kick) 4:33

Fourth quarter

SL: Donye Lake 1 run (Franco kick) 1:15

Team stats

	SEVEN LAKES	PAETOW
First downs	4	14
Yards rushing	32-50	27-207
Yards passing	57	165
Passes	11-20-1-1	8-19-3-2
Punts	6-27	3-40
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-1
Penalty-yards	4-30	4-30

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Paetow: Damyron Phillips, 15-71-2; Derrick Johnson, 6-62; Koby Truehill, 3-26-1; Jamarius Bates, 2-17; **Seven Lakes:** Donye Lake, 10-30-1; Barrett Hudson, 9-14; Jake Farris, 9-5; Tanner Perez, 2-2; Marcel Davis, 1-(-3);

Passing – Paetow: Koby Truehill, 8-19-207-3-2; **Seven Lakes:** Tanner Perez, 8-15-14-1-1; Collin Mills, 3-5-43-0-0

Receiving – Paetow: Justin Stevenson, 3-96-1; Jason Blue, 3-54-1; Derrick Johnson, 1-44-1; Damyron Phillips, 1-8; Carmelo Wilson, 1-5; **Seven Lakes:** Landon Ross, 7-36; Ethan Adu-Lartey, 1-18; Evan Tomalty, 1-2-1; Barrett Hudson, 2-1

"You have to win the day that's in front of you and then tomorrow do the same thing. We have to win out and that's how we do it — from here on out, we win every day. As long as you do that, everything will take care of itself. We're going to keep growing, focusing on winning the day in front of us and dominating everything you do."



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Paetow's Damyron Phillips breaks away for a touchdown during Thursday's game between Paetow and Seven Lakes at Legacy Stadium.



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and Derrick Johnson had 44 yards and a score. The Paetow run game had a decent day as well, as the team had 165 yards on the ground, with Damyron Phillips leading the way with 71 yards and a score while Johnson had 62 yards rushing.

The key for Paetow in this game will be containing the Taylor run game and Joe Jefferson's ability to extend plays out of the pocket, while the Paetow offense will try to build off its run game and hit big plays in play action as it did against Seven Lakes.

Katy (8-0, 6-0) vs. Seven Lakes (1-7, 1-5), 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Katy 45, Seven Lakes 3

- Katy went into its biggest matchup so far this year, and had one of their best performances of the year, easily beating Cinco Ranch to stay undefeated on the year.

It was a huge game on both sides of the ball for Katy. Offensively, it was the run game that led the way as always. Seth Davis and Dallas Glass once again did their thing, Davis ran for 147 yards and three touchdowns while Glass ran for 120 yards and two scores. Caleb Koger also did his thing through the air, throwing for 133 yards and three touchdowns, with Micah Koenig catching three passes for 56 and one touchdown.

Katy's defense meanwhile, held Cinco Ranch's high powered offense in check for most of the day and forced the Cougars into three turnovers, including two interceptions as the Tigers dominated from beginning to end.

The win wrapped up a district championship for Katy with two weeks remaining and allows the team to turn to improving and getting ready for the playoffs, as the Tigers have already faced the tougher opponents in district play.

Seven Lakes was unable to get back in the win column last week, losing to Paetow, and the team's prospects of getting a win look even dimmer this week going up against Katy.

The Spartans' offense was

stopped the entire night by Paetow, as they barely managed to clear 100 yards of total offense in the game. Tanner Perez threw for 14 yards and a touchdown, while Donye Lake led the running game with 30 yards and a score and Barrett Hudson was held to just 14 yards on the ground.

The Seven Lakes defense did what it could, forcing Paetow into three turnovers, including getting two interceptions, but at the end of the day the Paetow run game and play action was too much as the Panthers got over 350 yards of total offense in the win.

Seven Lakes will be looking to find something to build on going into the final week of the season, and hoping its defense can put up a fight against the Tigers run game.

FRIDAY

Morton Ranch (5-3, 3-3) vs. Mayde Creek (2-7, 0-5), 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Morton Ranch 43, Mayde Creek 17

- Morton Ranch's bye week came at an extremely important time for the team.

Following a loss to Tompkins in which the team was unable to keep up with the Falcons and dealt with a number of injuries, the Mavericks got a week off to heal up and get their players back as they head into a battle for the final playoff spot in the final two weeks of the district season.

The Mavericks were unable to get things going through the air against Tompkins, only throwing for 105 yards, while Santana Scott carried the load on the ground, rushing for 142 yards and a score, while Jairon Davis led the team in the receiving department with 43 yards and a score.

The Morton Ranch defense meanwhile was unable to put up a fight against the Tompkins run game that accounted for 177 yards and four touchdowns, while the Morton Ranch special teams gave up two scores as well.

Now getting back toward healthy, the Rams will have to get back to how they were playing before the Tompkins game and

District 19-6A Standings	Team	W	L	District W	District L	District PF	District PA
1	Katy	8	0	6	0	294	85
2	Cinco Ranch	6	3	5	2	335	247
3*	Tompkins	6	2	4	2	232	133
3*	Jordan	5	3	4	2	210	186
5*	Morton Ranch	5	3	3	3	233	252
5*	Paetow	4	4	3	3	155	190
7	Taylor	3	5	2	4	157	208
8	Seven Lakes	1	7	1	5	129	211
9	Mayde Creek	2	7	0	7	86	319

put together a strong performance against the Rams.

Mayde Creek again lost last week and remains winless in district play, but the Rams did put together one of their stronger performances in district, coming against one of the stronger teams in District 19-6A.

The most encouraging signs for Mayde Creek came on the offensive end, as the Rams had their best day passing the ball all season behind sophomore quarterback Cole Jensen. Jensen completed 33 of 43 passes in the game, good for a 76% completion percentage and threw for three touchdowns and an interception. Beau Bankston was a huge factor in the offense, catching 14 passes for 129 yards and two scores, while Zaylen Cormier had 84 yards receiving and a touchdown. The rushing game never got going, but Jeremiah Hill had 13 carries for 41 yards to lead the team.

Defensively though, the Rams continued to struggle, giving up 305 yards and five scores on the ground and 95 yards and a touchdown through the air.

For Mayde Creek, the key in this game will be to continue their success through the air against a team that has been susceptible to the pass attack so far this season, while putting together a better performance on defense and containing the Morton Ranch ground game.

It would be a big win for the Rams, who are still looking for their first district win of the year.

Tompkins (6-2, 4-2) vs. Jordan (5-3, 4-2), 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

Last year: Did not play

- After a slow start to the district season, Tompkins has continued to improve and find ways to win games.

Last week that came against Mayde Creek, as the Falcons continued to use a dominant run game and run defense to beat the Rams and stay tied for third in district with two weeks remaining.

The Falcons' run game was spearheaded by their junior duo of Caleb Blocker and Wyatt Young. Blocker was very strong on the day, rushing for 144 yards on 22 carries for three touchdowns, while Young only needed four carries to rush for 144 yards and two touchdowns, as he averaged 36 yards per carry. Young also completed five of six passes for 95 yards and a touchdown, with Matthew Ogunrin leading the team with two receptions for 48 yards.

The Tompkins run defense was once again very strong, holding Mayde Creek to 63 total yards, but the Falcons' pass defense did allow 290 yards through the air in the

game.

The Falcons will try to use their strong run game and big offensive line to continue to dominate up front against Jordan, but the team's pass defense will need to be better against a very explosive Warriors offense.

Jordan comes off a huge offensive performance last week in a win over Taylor, as the Warriors dominated in both the pass and run game.

Colin Willetts had the best passing day of his career thus far in the game, as he completed 22 of 30 passes for 400 yards and three touchdowns and an interception. Andrew Marsh had a big game receiving, catching seven passes for 124 and two touchdowns while Deacon Stanfield had 103 yards receiving and a touchdown on four catches and Bryce Coffie also caught for passes for 94 yards. The Jordan run game had a good game as well, with Chad Gasper rushing for 123 yards and a touchdown on 29 carries.

The Jordan defense also did a good job limiting a strong Taylor run game to 79 yards, but did allow 207 yards through the air.

It will be a much harder task for Jordan this week, and they will need to again be strong against the run on defense, while the offense will need to again be explosive and strong through the air.

Katy stays at No. 5 in state rankings after win over Cinco Ranch

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy remained at No. 5 in the Class 6A Dave Campbell Texas Football state rankings after a 56-28 win over Cinco Ranch last week.

The Tigers and the rest of the top five in the Class 6A rankings remained the same,

with Southlake Carroll at No. 4, Duncanville at No. 3, Westlake at No. 2 and North Shore at No. 1.

No other Katy ISD team entered the rankings this week, Klein Collins was the lone team to drop out of the rankings, while Cy-Fair was the only team to enter the rankings, jumping up to No. 25.

CLASS 6A			
Rank	School	(Record)	Week 8
1	Galena Park North Shore	(8-0)	W: Humble, 56-14
2	Austin Westlake	(8-0)	W: Austin High, 70-0
3	Duncanville	(7-0)	W: Dallas Skyline, 63-0
4	Southlake Carroll	(8-0)	W: Haslet Eaton, 42-7
5	Katy	(8-0)	W: Cinco Ranch, 56-28
6	Denton Guyer	(8-0)	W: Allen, 49-7
7	Humble Atascocita	(7-1)	W: Houston King, 39-6
8	Cibolo Steele	(8-0)	W: SA East Central, 49-4
9	DeSoto	(7-1)	W: Cedar Hill, 45-20
10	Spring Westfield	(7-1)	W: Aldine MacArthur, 58-6
11	Prosper	(7-1)	W: Denton Braswell, 59-14
12	Alvin Shadow Creek	(8-0)	W: Pearland Dawson, 16-10
13	Dripping Springs	(7-1)	W: Lake Travis, 38-31
14	Allen	(6-2)	L: Denton Guyer, 49-7
15	Arlington Martin	(7-1)	W: Grand Prairie, 58-2
16	Dallas Highland Park	(8-0)	W: Irving MacArthur, 52-0
17	SA Northside Brennan	(7-1)	W: SA Northside Sotomayor, 69-7
18	Austin Vandegrift	(7-1)	W: Round Rock Cedar Ridge, 29-7
19	Trophy Club Nelson	(8-0)	W: Keller Central, 56-24
20	Rockwall	(7-1)	Idle
21	North Crowley	(8-0)	W: Hurst Bell, 33-7
22	New Caney	(8-0)	W: Cleveland, 71-0
23	Round Rock	(7-1)	W: Round Rock McNeil, 44-7
24	Humble Summer Creek	(5-3)	W: Beaumont United, 68-0
25	Cy-Fair	(7-1)	W: Houston Spring Woods, 62-0
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Dropped out: No. 21 Klein Collins



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Tompkins sends both boys, girls teams to state meet

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins had a great day at the Class 6A Region III meet in Huntsville on Monday, as both the boys and girls teams qualified for the state meet.

Both the Tompkins boys and girls finished third overall at the state meet to clinch state berths. The boys were led by Parker Wood, who finished 17th overall with a time of 16 minutes, 23.86 seconds, while Mathias Pitzel finished 21st with a time of 16 minutes, 32.76 seconds, Austin Garcia finished 22nd with a time of 16 minutes, 33.07 seconds, Aiden Ramshaw finished 30th with a time of 16 minutes, 47.09 seconds, Juan Perez-Salas finished 35th with a time of 16 minutes, 57.07 seconds, Aaron Ramshaw finished 36th with a time of 16 minutes, 57.10 seconds and Diego Reyes finished 54th with a time of 17 minutes, 24.21 seconds.

For the Tompkins girls, Rowan Saacke was the leading finisher, as she finished fourth overall with a time of 18 minutes, 35.02 seconds, while Courtney Richman finished 13th with a time of 19 minutes, 51.48 seconds, Mary Alice Sheley finished 23rd with a time of 20 minutes, 11.02 seconds, Meghan Carlson finished 39th with a time of 20 minutes, 53.06 seconds, Jordan Muselman finished with a time of 21 minutes, 13.72 seconds, Madeline Bartlett finished with a time of 21 minutes, 25.50 seconds and Sophia Ramshaw finished 102nd with a time

of 22 minutes, 51.83 seconds.

Tompkins wasn't alone in qualifying for the state meet as a team, as the Cinco Ranch boys finished fourth as a team to qualify as well. Adrian Hahn Vadstein finished second individually to lead the team and medal with a time of 15 minutes, 51.83 seconds, Adam Elbanna finished 20th with a time of 16 minutes, 28.94 seconds, Alex Hahn Vadstein finished 27th with a time of 16 minutes, 42.97 seconds, Ryan Dy Plessis finished 42nd with a time of 17 minutes, 9.68 seconds, Clarence Walker finished 55th with a time of 17 minutes, 26.11 seconds, Kilian Drouaud finished 60th overall with a time of 17 minutes, 31.55 seconds and Henry Ebben finished 85th with a time of 17 minutes, 59.59 seconds.

Individual qualifiers for the girls state meet were Mayde Creek's Rachel Solano, who finished 21st overall with a time of 20 minutes, 7.62 seconds, Claudia Klander, who finished 24th overall with a time of 20 minutes, 11.02 seconds and Jaime Klander, who finished 24th overall with a time of 30 minutes, 11.49 seconds

On the boys side, two Seven Lakes runners individually qualified for the state meet in Reece Sullivan, who finished eighth overall with a time of 16 minutes, 9.51 seconds and Matthew Montgomery, who finished 10th overall with a time of 16 minutes, 11.80 seconds.

The state meet is set for Nov. 4, with the 6A girls running at 10 a.m. and the 6A boys running at 10:40 a.m. at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock.



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The Tompkins boys and girls teams pose together after both qualified for the state cross country meet on Monday.



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The Tompkins girls finished third as a team to qualify for the state meet.



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The Cinco Ranch boys finished fourth as a team to qualify for the state meet.



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Seven Lakes' Reece Sullivan and Matthew Montgomery both individually qualified for the state meet.



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The Mayde Creek girls team had three individuals qualify for the state meet.

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Tompkins sweeps gold at District cross country meet

BY TYLER TYRE
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Tompkins swept both the boys and girls gold medals at the District 19-6A cross country meet on Thursday at Paul D. Rushing park, sending both of the Falcons' teams to regionals and taking the crown as the best cross-country team in Katy ISD in the 2022-2023 school year.

Joining Tompkins in the regionals on the boys side were second-place finisher Seven Lakes and third-place finisher Cinco Ranch.

Seven Lakes' Matthew Montgomery took first place in the meet with a time of 15 minutes, 37.19 seconds, while Cinco Ranch's Adrian Hahn

Vadstein finished second with a time of 15 minutes, 51.29 seconds and Tompkins' Mathias Pitzel finished in third place with a time of 15 minutes, 53.49 seconds.

The rest of Tompkins' gold finishing team included Austin Garcia, who finished fourth, Parker Wood, who finished eighth, Aiden Ramshaw, who finished ninth, Juan Perez Salas, who finished 10th, Aaron Ramshaw, who finished 17th and Diego Reyes, who finished 31st.

For the girls, Tompkins' Rowan Saacke came away with the gold medal, running a time of 18 minutes, 30.61 seconds, while Mayde Creek's Rachel Solano came in second with a time of 18 minutes, 48.27 sec-

onds and Katy's Maddy Hunter came in third with a time of 19 minutes 0.38 seconds.

Tompkins' gold medal team consisted of Saacke, fourth-place finisher Courtney Richman, seventh-place finisher Mary Alice Sheley, 13th-place finisher Meghan Carlson, 21st-place finisher Sophia Ramshaw, 26th-place finisher Jordan Musselman and 40th-place finisher Ashley Thompson.

Mayde Creek finished second overall at the meet while Katy finished third, as both moved their teams on to the regional tournament along with Tompkins.

For full results of the District 19-6A cross country meet, go to katytimes.com/sports



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The Tompkins girls cross country team celebrates winning the District 19-6A cross country meet on Thursday morning at Paul D. Rushing Park.

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