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Katy librarian comes full circle in her role

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Often, a student focuses on one topic, only to have an epiphany of sorts and change direction to pursue her true calling. That's the case with the new branch manager at the Katy Public Library, 5414 Franz Road.

Actually, calling Elizabeth Boggs the "new" branch manager isn't entirely accurate. She's been on the job since Aug. 1. She knows the community, being a Taylor High School graduate, class of 2011.

She also knows the library, having twice worked as an intern there during her student days at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, about 160 miles northwest of Katy.

"It was what inspired me to become a librarian," Boggs

said.

She went on to earn her master's degree in library science at the University of North Texas in Denton. She joined the Harris County Public Library System, first at the Spring Branch Memorial Branch Library. She worked for about three years there in the young adult department. Then, she joined the Katherine Tyra Branch Library, where for two years she worked as assistant manager. She learned the business, knowing that she wanted to be a manager herself someday.

The Katy Branch Library is part of the Harris County Public Library system, but is also considered the city's library because it sits within the Katy city limits. She succeeded Desmond London, who resigned to pursue other interests.

For Boggs, the situation was a good one.

"I always loved the library," Boggs said. "I just loved helping people."

Like other library patrons, Boggs enjoys reading. She enjoys reading graphic novels. She has a number of favorite authors, including Shannon Hale, whose works focus on a younger audience, and Taylor Jenkins Reid, whose works focus on adult readers.

Working with regular library patrons and volunteers is another perk of Boggs's job.

"It's so fun to see the same faces return," Boggs said. "It's really neat to come back when I'm a little bit older and see the people I have seen. They're regular patrons here. Also, seeing the regulars come in with



Elizabeth Boggs, a 2011 Taylor High School graduate, is the Katy Public Library branch manager. She took over the role on Aug. 1.

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Veterans to be honored at football game Friday

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Katy ISD invites all military veterans and a guest to attend Friday's Taylor-Katy football game at Legacy Stadium.

Veterans and guests are asked to arrive by 5:15 p.m. On-field presentation of the colors is at 5:55 p.m.

Kickoff for the game is at 6 p.m. Veterans will be honored in a halftime ceremony.

"Veteran Only Parking" is in the Katyland Drive, or west side, of the parking lot. Veterans and guests will enter the stadium on through the field house on the south side of the stadium, where dinner will be provided.

Seating for veterans will be in the south end zone of the stadium, closest to the field house.

Veterans and their guests must RSVP with Katy ISD Assistant Athletic Director Lance Carter. He can be emailed at lancecarter@katyisd.org or called at 281-396-2789.

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Gov. Greg Abbott spoke at an October 27 rally in front of Fuzzy's Pizza and Italian Café, 613 S. Mason Road.
MIKE SCHOFIELD

Early voting ends Friday

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Early voting for the Nov. 8 general election ends Friday, with voters making their choices in a number of state and local races.

The election includes candidates for many state offices, including governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, along with other statewide, judicial and legislative races.

Katy-area voters in Fort Bend and Harris County will vote for a county judge, and in Harris and Waller County they will vote for a Pct. 4 commissioner.

Katy ISD voters will decide whether to ratify the district's tax rate of \$1.3517 per \$100 property evaluation. District officials said money from that tax rate, if approved, will go towards teacher and staff salaries. Additional money will also go for hiring more Katy ISD police officers.

Royal ISD will be selecting members to that district's board of trustees.

Elizabeth Boggs is branch manager of

the Katy library, 5414 Franz Road, which is the only early voting location in the Katy city limits. In an interview Monday, Boggs described the early voter turnout as heavy.

Election workers had a curbside voting issue on Friday. A Katy voter, Rhonda Aldrich, went to the library to vote. In curbside voting, election workers bring a voting machine out to a voter because the voter cannot move, or can only move with difficulty. However, the voting machine had run out of power.

Aldrich said she was told the machine had to be on the charger for three hours to work, but it had been used earlier in the day with other curbside voters. She said she was asked to come back later to curbside vote. But, to complicate things, Aldrich said other curbside voters were waiting behind her.

An election worker at the library, who the Katy Times agreed not to identify, said Friday that this was the first time

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FORT BEND COUNTY

Sheriff's office looks to fill several positions

CONTRIBUTED AND STAFF REPORTS

The U.S. Marines, the advertising slogan goes, are looking for a few good men. The Fort Bend County Sheriff's office, meanwhile, is looking for some deputies, 911 dispatchers and detention officers.

The sheriff's office is inviting the public to take a look at career possibilities as it hosts a career expo, set for 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, 1521 Eugene Heimann Circle, in Richmond. The expo is open to the public and pre-registration is recommended.

Last year, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office launched a major recruitment campaign. Sheriff Eric Fagan said it's a matter of public safety.

"Our great county is growing by leaps and bounds, and we need more dedicated men and women who are willing and ready to work alongside our deputies," Fagan said. "We are calling on all interested individuals who feel a calling to help mankind, and to accept the challenge."

Interested job applicants should bring identification, their questions, and considerations to recruiters in each field. Various sheriff's office divisions will be on hand to explain the career pathways for civilians and peace officers. Applicants will also have the opportunity to see firsthand the equipment and vehicles that are used in the field.

Yet while the sheriff's office is pursuing its recruitment campaign, it is not the only area government agency looking to add new officers. The area's growing population brings with it a desire for more officers and first responders, and local agencies are competing for talented people to serve the public.

The recently adopted Katy city budget calls for the addition of a new officer and a paramedic/firefighter. About 54% of the city's \$54.8 million budget goes for public safety. As officers retire, the city must look to replace them in the ranks. At the time of the budget's passage in September, three officer positions needed to be filled.



ERIC FAGAN
Fort Bend County Sheriff

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Flag retirement ceremony set for Nov. 5

The Star of Destiny Chapter of the National Society for the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Boy Scout Troop 925, will hold a flag retirement ceremony at 11 a.m. Nov. 5 at Katy Community Cemetery (also known as Antioch Community Cemetery), FM 1463 and Stockdick Road. The public is invited to the ceremony.

Members Choice Credit Union to hold "Gather, Get and Give" event

Members Choice Credit Union (MCCU) invites the community to a food drive and shred event from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Nov. 5 at its office at 18211 Katy Fwy.

At the event, people can "gather" information about the credit union's "Helping Heroes Loan" program, which offers discounted rates to medical professionals, law enforcement, active duty, veterans, first responders and teachers. People can also "get" their papers shredded, and "give" food donations to Katy Christian Ministries.

Those donating to the food drive will be eligible to win from a pool of \$500 in gift cards. There

will also be promotional product discounts, giveaways, breakfast, and a hot chocolate bar.

For more information, visit the website info.mccu.com/gather22.

Wreaths Across America ceremony set for Dec. 17

The American Legion Auxiliary Post 164 in Katy is promoting the Wreaths Across America, an activity in which wreaths are placed on the graves of service members. The local ceremony is set for 10 a.m. Dec. 17 at Katy Magnolia Cemetery, 6801 Franz Road.

Wreath sponsorships are \$15. For more information, visit the website alaunit164katytx.org/ and click the Wreaths Across America icon.

Fort Bend Junior Service League accepting core placement applications, awards grants

The Fort Bend Junior Service League is accepting applications from local qualifying 501(c)3 organizations to be considered as a Core Placement for its 2023-25 league years. This process occurs every two years.

The league serves Fort Bend County and its people through



Margaret Conn and her mother, Maxine Schneider, seated, look over the selection at an Oct. 27 cake auction at Carriage Inn, 1400 Katy Flewellen Road. All proceeds from the auction benefit The Alzheimer's Association.

volunteerism and charitable fundraising. Application and position statements may be

found at fbjssl.org. Applications are due Jan. 31, 2023. For more information, contact the league at communityservice@fbjssl.com.

The league also announced that it has awarded Community Assistance Fund (CAF) grants to Bo's Place and Three Graces.

Bo's Place has been awarded \$5,000 to help with food, snacks, welcome bags and book bags. Bo's Place is a non-profit bereavement support center that exists to enhance the lives of those who have experienced the death of a loved one.

Faith West to hold Holiday Market Nov. 5

Faith West Academy will hold its fourth annual holiday market from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 5 at the academy gymnasium, 2225 Porter Road. The market includes an

art show, carolers, face painting, mimosas and muffins and pictures with Santa from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Funds raised go for scholarships.

Katy Christian Ministries seeking sponsors for its Santa Sleigh program

Katy Christian Ministries is seeking sponsors for its Santa's Sleigh program, which helps financially struggling families during the holiday season.

Registration is open to all children of parents who are registered with KCM and who live in one of these zip codes: 77084, 77094, 77407, 77406, 77423, 77441, 77449, 77450, 77464, 77476, 77485, 77493 and 77494.

For more information, visit the website ktcm.org/santasleigh/.

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- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Indicates the pitch of notes
- Set up to blame
- States of rest
- Complete
- Be around longer than
- Instructs
- Childless (abbr.)
- Coffee machines do it
- Bowfin
- A group separate from established Church
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Mends with a needle
- When you hope to get there
- Popular 80's pop duo
- Beloved Mexican dish
- Extremely small amount
- Special therapy
- Cause to move slowly
- A person's natural height

CLUES DOWN

- Colorless volatile acid
- A way to tangle
- Jam rock band devotee
- The nation's highest lawyer (abbr.)
- Inviolable
- Collision
- Clumsy
- Bends again
- "Pollock" actor Harris
- Flew off!
- Soft creamy white cheese
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- Exclamation used for emphasis
- Expel from one's property
- Philly transit body
- Small amount of something

29. Retirement account
31. Holey type of cheese
32. Young pig
33. Climbing palm
35. Discomfort
38. Bullfighter
41. High-level computer language

43. Fleshy extensions above the throat
44. Request
45. Equal to 10 meters (abbr.)
46. Bruce and Spike are two
47. Precipice
49. Wombs
56. A radio band
57. Emphasizes an amount

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Katy ISD also looks to hire new officers. The district is holding a tax ratification election this month, in which voters are being asked whether they will approve, or ratify, keeping the property tax rate at \$1.3517 per \$100 property valuation. If approved, district officials said the money would go for increasing teacher and staff salaries, but some of the money would be used to hire new Katy ISD police officers.

For more information about the Fort Bend County Sheriff's office, visit the website fbcsheriff.org and click Careers, or the website fortbendcounty.jobs. Those wanting more information can also email fbcso recruiting@fbctx.gov or call 281-652-7761.

VOTING

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she had seen such a glitch in her decades of working elections.

A Harris County elections administration office spokesperson said Friday that her office had no way of knowing how many other polling stations around Harris County had the same problems with machines losing power in this fashion. Nor did she have any information about whether polling stations could have more than one such machine.

There was no immediate word on what happened with those voters behind Aldrich on Friday. The election worker at the library said those voters could cast their ballots at other polling locations or they could have returned to the library.

In Aldrich's case, there was a happy ending. In an interview Tuesday, she said she happened to be driving by the library Sunday and early voting was taking place. The glitch had been fixed and she cast her ballot.

"Everything worked out beautifully for me, and I hope it does for everybody else," Aldrich said.

LIBRARIAN

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their kids is neat. Our volunteers are wonderful."

Part of that crowd of regulars includes her parents, Joe and Brenda Stefanski. Boggs's husband, Jedediah, is an ESL lead at Seven Lakes Junior High.

The library is much more than books, of course. Early voting began Oct. 24 and ends Friday. The library is serving as a station for those Harris County voters who wish to vote early. Election workers supervise the polling activities, which are taking place at the front of the library.

"The library has been a little bit quieter because everyone is voting," Boggs said. "There's been a huge voter turnout."

Just part of the routine for a library intern turned library manager.

"It's been fun to come back full circle," Boggs said.

TRIBUTES

Thelma Florene Kennelly Callender, 99, of Katy, Texas, was welcomed by her Heavenly Father on Saturday, October 29, 2022. She was born on Christmas Day in 1922, the daughter of the predeceased Mr. Fred Andrew and Mrs. Sallie Brown Kennelly of Rosenberg, Texas. She is preceded in death also by her siblings, Clyde Brown Kennelly of Rosenberg, Andrew Kennelly of Houston, Shirley Kennelly of Rosenberg; Jessie Mae Kennelly Skinner of Rosenberg and Maybelle Rice of Rosenberg; as well as a son, John Randall "Randy" Callender; and her husband, John "Dude" Callender.

Thelma leaves behind her daughter, Connie Callender Lindsay and her husband, Col. (R) Gaylord "Bud" Lindsay, III; son, Doyle Gene Callender and his wife Kay of Katy; grandchildren, Cambrey Dori Lindsay Kyle Jenkins Callender and wife Megan, and John Kennelly Callender and wife Catherine; great grandchildren, Lola Ren Baccus, Case Jenkins Callender, Caitlin Susan Callender, Minoa Caelum Baccus, and Avery Callender.

Thelma's ancestors were



THELMA F. CALLENDER
1922-2022

one of the original families to come to the state of Texas, a group known now as "Austin's Old 300." Therefore, she was a member of the Austin's Old 300 Club. Thelma was born and grew up in Brown Community, Texas, and later moved to Rosenberg in her childhood years, where she resided until 1982, when she moved to Katy, Texas.

Thelma attended Rosenberg High School, home of the Brahmas, where she was elected "Most Popular" by her Brahma senior classmates. After graduation, she attended the University of Texas, and soon, Thelma met the love of her life, John

"Dude" Ferman Callender of Bedias, Texas. They were married on September 18, 1942. Soon after their marriage, Dude joined the U.S. Army and was sent to Europe during World War II. During his tour under Patton's Third Army in Europe, Thelma was blessed with their first child, John Randall Callender. Soon after the war, Dude returned and they were blessed with two more children, Connie Gail Callender and Doyle Gene Callender.

Along with raising her three active children, Thelma was an avid gardener and loved her flowers; she spent time in the Rosenberg Garden Club. She was also a bridge club member and enjoyed hosting many bridge parties over the years. Her dedication to raising her kids and dedication to Dude was primary.

Thelma was well known for her sense of humor. She was known to play many jokes and pranks on anyone she knew. She was very well known for playing her April Fool's Day jokes. She was always successful in getting her family members, even when they thought they were on guard. She was very believable. Like her husband, Dude,

she loved a good prank.

She was a real family oriented woman who loved her family. She was proud of every family member and stood tall for each and every one. She was always interested in what they were doing or where they were. She had a great capacity for love and we all as her family members had a deep abiding love for her. She will be missed by us all.

Thelma resided at her home in Katy, Texas for the last 40 years until her passing. She will forever be in the hearts and minds of her entire family, but forever in the Heavens as she holds Dude's hand, as they together make the angels laugh.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 7, 2022 at Katy's First United Methodist Church, in Katy, where funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday with Dr. Charles Wisdom officiating. Interment in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg, Texas.

Funeral services held under the direction of **Schmidt Funeral Home**
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Surrounded by family and covered in love, Todd Campbell Rounding was reunited in heaven with his beloved wife, Betsy, on October 29, 2022.

Todd was born on March 16, 1953 in Bryan, TX to Robert Campbell Rounding and Beverly Ann Rounding. The oldest of three children in a military family, Todd and his family moved several times before establishing a home in Colorado Springs, CO, where he graduated from Air Academy High School. Todd attended the Colorado School of Mines and discovered a passion for geology and petroleum engineering that would last his entire career. After graduating, Todd's position at Amoco brought



TODD CAMPBELL ROUNDING
1953-2022

him to eastern Wyoming, where he met the love of his life, Betsy. Together, the pair would welcome two children, Tyler and Kendra. A love for travel and adventure took

them around the world before settling in Houston, where Todd eventually retired and remained the rest of his life.

Todd became the ultimate "Gump" to his nine grandchildren. He reveled in playing their games, supporting their individual passions and having an active and loving role in each of their lives. Todd's dedication to his family was a cornerstone of his life.

Todd is survived by his son, Tyler Rounding, his wife Elizabeth, and their children Mark, Eliza, Lucille, Philip, Emmett and Jameson; daughter, Kendra Alessandro, her husband Alexander, and their children Sophia, Luke and Max; brother, Brad Rounding, his children Bradley and Anthony; sister, Julie Pitts,

her husband Jim, and their children Alexander (Katelyn) and Austin; brother-in-law, George Jones, his wife Connie Wilbert, and their children Donald and Tighe; and many dear friends. Todd was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth (Betsy) Rounding; parents, Beverly and Robert Rounding; in-laws, Marion and George Jones; and sister-in-law, Barbara Atwood.

A memorial service will take place at St. Peter's United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

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Stop hating on liberal arts majors

BY ELWOOD WATSON
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Since the Reagan era of the 1980s, we have heard arguments from various quarters lamenting the supposed “fact” that studying liberal arts or the humanities in general was a colossal waste of time. As a Generation X teenager, this message was routinely fed to me and my peers.

More than a decade later as a graduate student in the humanities, I harbored intense skepticism toward such dismissive rhetoric. Now, more decades later as a tenured professor deeply engaged in the humanities, it turns out that my skepticism was well-founded.

A 2020 article for Inc. by Jessica Stillman featured experts that argued liberal arts majors were making a major rebound. Those predictions were also echoed by Dan Schnabel, New York Times Best Selling Author and CEO of Millennial Branding and George Arson and Toby Russell Co-CEO’s of Shift.com.

The evidence shows many companies have come to the abrupt conclusion that a sole reliance on engineering, business and technology will not be sufficient to maintain any degree of a competitive advantage in the future. In addition, as technology evolves and becomes more complex, companies will not be able to rely on black-and-white approaches to solving problems. Instead, the ability to theorize and conceptualize will become of greater importance.

Schnabel, Arson, and Russell are not alone in espousing such commentary. Many other tech CEOs with academic backgrounds steeped in the humanities themselves are happy to testify to the usefulness of these periodically ridiculed degrees.

The truth is that for quite some time, businesses and employers have been aggressively seeking to employ graduates who possess a demonstrated capacity to think critically, communicate clearly and solve complex problems. It goes without saying these are the sorts of skills that anyone who pursues an education in the humanities will often receive.

I will concede I was grinning like a Cheshire cat when I came across such inspiring news. I cannot tell you how many conversations I have engaged in with people of varied backgrounds

who have derided what they saw as the supposed irrelevance of the humanities by those in certain academic and public sectors.

I have sparred with more than a few engineers, businesspeople, accountants, and chemists. Some have been friends, other total strangers. Most were so thoroughly convinced in the supposed supremacy of medicine, business, technology, and the hard sciences in general, that they were totally blinded by the crucial impact that liberal arts have had on the larger society.

A liberal arts education introduces students to art, languages, literature, history, race, and gender-based courses, philosophy, interdisciplinary courses, sciences, and other related areas of academic pluralism.

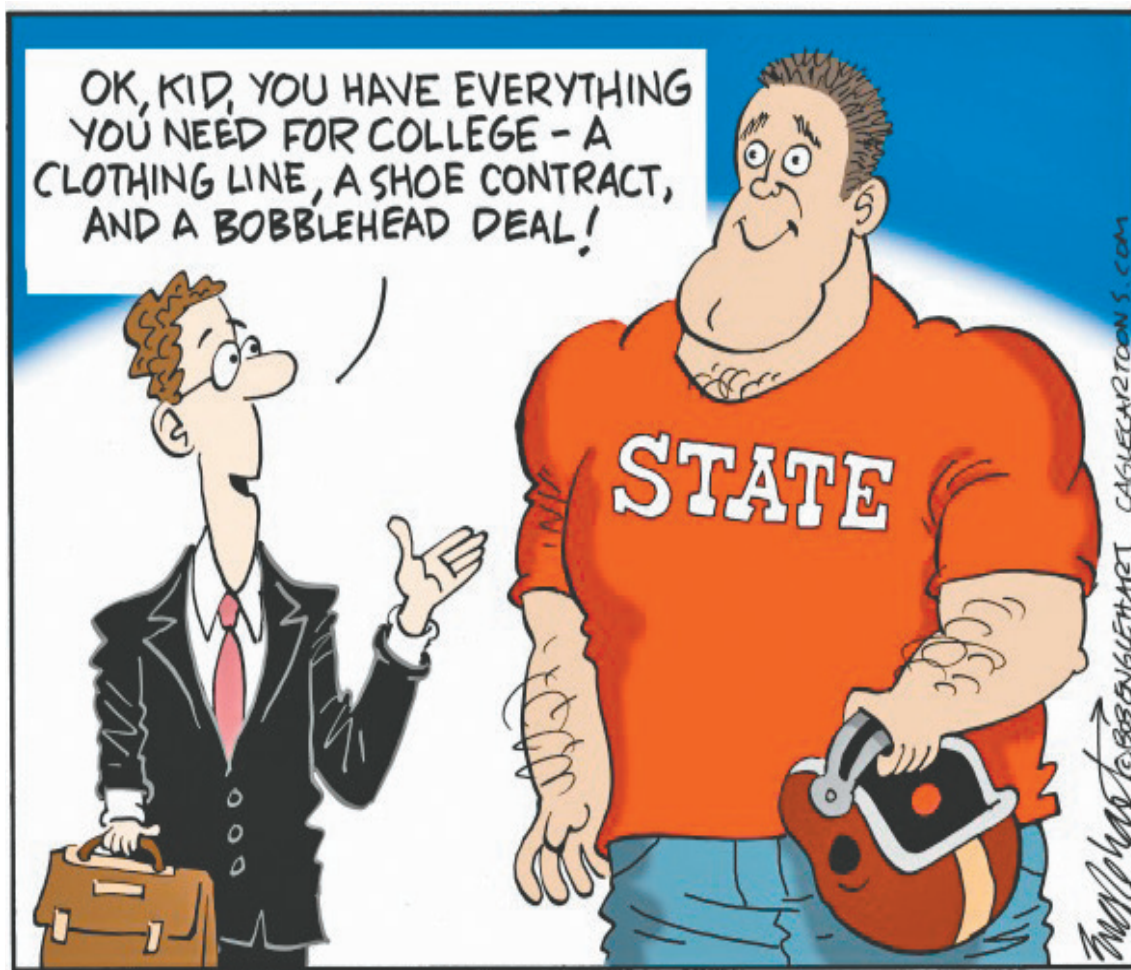
More importantly, such an education provides its recipients with the ability and vital ingredients necessary to think critically and holistically about a plethora of issues, including business, science, and technology. Being exposed to a multitude of subjects and deep critical inquiry is what the humanities is all about.

I cannot tell you how many students I have had in my more than two decades of being a college professor who have responded to student evaluations of my courses with comments such as “this should be a required course.” “I learned about all sides of the issue, not just the popular one.” “This class has made me see things in a totally different perspective.” “This class has made me consider switching majors.”

By no means should one dismiss the importance of science, math, technology, engineering, and other STEM related fields. Such disciplines are paramount and crucial to the continuing strengthening of our society. That being said, one does not become successful or proficient in any endeavor or any profession (and that includes STEM fields) without a good, solid grounding in critical thinking skills that a liberal arts education provides.

In short, the humanities are the cornerstone of any complete and well-rounded education. I’m just glad more people are recognizing that.

Elwood Watson is a professor of history, black studies, and gender and sexuality studies at East Tennessee State University. He is also an author and public speaker.



Halloween is for kids, isn't it?

It's a question worth asking in these nutty times: how old is too old to trick-or-treat?

On the question-and-answer website Quora, some people ask if the age of 12 is a good time to hang up the ghost costumes.

That sounds about right to me. My mother would have decked me if I'd tried to collect candy in the 9th grade.

Trick-or-treating has long been a rite of passage of childhood—that is, it used to be.

Other people responded to Quora that they see no reason for older people—adults in their 20s and beyond—to canvas their neighborhoods in costumes collecting free candy.

But in the past three decades Halloween has clearly gone from being just a fun-filled childhood event to a serious adult event.

In 2009 I talked with Robert Thompson about Halloween. He's a pop-culture expert who is the founding director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University.

He explained that the post-World War II years were the golden age of Halloween for kids but beginning in the 1990s it had been claimed by adults.

Why? He said then that Halloween had become the one day of the year that adults could really let themselves have fun by dressing up and doing something outrageous that they would never do the rest of the year.

In other words, it became the one day of the year in which adults could blow off stress by mocking the incredible complexity of modern life.

In more recent years, however, the “anything goes” mentality of



TOM PURCELL
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

In more recent years, however, the “anything goes” mentality of Halloween for adults has given way to caution about wearing costumes offensive to others or being recorded on video at a party letting yourself go a little too much.

Halloween for adults has given way to caution about wearing costumes offensive to others or being recorded on video at a party letting yourself go a little too much.

As our hyper-sensitive culture continues to lose its sense of humor—as people are ready to complain or sue at every perceived slight—Halloween is starting to fall victim, as well.

More and more schools and communities are banning Halloween celebrations.

I suppose it makes sense, then, for adults to try to eke out some Halloween fun by trick-or-treating for candy, as well.

When I did it in the '70s kids were everywhere working overtime to fill their pillowcases. You hardly saw a parent anywhere.

But now more parents are dressing up as they trick-or-treat with their kids and some even want to get treats for their efforts, apparently.

More college kids are hitting the neighborhoods around their campus to collect free candy—after a raucous happy hour at the pub, no doubt.

Food & Wine offers a tongue-in-cheek set of five commandments for adults who wish to trick-or-treat.

Wear a great costume, the magazine says, but it's best to chaperone a kid, so you don't appear like a total weirdo.

Put candy in your pillow case beforehand, so that it's clear you are looking to collect free confections.

Say “trick or treat” like you mean business.

And if you can't find a kid, wear a frumpy dress coat and pretend to be two kids—one sitting on the other's shoulders.

It's all sound advice, I suppose.

A growing desire for perpetual adolescence among today's “adults” is revealing itself all over the place.

From delaying moving out of their parents' homes and delaying marriage and parenthood to dressing like teenagers at age 60, nobody is eager to become a full-fledged grownup these days.

I just hope my neighbors will fill my pillowcase with candy, because I'm “dressing up” as a middle-aged adult.

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TRIBUTE

Bob Pratt left the bounds of Earth on October 9, 2022. But his spirit lives on forever. Robert Philip Pratt was born on March 5, 1947 to Robert Wilson and Angelina Conti Pratt in Montpelier, Vermont. Bob grew up in the green mountains of Vermont where he honed his independent nature and work ethic. He was the older brother to Cynthia and Richard. Bob graduated from Montpelier High School and accepted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Upon graduation in 1969 he began duty in Crailsheim, Germany. There he quickly advanced to the rank of Captain and became a Battery Commander. He also met a schoolteacher from Kansas. On December 29, 1972, Bob married Jeanette Mack in Linn, Kansas. They have two children; Robert Holbrook Mack Pratt and Melissa



ROBERT PHILIP "BOB" PRATT
LT. COL. U.S. ARMY (RET.)
1947-2022

Angelene Pratt Jimenez.

Bob continued his military career attending the University of California, Berkeley to get his Master of Science in Engineering degree. He returned to West Point to teach geology. He was an instructor, assistant professor and Associate Professor while at the Academy. He also served as an adult leader in academic and

athletic student activities. This included coaching the national championship team in Orienteering. He proudly served on active duty from 1969 to 1981. At that time, he joined the Reserves and retired in 1997 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Bob and Jeanette moved around the country living in California, New York, and Oklahoma before moving to Texas in 1982 when Bob joined Mobil Oil Company as a geological engineer. With Mobil Bob was a production foreman, operations engineer supervisor, and project manager. The family lived in Midland, Snyder, and Andrews, Texas. Bob managed both the Snyder and Andrews offices. In these capacities, he managed many programs, millions of dollars, and many employees, as well as developing new programs. His passion was working with and developing the

talents of others.

Upon retiring from the oil field in 2012, Bob, a workaholic, needed a new career. He became a real estate broker and joined Coldwell Banker in Katy. He thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people, working with clients, and mentoring other agents.

Poor health dominated the last few years of his life, but Bob always enjoyed sports, especially soccer. He was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and followed Katy High football. He had a wonderful sense of humor that was evident to all those who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Jeanette Pratt of Katy, TX; son, Robert Pratt

of Katy; daughter Melissa and her husband Lee Jimenez of Richmond, Texas; sister, Cynthia Millard and her husband Robert of Newport News, Virginia; brother, Richard Pratt and wife Anne of Jericho, Vermont; and numerous other relatives and friends. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Angie Pratt, his niece, Michelle Millard Bunch, and nephew, Christopher Pratt.

A celebration of life and visitation with the family was held at the Schmidt Funeral Home East Avenue Chapel in Katy. A graveside funeral service with full military honors was held at the Houston National Cemetery on Wednesday November 2, 2022.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests that contributions may be made to the COPD foundation, 3300 Ponce DeLeon Blvd. Miami, FL 33134 or to West Point AOG, 698 Mills Rd. West Point, NY 10996 for Orienteering Team Club Fund, or a charity of your choice in Bob's name.

Bob Pratt was a people person who believed the purpose of life is not necessarily to be happy, but to matter, to be productive, to have made some difference that you lived. He did.

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Royal ISD FFA members win big at State Fair of Texas breeding heifer show

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In 2022-23, Harmony Public Schools received 28 "A" District and Campus Ratings for Overall Accountability from the Texas Education Agency, and recognized by both Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report for its academics and college readiness programs. Harmony also is a seven-time winner of the National School of Character.

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set a date for its lottery within two weeks of the application deadline.

Parents will be notified in the spring if their students have been selected for enrollment or placed on a waiting list.

For more information, visit the website HarmonyTX.org.

Cinco Ranch quiz bowl team

The Cinco Ranch Cougar A Team, despite playing a man short, won the Texas Kickoff Challenge for their first win of the year.

Captain Tamim Hasan, Dimitris Kalafatis and Robbie Hahn played through some tough matches, including a real dogfight with Troy Michigan in the finals that went down to the final question.

The B Team, comprising captain Arnab Joshi, Tony Liang, Enina Edosomwan and Grace Park, played some tough matches and only lost to the A Team in the final 8. It handed Troy its only defeat until it lost to the A Team in the finals.

The C Team, comprising captain Sean Padilla, Arsen Imanbayev, Zuhair Asaduddin and Ishan Paliwal, came within one question of knocking off the B Team in the playoffs.

Individually, Hasan was the top-ranked player for the tournament. Kalafatis, Joshi and Liang were also in the top 20. Asaduddin and Paliwal finished 17th and 18th, respectively, in their first varsity competition.

Meanwhile, the Cinco Ranch junior varsity squad hosted the first in-person Quiz Bowl tournament in almost three years.

The A Team, comprising captain Ella Hill and Bao Vu, went 6-3 and finished second, only losing to a perennial power, Village School. In the individual category, Vu finished 17th.

The B Team, comprising captain Ryan Gover, Nicholas Zang, Maria Waseem, Ethan Moloney and Nina Patel, consists of mostly brand-new freshman. The team earned made it to the consolation final, where it fell to Cy Fair. In the individual category, Gover finished 12th and Zang finished 19th.

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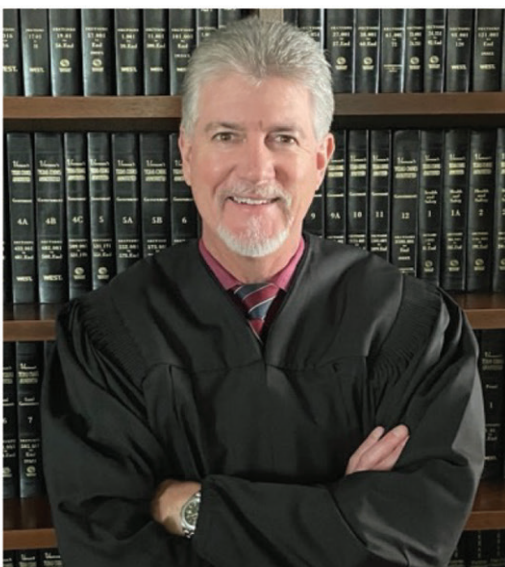
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Skylar Skrabanek spikes the ball during Tuesday's bi-district playoff game between Tompkins and Fort Bend Austin at the Merrell Center.

TYLER TYRE

Tompkins sweeps Austin to kick off its playoff run

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins has been gaining confidence all season.

The Falcons have continued to grow with younger players stepping up around an experienced core and reaching improvement along the way through non-district and district play.

Tompkins is on a mission to prove themselves even further in the postseason, and they started that in strong fashion on Sunday, with a sweep of Fort Bend Austin on Tuesday in the Bi-District round, leaving

no doubt in a 25-19, 25-15, 25-14 win.

"Everyone on this team just comes in every day ready to work," said senior setter Presley Powell. "We've been supporting the younger players and you can see their growth and the whole team just keeps getting better. All of that led to us being ready for moments like these and getting the result today."

Tompkins took time to settle in, but when they did, the Falcons started to show their ability. The first set was back and forth, with Tompkins eventually pulling away, before the Falcons found their groove in the second set, as they were in control from the

middle of the set on.

Tompkins easily pulled away in the third set and secured the sweep in dominating fashion.

"We let them speed up the game for us early and because of that, Austin was able to stay in it for a little bit," said senior outside hitter Cindy Tchouangwa. "We just had to calm ourselves down and once we did that, things stopped going back and forth with the points, we were able to make the game go slower and just really play the way we're capable of."

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Soaring Tompkins tops Jordan 65-14, inches closer to playoff berth

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins' run game has continued to improve this season.

The Falcons have leaned on their ground and pound method throughout the season, and the team's running backs, offensive line and quarterback have been up to the task as they have gotten better with the attack every single game.

That run game was on full display Friday, as the Falcons pounded the ball on the ground the entire game against Jordan, rushing for 538 yards as a team in a huge 65-14 win, as the Falcons inched closer to locking down a playoff spot with one week remaining in the regular season.

"We came in with a game plan to grind it out tonight and to pound the rock at every opportunity," said junior running back Caleb Blocker. "We wanted to keep running and running and going right at them and it worked because they wore out. We really just went out and executed the gameplan and attacked them as much as we could."

Blocker was front and center for the Falcons' performance tonight, as he took advantage of every opportunity, rushing for 256 yards and four touchdowns on just nine carries to help lead Tompkins to the win.

And it was Blocker who got things start-



Tompkins' Wyatt Young runs the ball during Friday's game between Tompkins and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium.

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ed, as Tompkins needed just three plays on their first drive to go 70 yards, with Blocker scoring on a 6-yard run to give the Falcons the lead.

The Tompkins defense then made itself felt as well, as Cody Chapman intercepted Jordan

and set the Falcons offense up inside the Warriors 30. Blocker again took advantage by scoring on a 13-yard run.

They continued to pile it on in the first

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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4

SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Scores

- Paetow 40, Taylor 10
- Katy 59, Seven Lakes 0
- Tompkins 65, Jordan 14
- Morton Ranch 47, Mayde Creek 10

Thursday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Jordan vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

Friday

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

VOLLEYBALL

Scores

SEEDING GAME

- Seven Lakes 3, Taylor 1

BI-DISTRICT

- Tompkins 3, Fort Bend Austin 0
- Cinco Ranch 3, George Ranch 1
- Seven Lakes 3, Fort Bend Travis 0
- Ridge Point 3, Taylor 0

Area Schedule

- Tompkins vs. Cy-Creek, TBA
- Cinco Ranch vs. Bellaire, TBA
- Seven Lakes vs. Stratford, TBA

BASKETBALL

GIRLS

Friday

- Cinco Ranch vs. College Station, 6:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Waller, 6:30 p.m.
- Jordan at Royal, 7 p.m.
- Katy vs. Cy-Ridge 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at Alief Elsik, 7 p.m.
- Paetow at Magnolia, 6:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Langham Creek, 7 p.m.
- Taylor at Oak Ridge, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Bridgeland, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

- College Station at Cinco Ranch, 6:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Cy-Falls, 6:30 p.m.
- Jordan at Sam Rayburn, 7 p.m.
- Katy at Klein, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at Klein Oak, 7 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Willis, 6:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Fulshear, 7 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Waller, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Klein Cain, 6 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Thursday

- Seven Lakes at Klein Oak, 5 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Mayde Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Bridgeland, Cy-Ranch and Langham Creek, 5:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday

- State meet, 8 a.m. at Old Settlers Park

Paetow stays in playoff race with win over Taylor

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Paetow has been in playoff mode for two weeks.

The Panthers have known what it would take for them to have a chance to make the playoffs since last week, knowing they have to win out, and they've set their focus on that through practice and their preparation every day.

That focus has paid dividends for the Panthers — they have continued

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WEEK 11 KATY ISD PREVIEWS

Battle for last playoff spots comes down to final week

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

All Games District 19-6A

THURSDAY

Cinco Ranch (6-3, 5-2) vs Seven Lakes (1-8, 1-6), 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Seven Lakes 26, Cinco Ranch 24
• Cinco Ranch is gearing towards the playoffs.

After clinching a playoff berth last week, the Cougars enjoyed a well-timed bye week as they were able to get healthy before one final district game and the start of their playoff run.

It's been a historic year for the Cinco Ranch offense. Gavin Rutherford has already thrown for over 2600 yards, averaging 290 yards through the air per game and has thrown 25 touchdowns to just six interceptions while also rushing for nearly 500 yards and eight scores, while Seth Salverino is closing in on 1000 yards receiving on the year heading into the team's final district game.

The Cougars will be hoping to use this game as a warm up for playoffs and to fine tune what they will need to do next week. Cinco has all but locked in the second spot in district and the top spot out of district in the Division I bracket.

Seven Lakes will, on the other hand, is looking to go into its offseason on a bright note, trying to get a second straight win over a talented rival.

The Spartans come off a tough loss to Katy, in which they were shut out and not able to get anything going on the offensive end.

Tanner Perez completed six of 14 passes in the game for 44 yards, with Marcel Davis leading the way in the receiving department, catching two passes for 21 yards.

Donye Lake led the team on the ground, rushing for 58 yards on six carries, while Jake Farris had 16 yards rushing.

Defensively, the Spartans also struggled, as Katy was able to put up 356 yards and five touchdowns on the ground while not forcing things through the air.

The Spartans will be trying to have a good performance defensively this week and put together a full, four quarter game to challenge Cinco Ranch.

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

Last year: Did not play

• The first of two games that will decide two team's fates comes Thursday night when Jordan and Morton Ranch face off.

It's do or die for both teams. The loser will

DISTRICT 19-6A STANDINGS						
Team	W	L	District W	District L	District PF	District PA
1 Katy	9	0	7	0	353	85
2 Cinco Ranch	6	3	5	2	335	247
3 Tompkins	7	2	5	2	297	147
4* Jordan	5	4	4	3	224	251
4* Morton Ranch	6	3	4	3	280	262
4* Paetow	5	4	4	3	195	200
7 Taylor	3	6	2	5	167	248
8 Seven Lakes	1	8	1	6	129	270
9 Mayde Creek	2	8	0	8	96	366

be eliminated from the playoff hunt, while the winner will be very close to securing a spot in the playoffs, which would be a huge accomplishment for either team.

Jordan comes off a rough game against Tompkins, suffering their worst loss of the year to the Falcons in a tough game on both sides of the ball.

Jordan's offense struggled, as Colin Willetts threw three interceptions, while throwing for 144 yards and one score, and the run game was not much better, as Jordan combined for just 150 yards on the ground, with Chad Gasper leading the team with 71 rushing yards.

Defensively though, things were much rougher, as they gave up 538 rushing yards to Tompkins, including allowing a 200-yard rusher and four different players to go over 70 yards on the ground.

That will be the key for Jordan in this game as well, as Morton Ranch has one of the best ground attacks in the district, led by two players that can rip you apart on the ground.

Morton Ranch had a good week last week that they could build off of with a strong win over Mayde Creek to keep the Mavericks in the playoff chase.

Santana Scott was once again on top of his game, as the senior continues to show why he is such a talented prospect. Scott rushed for 208 yards and two touchdowns on the night while Ryan Hall was also strong, rushing for 144 yards and two touchdowns. Josh Johnson continued his efficient play as well, completing five of seven passes for 131 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for 26 yards as well.

The Morton Ranch run defense was also especially strong, holding Mayde Creek to negative rushing yards, but they did allow 219 yards through the air, which is a concern heading into a game against a pass game that is as talented as Jordan.

Morton Ranch will try to once again, control and dominate the game through the ground, while defensively, they will hope to be stronger against the pass game and get a few takeaways to give the Mavericks extra opportunities.

FRIDAY

Katy (9-0, 7-0) vs. Taylor (3-6, 2-5), 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

Last year: Katy 67, Taylor 17

• Katy continues to march towards the playoffs after a strong performance in a win over Seven Lakes last week.

The Tigers had already wrapped up a district title, but came out just as strong as they kept their undefeated district title alive with the win. The run game was main catalyst offensively for Katy, who once again dominated with their ground and pound offense.

Seth Davis had 131 yards and three touchdowns while averaging over 16 yards per carry in the game, while Dallas Glass once again showed why he is such a valuable backup by rushing for 103 yards and two touchdowns, averaging nine yards per carry. Jared Kelly added 66 yards and a score to the mix.

Defensively, the Tigers held Seven Lakes without a score and under 150 yards of total offense in a complete team performance.

Taylor comes off a loss to Paetow and will be trying to end their season with a good performance, but that will be a tall task against one of the best teams in the state.

Taylor had a decent but not great day on the ground against Paetow, as they combined for 132 yards on the ground, with Joe Jefferson leading the way with 56 yards and Dante Archie rushing for 33 yards.

Jefferson also threw for 121 yards in the game to go with a touchdown, but also threw two interceptions while facing the tough Paetow pass rush.

The Taylor defense allowed Paetow to have a very good day throwing the ball, as the Panthers had 293 yards, while the Mustangs could not stop the run as well as they would like to either, allowing 147 yards on the ground.

Taylor will be looking for a better performance from the run defense especially, and want to clean some things up on the offensive end to limit turnovers.

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

Last year: did not play

• Paetow has done an admirable job to keep itself in the playoff hunt the past few weeks.

Starting down a must-win situation, the Panthers have won two straight and still have a chance to get into the playoffs heading into the last week of the season.

Paetow took care of business last week with a win over Taylor and showed big improvements in their pass game, as the switch back to the I-formation has greatly helped the offense settle back into a groove.

Koby Truehill had a very strong day, throwing for 293 yards and three touchdowns, with Justin Stevenson showing how big of a weapon he is, catching for passes for 123 yards and three scores, while Jason Blue had 53 yards receiving and Jabari Bush had 52 yards receiving. Paetow also had a good day on the ground, rushing for 147 yards as a team, with Jamarious Bates leading the way with 63 yards and a score and Derrick Johnson going for 41 yards and a score.

The Panthers' defense did what it needed to do, allowing 132 yards rushing and 121 yards passing. But up against a Tompkins team that has dominated on the ground, the key will be how much they can slow down that ground attack and if Paetow can keep the passing success going without turning the ball over.

Tompkins has the best chance of the four remaining teams vying for playoff spots to lock a spot down, win or lose, but a win would 100% secure that spot and that is what the Falcons are going for.

Tompkins had a huge day against Jordan, behind a big run game from a number of players.

Caleb Blocker had one of the best performance you will see all year, rushing for 256 yards and four touchdowns, all of which came in the first half of the game, and averaging over 25-yards per carry. Wyatt Young rushed for 92-yards and a score and Caleb Komolafe rushed for 84-yards and a touchdown as Tompkins rolled to a win.

The Tompkins defense was also big on the day, shutting down a strong Jordan pass game and forcing them into three interceptions, as the Falcons took advantage of a strong pass rush and playing from ahead all day.

That gameplan will the same that they try to execute against Paetow, as the Falcons will want to limit the Paetow pass game and force the into turnovers, and continue to ground and pound and not let Paetow's front seven rear their heads back and attack in the pass rush.

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Tompkins' Caleb Blocker runs the ball during Friday's game between Tompkins and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium.
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TOMPKINS

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quarter, as Wyatt Young ran in a 30-yard touchdown, before Jordan finally responded on a 16-yard score from Colin Willetts to Ryker Atkins, making things a 21-7 game after one quarter.

"The best part of the night was watching the guys out in front of the runners and the way they competed and blocked," said Tompkins head coach Todd McVey. "The offensive line did a great job and Caleb did a great job of exploding through tackles and getting downfield, but the guys blocking down for him, that's exactly what we preach and they did a great job."

Tompkins picked up right where they left off in the second quarter. Caleb Komolafe ran in a 3-yard score before Blocker scored on a 66-yard run and again on an 80-yard run, with the Falcons intercepting Jordan on both of its possessions in between those scores. And the Falcons scored once more on a Young 4-yard pass to Noah Coughran as the Falcons ran away with things before halftime.

The Falcons ended the game with three interceptions and severely limited a Jordan pass game that had been one of the better attacks in district.

"The guys really realized how much better you can play when you communicate with one another and they've gotten much better with it as the year has gone on," McVey said. "It's been much better communicating and just making sure that everyone knows exactly what they are supposed to do and where they should be across the board."

Young added a third touchdown on the Falcons' first drive of the third quarter with a 33-yard pass to Dylan Rodriguez. Tompkins added a field goal in the third before Jordan got its last score in the fourth quarter on a 3-yard run by Zion Jones before Chris Gilbert Jr. sealed things with a 69-yard score for Tompkins.

"Really the biggest thing we did right tonight was just get our preparation right," said senior safety Cody Chapman, who had two interceptions. "We prepped a lot all week and we knew before the game that we had to be disciplined and play that way. We were just breaking on balls all night, the front seven did great and it just led to a great game from everyone."

The win leads to a very

TOMPKINS 65, JORDAN 14

Jordan	7	0	0	7	--	14
Tompkins	20	28	10	7	--	65

Team stats

	JORDAN	TOMPKINS
First downs	13	16
Yards rushing	35-132	30-538
Yards passing	150	50
Passes	17-28-1-3	3-6-2-0
Punts	5-24	1-41
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalty-yards	2-20	7-80

First quarter

T: Caleb Blocker 6 run, 10:49
T: Blocker 13 run (Andrew Horner kick) 7:23
T: Wyatt Young 30 run (Horner kick) 2:43
J: Colin Willetts 16 pass to Ryker Atkin (Jake Kilander kick) 0:15

Second quarter

T: Caleb Komolafe 3 run (Horner kick) 8:13
T: Blocker 66 run (Horner kick) 5:10
T: Blocker 80 run (Horner kick) 2:43
T: Young 4 pass to Noah Coughran (Horner kick) 0:29

Third quarter

T: Young 33 pass to Dylan Rodriguez (Horner kick) 8:14
T: Horner 34 field goal, 0:04

Fourth quarter

J: Zion Jones 3 run (Kilander kick) 4:43
T: Chris Gilbert Jr. (Horner kick) 2:40

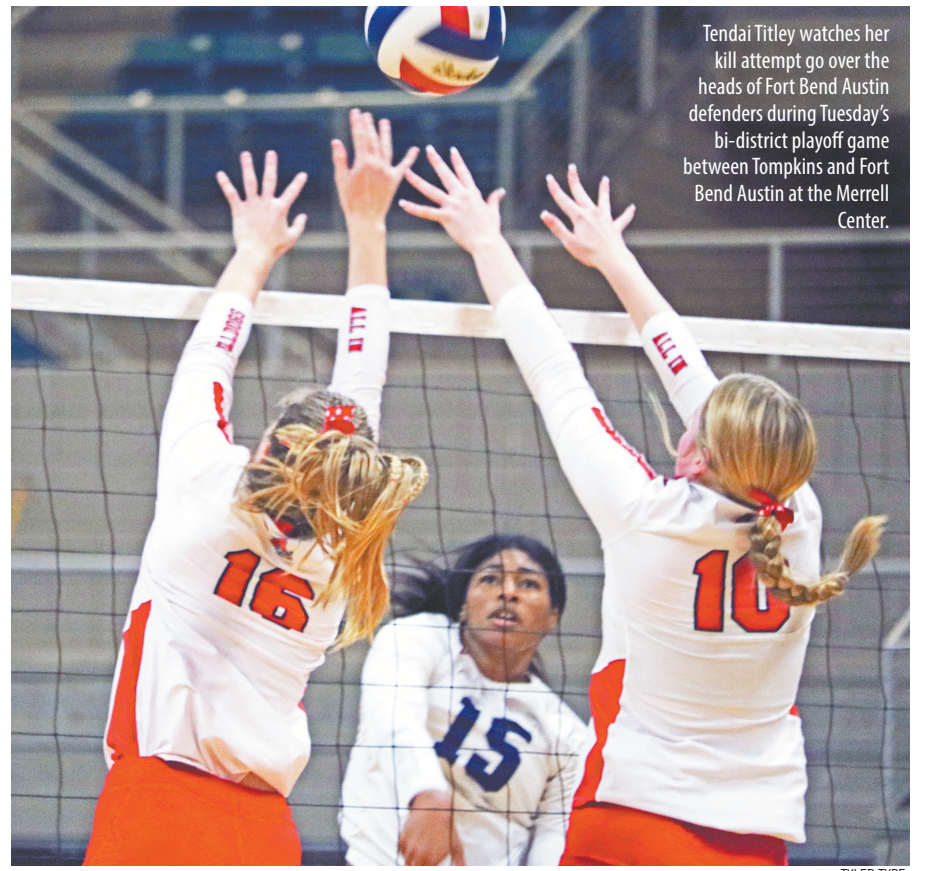
Individual Statistics

Rushing – Tompkins:
Caleb Blocker, 9-256-4; Wyatt Young, 5-92-1; Caleb Komolafe, 5-84-1; Chris Gilbert Jr., 3-74-1; Dylan Rodriguez, 6-17-1; Peyton Isola, 1-8; Matthew Ogunrin, 1-7; Jordan: Chad Gasper, 13-71; Zion Jones, 11-43-1; Ifeanyi Monye, 6-37;
Passing – Tompkins:
Wyatt Young, 3-5-50-1-0; Chris Gilbert Jr., 0-1-0-0-0; Jordan: Colin Willetts, 14-24-144-1-3; Dominic Cangolosi, 3-4-6-0-0;
Receiving – Tompkins:
Dylan Rodriguez, 1-33-1; Noah Coughran, 2-10-1; Matthew Ogunrin, 1-7; Jordan: Andrew Marsh, 6-58; Bruce Coffie, 3-34; Ryker Atkin, 2-26-1; Chad Gasper, 4-19; Walker Roby, 1-13;

good chance that Tompkins makes the playoffs, but they can seal a playoff berth next week with a win over Paetow.

"We have to come out next week and have a great

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday," McVey said. "The kids understand that and they know we have to focus on us. That's the one constant and that's how we have to prepare."



Tendai Titley watches her kill attempt go over the heads of Fort Bend Austin defenders during Tuesday's bi-district playoff game between Tompkins and Fort Bend Austin at the Merrell Center.

TYLER TYRE

VOLLEYBALL

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It was a big performance for the Falcons, especially with having a number of players being in their first playoff game, but the younger girls handled themselves well and acclimated to the must win environment.

"They relied on that senior leadership that had been here three times, and that got them used to what to expect and how to go at it," said Tompkins head coach Allison Merrell. "But those girls are fearless, and they don't think too much about it. They go out and do their jobs. There's never really that opportunity to overthink it or have fear because they just do it."

A big reason the younger players in the middle are able to have that success is because of the players they have backing them up. From Powell setting the table, to Tchouangwa and Skylar Skrabanek on the outsides and Tendai Titley helping both on the outside in the middle, the Falcons

have the experience, talent and confidence for all of their players to shine.

"I think that's why the younger middles feel so comfortable is because they have those four around them," Merrell said. "They know they can get their reps in and take care of the ball because when you get the ball in the hands of those four, they make things happen, and they all players really well tonight and that makes a huge difference for us."

Tompkins advances to the area round to play Cy-Creek, which swept Heights in the bi-district round, time and date to be determined.

"The biggest things we can do is just take things a match at a time," Merrell said "If you think about round three and don't perform in round one or two, then it doesn't matter and you don't get there. That's our focus, winning what's in front of us and focusing on the here and now."

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October 27 Puzzle Answers

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Electronic Bids addressed to Pulte, Homes of Texas, on behalf of Fort Bend Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 2, Attention Chett Wignall, Project Manager, will be received electronically until 10:00am, Thursday November 17, 2022 and then publicly opened and read for the construction of: "Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities in Katy Court Section 2" for Fort Bend Waller Counties MUD No. 2, Harris County, Texas.

The bids will only be received electronically bid through CivcastUSA. The electronic bids will be publicly opened and read via conference call. Physical bids will not be accepted.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, large gatherings are not recommended. Bids will be publicly read aloud at the time bids are due via teleconference call. The teams meeting ID is 262 687 408 787. Enter access code CAprER when prompted.

Scope of work of the contract includes construction of water, sanitary, and drainage facilities. The project is located within the future Katy Court Development in Harris County, TX. It is within the boundaries of Fort Bend - Waller Counties M.U.D. No. 2 and is in the City of Katy. It is approximately 450 feet south of the Clay Rd and Katy Hockley Cut Off Rd intersection. The project is located in Harris County, Key Map No.484A.

Bids received after the closing time will not be accepted. An OPTIONAL pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, November 10th, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, via teleconference. The teams meeting ID is 246 406 776 536. Enter access code DPcQMZ when prompted. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is OPTIONAL.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided, and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.

Copies of the bidding documents are on file at the following locations:

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available at www.civcastusa.com. Said documents may be examined without charge in the office of Jones and Carter, Inc., 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, Texas 77449.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE 3.02 "TECHNICAL AND CONSTRUCTION CODES AND STANDARDS" OF CHAPTER 3 "BUILDING REGULATIONS", OF THE CITY OF KATY CODE OF ORDINANCES; CREATING A NEW "DIVISION 12 STRUCTURES LOCATED IN KATY RAILROAD PARK"; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids may be submitted either (i) electronically using the CivCast USA ("CivCast") website (www.civcastusa.com), or (ii) Paper copy in duplicate. Bids will be received by Harris-Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 3 at the office of the Engineer for the District, EHRA, 10011 Meadowglen Lane, Houston, Texas 77042, and electronic bids delivered via the CivCast website, until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 22 2022, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read for the construction of the project:

HARRIS-WALLER COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3 CANE ISLAND PHASE FOUR PONDS T & U Project No. 015-213-21

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom Conference Call. Zoom Conference Call information will be provided at www.civcastusa.com.

The combined areas of the streetscape scope consist of landscape and turf.

The above-described construction will be performed in accordance with plans and specifications and any addenda thereto which may be issued prior to the opening of bids. Plans, specifications and bid documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge or the option to purchase hard copies on the CivCastUSA Website (www.CivCastUSA.com). Documents are also available for review at the office of the Engineer or Houston area plan rooms.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Certified or Cashier's Check, from a responsible bank in the State of Texas, or a Bid Bond, issued by a surety legally authorized to do business in the State of Texas, equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid amount. Make the Cashier's Check, Certified Check or Bid Bond payable to the Owner.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid deemed advantageous to it and waive informalities in bidding. All bids received after the closing time above designated will be returned unopened.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WALLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
November 9, 2022, 9:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM,
WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Waller County Commissioners' Court will conduct a Public Hearing under the Authority of Chapter 251.152, Transportation Code, to consider the establishment and the installation of Speed Limit Signs at the following roads:

- Mellman Road - 45 MPH
- McAllister Road - 30 MPH
- Hoover Lane - 45 MPH
- North Clear Creek - 30 MPH
- South Clear Creek - 30 MPH
- Frank Scott Boulevard - 30 MPH
- Garrett Road - 45 MPH

All interested persons are encouraged to attend and participate in the Public Hearing.

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS:

Request for Subcontractor Proposals for Willowfork Fire Station 1 & Administration Building.

Christensen Building Group, LLC, as Construction Manager at Risk, on behalf of Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 2, will receive sub-contractor/vendor proposals for the renovation of Fire Station 1 and construction of a new Administration Building, as designed by Martinez Architects, LP.

Proposals and qualification statements will be received and opened by Christensen Building Group, from interested proposers, subcontractors/vendors until 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 10th in the presence of the Owner and Architect at the offices of Christensen Building Group at 15425 North Freeway, Suite 330, Houston, Texas 77090, Phone: 281-206-4418 and Fax: 281-823-7582. Construction Manager Contact: Jordan Brown, jordan@christensenbuilding.com

Drawings and specifications will be available for review at the offices of Christensen Building Group, and electronically via www.buildingconnected.com. All proposals shall remain valid for sixty (60) days. See supplemental CM Specification in proposal documents for additional details.

The Owner, Architect/Engineer and Construction Manager reserve the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the proposal process, and to make the awards in the best interest of the Owner. By submitting a proposal, each proposer agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, Construction Manager and their respective employees arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, and/or recommendation of any proposal; waiver of any requirements under the Proposal Documents, or the Contract Documents; acceptance or rejection of any proposals; and award of a Contract.

INVITATION TO BID

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HARRIS-WALLER COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3 CANE ISLAND - SECTIONS 35 AND 36 015-215-22 (Section 35) & 015-214-21 (Section 36)

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022 at 3:15 p.m. via Zoom Conference Call. Zoom Conference Call information will be provided at www.civcastusa.com.

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PAETOW

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to improve on both ends of the ball and won their last two games in strong fashion, following up last week's win over Seven Lakes with a huge 40-10 win over Taylor on Thursday, as Paetow kept itself right in the midst of the District 19-6A playoff chase with a week remaining in the regular season.

"We love the pressure," said senior defensive lineman DJ Hicks. "We thrive in that pressure and it's like they say, 'you get enough pressure and it will create a diamond.' That diamond is us and we're going to keep getting better, keep facing anyone that doubts us and go into every practice and every game and give it everything we have."

The Paetow defense stepped up to the task in the first half, helping a slow offensive start by halting anything the Taylor offense tried to do. The Panthers took the lead midway through the first quarter on a field goal and then got a touchdown early in the second quarter on a 6-yard pass from Koby Truehill to Justin Stevenson, as the Panthers went into halftime with a 9-0 lead as the defense held Taylor scoreless in the first half.

"Coach (Stephen) Howard really put together a great gameplan to deal with their run offense and lock that down," said head coach David Hicks Sr. "We have a great set of guys on that defensive end that went out and executed it. Our goal is to put our best guys against their best guys because we believe we have a bunch that could compete with anyone."

While the defense was the story of the first half, the Paetow offense was what turned heads in the second half.

Paetow attacked the Taylor defense immediately out of the locker room, and it paid dividends, as Stevenson turned a comeback route into a huge 77-yard touchdown in which he broke tackles before racing down the sideline for the score. Derrick Johnson then ran in a 23-yard score and the Jamarious Bates also ran in a touchdown before the end of the third quarter.

"We've really just started to come together and

PAETOW 40, TAYLOR 10

Paetow	3	6	21	10	--	40
Taylor	0	0	3	7	--	10

Team stats

	PAETOW	TAYLOR
First downs	14	16
Yards rushing	32-147	32-132
Yards passing	293	121
Passes	17-28-3-0	12-30-1-2
Punts	2-35	5-39
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalty-yards	5-35	5-41

First quarter

P: Gabriel Schaeffer 25 field goal, 4:47

Second quarter

P: Koby Truehill 6 pass to Justin Stevenson (Schaeffer kick) 8:26

Third quarter

P: Truehill 77 pass to Justin Stevenson (Schaeffer kick) 9:11

T: Jackson Waller 27 field goal, 6:23

P: Derrick Johnson 6 run (Schaeffer kick) 1:49

Fourth quarter

P: Truehill 25 pass to Justin Stevenson (Schaeffer kick)

P: Schaeffer 30 field goal, 6:27

T: Joe Jefferson 4 pass to Alexandro Zubia (Waller kick) 4:49

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Paetow: Jamarious Bates, 14-63-1; Derrick Johnson, 4-41-1; Damyron Phillips, 11-34; Koby Truehill, 1-6; Davuan Hanks, 2-(-3); Taylor: Joe Jefferson, 11-56; Dante Archie, 11-33; Chase Cobbin, 4-29; Cherron Lewis, 2-11; Alex Kilgore, 2-5; Alexandro Zubia, 1-0;

Passing – Paetow: Koby Truehill, 17-28-293-3-0; Taylor: Joe Jefferson, 12-30-121-1-2

Receiving – Paetow: Justin Stevenson, 4-123-3; Jason Blue, 5-53; Jabari Bush, 1-52; Van Keith Brown, 1-27; Derrick Johnson, 2-25; Kaleb Molina, 1-9; Jamarious Bates, 1-4; Damyron Phillips, 1-0; Taylor: Dante Archie, 4-70; Jamon Hines, 3-35; Alei Sabek, 1-13; Alexandro Zubia, 2-10-1; Ian Flynt, 1-6; Chase Cobbin, 1-2;

gain that chemistry as an offense," Stevenson said. "We've really been focusing and stepping it up in practice and the new offensive coordinator, coach (Matt) Rhodes has put in situations to succeed and he's been great. We've really been able to step it up on that end."

Stevenson wasn't done on the day, as he caught a third touchdown pass in the fourth quarter from 25 yards out before Paetow added another field goal.

Taylor scored late in the fourth quarter to get up to 10 points on a 4-yard pass from Joe Jefferson to Alexandro Zubia, but it was a comfortable win for the Panthers in the end.

"We've been in playoff mode and these kids have bought into what we're saying — they know they need

to dominate every day, dominate every rep and dominate every game," David Hicks Sr. said. "They aren't taking anything lightly and they're staying humble and focused on the goal at hand. The job isn't done yet."

It's been an impressive two weeks for the Panthers, but the biggest hurdle to the playoffs still remains as they face off against Tompkins in the last week of the season, and the Panthers know they have to be ready and at their best.

"We aren't going to quit," DJ Hicks said. "We're going to go down swinging — we have that fight in us and our coaches have put us in a position to win now and put it on us to make sure we don't quit. Now we have to go back, and make sure we are mentally locked in and ready for Tompkins."

Texans' offense falters in 17-3 loss to Titans

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Texans offense has a problem. A week after a good showing against the Raiders, the Texans had their worst offensive game in recent memory.

The Texans came out against the Titans on Sunday and looked anemic, struggling to even gain any first downs against Tennessee and being held to under 165 yards of total offense in the game, while losing 17-3 against a team that was playing their backup quarterback and threw the ball only 10 times.

"We just never really were in it," said Texans head coach Lovie Smith. "Early on we had some chances and made a couple good plays defensively, but aside from that, there just wasn't much good. We haven't been able to stop the run all year and it reared its head today, we weren't able to run the ball offensively either and we weren't able to get anything going. It's hard to do anything offensively when you can't run."

It was a first half full of offensive woes for Houston, as the Texans could get absolutely nothing going in any facet of the offense.

After the Titans missed a field goal on their opening drive, the Texans threw an interception, and the teams traded punts after that for three drives before the Texans came away with an interception, bringing it back to the Titans 11-yard line and setting up the Houston offense with a golden opportunity.

But even that opportunity was nearly squandered, as the Texans lost 13 yards on that drive before settling for a field goal.

The two teams traded punts once again after that before finally the Titans came away with a touchdown, as Derrick Henry ran in a score from 29-yards out to give Tennessee the lead.

Houston was unable to score again in the half and went into halftime trailing 7-3 and being outgained by more than double by just Henry, who had 124 yards compared to just 47 total yards from the Texans offense in the first two quarters.

"There just wasn't much going for us today," said Texans quarterback Davis Mills. "They brought pressure when they knew we were passing and they stopped the run every time. They have some really talented players but we have to correct that and we're going to go back to the film, look at it and figure out a way to be better."

The Texans' struggles continued going into the second half, as Houston gained just 12 yards on their first drive, before Tennessee came back with a 13 play, 80-yard drive that Henry capped off with a 1-yard score, which set the Tennessee



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Texans running back Dameon Pierce (31) is tackled on a carry during an NFL game between the Texans and the Titans on Oct. 30, 2022 in Houston.

franchise records for rushing touchdowns. Henry ended the night with 219 yards rushing on 32 carries with two rushing touchdowns, in his fourth straight 200-yard rushing performance against Houston.

After another Texans punt, Randy Bullock gave Tennessee a 14 point lead early in the fourth quarter, and that's all the Titans would need as the Texans only scored on a 3-yard pass from Davis Mills to Dameon Pierce with 21 seconds left in the game once second stringers were in.

"We have to get better with the run defense and we've focused on that," Smith said. "We just haven't been able to convert that to the field and we weren't good against the run today. It's a short week now so we aren't going to get much practice time but we're going to do everything we can to look at the film, get some guys back and do a better job. We needed to play a physical brand of football and we just weren't ready to play that today."

In total, the Texans ended the night with just 161 yards of total offense, and Davis Mills looked completely lost all game, completing just 17 of 29 passes for 152 yards while throwing an interception and being sacked three times.

"We just got dominated up front and you can't build on anything when that's happening," Smith said. "We have to be able to run the ball and then build our pass game from there and it just didn't happen today."

The Texans are back in action Thursday when they play a red-hot Eagles team, and if they are to have any chance in the game, things must be shored up on both sides of the ball after Sunday's disastrous performance.

"It provides a lot of motivation going up against a team like that on a short week," Mills said. "Everyone in the league has the Eagles circled right now, with them being the only undefeated team left. We're ready to make the corrections from this game and play a really good football game on Thursday."

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VOLLEYBALL

Tompkins claims undefeated district title

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins finished off an unbeaten district season last week, claiming the District 19-6A title for the second straight year with a win in straight sets over Paetow.

It was the second straight undefeated district title for Tompkins, who finished the district season with an overall record of 36-3 and a record in district play of 16-0.

Cinco Ranch clinched the second seed out of district after a very successful regular season. The Cougars finished district play with a 13-3 record to go along with an overall record of 25-12, as they enter

DISTRICT 19-6A STANDINGS						
Team	W	L	District W	District L	District SW	District SL
1 Tompkins	36	3	16	0	48	3
2 Cinco Ranch	25	12	13	3	43	11
3* Seven Lakes	25	15	10	6	33	21
3* Taylor	24	19	10	6	33	23
5 Jordan	23	19	8	8	27	28
6 Katy	16	21	7	9	25	30
7 Paetow	25	18	6	10	23	32
8 Morton Ranch	17	25	2	14	6	44
9 Mayde Creek	8	32	0	16	2	48

the playoffs looking to make noise for the second year in a row.

The final two playoff spots in the district came down to a play in game, as Seven Lakes and Taylor both finished with a 10-6 record in district play, and split the district series,

with the Spartans sweeping the Mustangs in their first matchup and Taylor winning the second matchup in five sets in late September. Seven Lakes came out 3-1 winners in the seeding game, clinching the third seed, while Taylor fell to the fourth seed and final playoff spot.



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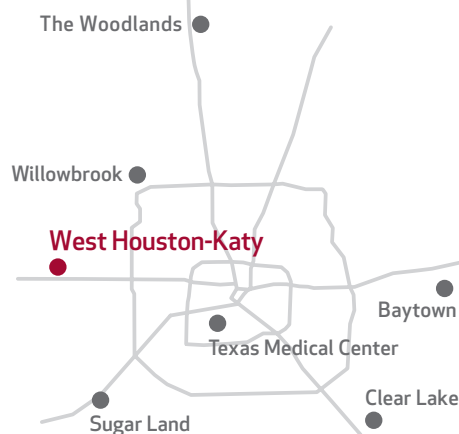
Tompkins' Cindy Tchouangwa spikes a ball against Canyon in the finals match of gold bracket Katy ISD/Cy-Fair Tournament at Bridgeland.



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