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Katy, Brookshire area voters cast ballots

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy ISD voters Tuesday rejected a tax ratification measure that, had it passed, would have kept the district's property tax rate at \$1.3517 per \$100 evaluation, according to early unofficial returns from the Fort Bend, Harris and Waller County election offices.

With the apparent rejection by voters, the district's overall tax rate will drop from \$1.3517 to \$1.3048 per \$100 property evaluation. The compression comes due to state law, which requires the district's maintenance and operations, or M&O, rate drop when property values increase.

Royal ISD voters Tuesday elected three new school trustees, turning out one incumbent

who sought re-election, with a fourth race heading to a runoff, according to unofficial returns from the Waller County election office.

Scott Hartman won the race for position 1 trustee, drawing 51% against Mona Chavez Rios and incumbent Adrian Rocha, according to unofficial returns.

Jimmy Meader and incumbent Nathaniel Richardson Jr. appear headed for a runoff

in the race for position 4 trustee. Kent Kirby finished third, according to unofficial returns.

Perla Aguilar defeated Gary Cruseturner for position 2 trustee. Cori Hillsman Vahalik defeated John Mounsey for position 3 trustee, according to unofficial returns.

In Fort Bend County, incumbent County

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Katy cartoonist caricatures Astros fans

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Houston Astros' World Series win is a memorable thing, but Bob Doll of Katy can be forgiven if he sees things differently.

After all, he's a cartoonist. For both the World Series, and the American League Championship Series that preceded it, Doll sat outside Minute Maid Park, drawing caricatures of fans. The Astros hired him to be part of the festivities, and he worked not only the home games, but the away games as well.

"There were the fan fests before every playoff game during the ALCS and the World Series," Doll said. "Even the away games, because they had watch parties there for those. I would sit out on the street fests, the fan fest, right outside the park and draw people's caricatures along with the face painters. They had a live band down there. They had some moonwalks and some of the cheerleaders are out there taking selfies with everybody. They had food trucks. It was just a good time. It was a hoot."

Doll was at Monday's championship celebration, but admitted that he wasn't wearing his Astros shirt. He said it was in the wash.

But, as might be expected following a championship, there is plenty of Astros paraphernalia to go around.

"I was out doing some work at Minute Maid Park yesterday (Sunday) when they opened up the store there at the stadium, the Astros store, and that line went around the stadium and they were selling those jerseys for \$125," Doll said. "And there was a line. Boy, I tell you what. You can get



Katy cartoonist Bob Doll created this caricature of Houston Astros pitcher Justin Verlander for the Katy Times.

those things at Academy for a lot less."

Doll moved to Houston with his family in 1979 from Memphis. He was a student then, and graduated in 1981 from Stratford High School. He served as a field radio operator in the Marines and

today runs Dollhouse Window Cleaning in Katy.

He said he spent about half his time focusing on his artwork and works out of his spare bedroom, which serves as his studio.

"I was an artist since I've been a kid, like all kids, but as

I grew up, I just kept drawing and I spent most of my adult life not realizing that I could make money doing this," Doll said. "People buy this stuff. And so, I just started doing caricatures because it is

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Big Stick Spirits makes and sells bourbon, and donates a portion of its profits to military charities.

Katy bourbon company donates part of profits to military charities

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Semper Fidelis, or always faithful, is the U.S. Marine Corps motto. A Katy bourbon company is working to follow that motto it donates a portion of its profits to organizations supporting military members and their families.

Big Stick Spirits is headquartered in Katy, but its bourbon, like that of many other bourbon companies, is made in Kentucky.

The mash used to make the bourbon is a proprietary, 95 proof blend. Among other honors, it won a gold medal at the Denver International Spirits Competition and a silver medal at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition, both held this year.

"I'm thinking all the craft brands all started out at the same three or four distilleries in Kentucky," Mike Ryan, company president, said. "They all buy from the same place and I researched the supply chain. There are three or four major suppliers, and all you do is you buy a barrel from them."

The bourbon then goes to Liberty Hill, near Austin, where it is labeled and prepared for shipment to liquor stores.

If Big Stick Spirits is not a family business in fact, it certainly is in spirit. Ryan and his business partner, Joe Baker, are close friends and worked together on defense projects when Baker served, first in the Marines, then in the Department of Defense.

Ryan said their wives, Shawn Ryan and Melissa Baker, have been close friends since grade school in Houston. Joe and Melissa Baker, along with Shawn Ryan, all attended the University of Texas at Austin.

Ryan, meanwhile, is from the Midwest and is an engineer. He worked with the military, though he never served in uniform.

"I was sort of like a military contractor, if you will," Ryan said. "I got to work with all the people in the Armed Forces, a lot of the pilots, a lot of the weapons designers, things like that."

Ryan came to Texas in the mid-1980s. Years ago, he read a career guidebook, What Color Is Your Parachute, and he took an evaluation test to help him decide what he wanted to do with his life and career.

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Christopher Bauer, a 2015 Taylor High School graduate, is serving as an electronics technician in the U.S. Navy. He is stationed in Yokosuka, Japan.

CASSANDRA THOMPSON

Katy native serving in U.S. Navy, stationed in Japan

BY ROBERT REINHEIMER
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

YOKOSUKA, Japan—As Houston Navy Week continues in Texas, a Katy native and 2015 Taylor High School graduate is serving in the Navy and stationed

in Yokosuka, Japan as part of Commander, Submarine Group 7 (CSG 7).

Electronics Technician (Navigation) 2nd Class Christopher Bauer joined the Navy in 2015 after high school and

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The Houston Astros honored World War II veteran Thelma Williams of Katy by inviting her to a World Series game.

Astros honor World War II veteran from Katy

The Houston Astros have honored veterans and invited one of Katy's own, World War II veteran Thelma Williams, to attend a World Series game. Williams served in the U.S. Women's Army Corps. "I have never been to a World Series game, and I can't believe that I can now take this off my bucket list," Williams said. Williams was recently celebrated as the oldest American Legion member who attended the recent American Legion convention. She continues to be loved among the Greater Houston American Legion and Veteran Community. American Legion Commander Hector Giron of American Legion Post 654 was instrumental in arranging for the recognition. "We are so thankful the Houston Astros and its staff for honoring our greatest generation throughout the 2022 MLB Post Season and they have provided over 5,000 tickets for the regular and post season for veterans in our community this year alone," Giron said.

Williams served the U.S. Army Corps from 1943-47 and performed her duty in Europe Germany and Japan. The American Legion Post 164 in Katy meets at 6:30 p.m. every third Tuesday for a social mixer and then a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 22125 Kingsland Blvd. The gathering is open to current members and new prospective members. For more information, visit the website LegionPost164KatyTX.org.

Katy Lions Leos partner with Special Pals for adoption and pet food drive

The Katy Lions Club Leos are partnering with Special Pals for a pet adoption and food drive. The public is invited to bring canned food or prepackaged pet foods suitable for dogs and cats to the Special Pals Rescue Resources Center, where the Leos will be on hand to help. The event is from 12-4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Special Pals Rescue Resource Center, 3830 Greenhouse Road. For more information, call 713-714-6789, extension 6, or visit katylions.org/leos.

Katy Heritage Society to award scholarships

The Katy Heritage Society will award scholarships at its upcoming regular



The Houston Texans and quarterback Davis Mills host the Washington Commanders Nov. 20, with a portion of ticket sales benefiting the Katy Lions and the Robertson Elementary PTA.

membership meeting. The scholarships are for winners of a writing contest in which contestants prepared and submitted essays on Katy history. The money will be donated to the school of the winner's choice.

The meeting is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, 814 East Ave. G. For more information, visit katyheritagesociety.com.

Houston Texans to donate to Katy Lions Club, Robertson Elementary School PTA

The Houston Texans are welcoming the Katy Lions Club as they host the Washington Commanders on Nov. 20 at NRG Stadium.

The Katy Lions have been serving the Katy community since 1972 through vision screening, food assistance, toy drives, scholarships and more. A portion from every ticket sold will be donated back to the Katy Lions Club and Robertson Elementary PTA.

For more information or questions, call Josh Curtis at 832-667-2374 or via email at josh.curtis@houstontexans.com.

Katy Toy Drive is underway and seeks donations

The Katy Toy Drive, a project of the local Lions Club, is seeking new, unwrapped toys and games in their original packaging. All toys benefit the Katy and surrounding communities. The drive began Nov. 1 and runs through Dec. 2.

For more information, including drop-off locations, visit katytoydrive.org.

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5. Greek God of war and courage

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37. Superman villain
38. The Golden State
39. One who leads prayers in a mosque
40. They accompany a leader
41. Atomic #18
42. Electronic countermeasures
43. The appearance of something
44. Connecting line on a map
45. Deep red color
46. Secret affairs
47. Drenches
48. Contains music
49. Expression of surprise
50. Intestinal pouches
51. Where birds are born
52. __ and behold
53. Cools your home
54. The First State

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

NAVY

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began his Navy journey with specialized schools at Naval Submarine Base New London. Next, he was assigned to Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Springfield, which changed homeports from Kittery, Maine to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Following his time aboard Springfield, Bauer received orders to Japan, to serve as part of the team at CSG 7, where he reported for duty December 2020.

As an Electronics Technician (Navigation) (ETV), Bauer is responsible for maintaining all electronic equipment used in navigating submarines. His workload could include maintaining, repairing, calibrating, tuning and adjusting navigation equipment, to include radar, gyrocompass, inertial navigation and global positioning systems. ETVs must maintain accurate navigation data, and develop and execute navigation plans for the submarines to use for safe navigation.

"I joined the Navy to see the world and gain leadership experience in challenging environments," Bauer said. "I enjoy being stationed in Japan and experiencing the culture along with traveling the country and seeing the attractions."

Bauer credits his Taylor coaches and mentors with teaching him the importance of resilience and persistence.

"I had great coaches, mentors and teachers in football and wrestling that I will never forget," Bauer said.

This perseverance helped Bauer later in his Navy career, as he was able to make vital repairs to the Springfield, which helped the submarine complete a shipyard maintenance period. Bauer would later be awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for the work he performed on the crucial piece of machinery.

Bauer is proud of his time in the Navy, his accomplishments, and the people he works with every day.

"Serving in the Navy means unmatched camaraderie and bonds you make with all different people, of all different backgrounds, with the common goal to serve and protect our fellow shipmates and fellow Americans," Bauer said.

Submarine Group 7 is responsible for coordinating a diverse fleet of submarines, surface ships and aircraft deployed to the Western Pacific and the Middle East; two forward-deployed submarine tenders and five attack submarines homeported in Guam; Submarine Squadron 21 in Bahrain; five ocean surveillance ships when tasked for theater anti-submarine warfare operations, and two oceanographic survey vessels. Under CSG 7 are two task forces: CTF 74 and CTF 54, which provide theater anti-submarine warfare support from the Red Sea to the International Date Line.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Robert Reinheimer is a lieutenant commander in the Navy. Cassandra Thompson is a lieutenant in the Navy.



Tracy Doll poses with her husband, cartoonist Bob Doll.

CARICATURES

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quick money. It's money that I could make right away. I also do other things besides caricatures, like humorous illustrations. I do some animated whiteboard videos for YouTube. I've done a couple of logos for people here and there. It's only until just recently because of certain circumstances that I've really taken it up almost all the time. It seems like every weekend now I'm drawing somewhere."

Doll became an Astros fan when he came to Texas. He said he hasn't really been a rabid fan, but they are always fun to watch. He attended games at the Astrodome, but until recently he had never visited the team's current home, Minute Maid Park, where the team began playing in 2000.

As for the World Series, Doll said he knew the Astros had a better team than Philadelphia, but there were moments of worry.

"To be honest with you, I was a little worried when they dropped that first game, and then in Game 3 they got shut out, so yeah, it was a nailbiter for me," Doll said. "But I knew they were the better team. I knew that they would pull it out, but the anxiety in me was always there. When they came back to Houston with a

3-2 series lead, I knew we had it."

Doll also published a book, in March 2021, called "Shut Up & Draw: A Journey to Creativity."

"Well, there are several reasons why I wrote it," Doll said. "Everybody always wants to write a book, right? Everybody always says they're going to write a book and I decided, I think I've got enough material to at least put something down, and it kind of turned into an autobiographical humorous illustration book."

Doll said the book has both humorous illustrations, and also describes about he got started in drawing.

"The thing I was trying to give it a bend that you don't have to draw," Doll said. "It's just whatever you're doing, whether it's selling homes or writing a newspaper or selling shoes or whatever. You have to want to do that and the more you do it, the better you get. You don't have to really do what everyone else says you've got to do. You just do what you're good at."

Doll also does commissioned artwork. He can be reached through his website, bobdoll.weebly.com.

BOURBON

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One result of this, Ryan said, was that he wanted to move to the South, where there would be no more snow.

"And then I wound up in Houston, Texas," Ryan said. "Interestingly, I moved here some 30 years ago and it was pretty much over the Easter weekend, and it snowed that weekend in Houston. God has a sense of humor, right? I just have to laugh about it. The weekend I got here, the next morning I woke up and there was snow on the ground."

The idea for the company came after Ryan's family moved to Katy about 15 or so years ago. They moved to Katy for the school district, he said. The lady from whom they were buying the house was downsizing, and made a request of the Ryans. The lady's late husband had about 100 liquor bottles. Would it be OK to leave the bottles at the house? The Ryans said yes.

Ryan began cleaning out the bottles, plus those he had collected in his travels. Then, he got curious, and bought a chemistry set on Amazon.

"I got a notebook out and started experimenting with all kinds of different things, brought up all kinds of other brands and tried to figure out what was in them, how they were made, what was their mash bill," Ryan said. From there, Ryan created the formula to create the bourbon.

Ryan then approached Baker, who is an attorney.

"I said, Joe, I have this idea for a company," Ryan said. "I want to make bourbon. He said, I'm in."

A quick decision on Baker's part was unusual.

"He's not the kind of guy that makes a snap decision," Ryan said. "That's not in his DNA and he said, I'm in. I said, but you haven't heard how much is going to cost or what we have to do. He said it doesn't matter, I'm in. I figured right there it was okay. I tell everybody I was nervous about having my best friend as my business partner, yes. But in terms of him being



Mike Ryan, president of Big Stick Spirits.

a world-class attorney and in my mind, I was a world-class engineer, so that was the perfect business marriage because Texas laws are very complicated and very restrictive, more so than many other states in the nation."

The company supports Camp Hope PTSD Foundation, K9s for Warriors, the Marine Corps Coordinating Council, the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, Semper Fi #3 Memorial Honor Guard Detail, Warrior Surf Foundation, and We Defy Foundation. More information on these groups is on the company website, bigstickspirits.com.

ELECTION RETURNS

STATE OFFICES

(i) Denotes incumbent

SENATE DISTRICT 17

- Titus Benton, Democrat—35%
- Joan Huffman, Republican (i)—65%

SENATE DISTRICT 18

- Josh Tuff, Democrat—34%
- Lois Kolkhorst, Republican (i)—66%

HOUSE DISTRICT 26

- Daniel Lee, Democrat—39%
- Jacey Jetton, Republican (i)—61%

HOUSE DISTRICT 28

- Nelvin Adriatico, Democrat—38%
- Gary Gates, Republican (i)—62%

HOUSE DISTRICT 85

- Larry Baggett, Democrat—24%
- Stan Kitzman, Republican—74%
- Michael Miller, Libertarian—2%

HOUSE DISTRICT 132

- Cameron "Coach Cam" Campbell, Democrat—40%
- Mike Schofield, Republican (i)—60%

HOUSE DISTRICT 135

- Jon Rosenthal, Democrat (i)—58%
- Michael May, Republican—42%

COUNTY

FORT BEND COUNTY JUDGE

- KP George, Democrat (i)—52%
- Trever Nehls, Republican—48%

HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE

- Lina Hidalgo, Democrat (i)—51%
- Alexandra Mealer, Republican—49%

HARRIS COUNTY PCT. 4 COMMISSIONER

- Leslie Briones, Democrat—52%
- R. Jack Cagle, Republican (i)—48%

WALLER COUNTY PCT. 4 COMMISSIONER

- Ethel Wilmore, Democrat—30%
- Justin Beckendorff, Republican (i)—70%

KATY ISD TRE

- For—32%
- Against—68%

ROYAL ISD

POSITION 1

- Scott Hartman—51%
- Mona Chavez Rios—28%
- Adrian Rocha (i)—22%

POSITION 2

- Perla Mariela Aguilar—66%
- Gary Cruseturner—34%

POSITION 3

- J.J. Mounsey—39%
- Cori Hillsman Vahalik—61%

POSITION 4

- Kent Kirby—25%
- Jimmy Meader—45%
- Nathaniel Richardson Jr. (i)—35%

Unofficial returns as of press time. Sources: Texas Secretary of State's office, Fort Bend, Harris, and Waller County election administrators

ELECTION

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Judge KP George, a Democrat, led challenger Trever Nehls, a Republican, in early unofficial returns from the Fort Bend County elections office.

In Harris County, incumbent County Judge Lina Hidalgo, a Democrat, led challenger Alexandra Mealer, a Republican, in early unofficial returns. Pct. 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, a Republican, was trailing challenger Lesley Briones, a Democrat, according to early unofficial returns from the Harris County elections office.

In Waller County, incumbent Pct. 4 Commissioner Justin Beckendorff, a Republican, had a commanding lead against challenger Ethel Wilmore, a Democrat, according to unofficial returns from the Waller County elections office.

Both incumbent state senators representing the Katy and Brookshire areas, Republicans Joan Huffman and Lois Kolkhorst, had early leads in their races against Democratic challengers Titus Benton and John Huff, respectively.

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Nearly nailed it! (Asian food edition)

When I was growing up in 1970's East Texas, my experiences with international cuisine were pretty much limited to pizza, spaghetti and an occasional tamale.

Now that I have my own children, I've tried to expand their experiences by taking them out to Mexican, Italian, Asian, Mexican and Mexican restaurants.

We even cook ethnic dishes (mostly Mexican) on a fairly regular basis, but my youngest daughter has recently taken our culinary experiences to a new level.

When she's not deploying a YouTube video to procrastinate from doing her homework, completing chores, eating, bathing, sleeping or otherwise engaging in reality, she's pestering my wife and me to share in her mania for Asian food culture.

Unfortunately, she's no longer satisfied watching me eat my weight in hot and spicy chicken at the local Chinese buffet.

No, she actually wants us to cook it!

Now, I'm marginally competent with basic Southern dishes, like mashed potatoes, biscuits and gravy, banana pudding and other mostly white or yellow foods that prompt warnings from the American Heart Association. And I can make a mean ground beef taco—as long as the seasoning mix comes pre-measured in an easy-to-open packet.

But so far, my attempts at preparing Asian cuisine have been embarrassing failures—despite following recipes from websites like "Cooking that won't add to your other disappointing qualities.com."

For example, my chicken fried rice had all of the zest and snap of moist lawn clippings.

My Asian pork chops looked and tasted like surgical malpractice.

The only saving grace of these meals were the oven-baked, frozen egg rolls that only take around three hours to cool to the temperature of fresh magma.

Despite these debacles, I have learned a few tips about Asian cooking for novices.

First, be prepared to purchase at least 17 ingredients per recipe at your local Asian market. Most of these items

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only come in bulk, and you may have difficulty pronouncing some of them as they seem not to contain vowels.

Next, be ready to soil every utensil and piece of cookware you own—including the wedding gifts you thought would never see the light of day until you bequeathed them to a distant relative you don't really like.

My daughter decided to take charge of our latest foray into Asian cooking and told me she wanted to make kimbap—or seaweed rolls. Yes, seaweed!

When I think of seaweed, my mind conjures images of the semi-decayed plant matter that lurks around in the shallow water and sometimes grazes my lower leg, causing me to let out a shriek like a little girl—only less masculine.

But this seaweed is a whole different animal—or plant—or something, and it comes in thin, dried sheets (with or without a 3-hole punch). The seaweed is used as the wrapper in which you roll up various fillings like sticky rice, carrots and pickled radish (which is the same neon-yellow as some parachute pants I'm pretty sure I wore in the 1980's). The recipe we used even called for beef franks!

At least I can relate to hot dogs and rice that sticks together!

Once my daughter prepared the rolls and cut them into miniature hockey pucks, they weren't half bad. (I only ate about two dozen.)

Even though I'll probably never master Asian cooking, my wife and I have enjoyed spending time with our youngest daughter on this culinary adventure. In fact, the next recipe she wants us to try is soybean paste soup with clams.

I think I'll buy a few tamales as a backup.

Graves is an award-winning humor columnist from East Texas. His columns have been featured in Texas Escapes magazine, The Shreveport Times, The Longview News Journal, and The Kilgore News Herald. Contact Graves at susanjase@sbcglobal.net.



Afraid of missing out on Veterans Day?

Murphy's Law being what it is, whether you're talking about a surprise party, a romantic getaway or visiting an acquaintance in the hospital, good intentions don't always pan out.

The same goes for the intention to carry out a proper observation of Veterans Day.

Sometimes work/family obligations, ill health or inclement weather stand in the way of attending a public ceremony honoring our nation's veterans. "Maybe next year" is the lament of too many of us.

Imagine my delight when a Google search revealed "Suggested Speech for Veterans Day 2022" from the American Legion. (I did not find a corresponding speech from the VFW, but I want to tip my hat to that organization as well.)

The downloadable speech can be found at: legion.org/publications/257163/veterans-day-speech-2022.

My mention of this speech is not at all intended to offer it as a "get out of jail free" card for skipping public commemorations and melding with your recliner. But it is invaluable as a substitute for those who truly can't participate. It is also a supplement and keepsake for those who do manage to attend a parade or other ceremony.

Perhaps the unassuming title of the document flies under your radar, but I am struck by the term "suggested."

The speech is a template, a guideline, a resource for the dignitaries directing local commemorations across the country. Thanks to the men and women defending our shores and airspace, this republic has stood for nearly 250 years. We do not have some conquering foreign tyrant dictating the contents of public communications or enforcing mandatory attendance at



DANNY TYREE

SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Sure, society still gives a nod to the dwindling members of the Greatest Generation who fought in World War II and Korea. We have learned to exhibit a certain degree of respect for the draftees who were trapped in the quagmire of the Vietnam War. But sometimes it seems that the advent of the all-volunteer military has made us more complacent.

"pep rallies."

Besides telling about the military and post-military contributions of our veterans, the speech advocates for the hiring of veterans, calls attention to the plight of homeless vets and publicizes the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (9-8-8, extension 1 for veterans).

I hope the speech will be widely heard and circulated, to stir up our appreciation of veterans.

Sure, society still gives a nod to the dwindling members of the Greatest Generation who fought in World War II and Korea. We have

learned to exhibit a certain degree of respect for the draftees who were trapped in the quagmire of the Vietnam War. But sometimes it seems that the advent of the all-volunteer military has made us more complacent.

"Hey, they knew what they were signing up for" is the attitude of many who think that our national security comes from pixie dust.

But do any of us ever know exactly what we're getting into? Referring back to good intentions, no marriage, no job, no infrastructure project ever turns out exactly like we expected.

We complain about politicians lying, but to a considerable extent, they are genuinely flummoxed when they get elected and their sincere (naïve) promises prove to be impossible to implement.

No matter how brave, athletic and resourceful an enlistee is, the military is an unenviable challenge.

Regulations, culture clashes, inhospitable climates, separation from loved ones and physical danger all make honorable military service something worth celebrating.

Those who speak dismissively of our veterans are guilty of a dishonorable discharge from their mouths.

Try your best to mark Veterans Day by thanking a vet one-on-one and/or attending a community ceremony.

But download the speech as well. And pass a copy along to everyone whom you think could benefit from its inspirational message.

Turn "good intentions" into "mission accomplished."

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Topo Chico hard seltzer was among the drinks for brew fest attendees to enjoy.



Oskar Blues Brewery was among the breweries with a booth at the brew fest.

WILD WEST BREW FEST



Clear skies and pleasant temperatures Saturday seemed tailor-made for the Wild West Brew Fest, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Katy.



Wild West Brew Fest attendees enjoyed sampling wines at the event, which happened Friday and Saturday at Typhoon Texas.



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Tips for building a home on your own lot

BY TIMOTHY GENE SOJKA
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

So, you want to build a custom home on your own acreage. Building on acreage is not for the faint of heart or unprepared. I am betting you have the heart for it, and honestly, I cannot help much in that area. Still, I can help you be prepared.

Buyers build homes on acreage for dozens of reasons. For example, they may want:

- To raise chickens.
- To grow tomatoes, corn, potatoes, watermelons, etc.
- To have a barn for horse, cows, sheep, etc.
- To enjoy the privacy offered by fences and space.
- To build a special compound or insula for their family.
- To build an architecturally distinctive home not allowed in a large community.
- To own a home outside of a homeowner association's rules and regulations.

Great, so what do you do next?

- Plan and pray. Meet with your family and discuss the goals for your new property. A horse owner's goals are different from a family aspiring to grow hemp. Lay out your requirements. Do you need five acres, or fifty? Don't rush your decisions.

- Research. Find the areas where people with similar goals have purchased property. Drive the area, eat at restaurants with the locals and ask questions.

- Consider the location negatives. These might include longer commutes, fewer shopping options, fewer restaurants and no



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Should you build a home on your own lot? Yes, if you're ready to answer lots of questions about why and how best to proceed.

consistency of building quality.

- Consider the lack of restriction. If you buy in an unrestricted community, you may build your dream home next to someone who wants to build the cheapest home possible.

- Once you have considered the positives and the negatives, vote as a family to move forward.

- Set your budget for the lot and the total project.

- Possibly meet with a builder who specializes in this area.

- Employ a local realtor to help you find a lot (unless you already own one).

You have several decisions to make if you own or purchase a lot. You can act as a general contractor for the entire project. Some decisions here include shaping the land, securing utility and water services and getting necessary approvals for your building plans. Other decisions, if you act as your own general contractor, involve overseeing the construction and

permitting. If you are your own contractor, you must arrange and pay for the project.

Or, you could choose to work with a company that does these things for you.

I highly recommend the second option. There are several builders, including David Weekley, Coventry, and Partners in Building that have build-on-your-own-lot divisions. The company that I am most familiar with is Tilson Homes. They have helped Texans build on their

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own lot for over 90 years.

"If you're tired of being 10 feet from your neighbor, tired of someone telling you what color your front door can be, tired of someone telling you to get your trash can off the road, or tired of the neighbor kids coming home from college and playing basketball outside your bedroom window until 2 a.m.—then building on your land is for you," Eric Alrid of Tilson Home said. "If you want to live out that dream of serenity and independence that all Texans have bred into us, it can be done and it's easier than you might think."

I hope this article helps you set direction for your dream compound. Feel free to contact our team for help find the perfect lot to make your dream come true.

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Monkey smuggler enters guilty plea

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

A 20-year-old Katy resident has pleaded guilty to illegally smuggling a spider monkey into the United States and fleeing from federal law enforcement, U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery said.

Savannah Nicole Valdez pleaded guilty to smuggling wildlife into the United States without first declaring and invoicing it and fleeing an immigration checkpoint.

On March 21, Valdez attempted to enter the United States through the Gateway International Bridge in Brownsville. Law enforcement observed a wooden box with holes inside the vehicle which Valdez said contained beer she had purchased in Mexico.

However, when authorities opened the box, they discovered a live spider monkey and referred Valdez to secondary inspection. Valdez refused to comply with their instructions and instead sped off, running a traffic light and nearly colliding with officers and other vehicles.

Later that day, agents found multiple online postings advertising the sale of the spider monkey in the Katy and Houston areas with Valdez's phone number listed in the advertisements.

On March 28, Valdez contacted law enforcement and turned herself in. She admitted to knowingly importing the monkey despite not declaring it and intentionally fleeing from law enforcement.

The monkey was ultimately recovered and placed with an animal shelter in Central Florida.

U.S. District Judge Rolando Olvera will impose sentencing Jan. 25, 2023. At that time, Valdez faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a possible \$250,000 maximum fine.

She was permitted to remain on bond pending that hearing.

Homeland Security Investigations, Customs and Border Protection and the Fish and Wildlife Service conducted the investigation with the assistance of the Kingsville Police Department.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Edgardo J. Rodriguez is prosecuting the case.



GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Lynn Paulsen, advisory board member for Coastal Prairie Conservancy; Chris Harris, Council Member-at-Large and Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Katy and advisory board member for Coastal Prairie Conservancy; J.R. Young, Bass Pro Shops general manager; Andy Wohlgemuth, Bass Pro Shops special events outfitter, and Ali Dodson, Coastal Prairie Conservancy advancement director, participate in a check presentation.

Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Funds joins Costal Prairie Conservancy

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Representatives from the Coastal Prairie Conservancy (CPC) and Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund gathered together on Thursday to celebrate a continuation of their partnership to conserve and restore the coastal prairie. The Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund provided a further grant to the organization to further its mission of conservation in Texas.

Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's is creating North America's largest conservation movement through the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund by uniting more than 200 million passionate customers, dedicated team members, industry partners, and leading conservation organizations to collectively

shape the future of the outdoors and all who love it for generations to come.

Among those representing the various entities were Ali Dodson, Advancement Director for Coastal Prairie Conservancy, Chris Harris, Mayor Pro Tem for City of Katy and Advisory Board Member for Coastal Prairie Conservancy, Lynn Paulsen, Advisory Board Member for Coastal Prairie Conservancy, J.R. Young, General Manager for Bass Pro Shops, and Andy Wohlgemuth, Special Events Outfitter for Bass Pro Shops.

Dodson said prairie and wetlands conservation is important for the wildlife in the area, providing rich habitat for resident and migratory waterfowl. But just as important is what it does for people.

"Prairie grasses absorb and hold back floodwaters while capturing carbon and wetlands protect our water quality and quantity. Wide open spaces also

provide a place for our community to enjoy the benefits of nature," Dodson said. "Financial support from generous partners like Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund allows us to leverage other philanthropic dollars and complete essential conservation and restoration projects on the Katy Prairie just outside Houston."

A number of different conservation and restoration projects are on-going, helping to ensure that present and future generations have healthier land and healthier watersheds.

The Coastal Prairie Conservancy, formerly the Katy Prairie Conservancy, works to sustain a resilient Texas by preserving coastal prairies, wetlands, farms, and ranches. For more information, visit the website coastalprairieconservancy.org.



BROOKSHIRE

Grundfos celebrates grand opening of global HQ

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Grundfos, a global leader in advanced pump solutions and water technologies, today announced the grand opening of its Grundfos US Headquarters located outside of Houston in Brookshire. This facility houses both the global headquarters for Water Utility and main office for Grundfos Americas Corporation.

On Nov. 2, the grand opening celebration led by Grundfos Country President USA Ansell Sims and Grundfos Group President & CEO Poul Due Jensen saw a good participation from government officials and community members, including H.E. Christina Markus

Lassen, Danish Ambassador; Morten Siem Lyng, Consul General of Denmark; Vince Yokom, Waller County Economic Development Partnership; Amanda Tullos, GreenNexus president; Betty Russo from the Texas governor's office; Trey Duhon, Waller County judge; and Rachel Valis, West I-10 Chamber of Commerce president.

Grundfos executives hosted a ribbon cutting to commemorate the opening of the new building and then hosted a facility tour.

Sims said the grand opening has been two years in the making. "It's very meaningful to open our one-of-a-kind, innovative building with Grundfos leadership from Denmark and all over the

world as well as prominent community members, customers and partners," Sims said.

H.P. Nanda is Water Utility Division CEO for Grundfos. He said the company, by opening of its water utility global headquarters in the U.S., is helping to solve the world's water and climate challenges.

"The new building is a one-of-a-kind, sustainable building that serves as a central meeting place for the global Grundfos team, customers, partners, and business leaders from around the world who are exploring ways to improve their sustainability efforts," Nanda said.

The new 48,670 sq. ft building

was designed based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals #6 on water and #13 on climate in alignment with Grundfos' goals to lower carbon emissions and minimize waste. In 2022, it was LEED (for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified v4 Platinum and is the first in Texas to receive this certification.

The building is fully electric, uses no fossil fuels, and instead relies on solar energy, natural light, and energy-efficient equipment. Also, less than 13% of the water usage is sourced from the local municipal system. Nearly a million gallons of water are collected annually from rainwater and the

hydronic HVAC system.

Sims said the new building is representative of the company's values and is reflected in the attention taken to minimize water and energy usage.

"We support SDGs 6 and 13 because we believe that we can actually make a difference in making water a global priority and taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts," Sims said. "The Grundfos LEED-certified building is inspiring other business leaders who are planning new construction or retrofitting existing buildings to meet environmental standards. We've proven that sustainable operations and construction are good for business."

TOMPKINS ORCHESTRA CELEBRATES



KATY ISO

The Tompkins High School Sinfonia has been named the 2022-23 Texas Music Educators Association Honor Orchestra. The TMEA Honor Orchestra Contest exists to promote the quality and advancement of music education/instruction throughout the state. Through the contest, schools compete to be named the number one orchestra in. This particular contest marks the first Honor Orchestra contest since the onset of the pandemic.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Veterans' food drive set for Nov. 22

Good Faith Community, Katy Christian Ministries and the Military Order of the Purple Heart are hosting a veterans' food drive, which is set for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 22 at Katy Christian Ministries, 3506 Porter Road.

Limited spots are available, and those attending must present either their DD-214 or veteran ID/VA card. To RSVP, visit the website <https://forms.gle/N8LVfgu43bgNbcAf7>.

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Fort Bend County Libraries to close in observance of Veterans Day

All branches of Fort Bend County Libraries, which include the Cinco Ranch Branch Library and the Bob Lutts Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library, will be closed Friday in observance of Veterans' Day. Regular library hours will resume on Saturday.

The county's library is always open at fortbend.lib.tx.us for searching the catalog, renewing books or placing holds, streaming movies and music, downloading e-books, or using the research databases.

For more information, call the library system's communications office at 281-633-4734.

Brookshire Christmas Toy Blessing dates announced

Organizers for the 17th annual Brookshire Christmas Toy Blessing have announced the dates for the sign-up and pickup for donated toys.

Those interested must sign up in person to receive toys, which are subject to availability.

Signup is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 29. Pickup is from 12-5 p.m. Dec. 20. Both events will be at the Hangar Unity Center, 4010 4th St., in Brookshire.

For more information, call Ryan Orbin at 832-441-5805.

Katy's annual Sip N Stroll set for Nov. 19

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

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

The event offers 35+ food tasting stations and 300 wine, craft beer and spirits offerings. Special event features, including:

- Aruba Tourism VIP Zone.
- Del Webb Spirits Deck serving the latest in craft spirits.
- evamor Water Hydration Station.
- Le Chloe Fountain of Youth.
- Two live music stages featuring Katy's own award-winning singer/songwriter Kristen Hart on the American Furniture Warehouse Back Lot Music

Stage, Shang and Byron's 2 Man Band on the Party Stage.

- Sweet Tooth Alley with desserts extraordinaire and deliciously sweet wines.
- Correlajo Tequila Lounge.
- Unique artisan vendors and more.

Food creations will be provided by Alchemy Bake Lab, Babin's Seafood House, BB's Tex-Orleans Café, Biolina's Catering, Big Z's Pizza House & Brews, Black Walnut Cafe, Bundt Cake-A-Holic, Burn's Original BBQ, Catering by Norris, Chefs United, Copenhagen, Dish Society, Federal American Grille, Gauchos Do Sul, Goodies by Southern Belle Remix, HTX Nitro, Mo Pie U, My Louisiana Soul Kitchen, Raising Cane's, Roegels

BBQ, The Rouxpour, Snow Fox Sushi, State Fare, The Chef's Kitchen by Chefs United, Thistle Draft Shop and Whiskey Cake with more to come.

Sip N Stroll also features a silent auction, wine pull and party raffle. All proceeds benefit The Ballard House.

Co-Founders Constance and Clifton McDerby shared their feelings about Sip N Stroll.

"Our hearts are dedicated to The Ballard House which is why we created this meaningful fundraising event in 2010," the McDerbys said. "Today our commitment is just as strong now as it was from the start. We invite you to raise a glass, meet a new friend, share a laugh and take it all in while serving

the needs of guests of The Ballard House."

Kathy Alt, Ballard House manager, said the Ballard House is a symbol of the warm and welcome spirit of Katy's community.

"The need for housing assistance has exploded the last couple of years," Alt said. "Now is a critical time to support Cinco Charities as we are daily answering the need from West Houston's growing medical community by

providing patients and their families free lodging and other services so they can concentrate on receiving their treatment."

Sponsorship opportunities and restaurant registrations are still available.

Tickets start at \$65. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the website sipandstroll.com. For more information about The Ballard House and Cinco Charities, visit theballardhouse.org.

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Katy ISD FFA students bring home national championship

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

The Katy High School FFA again earned the title of National FFA Champions after competing in the Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event, during the National FFA Convention & Expo on Oct. 26-29.

The team included students Reagan Barnett, Jaime Hahn, Amber Hall and Kailey Kulhanek, and is led by advisor Jacob Price. During the national convention in Indianapolis, the FFA students represented Katy ISD as well as the State of Texas and competed against more than 50 FFA groups from across the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

This is the fourth consecutive year a Katy ISD FFA team has taken this top spot, with Katy High School FFA earning three of the national titles and Taylor High School FFA earning one.

"The skills FFA students acquire through their course work and projects have helped them during these rigorous competitions," David Laird, FFA events coordinator, said. "During the poultry evaluation event, students select live meat-type chickens for broiler breeding, they evaluate and place live egg-type hens and they rate the finished product by grading ready-to-cook carcasses and parts of chickens and turkeys."

Additionally, Taylor High School senior, Madailein Fitch placed third overall in the nation in the Food Products & Processing Systems event, an individual competition that takes place during the National FFA Agriscience Fair. Fitch was the only student to advance from the State of Texas for this individual category.

The Katy High School FFA poultry group. Pictured on the front row, from left to right, are Amber Hall (7th High Individual) and Reagan Barnett (2nd High Individual). Pictured on the back row are, from left to right, Kailey Kulhanek (3rd High Individual), Jacob Price (FFA Advisor) and Jaime Hahn (1st High Individual).

KATY ISD

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Katy ISD earns TEA's Highest Fiscal Accountability Rating

Katy ISD has received a rating of "A" for "Superior Achievement" under the Texas Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) for the 20th consecutive year. This is the highest rating possible as established under guidelines and rules created by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The "Superior Achievement" demonstrates the quality of Katy ISD's financial management and reporting system. This year, the district passed all of the critical indicators and received 98 points as part of the process.

Schools FIRST is a financial accountability system for Texas school districts in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5 of the 83rd Texas Legislature. The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district's financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"Katy ISD has received a Superior Achievement rating each year that Texas school districts have been rated through Schools FIRST," Chris Smith, Katy ISD chief financial officer, said. "This rating shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars and that Katy ISD is accountable not only for student learning but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

Teachers of Tomorrow announces new scholarship for aspiring teachers

Teachers of Tomorrow, the nation's



The Katy ISD Financial Services team. Chris Smith, the district's chief financial officer, is in front. On the second row are, from left, Sharri Butterfield, director of budget & treasury and Jamey Hynds, executive director of finance. On the third row are Christy Alspaw, accounts payable manager; Gloria Truskowski purchasing & distribution executive director, and Kayla Smith, accounting director. On the fourth row are Kristi Grant, payroll director, and Terri Nelson, assistant to the chief financial officer.

largest alternative certification provider, is accepting applications for its New Teacher Scholarship for individuals interested in becoming a teacher. The organization will award up to 20 New Teacher Scholarships across several states Teachers of Tomorrow operates in, including Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is Nov. 30. Recipients will be announced January 2023.

To qualify for the 2022-2023 New Teacher Scholarship, applicants must complete the application form and write a 200-300-word essay on what inspired them to choose a career in teaching and why they think teaching is a career that is worth it.

Applicants must also enroll in Teachers of Tomorrow by Dec. 15 to be considered for the scholarship.

"We are committed to helping individuals pursue a career in teaching," Trent Beekman, Teachers of Tomorrow CEO, said. "Teachers of Tomorrow is honored to provide scholarships to individuals across the country to help them follow their dreams and become full-time teachers through our alternative certification program. We will continue welcoming aspiring teachers into our program and assisting them in any way we can."

As many states and school districts are providing increased pay in many areas, future teachers will receive support from Teachers of Tomorrow and schools as they enter a career in teaching. Teachers of Tomorrow has produced more than 80,000 high-quality teachers, including three out of the four TASA Texas Teachers of the Year. Alternative certification programs like Teachers of Tomorrow help individuals from a variety of backgrounds and experiences so they can positively contribute to the classroom.

Each scholarship winner has until Jan. 31, 2024, to become hired as a full-time teacher of record to obtain the benefit of the scholarship. The scholarship covers the entire program fee, which is up to \$6,000, and does not apply to the enrollment fee or any other associated costs.

To apply for the 2022-2023 New Teacher Scholarship, visit the website teachersoftomorrow.org/new_teacher_scholarship/.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS

Katy Times

will be closed Thursday, November 25 in observance of

Thanksgiving

Deadline for all advertising in November 25th issue is Wednesday, November 17 at 4 p.m.

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SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

- Morton Ranch 36, Jordan 33
- Cinco Ranch 56, Seven Lakes 17
- Katy 49, Taylor 7
- Tompkins 45, Paetow 14

CLASS 6A, DIVISION I BI-DISTRICT

Thursday

- Tompkins vs. Ridge Point, 7 p.m., Mercer Stadium

Friday

- Cinco Ranch vs. George Ranch, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

CLASS 6A, DIVISION II BI-DISTRICT

Friday

- Katy vs. Fort Bend Clements, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Morton Ranch vs. Hightower, 7 p.m., at Traylor Stadium

VOLLEYBALL

- Cinco Ranch 3, Stratford 0
- Tompkins 3, Ridge Point 0

Friday

CLASS 6A REGIONAL SEMIFINAL

- Cinco Ranch vs. Pearland Dawson, 7 p.m., Delmar Fieldhouse
- Tompkins vs. Clear Springs, 5 p.m., Delmar Fieldhouse

BASKETBALL

GIRLS

Thursday

- Cinco Ranch at Conroe Tournament
- Jordan vs. Tomball Memorial, at George Ranch, 9 a.m.
- Jordan vs. Victoria East, at George Ranch, 3 p.m.
- Mayde Creek and Tompkins at Conroe Tournament
- Morton Ranch at Baytown Tournament
- Seven Lakes at Fort Bend Bush, 5 p.m.

Friday

- Jordan vs. Fulshear, at George Ranch, 9 a.m.
- Katy vs. Fort Bend Marshall, 6 p.m.
- Mayde Creek and Tompkins at Conroe Tournament
- Morton Ranch at Baytown Tournament
- Seven Lakes at Clear Lake Tournament

Saturday

- Jordan at LCISD Tournament
- Mayde Creek and Tompkins at Conroe Tournament
- Morton Ranch at Baytown Tournament
- Seven Lakes at Clear Lake Tournament

Monday

- Mayde Creek vs. Alief Taylor, 7 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Clear Springs, 7 p.m., at Merrell Center

Tuesday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Fort Bend Travis, 7 p.m.
- Katy at the Woodlands, 7 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Elsik, 7 p.m.
- Paetow at Waller, 6:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Kein, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins at Fort Bend Bush, 7 p.m.

BOYS

Friday

- Cinco Ranch at Klein Cain, 7 p.m.
- Jordan at Westfield, TBA
- Mayde Creek at Atascocita, TBA
- Katy at Cy-Park, 7 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Fort Bend Elkins, 7 p.m.
- Taylor at Cy-Springs, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Aldine Davis, 7 p.m.

Saturday

- Jordan vs. Randle, 1 p.m.
- Katy vs. George Ranch, 1 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Fort Bend Bush, 7 p.m.

Monday

- Seven Lakes vs. Atascocita, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

- Cinco Ranch at Randle, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Eisenhower, 7 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Fort Bend Austin, 7 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Dulles, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins at Clements, 7 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Thursday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Tompkins, 5:30 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Mayde Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Cy-Woods, 5:30 p.m.

Friday

- Katy at Bob Stallings Invitational, 5 p.m.



Morton Ranch's Josh Johnson stiff arms a defender during Thursday's game between Morton Ranch and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium.

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Morton Ranch survives thriller

Mavericks best Jordan, clinch playoff berth

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Morton Ranch knew what was at stake on Thursday.

A loss to Jordan, and the Mavericks would finish a game out of the fourth and final spot for the third year straight. But a win, a win

would break the Mavericks' six-year playoff drought, the longest in Katy ISD.

It was all on the line for Morton Ranch, just like the team wanted it to be, and the Mavericks showed exactly why they knew they could be a playoff team, beating Jordan 36-33 at Rhodes Stadium clinching a spot in the playoffs for the first time since 2016 on Friday.

"It's an amazing feeling," said senior running back Santana Scott. "Potentially being able to stop the drought, being able to make history, especially to help these younger guys

so they could see what it's like to be in these situations and get to the playoffs and build on it. It's just exactly what we wanted coming into the year and it's a blessing. It will only make these guys better net year and going forward."

Morton Ranch controlled the game from the start, but had to withstand a late comeback attempt from Jordan to earn the win in what was one of the most thrilling games out of the district all season.

See **MAVERICKS**, page B3



Tompkins players celebrate after a point in the first set during Tuesday's match between Tompkins and Ridge Point at Wheeler Field House.

TYLER TYRE

Tompkins sweeps Ridge Point to clinch first berth in regionals

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins was out to exorcise demons on Tuesday.

The Falcons were making their third appearance in the Class 6A-Regional Semifinals, and their second appearance in a row, but it was bigger than just those

two things for them.

Tompkins was up against the team that ended their season last year and had been dominant again this season in Ridge Point. And beyond that the Falcons were playing at Wheeler Field House, the same place where in 2017

See **VOLLEYBALL**, page B6

Tompkins ends regular season with 45-14 win over Paetow

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins just keeps winning. The Falcons have learned how to win games and more importantly, how to prepare for games and it's paid dividends for the team.

The Falcons were riding a five game winning streak headed into this week and had already locked in a playoff spot heading into their game on Friday, but that didn't matter to Tompkins — they wanted to continue proving a point.

They wanted to show that they can compete with any team and any level of defense, and they did just that, beating Paetow 45-14 and going into the playoffs on a good note.

"We just came out on fire," said senior wide receiver Matthew Ogunrin. "We really just wanted to make a statement and more importantly, go out and do our jobs, because when we do that we are a really good football team. We had the plan and we had the players, it was just on us to go execute and we did."

Tompkins' offense made its presence known early, as the Falcons took their opening drive and went straight down the

See **TOMPKINS**, page B5



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BI-DISTRICT PREVIEWS

Playoffs kick off with big matchups

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

THURSDAY

CLASS 6A-DIVISION I

Tompkins (8-2) vs. Ridge Point (8-2), 7 p.m. at Mercer Stadium

• Tompkins has been on a tear. The Falcons have won six straight and have gotten better each and every week throughout their District 19-6A campaign.

That has led the Falcons to where they are today, in their most important game of the season as they face off against District 20-6A champion Ridge Point in the Bi-District round of the playoffs, with everything on the line.

Tompkins has been led by their run game offensively, and comes off yet another strong performance on the ground last week. The Falcons ran for 261 yards, with their trio of Caleb Blocker, Caleb Komolafe and Wyatt Young each rushed for a touchdown, with Blocker leading the way with 140 yards rushing against Paetow.

But it wasn't just the run game that was strong last week, as Young continued to prove himself as a thrower as well, passing for 197 yards and three touchdowns, each career highs.

Defensively, Tompkins has been one of the best in the area at forcing turnovers and continued that by intercepting Morton Ranch three times and turning those turnovers into points, while also limiting the pass and run game.

All of that will be tested against Ridge Point, as the Panthers have put together a very strong season and have a number of talented players. Austin Carlisle leads the offense at quarterback and has thrown for 1295 yards and 15 touchdowns while only tossing two interceptions on the year.

Ezell Jolly is the leader in the backfield and has rushed for 904 yards and 17 touchdowns, while Ashton Bethel-Roman and Mason Dossett provide a good one-two punch at wide receiver. Defensively the Panthers are only giving up 11.6 points per game and the team has gained confidence, winning eight straight since the start of their district play and only giving up 58 points in total through those eight games.

Tompkins will again need a balanced offensive attack, and will hope that the Falcons' defense can do enough to disrupt and take advantage of facing a sophomore quarterback on defense. It will be a big game and one of the more intriguing matchups in the first round in Class 6A Region III.

FRIDAY

CLASS 6A-DIVISION II

Katy (10-0) vs. Fort Bend Clements (5-5), 6 p.m. at Legacy Stadium

• Katy has dominated this season. The Tigers have continued to improve all year and wrapped up a district title two weeks ago before securing an unbeaten regular season.

The Tigers are doing what they do offensively, dominating teams on the ground. Seth Davis is rested and ready to go heading into the postseason — he has 137 carries on the year for 1238 yards and 17 touchdowns, while Dallas Glass has been a strong backup, carrying the ball 97 times for 973 yards and 18 touchdowns, with the duo averaging more than 230 yards per game on the ground.

That run game has led to success for senior quarterback Caleb Koger as well. Koger has completed 56% of his passes this year, throwing for 1086 yards and 16 touchdowns to four interceptions while averaging 17 yards per completion, and the trio of Adam Jackson, Oliver Ginn and Micah Koenig all have had good seasons receiving, with Koenig leading the team in yards and touchdowns while both Ginn and Jackson also have over 200 yards receiving.

Defensively, the Tigers have gotten better throughout the year — the pass rush is gaining consistent pressure, and they are defending the rush well while the secondary has done what's needed to force turnovers



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Morton Ranch players celebrate after making a fourth down stop during Thursday's game between Morton Ranch and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium.

and get stiffling offenses passing attacks.

The Tigers' reward for their successful regular season is facing off against Fort Bend Clements, who needed a win in the last week to lock down a playoff spot and comes in as a huge underdog in this matchup.

Clements is led by Gunner Chenier on offense, as the junior has thrown for 1397 yards and 11 touchdowns, but has also tossed up 10 interceptions. JR Mirelles and John Lewis both get lots of touches in the backfield and have combined for over 1200 yards of offense and 17 touchdowns this year, and the team has six different receivers who have over 100 yards on the season.

Katy will hope to force Clements into turnovers and continue their stiffling defensive play while pounding the rock on offense on their way to another win.

Morton Ranch (7-3) vs. Hightower (8-2), 7 p.m. at Traylor Stadium

• Morton Ranch had believed this moment could come all season. For the first time in six years, the Mavericks are heading to the playoffs, and there's a real chance at them finding a way to get a playoff win.

Morton Ranch took a big step halfway through the season and finished district play very strong, winning five of their last six games.

Santana Scott has been one of the biggest weapons in the entire district this year, and the Morton Ranch offense goes as he goes. Scott has had a terrific senior year, rushing for 1444 yards and 14 touchdowns, while also having 210 yards receiving and three touchdowns receiving. Josh Johnson does a great job playing off that run game and has thrown for 1531 yards and 13 touchdowns to

just two interceptions and also rushing for 601 yards and 11 touchdowns. Mike Gerald and Cameron Hudson both provide a good source of offense through the air with Scott as the Morton Ranch offense has had a great balance this year.

Defensively, Morton Ranch has struggled at times with big, physical offensive lines, but they have been timely with forcing turnovers and finding ways to get the opposing team off the field when needed.

Hightower has had an explosive offense this year with Joseph Stewart Jr. at the helm. Stewart has been excellent in his sophomore season — he's thrown for 2047 yards passing and 17 touchdowns while throwing three interceptions, passing for 227.4 yards per game and 15 yards per completion as he has led the Hurricanes throughout the year. Running the ball, Jeremy Payne has been the top man on the ground, rushing for 591 yards and 11 touchdowns, while Khaleb Davis has been the big threat in the receiving game, with 40 receptions for 708 yards and five touchdowns. Zion Kearney has also been a strong presence catching the ball, with 28 receptions for 287 yards and five touchdowns.

The key for the Mavericks will be to be strong defensively against the pass game, an area they have struggled with at times this year, while continuing to have a good, balanced offense where Scott and Johnson are able to feed off each other.

CLASS 6A-DIVISION I

Cinco Ranch (7-3) vs. George Ranch (6-4), 7 p.m. at Rhodes Stadium

• Cinco Ranch comes into the playoffs

rested and ready to go, trying to get to the area round for the second straight season. The Cougars once again have been strong offensively, and its been on the back of a historic season from senior quarterback Gavin Rutherford. Rutherford has far and away been the top passer in the district, and has thrown for 2815 yards and 27 touchdowns this year while throwing just six interceptions. Overall, Rutherford has thrown for 281 yards per game and has completed 62% of his passes.

Sam McKnight has been the team's leading rusher, with Rutherford barely behind him, and the duo has combined for just under 1200 yards rushing to go with 26 touchdowns on the year. Receiving wise, Seth Salverino has had a terrific season in becoming the Katy ISD record holder for career record holder for receiving yards. Salverino has caught 42 passes this season for 1011 yards and nine touchdowns, averaging over 24 yards per catch this year. But as good as he has been, he isn't the leader in receptions or touchdowns for Cinco this season, as that belongs to Noah Abboud. Abboud has 45 catches this year for 807 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The Cinco defense has been up and down through the year — there have been games where they look exceptional, and times where they haven't been able to stop teams.

George Ranch has been a balanced offense this year that has been decent both running and passing the ball but has been exceptional at neither.

Deion Drinkard has been the leader under center, as he has thrown for 1190 yards this year and eight touchdowns, but has also turned it over 12 times on interceptions, something Cinco Ranch's secondary will surely be salivating at.

Jaden Shelton leads the team in rushing with 993 yards and six touchdowns while averaging 5.1 yards per carry. Jackson Muckelroy leads the team with 355 receiving yards on 18 receptions to go with two touchdowns, and Gregor Jones has 302 yards on 14 receptions and five touchdowns.

Cinco Ranch will be looking to continue their impressive performances on offense, especially against a susceptible secondary and will try to take advantage of a quarterback that is turnover prone to create more scoring opportunities for the Cougars.

DISTRICT 19-6A STANDINGS

Team	W	L	District W	District L	District PF	District PA
1 Katy	10	0	8	0	402	92
2 Cinco Ranch	7	3	6	2	391	264
3 Tompkins	8	2	6	2	342	161
4 Morton Ranch	7	3	5	3	316	295
5 Jordan	5	5	4	4	257	287
6 Paetow	5	5	4	4	209	245
7 Taylor	3	8	2	7	174	297
8 Seven Lakes	1	9	1	7	146	326
9 Mayde Creek	2	8	0	8	96	366



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Morton Ranch's Santana Scott runs in a touchdown during Thursday's game between Morton Ranch and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium.

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MAVERICKS

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Scott got the Mavericks on the board early, taking a handoff 74-yards for a touchdown and then doubled the lead in the second quarter by scoring on a 2-yard touchdown run. He finished the night with 188 yards on 26 carries to go with his two scores.

"The thing people don't realize about Santana is he does everything," said Morton Ranch head coach Ron Counter. "He's a good blocker, he catches passes, he returns punts and kickoffs. In my opinion he does as much or more for his team than any player in the district along with Gavin Rutherford. Santana is just an awesome player and an awesome kid."

Morton Ranch added to the lead late in the second quarter with a 29-yard field goal, as they went into the half with a 17-0 lead, but the best unit of the first half was the Morton Ranch defense, which held a high powered Jordan offense scoreless and made a number of big plays.

"We really had such a locked in week of practice," said senior linebacker Amiri Jack. "We had a really good gameplan coming in and then we came out and executed it. We were able to do a really good job slowing them down and stopping them in the first two quarters and it kind of helped turn the game in our favor."

Jordan got on the board early in the third quarter with a 60-yard interception return by Zion Jones, but Morton Ranch answered back and seemed to have complete control midway through the third quarter, as Josh Johnson ran in a 23-yard touchdown run But Jordan never stopped believing.

The Warriors got their second score of the game late in the third quarter on a 32-yard run from Chad Gasper, and after an onside recover Jordan immediately made it a one-score game, as Colin Willetts threw a 45-yard touchdown to Zechariah Sample to make things 23-18.

Jordan seemed to have all the momentum, and after a Morton Ranch 3-and-out, the Warriors' offense took the field with a chance to take the lead, but Jack immediately turned the momentum back Morton Ranch's way, as he intercepted a pass and returned it 17-yards for a score.

"We knew we had to make a stop," Jack said. "They had the momentum, they had scored on us two straight drives and had made it a close game so we knew we had to do something. We just went out and did our job, I read what they were doing and was able to make a play on it and I'm just happy I was able to do that."

Jordan was able to answer back, as Colin Willetts threw a 13-yard touchdown to Connor Babin, but Morton Ranch responded with a touchdown of their own. Jordan again made it a one score game with just under two minutes to go. But a first down on Morton Ranch's next drive sealed things and the celebration started for the Mavericks.

Morton Ranch had been so close to the playoffs these past two seasons, and made it their goal to get back to the playoffs this year, making Thursday night even sweeter.

"We've been on the cusp these last two years — we've been so close," Scott said. "That motivated all of us, the whole offseason all we wanted was to prove ourselves and make the playoffs. We put in the work, we had the chemistry, we strived to reach the goal and to know that we are right there, that we might have done it. It's just the best thing I could ask for."

MORTON RANCH 36, JORDAN 33

Morton Ranch	7	10	6	13	--	36
Jordan	0	0	12	21	--	33

First quarter

MR: Santana Scott 74 run (Angel Roberto Rincon kick) 8:01

Second quarter

MR: Scott 2 run (Rincon kick) 8:54
MR: Rincon 29 field goal, 6:06

Third quarter

J: Zion Jones 60 interception return, 9:58
MR: Josh Johnson 23 run, 5:16
J: Chad Gasper 32 run, 0:08

Fourth quarter

J: Colin Willetts 45 pass to Zechariah Sample, 11:51
MR: Amiri Jack 17 interception return (Rincon kick) 8:48
J: Willetts 13 pass to Connor Babin (Jake Kilander kick) 7:17
MR: Johnson 25 pass to Mike Gerald, 4:05
J: Willetts 4 pass to Sample (Willetts pass to Gasper) 1:52

Team stats

	MORTON RANCH	JORDAN
First downs	11	12
Yards rushing	42-252	18-42
Yards passing	125	276
Passes	5-14-1-1	19-38-3-1
Punts	5-34	3-40
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-2
Penalty-yards	5-62	6-46

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Morton Ranch: Santana Scott, 26-188-2; Josh Johnson, 12-52; Ryan Hall, 4-12; Jordan: Chad Gasper, 7-39-1; Zechariah Sample, 2-4; Colin Willetts, 6-3; Zechariah Sample, 2-4; Zion Jones, 1-2; Ifeanyi Monye, 1-0;

Passing – Morton Ranch: 5-14-125-1-1; Jordan: Colin Willetts, 19-38-276-3-1

Receiving – Morton Ranch: Jairon Davis, 2-79; Mike Gerald, 1-25; Santana Scott, 1-13; Cameron Hudson, 1-8; Jordan: Andrew Marsh, 4-105; Zechariah Sample, 9-103-2; Deacon Stanfield, 3-44; Connor Babin, 2-22-1; Chad Gasper, 1-2;



Morton Ranch's Zachary Session, above, celebrates after Thursday's game between Morton Ranch and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium. Below, Morton Ranch's Mike Gerald celebrates after a touchdown during Thursday's game between Morton Ranch and Jordan at Rhodes Stadium.



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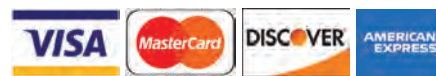
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NOTICE

The City Planning And Zoning Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Each Conduct Public Hearings To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas.

CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 29, 2022

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
6:30 p.m., Monday, December 12, 2022

The City Planning And Zoning Commission And The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct Hearings To Be Held At City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas. The Hearings Are Being Conducted To Receive Comments From The Public On A Proposed Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Katy, Texas Amending The City's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance By Amending The Zoning Map To Zone Approximately 5 Acres Of Land In The H&TCRR CO Survey, Section 64, Block 2, Abstract 1540, Tracts 5 & 5A, In Harris County From C-1 Commercial District To R-1 Single Family District. Amending The City of Katy's Comprehensive Plan To Conform To The Zoning Classifications Set Forth In This Ordinance; Repealing All Ordinances And Parts Of Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; Providing For Severability And Providing For A Fine Not To Exceed \$2,000 For Each Day A Violation Of This Ordinance Exists.

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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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.

PULTE, HOMES OF TEXAS obo FORT BEND WALLER COUNTIES MUD NO. 2

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 18, Attention: Mr. Doug Bergen, President, Board of Directors, will be received electronically or at the office of LJA Engineering, Inc., the office of the Engineer, LJA Engineering, Inc., 1904 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 120, Katy, Texas 77449, until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Tuesday, November 29, 2022, and then publicly opened and read at the office of the Engineer, LJA Engineering, Inc., 1904 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 120, Katy, Texas 77449 for "Water Line, Sanitary Sewer and Drainage to Serve Twinwood Commerce Center for Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 18, Waller, Texas." In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may attend the Bid Opening by telephone by dialing +1 346-202-6170, Phone Conference ID: 354 877 978#.

Scope of Work of the Contract Documents includes the following: Construction of water, sanitary sewer and drainage facilities.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held remotely on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Local Time. To attend the audio format non-mandatory pre-bid conference, dial +1 346-202-6170, Phone Conference ID: 895 843 642#.

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 two percent (2%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract Documents 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. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the bid opening.

Bidding documents may be examined at LJA Engineering, Inc., AGC of Texas, Construct Connect, and Amtek or may be obtained by prospective bidders or suppliers upon payment of \$100.00 non-refundable plus cost of delivery (\$50.00 for electronic copy) for each set of documents at LJA Engineering, Inc., 1904 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 120, Katy, Texas 77449, or at <https://bids.lja.com>. Checks should be made payable to LJA Engineering, Inc. No cash will be accepted.

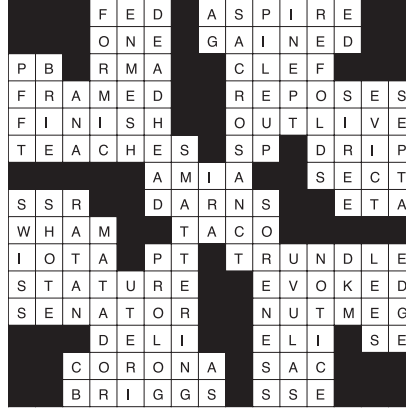
A bidder submitting electronic Bids must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all electronic Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through <https://bids.lja.com>. Bidders must register and obtain bidding documents on this website for the requirement payment amount (if any) to submit an electronic bid.

By submitting a Bid, bidder acknowledges and agrees that the Contract Documents may be accepted, executed or agreed to through the use of an Electronic Signature, as defined by and in accordance with Owner's Electronic Signature Rules for Construction Contracts.

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.

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and the Contractor agrees that the Contract Documents can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

November 3 Puzzle Answers



3	9	4	1	7	2	8	5	6
1	5	8	4	9	6	2	3	7
2	6	7	8	3	5	9	1	4
7	3	6	9	1	8	4	2	5
8	2	1	6	5	4	3	7	9
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HARRIS-WALLER COUNTIES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3
(A Political Subdivision of the State of Texas
Located within Harris and Waller Counties, Texas)

\$14,390,000
Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022

Bids to be Submitted: 10:00 A.M., Central Time
Bids to be Awarded: 1:30 P.M., Central Time
Monday, November 21, 2022

Place and Time of Sale: The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 (the "District") will receive and publicly read bids for the purchase of the \$14,390,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2022 (the "Bonds") at the designated meeting place outside the boundaries of the District, at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, 3200 Southwest Freeway Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027 at 1:30 P.M., Central Time, Monday, November 21, 2022.

Address of Bids: Bids for the Bonds may be delivered to the District electronically, by telephone or delivered directly to the District in a sealed envelope, addressed to the "President and Board of Directors of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3," and delivered to the District's Financial Advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010 prior to 10:00 A.M., Central Time on the date of the bid opening. Any bid received after 10:00 A.M., Central Time, Monday, November 21, 2022, will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. All bidders must submit a signed "Official Bid Form" and a Bank Cashier's Check in the amount of \$287,800 payable to the order of the District as a good faith deposit.

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

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Tompkins' Caleb Komolafe runs during Friday's game between Tompkins and Paetow at Rhodes Stadium.



Tompkins' Wyatt Young runs during Friday's game between Tompkins and Paetow at Rhodes Stadium.

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TOMPKINS 45, PAETOW 14

Tompkins	14	7	14	10	--	45
Paetow	7	0	0	7	--	14

First quarter

T: Wyatt Young 24 pass to Matthew Ogunrin (Andrew Horner kick) 9:04
P: Koby Truehill 23 run (Gabriel Schaeffer kick) 3:59
P: Young 24 run (Horner kick) 0:05

Second quarter

P: Young 3 pass to Caleb Blocker (Horner kick) 0:05

Third quarter

T: Blocker 43 run (Horner kick) 11:03
T: Young 11 pass to Rhys Phillips (Horner kick) 0:51

Fourth quarter

P: Truehill 6 pass to Gene Kendall (Schaeffer kick) 8:53
T: Caleb Komolafe 36 run (Horner kick) 7:10
T: Andrew Horner 34 field goal, 4:20

Team stats

	TOMPKINS	PAETOW
First downs	18	10
Yards rushing	36-261	27-164
Yards passing	197	14
Passes	12-17-3-0	8-20-1-3
Punts	1-10	4-36
Fumbles-lost	3-3	1-1
Penalty-yards	7-65	4-45

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Tompkins: Caleb Blocker, 15-140-1; Wyatt Young, 8-67-1; Caleb Komolafe, 9-46-1; Chris Gilbert Jr., 2-11; Paetow: Derrick Johnson, 9-75; Daymion Sanford, 6-40; Koby Truehill, 2-24-1; Jamarious Bates, 5-10; Damyron Phillips, 4-4;
Passing – Tompkins: Wyatt Young, 12-17-197-3-0; Paetow: Koby Truehill, 2-12-12-1-3; Brock Nichols, 5-7-(-2)-0-0; Derrick Johnson, 1-1-4-0-0;
Receiving – Tompkins: Matthew Ogunrin, 4-84-1; Noah Coughran, 3-55; Adebisi Bello, 1-19; Jhase McMillan, 1-12; Rhys Phillips, 1-11-1; Peyton Isola, 1-4; Caleb Blocker, 1-3-1; Jordan: Jabari Bush, 2-9; Jason Blue, 1-6; Gene Kendall, 1-6-1; Derrick Johnson, 1-(-1); Damyron Phillips, 2-(-4);

TOMPKINS

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field before Wyatt Young threw a 24-yard touchdown to Ogunrin to get the scoring started.

Cody Chapman made an interception immediately after, but Paetow responded by forcing a Tompkins fumble and scoring on a 23-yard touchdown run by Koby Truehill to tie things up.

But Tompkins came back with a score of their own with a 24-yard run by Wyatt Young, and Young threw a 3-yard pass to Caleb Blocker in the second quarter as the Falcons built a 14-point lead heading into halftime.

"We just had to be patient on offense because Paetow has a very talented defense," said Tompkins head coach Todd McVey. "We just had to settle in and everyone did a great job of doing what they needed to do. The backs ran extremely hard, the receivers blocked downfield well, Wyatt got outside and threw some great balls and the offense played well. It was fun to watch them go out there and execute."

Blocker opened the second half with a 43-yard touchdown run before Tompkins

scored late in the third quarter to pretty much seal things on an 11-yard pass from Young to Rhys Phillips.

It was a big day for Young, who set a career high in passing yards, passing attempts and passing touchdowns, as he went 12 for 17 passing for 197 yards and three passing touchdowns to go with 67 rushing yards and another touchdown.

"At the beginning with taking over at quarterback earlier this year, I didn't really have my full confidence throwing the ball," Young said. "But I have it back now and I've been settling in. That chemistry is there for me and my teammates."

Paetow got one more score in the fourth quarter before Caleb Komolafe put the bow on the win with a 36-yard touchdown, and Andrew Horner added a field goal late as the Falcons pulled away.

The win was the sixth straight for the Falcons, and it all started after a disappointing loss to Cinco Ranch, as the players came together after the game and decided to take a new approach.

"We had a players only meeting after that game and that's when we really got

our minds together and on the right track," Ogunrin said. "Everyone in there realized, if we come together do our jobs and fight every single day and keep that up, then the skies the limit for us. I believe in all of the guys here."

The win was also the 50th for Todd McVey since he became the head coach at Tompkins in what he said was a testament to his staff and the players he has had the pleasure of coaching.

Tompkins moves on to face District 20-6A champion Ridge Point.

"It's going to be a short week and we'll have to be locked in for every second," McVey said. "It all comes back to our preparation — we have to get our preparation going. We're going to make sure we enjoy this one tonight, but we'll get back to work and ready tomorrow."

Tompkins' Caleb Komolafe runs in a touchdown during Friday's game between Tompkins and Paetow at Rhodes Stadium.



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Katy finishes regular season as fifth ranked team in state

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy finished the regular season as the fifth ranked team in Texas in Dave Campbell Texas Football's final rankings of the year.

The Tigers finished off their district schedule with a dominant 49-7 win over Taylor to go to 10-0 on the season and 8-0 in District 19-6A play.

The Tigers have been ranked fifth throughout the season and stayed that way, as each of the top four teams also ended their regular seasons with wins.

Southlake Carroll finished fourth, while Duncanville finished third, North Shore finished second and Westlake finished first.

Houston ranked teams included North Shore, Westfield, Atascocita, Shadow Creek and New Caney. Katy was the only Katy ISD team ranked.



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

CLASS 6A				
Rank	School	(Record)	Week 3	Prv rank
1	Austin Westlake	(10-0)	W	1
2	Galena Park N. Shore	(10-0)	W	2
3	Duncanville	(9-0)	W	3
4	Southlake Carroll	(10-0)	W	4
5	Katy	(10-0)	W	5
6	Denton Guyer	(10-0)	W	6
7	Spring Westfield	(9-1)	W	7
8	Humble Atascocita	(8-2)	W	8
9	Cibolo Steele	(10-0)	W	9
10	Prosper	(9-1)	W	10
11	Dripping Springs	(9-1)	W	11
12	Alvin Shadow Creek	(10-0)	W	12
13	DeSoto	(8-2)	W	13
14	SA Northside Brennan	(9-1)	W	14
15	Arlington Martin	(9-1)	W	15
16	Dallas Highland Park	(10-0)	W	16
17	Austin Vandegrift	(9-1)	W	17
18	Rockwall	(9-1)	W	18
19	North Crowley	(10-0)	W	19
20	Allen	(7-3)	W	20
21	New Caney	(10-0)	W	21
22	Round Rock (9-1)	W	22
23	Trophy Club Nelson	(9-1)	W	23
24	Cy-Fair	(9-1)	W	25
25	Lewisville	(9-1)	W	NR

Dropped out: No. 24 Humble Summer Creek

VOLLEYBALL

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they lost in the Regional Semifinals to Cinco Ranch.

All of that was on the Falcons' minds on Tuesday, as they wanted to avenge last year's loss Ridge Point and the loss to Cinco Ranch at Wheeler all with a chance at a regional tournament berth on the line.

All of the Falcons' (39-3) motivation showed up, as they took out Ridge Point (39-8) in three sets; 26-24, 25-22, 25-23, showcasing clutch play and offensive firepower en route to the sweep.

"There was something about coming back here that was just even more motivating or them," said Tompkins head coach Allison Merrell. "We wanted to be in this building and avenge 2017. We talked about it, we talked about making history here, avenging those losses and I told them, 'go out and win it in three.' I didn't know if that was possible because Ridge Point is amazing, but man, they just played good tonight"

The first set didn't start like Tompkins wanted, as it was tight but Ridge Point started to build a lead, as the set got further in, it looked like the Panthers were going to pull away, as they held leads of 22-16 and 23-17, but Tompkins was not about to give up on any set, and came back to win nine of the next 10 points, taking the win and gaining a big advantage heading into the second set.

"I told them in that first set when they went down that 'you have to play for this set, you can't give this set up,'" Merrell said. "They immediately just kicked into a whole different gear after that and showed what

their fight was about. It was amazing to see them do that."

Tompkins fell behind in the second set early, but again showed their grit by coming back from a six-point deficit to take a late lead and eventually seal the set.

"I think we were just really calm and confident about our ability, even when we were down that didn't go away," said senior outside hitter Cindy Tchouangwa. "We all have each-others back, when we're down we don't go after one another, we're good teammates and that's how we're able to just keep our cool in those situations."

Tompkins was done with the comebacks in the third set, the Falcons came out and built a big lead, going up by more than five with just a few points remaining, but Ridge Point trimmed things to 24-23 before Tompkins closed things out and secure the sweep.

For the Falcons, it's the first time in school history they have advanced to the regional tournament, and they are excited about having the chance to continue their run.

"It's just amazing," said sophomore libero Brooklynn Merrell. "Making history is what we wanted to do this year, so to be here and have accomplished that is a really good feeling."

But just because Tompkins has made history doesn't mean the team is satisfied — the Falcons still feel like there is more they can do. They have unfinished business with their next opponent, Clear Springs, which they will play 5 p.m. Friday at Delmar Fieldhouse, as



Callie Funk makes a kill attempt during Tuesday's match between Tompkins and Ridge Point at Wheeler Field House.

the Chargers beat Tompkins in five sets when they met earlier this season.

"We're going to celebrate tonight, but after that it's going to be a lot of film prep. We played Clear Springs early on in the year and

they're a really tough team," Merrell said. "But we have a learning group here and I know they will be ready for the challenge and will be breaking down film and learning what they need to do."

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If you are aware of a child who may be challenged with a disability, please contact the Katy ISO Special Education office at 281-396-2066. The Special Education office will coordinate efforts to evaluate the student and, if eligible, ensure that the student is provided with supports and services needed to benefit from instruction. Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions or concerns.

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Seven Lakes, Tompkins girls ranked in preseason poll

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes and Tompkins were ranked in the preseason Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 6A poll, as the season gears up this up Friday.

The Spartans came in at No. 19 in the season's first poll, while Tompkins sat at No. 22 in the state this preseason.

Desoto topped the poll at No. 1, followed by South Grand Prairie, Clark, Duncanville and Summer Creek to round out the top five. Duncanville though, will fall out of the next rankings, as the Pantherettes face a postseason ban this year after their head coach faced recruiting violations.

Seven Lakes and Tompkins come off a season in which they were both co-district champions in District 19-6A. Seven Lakes brings back district MVP Justice Carlton, while Tompkins brings back district offensive MVP Macy Spencer, with the two teams expected once again to battle it out for the district title.

Following is the full TABC Class 6A girls poll:

Class 6A

1. Desoto
2. South Grand Prairie
3. Clark
4. Duncanville
5. Summer Creek
6. Cibolo Steele
7. Denton Braswell
8. Houston Memorial
9. SA Brennan
10. SA Harlan
11. Cedar Hill
12. Coppell
13. Austin High
14. Pearland
15. FW Boswell
16. Shadow Creek
17. Converse Judson
18. Mesquite Horn
19. Seven Lakes
20. Plano East
21. Southlake Carroll
22. Tompkins
23. Tomball Memorial
24. Clear Brook
25. Roysie City



Tompkins' Macy Spencer fights through contact during a Class 6A regional quarterfinal against Fort Bend Dulles at the Merrell Center.



The Tompkins girls cross country team before Friday's state meet.

Tompkins boys, girls finish top 12 at state meet

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Both the Tompkins boys and girls cross country teams finished in the top 12 at Friday's Class 6A state cross country meet, bringing a positive end to the Falcons' seasons with a good performance in Round Rock.

The Tompkins girls finished in 12th place as a team, Rowan Saacke led the team by getting 19th place overall, with a time of 18 minutes, 48.90 seconds, Courtney Richman finished 58th with a time of 19 minutes, 46.50 seconds, Mary Alice Sheley finished 84th with a time of 20 minutes, 9.70 seconds, Sophia Ramshaw finished 132nd with a time of 21 minutes, 16.20 seconds, Madeline Bartlett finished 134th with a time of 21 minutes, 18.30 seconds, Jordan Musselman finished 139th with a time of 21 minutes, 26.50 seconds and Meghan Carlson finished 145th with a time of 21 minutes, 40.50 seconds.

Mayde Creek had three finishers in the state meet, with Rachel Solano taking 72nd with a time of 20 minutes, 1.10 seconds, Jamie Klander finished 81st with a time of 20 minutes, 7.70 seconds and Claudia Klander finished 86th with a time of 20 minutes, 13.50 seconds. Cinco Ranch had one individual finisher in Kirsten Thomas, who finished 76th with a time of 20 minutes, 3.70 seconds.

On the boys side, Tompkins finished 11th overall as a team. Mathias Pitzel led the Falcons by finishing 64th overall with a time of 16 minutes, 42.20 seconds, Parker Wood finished 70th overall with a time of 16 minutes, 44.60 seconds, Austin Garcia came in 73rd with a time of 16 minutes, 48.60 seconds, Aiden Ramshaw finished 81st with a time of 16 minutes, 53.40 seconds, Juan Perez-Salas finished 111th with a time of 17 minutes, 20.50 seconds, Aaron Ramshaw finished 113th with a time of 17 minutes, 24.80 seconds and Diego Reyes finished 128th with a time of 17 minutes, 47.50 seconds.

Cinco Ranch finished 15th as a team, with Adrian Hahn Vadstein being the Cougars top finisher, Adam Elbanna finished 89th overall with a time of 16 minutes, 59.80 seconds, Alex Hahn Vadstein finished 90th overall with a time of 17 minutes, 2.90 seconds, Ryan Du Plessis finished 132nd with a time of 17 minutes, with a time of 17 minutes, 51.90 seconds, Henry Ebben came in 134th with a time of 17 minutes, 57.10 seconds, Killan Drouaud came in 137th with a time of 18 minutes and Clarence Walker finished 138th with a time of 18 minutes, 3.60 seconds.

Seven Lakes' Matthew Montgomery was the top boys Katy ISD finisher, coming in 24th with a time of 16 minutes, 16.70 seconds and Reese Sullivan came in 39th with a time of 16 minutes, 26.40 seconds.



Seven Lakes' Reese Sullivan and Matthew Montgomery pose for a photo after Friday's state meet.



A Mayde Creek cross country runner runs during Friday's state meet.



A Cinco Ranch runner finishes at Friday's state meet.



The Tompkins boys take off at the beginning of Friday's state meet.

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Royal clinches first playoff berth in five seasons

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Royal is back in the playoffs.

The Falcons clinched their first playoff berth since 2017 two weeks ago, with a huge 47-7 win over La Marque, as Royal continued to prove itself in District 10-4A-Division II play.

It's been a resurgent year for Royal, who is in the midst of its best season since 2010, and has a chance to make it an even better season than that year with a win next week. The Falcons are currently averaging 34 points per game while giving up under 14 points per game.

Royal finished the regular season by traveling to last Friday and earning a 38-10 win over Columbia to finish the regular season with a 9-1 record and 5-1 in district play, earning the second seed out of their district.

Royal will face Hamshire Fannett (7-3) in the bi-district round, 7 p.m. Friday at Alvin's Freedom Field in Rosharon.



The Brookshire Royal football team.

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