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Royal ISD trustees put bond issue on May ballot

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

With minimal discussion and no debate, Royal ISD trustees Tuesday approved the placement of a \$144 million bond issue on the May general election ballot.

Six of the seven trustees voted for placing the bond. The remaining trustee, Melissa Woods, was not at the meeting.

A district-appointed facilities advisory

committee worked last fall to develop a 37-item list of potential projects, ultimately accepting 36 items for board consideration. The only item rejected was a \$5.25 million land acquisition, which would have been used for two elementary schools.

At Tuesday's meeting, the only question posed was whether the bond, if approved by voters, would necessitate a property tax increase. District officials have said throughout the bond package preparations that no

tax increase was expected.

The 36 projects are split into five categories: safety and security, new construction, athletics, existing facilities and technology.

Quotations Dunn works for the district's transportation department and served on the facilities advisory committee. She also serves on the city's Economic Development Board. She was one of several committee members at Tuesday's meeting and said she

was excited to see the package go on the ballot.

"This is the third committee I've been on," Dunn said. "That was the easy part (getting the package on the ballot). Now we have to sell it to the public."

There is a growing population to consider the measure. Several residential developments are being developed in the district.

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HERE FOR THE FESTIVITIES



KATY HERITAGE SOCIETY

For the Jan. 14 celebration of the Katy Depot's 125th anniversary, Union Pacific Railroad sent the famous M-K-T heritage locomotive to the festivities.

Economy still strong, despite recession concerns

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

The Houston-area economy continues to perform better than the national economy, but concerns remain about a possible recession in 2023, a Greater Houston Partnership official said Tuesday.

Patrick Jankowski is the partnership's senior vice president of research. He and Carlos Guzman, Fort Bend County director of economic opportunity and development, spoke at a Katy Area Economic Development Council meeting at the Embassy Suites, 16435 Katy Fwy.

The recession concerns come as the pandemic recedes into the past. Jankowski said the Houston area lost about 359,400 jobs between March-April 2020, when the pandemic took hold of the global economy. But from May 2020-November 2022, 504,200 jobs have been created locally, for a 144,800 surplus, Jankowski said.

Yet inflation continues to be a concern, and Jankowski said cited some grocery store examples to illustrate. In December 2019, he said, a loaf of bread cost \$1.36. But by December 2022, that price had raised by \$0.51, or 37.4%, to \$1.87. A gallon of whole milk, he said, costs \$4.18, a \$1.02, or 32.1% increase, over the same period.

Jankowski said a pound of lean ground

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U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce president shares insights on doing business in Mexico

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Americans hoping to do business in Mexico often have the misconception that Mexicans can only do selected manual labor tasks, such as cutting yards, washing dishes or cleaning houses. But the economic ties are much stronger, the U.S.-Mex-

ico Chamber of Commerce president said in an interview at the Jan. 11 meeting of the Fulshar Katy Area Chamber of Commerce.

Pete Garcia spoke at the meeting, which was held at Parkway Fellowship, 27403 FM 1093 in Richmond. Stacy Jacobs, director of the Univer-

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GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Don McCoy, Fulshar Katy Area Chamber of Commerce president/CEO; Stacy Jacobs, director of the University of Houston-Texas Gulf Coast Small Business Development Center Network; and Pete Garcia, U.S.-Mexico chamber of commerce president, pose at the Jan. 11 meeting of the Fulshar Katy Area Chamber of Commerce.

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RIDING IN STYLE



SHERRYL ROGERS

Brookshire held its annual Martin Luther King Parade Jan. 14. Apostle Blanche Bailey, left, served as the parade's grand marshal. Sharon Gilliam, Bailey's daughter, rode alongside during the festivities.

Tesla looking to expand with Brookshire facility

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Tesla, the Austin-based electric car manufacturer, plans to lease a one-million square foot warehouse in Brookshire.

The company will lease a warehouse in the Empire West Business Park, 100 Empire Blvd.

It is not immediately clear what the company intends to manufacture at the warehouse. Jeremiah Hill, who serves both as Positive 5 alderman and president of the city's economic development board, said Tesla staffers have been moving things into the warehouse. Hill had no dates on

when there might be an opening, whether official or not.

Despite such ambiguity, Tesla is looking to hire staff for the facility. According to the business social media site LinkedIn, Tesla is looking to hire a production control supervisor, or supervisors, along with a production control associate manager, or managers. More openings can be expected, though it's not immediately clear what kind of jobs, or how many, will be available.

"These will be good, quality jobs," Hill said. "They will be solid, paid positions."

Mike Barnes, who serves both as acting and city administrator and economic development coordinator told board members at their Jan. 5 meeting that Tesla officials have not approached the city for any financial incentives. Nor has HEB,

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Johnson Development plans community in Waller County

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

Johnson Development has formed a new venture with Plow Realty to develop an 1,146-acre tract in Waller County for its 16th Houston-area community. The currently unnamed community, located near Morton Road and FM 2855, will accommodate

about 2,800 homes upon completion. Construction of infrastructure should begin during the second quarter of 2023 with builders receiving homesites during the fourth quarter of 2024. "This is a growing region of Houston and for good reason," Michael Smith, Johnson Development president and CEO, said.

"This is just north of Interstate 10 and is served north/south by the Grand Parkway. Being zoned to Katy Independent School District is another bonus." Homes in the community will have a Katy address. Johnson Development has communities throughout the Houston region, including com-

munities in Fort Bend County, Galveston County, Montgomery County and Harris County. The Houston-based developer — established in 1975 — brought more than 1,600 homesites to the Houston market before the end of 2022. It also closed on a 1,400-acre community in Magnolia last November.

Johnson Development also has communities in Arlington and McKinney in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and in Leander in the Austin area. For the past five years, Johnson Development has had more communities ranked among the nation's top-selling master-planned communities than any other developer in the nation.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FCC map to help Fort Bend County expand broadband services

Fort Bend County residents can now connect to the FCC's new national broadband map, through the county website, as the county continues to lay out plans to expand broadband services and increase access to reliable internet service.

Last year, County Judge KP George and commissioners approved a measure to conduct a broadband feasibility study to better understand the current levels of internet service available in Fort Bend County and identify areas in need of improved infrastructure.

"The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the importance of having home internet access for our workforce, businesses, schools, students, teachers, and parents," George said. "This effort will help address internet availability challenges and bridge the digital divide in underserved and unincorporated areas in Fort Bend County."

The passage of the federal bipartisan billion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act bill in 2021 allocated a total of \$65 billion for broadband improvements. Funding includes over \$42 billion for a new Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program focused on connecting underserved areas by providing money through state grants.

All 50 states were charged with allocating initial funding totaling \$100 million, with additional funding to be distributed based on coverage by the National Broadband Map put out by the FCC. The map is available to residents for their input through a Public Challenge Process.

Residents can now visit the Broadband Data Collection website to view their home or business data and submit a challenge if there are inaccuracies in either the location

information (their address) or availability of coverage listed (service at the address).

Fort Bend residents wishing more information on submitting a public challenge can visit either the county website, fbctx.gov/broadband-project, or the FCC website, broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home.

Fort Bend County Sheriff's office communications operations moves to Office of Emergency Management

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Communication Center has temporarily relocated to the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management due to a nearby electrical fire.

Officials said there is no disruption to emergency 911 calls or the 281-341-4665 nonemergency line. The sheriff's office will continue its dispatch operations at the OEM until further notice.

"We are thankful that nobody got hurt during this situation and that FBCSO dispatchers can continue regular operations in answering calls for service," Fagan said. "We'd also like to give thanks to the volunteers who assisted during the move including Sheriff's Office Support Services and communication personnel, Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, Fort Bend County IT, OEM and MOD Pizza, located on FM 762, for feeding our team. We are grateful for the community partnerships."

Friends of Maud Marks Library to meet Jan. 23

The Friends of Maud Marks Library will hold their annual meeting at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 23 in the meeting room of the library, 1815 Westgreen Blvd. The event is open to the public.

The Friends of Maud Marks Library is a



David Vela, former national parks administrator (left), presents Mayor Dusty Thiele with a copy of his memoir, *Hola Ranger*. Vela, formerly of Wharton, was the featured speaker at the Jan. 11 Katy Area Retired Educators meeting. He shared some of his experiences over his decades-long career.

group of local men and women who have united in support of the library and the programs it offers to the community. The group organizes monthly used book sales and the

money earned is used to support library sponsored programs such as the Summer Reading Program.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Not invited
- Whale ship captain
- One point south of southwest
- Small cavity in a rock
- Recidivists
- City of Angels hoopster
- A way to mark with one's signature
- OJ trial judge
- Rice cooked in broth
- One point east of due south
- One point east of southeast
- Complements an entree
- Grouped by twos
- Disfigure
- Woods
- Political action committee
- Longer of 2 bones in the forearm
- Kin groups
- Philippine Island
- Contrary to
- Bluish-gray fur
- Comprehend the written word
- Natural depressions
- Felines
- Breathe noisily
- Taxi
- Pancake made from buckwheat flour
- Swiss river
- Foot (Latin)

CLUES DOWN

- Green and yellow citrus fruit
- A bright color
- Thicket
- Journalist Tarbell
- A place to work or relax
- Sharp mountain ridge
- Helicopter
- Mimic
- Suggests
- More musty
- Large, flightless rail
- Make beer
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- People who can account for you
- Taunt
- South Dakota
- Cover the entirety of
- Kids' favorite visitor
- A way to save for retirement
- Fencing swords
- C. China mountain range
- Type of sandwich
- Team
- Paddle

CLUES ACROSS

- Partly digested food
- Most cagey
- Shoppers make one
- Cathode-ray tube
- Food supplies
- Backbones
- Concern
- Blood group
- Broadway songwriter Sammy
- Dutch colonist

CLUES DOWN

- Full-grown pike fish
- Deity of a monotheistic cult
- Type of bread
- S. Nigerian people
- Scottish tax
- Young women's association
- Brazilian city
- Hide of a young animal
- Midway between north and northeast

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

SUDOKU

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Officials said the district expects to grow by about 22,000 homes in the next few years, with the student population expected to grow by about 13,000.

The last Royal ISD bond issue, in November 2021, failed. Dunn said while Brookshire is not growing as fast as Katy, Brookshire is still growing by “leaps and bounds.” She felt the growth in the area has helped people see the importance of the bond this time.

“I’m praying they get out and get this thing passed,” Dunn said. “I’m hoping they see the importance of this bond.”



Royal ISD trustees posed for a photo during Tuesday’s meeting at the Royal ISD Administration Building in Pattison. Pictured, from left, are Position 4 Trustee Jimmy Meader, Position 7 Trustee and vice president Rose Jones, Position 1 Trustee and president Scott Hartman, Superintendent Rick Kershner, Position 3 Trustee and Secretary Cori Vahalik, Position 2 Trustee Mariela Aguilar and Position 6 Trustee Elton Foster. Not pictured: Position 5 Trustee Melissa Woods.

SHERREL ROGERS

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beef costs \$6.39, an \$0.87, or 15.7%, increase. He said a one-pound bag of potato chips costs \$6.28, a \$1.75, or 38.7%, increase.

Yet despite the higher prices, Jankowski said the cure would be more higher prices. In this way, he said, the supply-and-demand cycle would balance out and the inflation rate would fall.

Jankowski cited a Wall Street Journal survey, conducted last October, in which 63% of those surveyed believed that a recession was imminent. Another survey, this one of National Association for Business Economics, suggested that 62% of those surveyed thought such the recession would happen in the first quarter of this year, he said.

Yet such predictions don’t necessarily come true. For example, Jankowski said, general expectations of an easy Russian victory in its invasion of Ukraine have not happened. Predictions of a Republican sweep victory in the November 2022 elections did not happen. Predictions of Bitcoin overtaking the dollar did not happen, either.

A recession, were one to occur, would have one of three outcomes, Jankowski said. The recession could be mild, or a “near miss,” or it could be deep and protracted.

Some executives seem to feel a mild recession is forthcoming. Jankowski cited a Conference Board survey of 136 CEOs that was conducted during the last quarter of 2022. He said according to the survey, 44% of the CEOs said they expect to expand their workforce over the next 12 months. This is a 6% decrease from 50% from 2021.

On capital spending, Jankowski said, the same survey said that 86% of CEOs expect their capital budgets to increase



Carlos Guzman, Fort Bend County director of economic opportunity and development; Paul Kurt, Katy Area EDC chairman; Angie Thomason, Katy Area EDC president/CEO; and Patrick Jankowski, Greater Houston Partnership senior vice president of research, pose for a photo at the Katy Area EDC meeting.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER

or remain the same over the next year. This is a 4% increase from 2021, he said.

Jankowski said Houston’s economy remains in good shape. He cited Texas Workforce Commission statistics that said initial claims for unemployment benefits are at the lowest level since 2021. The Purchasing Managers Index, as tracked by the Institute for Supply Management-Houston, is 53.8, which is above

the target figure of 50, he said.

The employment forecast is also expected to be strong, he said. According to Greater Houston Partnership research, even with a mild recession, the Houston area can expect to grow by 60,000 jobs. A “near miss” situation is expected to lead to about 80,000 new jobs. A deep recession is expected to lead to about 30,000 jobs, he said.

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which is expected to lease a 300,000-square foot warehouse near the one for Tesla. Barnes said the city would begin receiving a cash flow from these companies immediately if no financial incentives are implemented.

However, Barnes said, Brookshire city officials have worked with Tesla and HEB on permitting issues.

Barnes said the good news in this is that Brookshire will get an internationally known company in Tesla and a well-known Texas company in HEB.

Barnes described Empire West as the largest spec development in the Greater

Houston area.

“They built that thing without end users, which is unheard of in the economy,” Barnes said. “But we’re fortunate enough in Brookshire to be the recipient of that.”

Hill praised Empire West, which is within the Brookshire city limits, and Stream Realty, which has worked to answer calls about available commercial space. Having these facilities and teams in place speed up the time needed for companies to settle in Brookshire, he said.

Mariela Aguilar, who serves as a member of both the City of Brookshire Economic Development Board

and the Royal ISD Board of Trustees, said in an interview she expected more details would be made public at the Feb. 2 board meeting. The meeting precedes the city council meeting.

Aguilar said she thought the company’s setting up shop in Brookshire was exciting and she looked forward to learning more about it.

“I think Brookshire has a lot to offer,” Aguilar said. “People are excited about it. Brookshire deserves to have a strong economy and resources for its citizens. We’re as qualified as any other community have the economy grow.”

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city of Houston-Texas Gulf Coast Small Business Development Center Network, also spoke briefly.

Garcia said some Americans fail to understand that Mexicans build and sell homes.

“Right now, there are many Mexicans right here that have opened up agricultural businesses,” Garcia said. “But let me add, not only do they build homes, but they build huge complexes. There are over five major high-rises in Houston being built right now. One is on Allen Parkway, and two of them are in the Galleria area. They’re building another one in San Antonio.”

Garcia said a program, called EB-5, provides a type of visa that helps to increase such investment. The U.S. Department of Commerce created EB-5. Houston has a regional chapter.

“They’re called regional chapters that are approved by the government here, and they can be not only for residential and commercial building,” Garcia said. “It can be for technology, for any kind as long as it produces jobs in the United States and brings in foreign investment. These are million-dollar and million-and-a-half dollar investments at each investor has to bring, but one of the key benefits and one of the reasons it’s so popular with Mexicans as they also get a green card and their family gets a green card.”

The Mexican commercial influence in Texas is not limited to construction, Garcia said. A Mexican bread producer, Bimbo, bought out Mrs. Baird’s, which is based in Fort Worth.

“They also did the same thing in Pennsylvania when a lot of the mining businesses went away,” Garcia said. “They put a \$2 billion investment in making bread. They own Sara Lee Corporation. So, there are a lot of companies that are owned here. Cemex is another, on I 10. It’s a cement producer. They provide a lot of jobs and they make a lot of cement. Now, they’re a Mexican company, but they’re global. They’re everywhere in the world.”

But not all Mexican companies in Texas or the U.S. are global, Garcia said.

“Some of the people that were here today I noticed, one of them was in construction and in repair,” Garcia said. “They came from Mexico, but they have to hire people here to do the work. They have to buy the materials here so it’s bringing in jobs that actually we need in the U.S., so it improves our economy, by bringing in those jobs.”

Being bilingual in Spanish and English helps. Garcia said a key factor of why Mexicans speak English so fluently is because they start teaching English in grammar school, for the first grade all the way to the 12th.

“Most of our Spanish doesn’t start until middle school, and it’s only for two or three years,” Garcia said. “So, it’s grades 1-12 here in the U.S. That’s part of the reason that we don’t speak as much Spanish. But considering our population, it would be beneficial.”

Garcia said he created a Latinization program while at Continental Airlines. Under this program, he said, the company brought in high-level Spanish speakers and English speakers to better serve the needs of those respective customers.

“We made sure that we had personnel that spoke English and take care of our English-speaking customers,” Garcia said. “So, we became bilingual but we also get became bicultural. And what I mean by that is, we understood the people better.”

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Given up on your 2023 reading list yet?

“Time Enough at Last.”
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(No, he wasn’t reading on the wing of an airplane! Get your episodes straight, with “The Twilight Zone Companion,” for Pete’s sake!)

True bibliophiles are all the same. Whether our preference is studying the rise and fall of empires or the rise and fall of heaving bosoms, we eagerly anticipate how many volumes we can absorb in the pristine, wide-open next 12 months.

The lucky few exceed their wildest expectations. The rest of us find one obstacle or another curtailing or demolishing our plans.

Some readers persevere and come up only a few chapters short when New Year’s Eve ends. Other poor wretches finish the year woefully short of even scaled-back goals. (“Maybe next year I’ll find out if Thing One and Thing Two get out of that box!”)

Sometimes kowtowing to political correctness is the cause of our failure. (“No, you’re not going to be reading anyone’s ‘Collected Works.’ Works implies a meritocracy! Down with systemic Dewey Decimal System!”)

Family obligations put reading on the back burner. Even if you’re full-blooded Cherokee, you’ll find relatives from “the old country” magically arriving unannounced to spend three weeks!

Sometimes totally unexpected family tragedies intervene. (“Who could have guessed that my ceiling-high stack of backup encyclopedias would somehow bury Grandpa alive? Say, I wonder if Guinness has a record for Most Harrowing Non-Coalmine Rescue Attempt?”)

Finite hours and competition from podcasts, streaming services and video games chip away at good intentions of curling up with a good book. (“Tonight’s true-crime podcast: it’s truly a crime what you’re doing to your poor spine as you curl up with...”)

Sometimes your enthusiasm wanes when you realize no one



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outside your book club cares about the milestones you pride yourself on. (“Dostoevsky? Tolstoy? Aren’t they the guys who invented pickleball? Grab a seat and I’ll tell you about the Volley from Hell...”)

Longer commutes, mandatory overtime and stressful promotions can all cut into precious reading time. Say goodbye to Louis L’Amour and Tom Clancy. Now all you have time to read is “100 Clients You Must Suck Up to Before You Find the Sweet Release of Death.”

Even good news such as grandchildren moving closer can be detrimental to your reading goals. (“Grandpa, why didn’t Stephen King autograph this first-edition book with ink that could withstand peanut butter and jelly?”)

Don’t get me started on social obligations and household chores. Sometimes you just can’t help going into Beastie Boys mode. You gotta fight for your right to paaaaage turn! (“Yes, I could use this pressure washer to clean the vinyl siding or...I could use it to hold you at bay while I finish these brain teasers.”)

Me? With the hope that springs eternal within the heaving or non-heaving human breast, I aspire to finish reading “The Roswell Legacy,” Garry Marshall’s “My Happy Days in Hollywood” and “The Grand Ole Opry: The Making of an American Icon” this year.

I hope that you can meet all your own reading goals this year. Maybe you’ll even order my second self-published book from Amazon. (Search “Danny Tyree Why.”) Hint hint.

“You’re traveling through another dimension, a dimension not only of sight and sound but of Tyree being encouraged to hold onto his day job...”

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



Escape from New York and Southwest Airlines

In the 1980s, I repeatedly watched a recorded copy of the film “Escape from New York” on my family’s Panasonic VCR—complete with tuning knobs the size of hubcaps.

Little did I know that I would star in my own version of the movie (as a domesticated, tattooless and slightly flabby version of Snake Plissken) on a recent holiday vacation to the Big Apple.

Of course, my family and I chose to travel to New York City during one of the coldest Christmas seasons on record—so cold that even the subway rats were wearing The North Face.

One of our most exciting adventures while visiting NYC with a family of five was finding public toilets, which apparently must be booked in advance and require a tour guide. This may explain why, when nature calls, some folks just use the floor of the subway stations.

NYC’s subway system is a true masterpiece of comprehensive filth—to the point that it makes my eldest and most expensive daughter’s bedroom look positively pristine (and that’s saying something). Anytime we had to enter the subway, I felt compelled to apologize to my own germs.

Despite the grime and cold, though, I’m glad I finally made it to this iconic city and thawed my retinas long enough to see the Brooklyn Bridge, Rockefeller Center, Central Park, the Empire State Building, Times Square and the inside of several high-end retail centers where I defrosted my giblets while my three teenage daughters nuked our credit cards. Although getting to New York



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and going bankrupt was easy enough, leaving was another matter entirely.

On our ride from Manhattan to LaGuardia airport for our departure, my wife checked our flight status online and informed me that our flight had been cancelled. At first, I wasn’t too alarmed, assuming that we could catch a later flight and undergo a more leisurely strip search in the TSA line.

However, when we saw the desperate throng at the Southwest Airlines kiosk, I knew something was up, and it wasn’t airplanes.

We discovered that all Southwest flights had been cancelled for the foreseeable future, and to that point, we hadn’t received so much as a text message from the airline confirming the cancellation and offering us a monogrammed airsickness bag as a consolation.

And speaking of airsickness, as we approached the back of the customer service line, one nauseated Southwest customer hastily exited the queue to toss his New York cheesecake all over the check-in lobby (three times). For a second, I thought the crowd might applaud him for expressing our collective feelings so succinctly. But nobody seemed to notice much. (They had probably ridden the subway recently.)

To make a long story of a long trip short, we managed to finance another night in a NYC hotel, booked an American Airlines flight to Arkansas the next evening, ate Taco Bell twice, rented a car and drove to Dallas through the night to pick up our own car, then drove home to East Texas and somehow survived it all—including the Taco Bell.

The trip was truly an adventure that brought our family closer together through shared trauma, and we’re still hopeful that Southwest Airlines will reimburse us for our extra expenses. Maybe they’ll even throw in a monogrammed airsickness bag.

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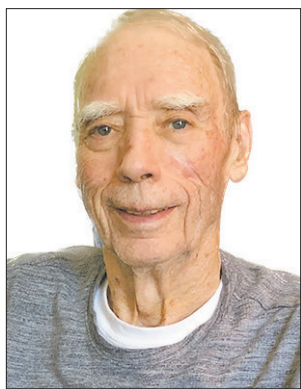
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TRIBUTE

Loren "Dean" Dolph, 84, of Katy, Texas passed away Thursday, December 15, 2022 in Cedar Park, Texas. He was born to the late Loren Otis Dolph and Mary McGinnis Dolph, in Maryville, Missouri. Dean spent his childhood years raised and surrounded by loving family in Kansas. He graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1956. He was drafted into the Army in 1960 and served 2 years with the 1st Infantry Division, "The Big Red One," based in Fort Riley, Kansas. He worked as a Research Technician at Shell Oil from 1958 until his retirement in 1999.



LOREN DEAN DOLPH

He began his work for Shell in Long beach, California, where he met his former wife, Betty "Lynne" Bechtel and they had two children. When Shell opened their Houston Westhollow Technology Center, Dean was transferred and relocated his family to Katy, Texas in 1975. He happily remained settled in Katy and married Martha B. Dolph in 2003. Dean was a passionate fan of basketball, especially the Los Angeles Lakers and the Houston Rockets, and spent a number of years coaching for the Katy Youth Basketball Association. He also enjoyed his time as an active member of the Houston Popular Rotocraft Association and frequently enjoyed road trips to Gyrocopter Fly-Ins at airports across the U.S.

Dean is survived by his wife, Martha Dolph; and his two daughters; Traci Hickman and her husband, Steve of Jonestown, Texas and Amy Leonard and her husband, Kevin of Dawsonville, Georgia; grandchildren, Jessica Hickman, Rebecca Berger and husband Ethan, and Kyle Hickman; his sister Caryn Hill of Bennett, Colorado; his nieces, Erin Dolph of Topeka, Kansas and Dawn Sook of Cumming, Georgia, and nephew, Ian Dolph, of Lago Vista, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father, Loren Otis Dolph in 1988, his mother, Mary Dolph in 2004, brothers, Norman, Stanley and sister, Carol.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 10:00 AM at Venture Christian Church in Katy, TX.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Cedar Pointe Health and Wellness of Cedar Park, Texas for their love and care of Dean during the last year of his life as well as his at-home caregivers, Cora Bock, Ronda Gabriel and Janice Lewis. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hearing Loss Association of America @ <https://www.hearingloss.org/>.

Enclave at Bear Creek single-home family community to open in Katy

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

KB Home is opening Enclave at Bear Creek, a new, single-family home community in Katy. Enclave at Bear Creek is near 1-10, Highway 6 and Grand Parkway for an easy commute to major Houston-area employment centers, including the Energy Corridor.

KB Home said Enclave at Bear Creek residents will enjoy nearby shopping and dining at Katy Mills shopping center, The Shoppes at Grand Crossing and Lakeland Village Center. The community is also close to Bear Creek Pioneers Park for a variety of outdoor recreation, including walking trails, picnic areas, fishing, playgrounds and sports fields.

The homes at Enclave at Bear Creek showcase popular design characteristics like large kitchens overlooking great rooms, expansive bedroom suites with walk-in closets, and spacious lofts. The one- and two-story floor plans feature up to five bedrooms and three baths, and range in size from approximately 1,000 to 2,600 square feet. Enclave at Bear Creek is zoned for Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District.

"Enclave at Bear Creek's commuter-friendly location provides easy access to major highways for a quick commute to Houston-area employment centers, and residents will also enjoy the close proximity to a variety of shopping, dining and entertainment at Boardwalk at Towne Lake," Brett Dietz, KB Home Houston division president, said. "As with other KB Home communi-



KB HOME/BUSINESS WIRE

KB Home announces the grand opening of Enclave at Bear Creek, a new-home community in Katy, Texas.

ties, Enclave at Bear Creek provides home shoppers with the opportunity to purchase a new KB home that can be personalized to reflect their lifestyle and needs."

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The Enclave at Bear Creek sales office and model homes are open for walk-in visits and private in-person tours by appointment. Homebuyers also have the flexibility to arrange a live video tour with a sales counselor. Pricing begins from the \$230,000s.

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Katy, Waller County visits highlight Make-A-Wish activities for two youngsters

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Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana over the past few days has granted the wishes of two Madison, Wis., students who share the same nervous system disorder. Those wishes included visits to Katy and Waller County to savor some of the local attractions.

William, age 14, and Madeline, age 12, each chose experiences they could only have in Southeast Texas. William has always been fascinated by construction, heavy equipment, and architecture, so he chose to visit Dig World in Katy. He and his family enjoyed a private visit, on Jan. 13, to Dig World at Katy Mills Mall. Although normally closed on Fridays, Dig World opened for the family and provided an exclusive opportunity to explore the park.

On Jan. 14-15, Madeline's selected activities included VIP experiences at the Houston Zoo, and highlighted by a private giraffe feeding) and



MAKE-A-WISH

William, a 14-year-old from Madison, Wis., shows his machinery skills during a private Jan. 13 visit to the Dig World construction theme park at Katy Mills Mall. William's visit to Texas came courtesy of Make-A-Wish Texas Gulf Coast and Louisiana.

Children's Museum Houston. Finally, William on Jan. 16 enjoyed one more construction experience, as he

explored one of EE Reed's active sites in Waller and learned about the various aspects of the industry.

TREE PLANTING



Workers with the city's Parks and Recreation Department plant an oak tree, one of several trees added at various city parks on Jan. 12. The city said 75 trees were donated as part of a tree giveaway through Moon Valley Nurseries and Scenic Texas. Keep Katy Beautiful board members fostered the remaining trees.

CITY OF KATY

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Katy ISD Virtual School registration opens Feb. 1

Registration for Katy ISD Virtual School, which permits high school students to take advanced courses, opens Feb. 1.

For more information, visit the website katyisd.org/kvs.

Texas Chili Cookoff, to benefit Katy ISD FFA, set for Feb. 11

The Texas Chili cookoff, benefiting the Katy ISD FFA, is set for 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 11 at the American Furniture Warehouse parking lot, 500 Pin Oak Rd.

Cost to register a team or business booth is \$200. Sponsorships are still available, ranging from \$500-\$2,500.

Celebrity and community judges will evaluate the food and booths.

For more information, contact the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce at 281-391-5289.

Katy High director wins award

Charlie Woods, Katy High School technical director, has won the 2023 Texas Thespians Trailblazer Award.

Woods will receive his award at the Texas Thespians Educator Conference in Rockwall. According to its website, Texas Thespians, an affiliate chapter of the



CHARLIE WOODS

Educational Theater Association (EDTA), is the largest such chapter in the nation. Chapters support the mission of the Educational Theatre Association's student honor organization, the International Thespian Society.

Katy native named to Marquette University dean's list

Maggie Pierce of Katy has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee. Pierce is pursuing a bachelor's degree in finance.

To make the dean's list, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the fall 2022 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college.

Cinco Ranch graduate named to Northern Illinois University dean's list

Jacob Conacher, a Cinco Ranch High School graduate, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

To make the dean's list, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts. Conacher is majoring in software development.

—CONTRIBUTED REPORTS

ROYAL BAND PLAYS MLK BLOCK PARTY



SHERREL ROGERS

The Royal Marching Sound Machine plays at the annual Brookshire MLK Celebration block party, held Jan. 14.



GOLD MEDAL ARTIST

Royal STEM student Ester Castro has received a gold medal from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Committee. Her artwork, left, will be on display in NRG Center throughout the show, which runs Feb. 28-March 19.

ROYAL ISD

ASPIRING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ACADEMY



KATY ISD

Katy ISD last weekend kicked off its inaugural Aspiring Assistant Principal Academy (AAPA) at Tays Junior High. The program is a cooperative effort with the University of Houston-Victoria and is providing leadership skills and learning to 26 select teachers, programs administrators and instructional coaches.



OFFICER VISITS STUDENTS

Katy ISD Police Cpl. Elvin Paley recently paid a visit to students at Memorial Parkway Elementary, where he spoke about what it means to be a community helper.

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Katy survives Tompkins comeback

Tigers cement their spot at the top of District 19-6A

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy had been looking forward to Tuesday all season. The Tigers had marked the Tompkins game on their calendars — they knew coming into the season how important it would be to beat a team that they had struggled against the previous two years, and they knew how important it would be to beat Tompkins if they wanted to achieve their goal of winning a District 19-6A title.

After Tuesday, its mission accomplished to the first of the Tigers goals, and they've set themselves up well for the rest of the district schedule after a huge 51-48 win over Tompkins, as Katy pulled two games ahead of the pack for the first spot in district with the win.

"It's a great feeling," said Brianna Nelson. We've lost to them the past few years and really struggled, so to get both wins over them this season in special. It's just an amazing feeling because we've put so much work into this and you can see it paying off."

Katy came out defensively in a box-and-



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Nyla Wold dribbles the ball up the court during Tuesday's game between Katy and Tompkins at the Katy gym.

one defense, as they were focused on slowing down Macy Spencer, one of the toughest offensive players to guard in the district.

The tactic worked, as the senior was limited to just three points in the first half by the stingy Katy defense. Everyone on Tompkins struggled in the first half and Katy took advantage, taking those misses and turning them into transition opportunities and points as they took a 28-15

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DOMENIC GREY | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Brianna Nelson goes up for a layup during Tuesday's game between Katy and Tompkins at the Katy gym.

WEEK OF JANUARY 20

SCORES & SCHEDULES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday

- Katy vs. Jordan, 7 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Taylor 7 p.m.

Tuesday

- Seven Lakes vs. Mayde Creek, 7 p.m.
- Katy vs. Paetow, 7 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Jordan, 7 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Saturday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 1 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Tompkins, 1 p.m.
- Katy vs. Jordan, 1 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Morton Ranch, 1 p.m.

Tuesday

- Jordan vs. Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Katy, 7 p.m.
- Moton Ranch vs. Taylor, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Friday

- Tompkins vs. Seven Lakes, 7:15 p.m.
- Jordan vs. Paetow, 7:15 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Cinco Ranch, 7:15 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Katy, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday

- Taylor vs. Tompkins, 7:15 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Morton Ranch, 7:15 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Mayde Creek, 7:15 p.m.
- Katy vs. Jordan, 7:15 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Friday

- Paetow vs. Jordan, 7:15 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch vs. Morton Ranch, 7:15 p.m.
- Katy vs. Mayde Creek, 7:15 p.m.
- Seven Lakes vs. Tompkins, 7:15 p.m.
- Taylor vs. Cy-Falls, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday

- Jordan vs. Tompkins, 7:15 p.m.
- Morton Ranch vs. Seven Lakes, 7:15 p.m.
- Mayde Creek vs. Cinco Ranch, 7:15 p.m.
- Tompkins vs. Taylor, 7:15 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Thursday-Saturday

- All Katy ISD teams at District 19-6A meet

Taylor earns huge win over Cinco Ranch



TYLER TYRE

Aidean Rainey shoots over a defender during Wednesday's game between Cinco Ranch and Taylor at the Cinco Ranch gym.

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Taylor is in a battle near the top of District 19-6A.

The Mustangs have dealt with a number of teams vying for playoff position, as a number of schools all have been fighting to get into the top four and in playoff position.

All of that makes every game important in the district, but none more so than what the Mustangs faced Wednesday night.

Taylor had a chance to move two games ahead of fourth place Cinco Ranch when they faced the Cougars and stay within reach of first

place. And they did just that, having to fight until the last moment but coming away with a 55-48 win over the Cougars in what was a back and forth affair.

"This is such a competitive district from top to bottom," said Taylor head coach Matthew Brayton. "It is going to be a dogfight every single night and we talk about being focused on every game. But we knew how important tonight would be — it's very hard to come to Cinco Ranch and win a game. To come in here and fight the way we did and get this win, it's huge."

It was a back and forth

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TYLER TYRE

Macy Spencer drives baseline during Friday's game between Tompkins and Cinco Ranch at the Tompkins gym.

Tompkins tops Cinco Ranch in bounce back victory

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

It would have been easy for Tompkins to have a letdown on Friday night.

The Falcons came off a hard fought game on Tuesday and were up against another big challenger in the Cougars that had been strong all season and had everything to play for as they were trying to get back into a tie for second place in District 19-6A with a win.

But the Falcons didn't just avoid a letdown — they did the exact opposite, putting together a strong gameplan on

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Lovie Smith was never the answer

But where do the Texans go from here?

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Lovie Smith had to go. It was obvious after a season where there was little improvement from a young team and a horrendous record that Smith was not the head coach of the future for the Houston Texans and that it was time to move on.

But for many, this was readily apparent from the moment that Smith hired. He was never going to be a long term fit with the organization or with a team rebuilding from the ground up.

Which leaves the question, why was he hired in the first place, and where do the Texans go from here? This will be a hugely important hire for the Texans to get right, but it is also a job that many top candidates might be wary of after the direction of the Houston organization in the past few years.

Prior to Nick Caserio coming aboard as General Manager in 2021, the Texans had never fired a coach. Now they will have fired

two in two seasons and will be on their fourth head coach in four years after the new hire.

Caserio talked up the job at a press conference earlier this week, talking about the multitude of picks the Texans have, the salary cap space available to the team and the chance to mold a young and talented roster.

But why would any up and coming coach who has options choose the Texans? An organization that has been in so much turmoil over the past few years with firings of coaches, infighting among staff, a new owner in Cal McNair that has struggled with making big decisions and a general manager that is feeling the pressure to make the right hire if he wants to keep his own job?

These are questions that Caserio and McNair will have to question to any potential head coach as they attempt to build a new coaching staff from the ground up once again.

The Texans have become a laughingstock to people in the



Former Houston Texans head coach Lovie Smith during a timeout in an NFL game between the Texans and the Colts on September 11, 2022 in Houston. The game ended in a 20-20 tie after a scoreless overtime period.

greater Houston area and it's on Caserio and McNair to take the steps to repair the teams image. The scene at Texans final home game this year against the Jaguars was among the saddest I have seen, with more empty seats than full as the fans that were in atten-

dance booed the team off the field after the final whistle. The Texans' past two head coaches were ones no one else wanted. Houston hired David Culley when no other team was interested. Then they hired Smith, who also didn't get a head coach-

ing interview with any other team last offseason. Now it's do or die for Caserio and McNair — there isn't Jack East-erby to blame any more, there isn't a quarterback-less team to blame. Make a good decision, or lose the fan base.

Seven Lakes, Taylor win brackets at I-10 shootout



Taylor's team poses for a photo after winning the Mustang bracket at the I-10 shootout on Saturday.



Seven Lakes head coach Kaitlyn Edison and Vicki Ott pose for a photo after Ott was named a player of the tournament at the I-10 shootout on Saturday.



Katy's Alejandra Yague was named one of the players of the tournament at the I-10 shootout on Saturday.



Alex Ledbetter was named a player of the tournament at the I-10 shootout on Saturday.



Taylor head coach Mike Agiannidis and Kendall Hemperley pose for a photo after Hemperley was named a player of the tournament at the I-10 shootout on Saturday.

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes and Taylor won their brackets at the I-10 shootout in what was a great weekend of competition hosted by the Katy ISD schools, as everyone gets ready for the grind of district schedules on their heels.

Seven Lakes won the Spartan bracket, topping Cy-Woods in the final 1-0 and having Vicki Ott win a player of the tournament award for her work in the bracket. Seven Lakes started the tournament with a 3-0 win over Montgomery before beating Wakeland 2-1 to get to the final.

Taylor finished as the champions of the Mustang bracket after beating Clements 3-1 in the final, after beating Cy-Falls 4-0 in the first round and beating Lamar 2-1 in the second round. Kendall Hemperley was named the player of the tournament for the Taylor bracket as well as the Mustangs had a strong finish before heading back to District 19-6A play next week.

Mayde Creek fell in the final of the Ram bracket, 9-0 to Summer Creek, and had Alexia Richard named as one of the players of the tournament. The Rams had rolled through the first two games of the tournament, beating Aldine Davis 8-0 and Westbury 7-0 before falling to Summer Creek.

Jordan fell in the final of the Falcon bracket after Tompkins fell in the semifinal on penalties to Tomball



Mayde Creek's Alexia Richard was named a player of the tournament at the I-10 shootout on Saturday.

Memorial. Jordan also made it to penalties before losing 4-2 and had Alex Ledbetter named one of the players of the tournament. The Warriors made the final after topping Cy-Ranch 2-1 and beating Cy-Fair 3-0.

Katy also made it to the final of their Tiger bracket, but lost in penalties to St. Agnes, 5-4 after things ended 0-0 in regulation. Katy made the final after beating Clear Springs 2-0 and La

Porte 4-0. The Tigers also had Alejandra Yague named one of the players of the tournament.

Cinco Ranch lost in the first round of the Cougar bracket, which was won by Bridgeland and Paetow lost in the first round of the Panther bracket, which was won by Brazoswood, while Morton Ranch fell in the first round of the Mavericks bracket, which was won by Lumberton.



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Tompkins places five players on All-State team

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Five Tompkins players were named to the Blue Bell/Texas Sports Writers Association All-State team on Friday, as the accolades continued pouring in for the Falcons after they reached the Class 6A state final this season.

Cindy Tchouangwa was the top award winner from the school and district, being named to the second team as an outside hitter. The senior led the Falcons with 590 kills and 40 blocks this season, while she also added 504 digs and 42 aces this year, leading the Falcons to their best season in the programs history.

The Falcons had four players that were named honorable mentions, adding to Tchouangwa who was second team. Tendai Titley and Skylar Skrabanek were both named honorable mentions as outside hitters, while Presley Powell was named to the team as a setter and Brooklynn Merrell was named to the team as a libero.

Titley had 468 kills, 487 digs, 62 aces and 37 blocks on the season while Skrabanek had 325 kills, 457 digs, 22 blocks and eight assists this year. Powell ended the season with 694 assists, 147 digs, 56 kills and 29 blocks and Merrell had 680 digs, 104 aces, 56 kills and eight kills.

The coach and player of the year both went to Dripping Springs, which beat Tompkins in the state title game, with Michael Kane winning coach of the year and Mackenzie Plante winning player of the year.

Following is the full Class 6A Blue Bell-Texas Sports Writers Association All-State Volleyball Team.

- COACH OF THE YEAR: Michael Kane, Dripping Springs
- PLAYER OF THE YEAR:



Cindy Tchouangwa spikes the ball during a state final between Tompkins and Dripping Springs at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland.



Tendai Titley spikes a ball during a Class 6A State Semifinal between Tompkins and Keller on Friday at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland.

- Anderson, Dripping Springs; Cindy Tchouangwa, Katy Tompkins; Reagan Sharp, Keller
- Middle blockers: Chloe Tuiasosopo, Copperas Cove; Marjorie Johnson, The Woodlands; Ruthie Swain, Atascocita
 - Setter: Callie Kieffer, Prosper
 - Libero: Kea Whillock, Keller

THIRD TEAM

- Outside hitters: Ayden Ames, Prosper; Emma Halstead, Brandeis; Ana Garza, Alvin
- Middle blockers: Emily Carranco, Edinburg; Rheanna Dee-Jackson, Atascocita; Wylie Singleton, Alvin
- Setter: Claire Dewine, The Woodlands
- Libero: Richelle Guerra, Brownsville Rivera

HONORABLE MENTION

- Outside hitters: Tendai Titley, Katy Tompkins; Ella Lewis, The Woodlands; Skylar Skrabanek, Katy Tompkins; Ryan Williams, Fort Bend Travis; Samyah Medford, Mansfield Lake Ridge; Ava Williamson, Dripping Springs; Macy Taylor, Sachse; Julia Hopkins, Round Rock Westwood; Mackenzie Strban, Alvin; Jade Workman, Odessa Permian
- Middle blockers: Victoria Burns, Mansfield Lake Ridge; Kennedy Jones, Pearland Dawson; Soniya Garner, Mansfield Lake Ridge
- Setters: Korrigan Wright, Alvin; Presley Powell, Katy Tompkins; Hailey Vega, Edinburg
- Libero: Cory Breaux, Alvin; Brooklynn Merrell, Katy Tompkins; Lola Fernandez, Round Rock Westwood; Kynzie Lilly, Fort Bend Travis

Mackenzie Plante, Dripping Springs

FIRST TEAM

- Outside hitters: Makenzie Plante, Dripping Springs; Bianna Muoneke, Cypress Ranch; Emma Patmon, Cedar Ridge
- Middle blockers: Favor

Anyanwu, Sachse; Natalie Arnold, Dripping Springs; Adell Murray, Fort Bend Austin

- Setter: Taylor Polivka, Keller
- Libero: Molly Tuozzo, The Woodlands

SECOND TEAM

- Outside hitters: Henley

PHOTOS BY TYLER TYRE

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lead at halftime. A big reason for that was the play of Nelson, who was a force on the boards and in the paint through the whole game.

"Brianna is just such a presence down there," said Katy head coach Shanna Marhofer. "Whether it's posting up, rebounding, scoring — she just does it all and plays her role. She does everything right, she works to get space, she boxes out and she does all of the little things. Brianna understands her role on the team is being in that rebound game. She has so many double-doubles this year and it's because she has that heart."

Katy knew Tompkins would make a run and it happened in the second half. The Falcons' offense found their rhythm in the third quarter before Spencer willed the team back into things in the fourth quarter. Katy had to hold on as Spencer scored 14 points in the fourth and brought the Falcons all the way from 11 down with just over three minutes to go to three points down in the final seconds.

"We just had to want it," said junior guard Ashlynn Alexander. "We had to not let the fatigue get to us, not make bad decisions and play the best defense we could. It got close but we knew that we would make the plays when we needed to."

In the end, it was Katy which pulled out the win and Katy which

District 19-6A

KATY 51, TOMPKINS 48

Points: (K) Lyric Barr 17, Ella Robinson 13, Brianna Nelson 12, Ashlynn Alexander 6, Nyla Wold 3; (T) Macy Spencer 24, Gabby Panter 12, Rihanna DeLeon 5, Bella Riggan 5, Sascha Coughran 2, Fiyin Adeleye 1;

Halftime: Katy 28-15; 3-pointers: (K) Robinson 3, Barr 2, Wold; (T) Spencer 5, Riggan, DeLeon, Panter; Records: (K) 23-1, 9-0; (SL) 19-6, 7-2;

is in prime position to go and clinch a district title if they take care of business the rest of the way, as the Tigers sit two games up on Tompkins, which is in second place.

But the Tigers' work isn't over, and they know there can be no let ups the rest of the way.

"This win was so huge, our kids just wanted it," said Katy head coach Shanna Marhofer. "They've been locked in preparing for this and they couldn't wait or this game to get here. They played so well, especially in the first half tonight. But we're not done — we have a lot of talent in this district, and every team is coming for us. We have to stay focused in practice and in preparation. No one is going to give us any games."

TOMPKINS

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both sides of the floor and topping Cinco Ranch 61-40 in what was a dominant defensive performance where the Falcons' offense also got back on track.

"It was a great job by the players and I'm just proud of all of them," said Tompkins head coach Tamatha Ray. "I would have never have guessed that we would beat that Cinco team by 20 points. I'm just proud of the way they responded — they weren't happy after losing to Katy and these are high school kids, you never know which way things will go in that moment. They picked themselves back up and came out and played a heck of a game."

The Falcons had their defense going from the start and made things difficult for the Cougars with a strong zone that didn't allow any of Cinco Ranch's guards space to create shot opportunities.

Things remained tight through the first quarter before the Tompkins offense started getting into it in the second, as they grew things from a three-point lead to a 22-15 lead at halftime.

"We had a plan coming in," said sophomore guard Rihanna DeLeon. "We knew we couldn't let Aniya (Foy) get to her spots on the floor and we knew we couldn't let Danielle (Williams) have space to shoot. We just followed the game-plan and we played well, boxed

District 19-6A

TOMPKINS 61, CINCO RANCH 40

Points: (T) Rihanna DeLeon 20, Macy Spencer 16, Fiyin Adeleye 12, Bella Riggan, 7, Gabby Panter 4, Tanya Philip 2; (CR) Sophie Baran 12, Aniya Foy 10, Camille Torrence 6, Maddy Lee 4, Danielle Williams 3, Kinsley Harding 2;

Halftime: Tompkins 22-15, 3-Pointers: (T) DeLeon 6, Spencer 2, Riggan; (CR) Foy, Williams; Records: Tompkins: 21-6, 8-2; Cinco Ranch: 20-8, 6-4

out and got rebounds."

The Falcons opened up their lead in the third quarter behind a huge effort from DeLeon, as she made two of her six three pointers in the quarter and had seven points, completely opening up the Cinco Ranch defense and opening up space for her teammates as well who were able to take advantage.

"She's just critical for us and when she's making that 3-pointer it opens up so much of the floor for us," Ray said. "The defense starts flying around and it opens up the inside and passing lanes, that shot starts a lot of things for us."

The Falcons opened up a 14 points lead after the third quarter and only grew it the rest of the

way, DeLeon led the Falcons with 20 points, while Macy Spencer had 16 points and Fiyin Adeleye had 12 points.

But the unsung hero of the Falcons was Gabby Panter, who took pressure off of Spencer by being the secondary ball-handler, played great defense, rebounded and did every small thing that the Falcons needed, just as she has done all season.

"She's just so important, she hardly ever comes off the floor and she by our metrics leads the team in her value while she's on the court compared to when she's off," Ray said. "She doesn't fill up the stat sheet with points but she does everything so well and does so much for us. If we don't have her, this team isn't nearly as successful as it is. It's the same thing with Fiyin and Tanya — those three are such a huge piece to this team."

The Falcons sit two games back of the district lead and know that they still have work to do the rest of the way in a tough district, but they have also seen the growth of this team and know they can keep getting better."

"We have high expectations and we just have to keep working and improving to meet those," Spencer said. "We have a lot of different players that have stepped up this year and we just have to keep working, keep getting better and not let our foot off the gas."



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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit by Nice Birdie, llc dba Nice Birdie, to be located at 20820 Park Row Dr, Katy, Harris County, Texas. Officer of said corporation is Lane Kim, owner.

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Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 43 (Subchapter C-3), the City Council of the City of Pattison, Texas, ("City") will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at the Pattison City Hall, 3410 1st Street, Pattison, Texas 77466, at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comments from any persons interested in the annexation the opportunity to be heard regarding the institution of voluntary (consent) annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of the City to include approximately 1.4905 acres, more or less, out of 5.4901 acres tract, so that all 5.4901 acres will be annexed into the City of Pattison. Property is owned by DAVID BORG and located near Ave J and 6th Street, Pattison, Texas, 77423.

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Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available at www.civcastusa.com. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, and any attachments for this project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

The project to be constructed will be financed with assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Department of Labor and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful Bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Adherence to TDA Policy Issuance regarding Federal Revisions for Section 3 Requirements is required for all contracts and subcontracts.

ATTENTION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2252.908, unless you are a publicly traded entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of same, you must be able to provide The City of Pattison (the "Owner") with printed and signed copies of a completed disclosure of interested parties form (Form 1295) and a certificate of filing at the time of the Owner's execution of the contract. Failure to do so will result in the Owner's inability to execute the contract. To complete the disclosure of interested parties form, or for further information, please visit the Texas Ethics Commission's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us>.

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

There will be a pre-bid conference in the offices of Quiddity Engineering, LLC, Consulting Engineers, 2322 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy, TX 77449 at 10:00 a.m., January 27, 2023. Attendance is not mandatory.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 60 calendar days from the date bids are open.

All contractors subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

City of Pattison, Mayor Joe Garcia, Publication Dates January 19 and 26, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to build a 44-foot monopole small cell communications tower at the approx. vicinity of 6824 2/3 South Fry Road, Katy, Fort Bend County, TX 77494. Lat:[29-42-54.03] Long:[-95-48-33.85]. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp, Alec, a.nimkoff@trileaf.com, 2550 S IH 35, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704. 512.519.9388.*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Units are being sold to satisfy the storage company's lien at 14122 Hirschfield Rd, Tomball, TX 77377, Jan. 28, 8 AM to Feb. 3, 10 PM at storage-treasures.com. Tenant cannot bid less than owed. Nancy Scott: 10x15 Unit, incl. Large Appliances, Furniture & Decor, Misc Smalls. Sarah Coffey: 10x10 Unit incl. Large & Small Appliances, Furniture, Boxes & Goods. Joshua Martin: 10x10 Unit incl. Washer, Dresser, Workout Equip., Building Material. Sandra Satterwhite: 10x17 unit incl. Piano, Records, Figurines, Furniture. Marla Harris: 10x10 unit incl. Bed Frame/Mattress, Clothes, Couch, Chairs.

Annual Report Public Hearing Scheduled January 23, 2023

The Katy Independent School District will conduct a public hearing for the 2021-2022 Annual Report on January 23, 2023. The hearing will be held during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Katy ISD Board of Trustees at 5:00 p.m. in the Katy ISD Administration Building at 6301 South Stadium Lane.

Texas Education Code 39.306 requires each school district's board of trustees to publish an annual report that includes the Texas Academic Performance Report, campus performance objectives, a report of violent or criminal incidents along with prevention and intervention policies, information received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the district's accreditation status, and the progress towards goals set for early childhood literacy and math proficiency as well as college, career, military readiness.

COMPETITIVE BIDDING NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

The County of Waller proposes to purchase the following items on competitive bid:

- COLD MIX ASPHALTIC PAVEMENT EMULSIFIED ASPHALT & HAULING HAULING SERVICES FOR GRAVEL & AGGREGATE MATERIAL
- HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) PIPE
- HYDRATED LIME
- RECLAIMED ASPHALTIC PAVEMENT
- USED TANK CARS
- PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND REFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKERS
- BRIDGE GUARDRAIL REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENTS
- HOT MIX ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVEMENT (HMAC) & HAULING (Pct. 1 & Pct.2)
- HOT MIX ASPHALTIC CONCRETE PAVEMENT (HMAC) & HAULING (Pct. 3 & Pct. 4)

Bids will be received by the Waller County Auditor, Alan Younts February 14, 2023 until 2:00 pm in the office of County Auditor at 836 Austin Street, Suite 221, Hempstead, Texas 77445. Bids shall be opened by Commissioners' Court at 9:00 a.m. February 15, 2023, in the Waller County Courtroom, Hempstead, Texas 77445. The Court shall award the contract on February 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Waller County Courtroom, during open session of Commissioners' Court to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and best bid.

A contract shall not be awarded to a bidder who is not the lowest dollar bidder meeting specifications unless, before the award, each lower bidder is given notice of the proposed award, and is given an opportunity to appear before the Commissioners' Court and present evidence concerning the lower bidder's responsibility.

Bid award shall be based on either unit price or lump sum as indicated on the BID SHEET.

Method of payment will be by check upon completion and acceptance of the work or the fulfillment of the purchase obligation to the County.

Bid Forms may be downloaded from the Waller County web site at www.co.waller.tx.us.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien.

Sale to be held ONLINE AUCTION storage-treasures.com. The facility is at FRY ROAD MINI STORAGE, 20150 Park Row, Katy, TX 77449. Bidding will open at 10:00 am on January 23, 2023 and end at 12:00 pm on January 30, 2023. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Al Boyce, Deanne Midgell Morales, Kenneth D Moulden, Sierra Mothershed, Gloria M. Munoz, Corey Farrow.

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Sale to be held ONLINE AUCTION storage-treasures.com. The facility is at Huffmeister Mini Storage 13710 Huffmeister RD, Cypress, TX 77429. Bidding will open at 10:00 am on January 23, 2023 and end at 12:00 pm on January 30, 2023. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Steven Harris, Paulino Ramirez, Jennifer Goings, Adam Griffin.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien.

Sale to be held ONLINE at storage-treasures.com. The facility is BEAR CREEK MINI STORAGE 17730 Kieth Harrow Blvd, Houston, TX 77084. Bidding will open at 10:00 am on January 23, 2023, and end at 12:00 pm on January 30, 2023. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. The seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale ends. Unit items are sold as-is to the highest bidder for cash. The property includes contents of space of the following tenants: Jadarrian Morris, Uranius Thomas, Isabel Garcia, Jeffery Patrick Miller, Edward Chaviev, Sandra Caceres, Jason Saxton.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Small Claims Publication Summons And Notice
Case No 2022SC005714
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DANE COUNTY

Plaintiff(s):
BCG Equities, LLC
225 S. Executive Dr.
Brookfield WI 53005

-vs-

Defendant(s):
Deja Greer
2307 Grey Reef Dr
Katy TX 77449-3689


TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court:
Dane County Courthouse
Telephone Number of clerk of court: 608-266-4311
215 South Hamilton Street Madison, WI 53703-3285
on the following date and time:
Date: 2/7/2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Electronically Signed by Richard E. Stueckroth
Attorney's State Bar Number 1101071
Date 1/11/2023

Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC
225 S. Executive Dr. Suite 201
Brookfield, WI. 53005
Plaintiff's/Attorney's Telephone Number 262.641.3715



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION (CONSENT) INTO CITY OF PATTISON, TEXAS

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 43 (Subchapter C-3), the City Council of the City of Pattison, Texas, ("City") will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at the Pattison City Hall, 3410 1st Street, Pattison, Texas 77466, at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comments from any persons interested in the annexation the opportunity to be heard regarding the institution of voluntary (consent) annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of the City to include approximately 1.000 acres, more or less, out of a 20.0413 acre tract of property owned by JUAN FLORES and BREEANN FLORES and located near Clapp Road and FM 359 Pattison, Texas 77423.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ORDINANCE NO. 3073 BEARING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KATY, TEXAS, ON JANUARY 9, 2023:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF KATY ZONING ORDINANCE 621; BY GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT THAT ALLOWS, A SPECIAL USE, TO WIT: A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION IN A "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT LOCATED AT 5038 EAST FIFTH STREET, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH LAWNA KATY TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF UP TO \$2,000 DOLLARS PER DAY FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THE ORDINANCE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Katy, Texas will hold a Public Hearing to review the performance under its Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Contract #19-076-013-B362 with the Texas General Land Office in which funds were used for drainage improvements for the City of Katy.

The Public Hearing will be held as follows:
Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2023
Time: 5:00 P.M.
Place: City of Katy
901 Avenue C
Katy, TX 77493

Agenda:
1. Review of the CDBGDR Contract #19-076-013-B362
2. Citizens' views, proposals, questions and comments.

Handicapped individuals who wish to attend this meeting should contact the Katy City Hall to arrange for assistance.

If you are unable to attend, please mail your views and comments to:
Becky McGrew
City Secretary
City of Katy
901 Avenue C
Katy, TX 77493
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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 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2023, 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 - Section 37, 42 - 45
Project No. 015-210-21

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 1:00 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 sidewalk, entry monuments, planting space and irrigation infrastructure zoning.

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.

January 12 Puzzle Answers

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game from the opening tip, Taylor took the lead early and built on that to start the second quarter, but just as quickly the Cougars came back to control things, using their size advantage and good defense to take a 27-20 lead heading into halftime.

The Cougars came out hot to start the second half as well and built a 12 point lead, but the Mustangs never lost confidence, kept their belief and started to get back into it, locking down on defense, forcing turnovers and playing tough offense as they started to trim the lead throughout the third quarter.

“Our coaches just kept telling us keep playing, keep sticking with the gameplan and keep being us,” said sophomore wing Daimon Aidean Rainey Jr. “We all just lifted each other up and encouraged

District 19-6A
TAYLOR 55, CINCO RANCH 49

Points: (T) Jabari Smith 15, Daimon Aidean Rainey Jr. 14, Elijah Melchiorre 8, Luke Robbie 5, Reece Hymowitz 2, Logan Plemons 2; (CR) Drew Joyce 16, Harrison Moore 6, Jake Van Slyke 7, Nashir Waters 5, Emmanuel Gregory 5, Prince Jones Bynum 3, Luke Ferrell 2;
Halftime: CR 27-20; 3-pointers: (T) Rainey 4, Jabari Parker 2, Robbie, Melchiorre; (CR) Joyce 2, Van Slyke, Gregory; Records: Taylor 19-7, 6-1; Cinco Ranch 15-9, 4-3

each other and we bought into what the coaches were saying. Once we executed, we just started playing so much better.”
The Mustangs found their consistency down the stretch and were able to hold on to the lead, even when things got tight in the final minutes of action. Brayton attributed it to the team’s fight and their knowing how important it

would be to take home a win on the night. Elijah Melchiorre was a huge part of that, as he made a giant impact in the paint and on the boards to keep Cinco Ranch from getting easy points that the Cougars had gotten when they went on their run.
“He’s been such a big piece for us being a three-year starter,” Brayton said. “He’s been through

the ups and downs and he just knows how to compete. He’s one of those guys who plays the top players harder than anyone. He has one speed, he hates to lose and he always makes an impact. I always trust him to make plays and do the right things for us.”

Jabari Parker was the leading scorer for the Mustangs with 15, while Rainey had 14 and Melchiorre had eight.

Taylor is half a game back of second in district after the win and they know that they’ll have to continue bringing their A-game moving forward, but the Mustangs are ready for the challenge.

“This was such a big win for us and we’re going to enjoy it,” Smith said. “Now we have to keep playing our brand of basketball, go out and show everyone why we were here and in the position we are in.”



Catch Robbie shoots a jumper during Wednesday’s game between Cinco Ranch and Taylor at the Cinco Ranch gym.

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