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## Bomber to serve 10 years

*Brookshire resident sent homemade bombs to ex-president, governor*

By R. HANS MILLER  
SENIOR REPORTER

A 47-year-old resident of Brookshire has been sentenced to ten years in prison after pleading guilty to sending homemade bombs to former president Barack Obama and Texas Governor Greg Abbott in 2016, according to court documents. Sentencing was rendered in Houston Nov. 18 by Judge Vanessa Gilmore of the U.S. District Court's Southern District of Texas.

In a July 1 press release, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas said Julia Ann Poff of Fulshear had been investigated after mailing a package containing a homemade bomb to Obama in early Oct. 2016, which she admitted to in court. Under a plea deal, Poff acknowledged that she had also sent similar packages to Abbott and the acting social security administrator. Investigation into Poff's activities began Oct. 6, 2016 when a small, flat rate box was opened at a postal facility at Bolling Air Force Base in the District of Columbia and was found to contain a homemade bomb.

"This was a resource-intensive investigation that involved the safety of the Texas Governor, President of the United States and the Social Security Administration," said Special Agent in Charge Perrye Turner of the FBI. "Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the threat that Poff posed and the fear she incited was serious and real."

Further examination linked the box and its contents to Julia Poff or her husband. The outer box contained a taped address label, under which they found a feline hair. Testing revealed the hair was consistent with the hairs taken from the Poff family's cat. Also, a box contained within the USPS box contained a micro-USB cable box, cellular phone, hobby fuse, matches, paper wadding,

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## READY TO WORK

Kiko is a 2-year-old German Shepherd that was recently donated by K9s4Cops. Kiko was trained in Germany and shipped to the U.S. to join the Katy police force. Katy PD intends to put Kiko to work patrolling Katy Mills and other new, larger venues in the city. R. HANS MILLER

## Katy PD obtains new K9 officer

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SENIOR REPORTER

Katy City Council approved multiple measures to bolster the Katy Police Department at its Nov. 21 special meeting. The city accepted the donation of Kiko, a German Shepherd from K9s4Cops and authorized the purchase of vehicles and equipment at a cost of just less than \$316,000.

"We've got a little more staff and some of the equipment was getting kind of old, so it was just upgrading and getting a few more vehicles for our fleet," said Katy Police Chief Noe Diaz.

Kiko, the new vehicles and equipment are part of the department's strategy to keep crime low as the city continues to grow, Diaz said. The new vehicles, Chevy Tahoes, will be purchased from Freedom Chevrolet and will cost the city \$235,000, according to city documents. Equipment to set up electronics in the vehicles and equip officers with individually assigned cameras will come in at about \$63,000.

Kiko, who is trained as a bomb-sniffing and arson investigation dog, is important as a tool that will help keep large events that are beginning to come to the city safe, Diaz said. Large events such as the Southland Conference basketball tournament which is set to be held at the Leonard E. Merrell Center in March 2020 and other larger venues such as Rhodes Stadium

and the new Katy Boardwalk development need added security that a bomb-sniffing and arson investigation dog can provide, Diaz said. Kiko's services will also be made available to Katy PD's law enforcement partners in Waller, Fort Bend and Harris counties if needed, Diaz said.

K9s4Cops is a nonprofit organization that works to support police officers by providing canine assets to police departments, according to the organization's website. Trained police dogs like Kiko may cost between \$20,000 and \$45,000 according to the organization.

Kiko will also provide opportunities for Katy PD to interact with the public, Diaz said.

"Kiko will be going around to the schools, visiting with the kids and stuff like that because he's not a bite dog," Diaz said. "He's a friendly dog, and he's ready to go to work."

Katy City Council also unanimously approved an agenda item allowing the city's administration to move forward with purchasing land near the intersection of Avenue D and Second Street. In his motion to call for a vote on the issue, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris indicated the city intended to utilize the land for park space. Harris said park space is the third priority in the city's strategic plan after drainage and security.

"This was kind of the first step on that," Harris said. "Letting (city administration) move forward on that and giving us some additional space."

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## School board OKs athletic field repairs

By R. HANS MILLER  
SENIOR REPORTER

The Katy ISD board of trustees voted unanimously to spend \$5.6 million to repair athletic fields at Rhodes Stadium and two district high schools during their Nov. 18 meeting. Replacement of control systems at four elementary schools with a cost of more than \$1.9 million was also approved at the meeting.

About \$2.5 million will be spent to replace turf at the stadium as well as Mayde Creek and Seven Lakes high schools. These are the final fields that were set to be repaired using 2017 bond funding, said Christopher Smith, the District's chief financial officer. The projects are coming in about \$800,000 less than expected due to careful planning by the District, officials said.

The board also approved the expenditure of \$3.1 million to make repairs to court infrastructure at Cinco Ranch, Morton Ranch and Seven Lakes high schools surrounding their baseball and softball fields. The contract was awarded to Brown and Root Industrial Services, LLC. The funds for the project are from remaining bond savings from the district's 2017 bond authorization.

"The baseball outfield walls and safety

See **REPAIRS**, page A7

## In-N-Out opens in Katy



R. HANS MILLER

The Harris County Sheriff's Office was on hand to help with traffic control as Katy's newest fast food restaurant, In-N-Out Burger opened Nov. 22. Ray Lee, the burger chain's regional manager said the chain is pleased with the turnout and asked HCSO for help in advance, in order to be prepared for the store's opening. "We don't have a projection [of how many customers will come on opening day]," Lee said. "We're just happy to serve any customer that comes in and hopefully we can make their day and give them a great In-N-Out Burger." The restaurant will have about 40 staff with roughly half of those being local hires and the other half being transfers from other In-N-Out locations, Lee said. See more photos on page A7.

# Manage grief this holiday season

By FAMILY FEATURES

Holidays are filled with traditions, but when someone you used to share those moments with has died, managing grief during the holiday season can be particularly challenging.

Mental and physical preparation are your best tools for managing the feelings that may accompany holidays. While family members, particularly children, may want things to be as they've always been, the reality is things have changed. It can also be a time to create new traditions and memories that honor your absent loved one.

Consider this advice from the National Funeral Directors Association to help navigate grief this holiday season.

### Get plenty of rest

The holiday season pulls people in

many directions, and that can mean getting less sleep than you need. However, being tired not only has a physical impact on how you feel, it can affect your ability to process emotions.

### Give yourself permission to take a break

No two people process grief and loss the same way; only you know your limits. Even in a season filled with obligations and commitments, know that it's OK to set boundaries and remove yourself from holiday reminders and triggers. That may mean flipping the channel on the TV or bypassing the holiday display at the store. Taking care of yourself when you're grieving isn't just about finding comfort, it's also about avoiding discomfort.

### Honor your feelings and needs

As most who have experienced loss know, grief comes in waves. The only way to process grief is to ride one wave to the next. That may mean putting off your holiday shopping for a day when you're feeling less emotional or bowing out of an event you planned to attend.

### Include your loved one in the holidays

There's no right or wrong way to incorporate your loved one's memory; that all depends on what feels right to you. It may mean serving his or her favorite dish, placing a photo on the mantel or simply slipping a memento in your pocket so you can touch it when you're feeling overwhelmed.

Find more advice to help navigate your way through a loss at [rememberingalife.com](http://rememberingalife.com).



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# Think outside the oven this holiday

By FAMILY FEATURES

When most families think of holiday cooking, they typically picture baked goods and time spent in the kitchen near the oven. This year, you can take your seasonal meal prep outdoors with cooking methods often overlooked during the winter: grilling and smoking.

As one of the most popular dishes during the holidays, turkey is an easy way start creating festive flavors using a grill or smoker. To help keep your bird tasty and juicy, this Art of the Turkey Brine requires just a few simple ingredients before transferring the turkey to the grill. Pair it with this Sweet 'n' Savory Sausage and Cornbread Stuffing that combines a soft, familiar interior with crispy edges.

If you're aiming to create dishes like these in your own backyard this season, head to a destination like Ace Hardware for all your grilling essentials and holiday inspiration. With 72% of U.S. households located within 15 minutes of an Ace store and products from Big Green Egg, Traeger and Weber all under one roof, it's a helpful place to take your holiday meals to the next level.

Find more ideas to change the way you think about holiday cooking at acehardware.com.

### Art of the Turkey Brine

**Prep time:** 10 minutes

**Cook time:** About 2 hours; allow 2-3 hours to cool

**Servings:** 6-8

- 1/3 package 5280 Culinary Brine mix
- 2 quarts water, plus additional for cooling and covering turkey, divided
- ice
- 6-8 pounds turkey breast with rib cage, cleaned
- (1) 5-gallon Ace Hardware bucket and lid

In pan, mix brine with water. Heat to high 5 minutes to dissolve sugar and salt.

Cool brine mixture; add ice water and mix well.

Place turkey in bucket and cover with water and brine. Place bucket in refrigerator or cooler.

Brine 45 minutes per pound.



Remove turkey from brine. Heat wood fire grill to 350 F. Cook turkey 20 minutes then turn temperature to 275 F. Cook 1 hour, 40 minutes until internal temperature reaches 170 F. Allow turkey to rest about 15 minutes prior to carving to allow juices to settle.

### Sweet 'n' Savory Sausage and Cornbread Stuffing

**Prep time:** 15 minutes, plus 1 day for drying

**Cook time:** 20-25 minutes  
**Servings:** 10-12

- 1 package cornbread
- 1 pound sweet Italian sausage, ground
- 1/2 cup carrots, peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup celery with leaves, diced
- 1/2 cup yellow onion, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup dried blueberries
- 1/2 cup dried apples
- 1 teaspoon fresh garlic, crushed

- barbecue rub
- 1-2 cups low-sodium chicken stock
- nonstick cooking spray

Cook cornbread according to package instructions; allow to cool. Leave uncovered and let dry 1 day. Break into medium pieces.

Heat wood fire grill to 350 F. Heat medium skillet and add sausage. Cook until half done and fat is rendered.

Add carrots, celery, onion, blueberries, apples and garlic. Saute until caramelized. Add

cornbread pieces and stir to combine. Add chicken stock until slightly wet or pasty; stir well to combine.

Season, to taste, with barbecue rub and transfer stuffing from skillet to pan lightly sprayed with nonstick cooking spray.

Grill, uncovered, 20-25 minutes, or until golden brown. Internal temperature should reach 155 F when fully cooked.

— Recipes courtesy of chef Jason K. Morse of 5280 Culinary and Ace Hardware

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# The origins of Christmas caroling

The festive nature of the holiday season makes it an ideal time to sing, especially in groups. Perhaps it's no surprise then that caroling, a tradition that dates back many centuries, ultimately collided with Christmas.

Caroling and Christmas caroling are two different things. According to History.org, the origins of modern Christmas caroling can be traced to wassailing, a term that has evolved for more than a millenium. What started as a simple greeting gradually became part of a toast made during ritualized drinking. Time magazine notes that the word "wassail," which appeared in English literature as early as the eighth century, eventually came to mean the wishing of good fortune on one's neighbors, though no one can say for certain when this particular development occurred.

During medieval times, farmers in certain parts of Britain would drink a beverage to toast the health of their crops and encourage the fertility of their animals. By 1600, farmers in some parts of Britain were still engaging in this ritual, and some were by now taking a wassail bowl filled with a toasting beverage around the streets. These wassailers would stop by neighboring homes and offer a warm drink, all the while wishing good fortune on their neighbors.

During this period, wassailing had nothing to do with Christmas, but that began to change in Victorian England, when Christmas became more commercialized and popular. It was during this time when publishers began circulating carols, forever linking the tradition of wassailing with Christmas.

Christmas caroling as Victorian Englanders knew it might have fallen by the wayside. But while carolers may no longer go door-to-door singing Christmas songs and wishing their neighbors good fortune, those intent on seeing the modern manifestation of this tradition that dates back more than a millenium may be able to find some carolers at their local mall or church.



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TEXANS NOTEBOOK

# After big win, Texans control their destiny

By DENNIS SILVA II  
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

With five games left in the regular season, the Texans control their own destiny.

They earned that right via 20-17 win over divisional rival Indianapolis on Nov. 21. Because of the win, Houston is in first place outright in the AFC South at 7-4, a game ahead of the 6-5 Colts.

"It feels great to be No. 1 in the division," inside linebacker Benardrick McKinney said. "It allows us to get invited to the playoffs. We are just going to take it one day at a time and keep taking the coaching and keep playing together as a team."

Houston's win over the Colts was all the more impressive since it came on a short week following a humiliating loss. Just four days earlier, the Texans had fallen 41-7 to the Ravens in Baltimore.

"It's huge. I mean, coming off a loss, turning the page, short week," outside linebacker Whitney Mercilus said. "We knew what we had to do, especially with a divisional opponent. Pretty much, we got it done. It wasn't pretty at times, but just the way these guys fight and everything, we were able to pull out a win."

The Texans and Colts tied their season series, 1-1. The Colts beat the Texans 30-23 on Oct. 20.

Houston plays New England on Sunday at NRG Stadium as part of NBC's Sunday Night Football.

The Patriots are 10-1-0 all-time versus the Texans.

"I haven't beaten those guys yet since I've been in the NFL," said receiver DeAndre Hopkins, in his seventh season with the Texans. "And this is a great team, an AFC team, an AFC game. Obviously those guys are No. 1 right now in the division in the AFC, so we've just got to come out and play our game and take it day by day."

## Resilient Texans

The Texans are 10-1 in games following double-digit losses.

"The first thing that comes to mind is that's too many double-digit losses," coach Bill O'Brien said. "But I think that these guys in this locker room this year, they are a resilient team and they did a good job last week of turning the page, they really did. They focused right away on Monday on the Colts and they went to work."

O'Brien said it's all about the players when it comes down to a team having the ability to refocus and bounce back from adversity.

"It really is about the players that you have," he said. "If you have good, professional football players that really understand, and that are mentally tough and understand that it's a long year and there's a lot to play for, and don't dwell on the past, don't look in the rearview mirror too much, then it's not hard to get a team to focus. We've got a team that is very focused and is a resilient team. We've come back in games. I think we've shown the ability to do that, and that's the sign of a resilient team. So, that's the type of team that stays focused."

## Cunningham Stars

Inside linebacker Zach Cunningham had a great game against the Colts with 16 total tackles, 13 solo.

"I mean, he was all over the field," O'Brien said of Cunningham.

O'Brien said Cunningham, in his third year with the Texans, has done a good job this season spending a lot of time in the film room.

"He's been—he's a very athletic guy, he's very instinctive," O'Brien said. "He's a really good player, he's flying around, he's making good decisions relative to when to hit behind the ball or try to play over the top, and he's tackling well. Then he helps us on special teams, too, so he's done a good job for us."



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Houston Texans wide receiver Will Fuller (15) brings in a pass during a game between the Texans and Indianapolis Colts at NRG Stadium in Houston on Nov. 21. Houston won, 20-17.

# When healthy, wide receiver Fuller is a difference-maker

By DENNIS SILVA II  
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Over the last three seasons, Texans receiver Will Fuller V has missed 18 games. Injuries have plagued Fuller's tenure with Houston; his only healthy season was his rookie year in 2016.

However, whenever the 6-foot, 184-pound speedster is able to get on the field, he is a game-changer. Fuller once again proved as much during the Texans' 20-17 win over the Colts on Thursday, Nov. 21, that regained the AFC South lead for Houston.

Houston is 7-4 overall, with a one-game lead in the division over 6-5 Indianapolis.

Making his return following a three-game absence due to a strained hamstring, Fuller was spectacular, hauling in a team-best seven catches for 140 yards against the same Colts team which he suffered the hamstring injury against on Oct. 20. He had four completions of 30 yards or more.

"Just trying to put fear in the (defensive back's) heart," Fuller said. "Running my route hard every chance I got. When (quarterback) Deshaun (Watson) throws me the ball, that trust really gets me going. Just got to keep it going."

Fuller said his hamstring felt better last week, though with the short week after the previous Sunday's game in Baltimore and no practices and only walkthroughs, he didn't get a chance to really test it.

"I didn't know what to expect," Fuller said. "But I'm happy I had a big game and helped my team win."

Overall this season, Fuller has 590 yards and three touchdowns on 41 catches in eight games, averaging 14.4 yards per catch.

"Yeah, he's a big part of the offense," coach Bill O'Brien said. "He's obviously very fast, but he's a very good route runner. Sometimes really fast guys, they're not the best route runners. This guy's got

both. He can run great routes and he's got great speed.

"The issue with Will has always been just, can he be healthy? So he's always worked hard to stay healthy and any time we have had a healthy Will, I think if you look back over since he's been here, he's been a very productive guy. He's made chunk plays for us, touchdowns, and he's a great player. And when we get him as a part of our offense it really helps us and it opens up a lot of different things."

Over the last two seasons, the Texans are 10-5 when Fuller plays.

"He just opens up a lot of different things," Watson said. "His speed, his route running. You have to respect him. Just him and his addition and moving Kenny (Stills) around and having those guys. Those three are, I think, the best trio in the league, and when those guys are playing at a high level, it makes my job a lot easier. And it was good to see him back in action and make some great catches for us."

Against the Colts, Watson targeted Fuller a team-high 11 times. Fuller caught seven of those, including a long of 51 yards.

Putting fear in the defensive back's heart, just like he said.

"You can tell in their body language as the game goes on that they're scared," Fuller said.

It was Fuller's 11-yard catch for a first down late in the fourth quarter that sealed the win for the Texans.

"Will's (Fuller V), he's one of the fastest guys in the NFL. I think that speaks for itself, the way he can stretch the field and make plays like he did," said receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who caught six balls for 94 yards and two touchdowns against the Colts. "Will's a great guy, came back from injury, made plays for us when we needed him ... to have that 1-2 punch is awesome."

**"He just opens up a lot of different things. His speed, his route running. You have to respect him. Just him and his addition and moving Kenny (Stills) around and having those guys. Those three are, I think, the best trio in the league, and when those guys are playing at a high level, it makes my job a lot easier. And it was good to see him back in action and make some great catches for us."**

— QUARTERBACK DESHAUN WATSON

# STEADY SUCCESS



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Houston Texans receiver DeAndre Hopkins caught six passes for 94 yards and two touchdowns in the Texans' 20-17 win over Indianapolis on Thursday, Nov. 21, at NRG Stadium. It was the 106th straight game that Hopkins had a catch. "I only hope there's 106 more," Hopkins said after the game. "So that's, like, 212? Yeah. So hopefully I can reach that and then, you know, we'll be talking then."

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# Courtley headlines all-district honors

By DENNIS SILVA II  
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Behind a ridiculously gifted roster rich in talent, Cinco Ranch dominated District 19-6A volleyball this season, going undefeated through the rigorous 12-match slate.

The Cougars only lost six sets total in district play, winning 19-6A by three games.

Cinco Ranch was dominant overall, going 35-6, and therefore was well-represented when the district's seven head coaches voted on selections for this year's all-19-6A team.

Cinco Ranch coach Danielle Wells was named Coach of the Year, and senior Cougars outside hitter and Rice signee Danyle Courtley was named Most Valuable Player.

Courtley compiled 170 kills, 116 digs, nine blocks and five aces during district play, which is what the all-district honors are predicated upon.

Seven Lakes junior outside hitter and Nebraska verbal commit Ally Batenhorst was named the district's Outstanding Hitter, amassing 274 kills, 171 digs, 24 blocks and 16 aces. Katy sophomore and LSU verbal commit Maddie Waak was named Outstanding Setter with 283 assists to go with 25 aces, 10 blocks and 143 digs.

Mayde Creek senior libero Jade Smith was named Defensive Player of the Year with 162 digs to go with 12 aces and five kills.

Tompkins freshman Cindy Tchouangwa was named Newcomer of the Year with 106 kills, 21 blocks and 36 digs.

Katy (9-3), Seven Lakes (8-4) and Tompkins (7-5) joined Cinco Ranch in the playoffs. Mayde Creek went 4-8, Taylor finished 2-10, and Morton Ranch went 0-12.

The following is the 2019 19-6A all-district team

**First team:** Ally Batenhorst, Seven Lakes, jr. OH; Casey Batenhorst, Seven Lakes, so. S; Lauren Brattain, Seven Lakes, sr. RS; Alexi Brown, Taylor, sr. L; Danyle Courtley, Cinco Ranch, sr. OH; Jordan Gamble, Katy, so. MB; Kayla Griebel, Cinco Ranch, jr. OH; Angie Hardison, Mayde Creek, sr. OH; Paris Herrman, Tompkins, so. OH; Chandler Lee, Taylor, so. OH; Madalyn O'Brien, Cinco Ranch, sr. MB; Haley Payne, Cinco Ranch, sr. RS; Eliana Posada, Tompkins, jr. RS; Jade Smith, Mayde Creek, sr. L; Cindy Tchouangwa, Tompkins, fr. OH; Maddie Thayer, Katy, sr. OH; Maddie Waak, Katy, so. S; Skylor Weaver, Katy, sr. MB.

**Second team:** Devin Alcoser, Mayde Creek, sr. S; Kailey Bickel, Seven Lakes, jr. L; Hayley Byrd, jr. DS; Gabrielle Collins, Seven Lakes, sr. MB; Eva Fitzgerald, Cinco Ranch, jr. S; Mecca Freeman, Mayde Creek, so. MB; Gabby Gregorski, Tompkins, jr. L; Hannah Hoover, Katy, jr. OH; Mayo Olibale, Seven Lakes, jr. MB; Karah Parker-son, Katy, sr. OH; Presley Powell, Tompkins, fr. S; Katrina Sanchez, Morton Ranch, sr. DS/OH; Tendai Titley, Tompkins, fr. OH.

**Honorable Mention:** Mia Blum, Seven Lakes, so. OH/RS; Bailey Carlson, Mayde Creek, sr. DS/L; Kinley Carlson, Taylor, sr. S; Samantha Copeland, Morton Ranch, sr. S; Jharyn Craig, Morton Ranch, sr. MB; Katie Goerner, Katy, sr. S; Mika Gonzalez, Tompkins, sr. MB; Katie Griese, Mayde Creek, sr. OH/RS; Brooke Hirsch, Cinco Ranch, jr. DS/L; Perris Key, Katy, jr. OH/RS; Jacqui Reisz, Tompkins, sr. MB; Lauren Rothe, Taylor, jr. OH/RS; Peyton Sykes, Seven Lakes, jr. DS/L; Reece Van Slyke, Cinco Ranch, sr. MB.



Cinco Ranch's Danyle Courtley (14) delivers the shot as Ridge Points Alexis Roberson (17) attempts the block during the Regional Quarter Final High School Volleyball playoff match between Cinco Ranch and Ridge Point at Wheeler Field House.



Seven Lakes Ally Batenhorst (14) delivers the shot as Katy's Skylor Weaver (1) goes up for the block attempt during a conference high school volleyball game between Katy and Seven Lakes at SLHS.



Katy's Maddie Waak (16) sets up a shot during a conference high school volleyball game between Katy and Seven Lakes at SLHS.



Tompkins Cindy Tchouangwa (11) delivers a shot past Ridge Points Radee Hennings (6) during a high school volleyball playoff match between Tompkins and Ridge Point at the Merrell Center in Katy.



Mayde Creek's Jade Smith (10) returns the ball as Mayde Creek's Katie Griese (13) looks on during a game with Westfield at MCHS.

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## BAETA

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A deep breath prior to attempting field goals is important to his approach, Baeta said.

"I put my tee down, line it up where I want it to go," he said. "I take my steps, I line up and I take a deep breath. That deep breath just shuts everything off in my mind. Then I'm ready to go, and all I have to do is kick."

Baeta makes sure to hit the "sweet spot" of the ball, which for him is just below the middle. He concentrates on planting appropriately with his opposite leg, making sure he is set the right amount of measurements from the ball. Always, he remembers to follow through.

Laces out, of course, because it gives a softer target.

"I'm very confident in myself," Baeta said. "I know what I can do. I just have to go out there and put it through the posts."

As talented as he is on field goals, however, Baeta is just as skilled on kick-offs, Simmons said.

Baeta averages 53.2 yards per kickoff and has 28 touchbacks on 66 kickoffs this season.

"Getting the ball up high on a pooch, or kicking it down to the end zone and not giving the other team a chance to return it," Simmons said. "That's as big as anything."

Baeta is a native of Brazil. He came to the United States in 2011, when he was 8-years-old.

Since he began playing football,

Baeta has always had a calm, established poise when kicking. The stress, pressure and scrutiny that come with being a kicker never fazes him.

Perhaps it's because Baeta has been kicking since he was 3-years-old, when he started playing soccer. Or maybe it's because he has overcome much more, reminding himself every game that he is playing for his late mother, who passed away in 2005.

Baeta and his older brother were forced to mature quickly, assuming more and heavier responsibilities as their father had to work for two parents to support the family.

"It did make me grow up faster than I should have," Baeta said, "but it just affects football in the way that I have someone watching me at all times, so I have to be the best I can for her."

## RESILIENCY

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In a second half full of exciting back-and-forth action, Muhammad had one of the opening salvos. Two plays after a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by the Eagles, he answered with a 70-yard touchdown down the sideline.

Muhammad, currently uncommitted to a college program, is also an elite sprinter, with top-five finishes in the 100 meters and 200 meters in the region.

This season has featured highs and lows for Muhammad, as he missed

about a month of district games, including the yearly anticipated matchup with Katy, after straining his hamstring against Alvin on Sept. 14. However, he acknowledged that his success now is likely because of the patience he had dealing with that injury.

"The injury definitely hindered me and kept me from coming back, but my coaches and the trainers knew it wouldn't be right for me right now," he said, referring to coming back early. "Like, opening up right now like I did on that play, I don't think I would have been able to do that if I didn't hold out like I did."

He added, "It was a blessing in disguise, and I'm glad I waited, and

that we're going on to round three as a team."

For his part, McVey said the coaching staff no longer has to do major management when it came to the kids' emotions and intensity. While he said they would enjoy the overtime playoff win, he didn't anticipate needing much to get them focused for this week's Class 6A-Division I regional semifinal against Atascocita at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at NRG Stadium.

"We're a senior-laden team, and I kind of trust our guys to get their minds right," McVey said. "There's times we need to refocus them a little bit, but they know, they've been there now. I told them, 'Hey, you're playoff veterans now.'"

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# Falcons' resiliency on display

By STEPHEN GREENWELL  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Tompkins coach Todd McVey had a simple answer when asked what he told junior quarterback Jalen Milroe after he had potentially thrown a game-ending interception during the first overtime of Tompkins' 30-27 Class 6A-Division I area round playoff win against Cypress Falls on Friday, Nov. 22.

"Nothing," McVey said. "(Assistant) Coach (Mark) Hopkins talks to him and then we go on to the next play. We don't linger."

The Falcons' approach and focus on being resilient worked against the Eagles, as it has against most teams this year. On the play after Milroe's, senior defensive back Pryce Powell had an interception to keep the game going.

"This time of the year, it's about making a play," McVey said. "Powell has been doing that the last two years. He's our senior safety back there and we expect him to do those things, and I'm real proud of him."

And on Tompkins' next drive in the second overtime period, McVey said he didn't hesitate to give the ball to Milroe, or to have him throw. The University of Texas verbal commit winged a 10-yard pass to wideout Gabe Atkin for a first down, had a quarterback draw to convert a fourth down, and another draw for the game-winning touchdown, colliding through several Eagles players for the score.

After the game is when McVey said he spoke with Milroe.

"I told Jalen I was super proud of him, the way he responded from it, because he kept playing hard," McVey said. "He wanted the ball. I told him that the great ones want the ball back. 'Just give me the ball, right?'"

Milroe said that mindset—focusing on doing the next play better and put-



ALLEN SCARROW

Tompkins senior running back R.J. Smith is one of many Falcons who have dealt well with adversity, making for a mature mindset at a point of the season when it calls for it.

ting the mistakes of the previous play behind you—is a cornerstone of the Tompkins' approach.

"Honestly, you need to go to the next play," he said. "That's the key thing that we've been preaching each and every week as a Falcon at Tompkins. Just go on to the next play. If you have a mistake, just fix it and go on to the next drive."

It's a philosophy Milroe's teammates have used as well, as senior running back R.J. Smith—who had a team-leading 155 yards on 25 carries against Cy-Falls—and senior wideout Taurean Muhammad (seven catches for 125 yards and a touchdown) have dealt with adversity of their own this season.

Smith only had a single carry in Tompkins' first playoff game against Fort Bend Travis on Nov. 14 because of an illness. He was able to practice

normally the week before the Cy-Falls game, though.

"I don't even know what it was, I was just really sick," said Smith, who spent the night of the Travis game in the emergency room. "I went to the doctor, though, and got it right."

As usual, Smith downplayed his own role in the win over Cy-Falls, instead praising his offensive line and teammates. The uncommitted running back has received offers from Temple, Florida International and several other NCAA Division I programs, but he seldom talks about his own success.

"I was just hungry," Smith said of his play against Cy-Falls. "Hungry and humble. My mindset was that my team needed me, so I was just going to come into the game and do my job to the best of my abilities."

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# Baeta's a sure weapon for Taylor Mustangs

By DENNIS SILVA II  
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Renan Baeta found his footing in football in the seventh grade.

A backup cornerback on the 'C' team at McMeans Junior High, Baeta decided to try out as a kicker. He nailed a couple of field goals and was promoted to the 'A' team.

"From there on out, I loved football," Baeta said.

And the Taylor Mustangs love Baeta.

Now a junior kicker for the 7-5 Mustangs, who are headed to the regional semifinals for the first time since 2008, Baeta is a dominant weapon and consistent source of offense. He has connected on 14 of 19 field goals, with a season-best make of 46 yards, and 37 of 39 extra-point attempts.

In all, Baeta has scored 79 points this season, an average of 6.6 per game.

"He's awesome," junior defensive back Trevor Woods said. "He loves football, he loves the grind. He's always out there working. Literally every day, he's out there kicking, all day long."

"I think he's one of the best kickers in the state. He's the real deal."

Baeta was not called upon to attempt a field goal in the Mustangs' 21-14 area playoff win over Houston Memorial on Nov. 23. But in Taylor's 51-41 bi-district playoff win a week earlier, Baeta was clutch.

He connected on three field goals of 45, 40 and 26 yards, respectively, and all six of his extra-point attempts.

"For him, it's about his technique and his work ethic," coach Chad Simmons said. "He's pretty sure from around 45 yards; we get there, he's got a good shot at making one. That's huge this time of year."

Baeta credits his success to his training. He kicks every weekend with a personal trainer. His range is seemingly limitless; he connected on a 61-yard field goal attempt in practice earlier this season. In games, he said he is comfortable kicking as far out as 52 yards.



RENAN BAETA

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MARK GOODMAN

Taylor senior Braden Hay (20) makes the stop on Houston Memorial's Carson Zahn (16) during their Class 6A-Division II area playoff game on Saturday, Nov. 23, at Legacy Stadium.

## MUSTANGS

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After Memorial defensive back Kane Tullos stripped Taylor receiver Tanner Isola of the ball and returned it 75 yards for a score to cut Taylor's lead to 14-7 with 2:55 left in the first half, Simmons called on his "Dogs Package" and inserted Hay and Woods on offense.

Taylor countered Memorial's score with a quick scoring drive of its own, going 73 yards and finishing with Woods' 32-yard scoring catch. Woods and Hay accounted for 68 of those 73 yards, and the touchdown was essentially the difference-maker after Memorial scored on a four-yard run with 4:12 left before Taylor used its run game to drain the clock out.

"It's putting two athletes on the field offensively that the other team probably hasn't scouted for much," Woods said. "We're always ready to make plays because we're so hyped to be playing offense."

Simmons and his staff first started discussing using Hay and Woods on offense the week leading up to their game against Morton Ranch on Sept. 27.

"Let's not leave any bullets in the gun," Simmons said of his thinking.

The "Dogs Package" debut against Morton Ranch was one to remember. The pass-catching abilities of Hay and Woods sparked a game-winning 94-yard drive that resulted in a field goal by Renan Baeta that won the game, 31-28.

Overall, Hay has six catches for 49 yards and Woods has four catches for 99 yards and a touchdown. The 6-foot-1, 180-pound Hay and 6-foot-2, 190-pound Woods offer big, versatile targets for junior quarterback J Jensen III.

"They're dogs, man," said Jensen, who completed 15 of 19 passes for 231 yards and a touchdown and interception against Memorial. "They're super athletic. I love those guys. Throw it up, they'll go get the ball."

Simmons said the "Dogs Package" is basically a two-minute hurry-up offense for the end of halves or games when the Mustangs have

to throw the ball. It also provides a different dynamic from the typical run-heavy offensive game plan led by junior running back Casey Shorter, who scored Taylor's first two touchdowns on runs of 1 and 6 yards, respectively.

After Tullos' touchdown appeared to switch momentum to Memorial's side, Taylor scored 1-minute, 35-seconds later to push the lead back to 14 with 80 seconds left in the second quarter.

"They get momentum, they scored," Hay said. "Immediately, they called the 'Dogs Package' for us. Trevor and I go in, and immediately it's like, 'Give us the ball and let us pound it right back at them and go get a touchdown.'"

Hay caught two passes for 25 yards on the drive. Woods caught two passes for 43 yards.

"We knew we needed to score," Woods said. "We had to keep our foot on their throats."

It was a Hay 21-yard catch that helped set up Woods' score. Jensen took the snap, calmly stepped up in the pocket amidst terrific protection from the offensive line and found Woods to his right in the flat.

Woods beat two Memorial defenders by going inside right into the end zone.

"No one was around me," Woods said. "I cut inside and it was wide open."

Both Hay and Woods, who are two of the top playmaking safeties in Katy ISD, take their responsibilities as receivers seriously, especially considering it doesn't happen often.

"Being a defensive back, I always want to play offense," said Hay, the program's all-time leader in interceptions. "I don't always get that opportunity, but I'm just blessed that our coaches are open to new things and let us be athletes and make plays."

Dogs, indeed. Making critical plays to keep Taylor's season alive, with more history in reach.

"They know history's been made," Simmons said. "Just the third Taylor team ever to get this far. Now it's, let's go where we haven't gone before. Let's not just be happy to be there. Let's go there to win."

## TOMPKINS

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on Saturday, Nov. 30, at NRG Stadium.

Last Friday's game against Cy-Falls (10-2) was the type of game that won't be forgotten any time soon by those who played in it. The second half featured a kickoff return for a touchdown, a 70-yard touchdown pass and back-to-back overtime interceptions.

Tompkins coach Todd McVey said summing up a game like that was impossible.

"The kids made plays when they had to make plays, and that's playoff football," he said. "Throw the records out, right? It's two good teams at this level, and the next level and the next level, so it's going to be those little things. We made a few more plays at the end of the game than we did at the beginning, and I'm proud of the kids and their resilience. I chewed on them a little at halftime and they responded."

Tompkins needed the points from Milroe's touchdown after Eagles kicker Noah Smith drilled a 38-yard field goal to start the second overtime, giving Cy Falls a 27-24 lead. As they have most of the year, when the Falcons needed yardage, they turned to Milroe and senior running back R.J. Smith.

Smith had nine carries in overtime and finished the night with 25 rushing attempts for 155 yards. Milroe had seven carries for 31 yards and two touchdowns, and he shook off two interceptions to finish with a passing line of 12-for-20 for 174 yards and a touchdown.

Milroe said the team knew what it had to do in overtime because it practiced that specific game situation.

"We practiced for this moment, knowing that going into the red zone, it's either three points or a touchdown," he said. "That was a key thing for us. It came from practicing each and every day during the week, so it was comfortable for us. We didn't get overwhelmed or anything. We stayed composed and didn't get rattled at all."

The final play was set up by a gutsy call by McVey a few moments earlier—to go for the first down on 4th-and-1 instead of extending the game with a 33-yard field goal. Instead, Milroe kept the ball on a draw and picked up the fresh set of downs with a two-yard gain.

His two-yard run to win the game mirrored that one, as the 6-foot-2, 185-pound quarterback went at a full sprint and barreled through several attempted tackles.

"I just trusted my offensive line and followed the holes," Milroe said.

Heading into the second half with Tompkins holding a 14-7 lead, it wasn't clear that an instant classic was in the cards. Both teams used a patient attack on offense, which resulted in long drives that chewed up time on the clock.

Tompkins struggled to contain



ALLEN SCARROW

Tompkins senior receiver Taurean Muhammad runs for a 70-yard touchdown against Cy-Falls during their Class 6A-Division I area playoff game Friday, Nov. 22, at Legacy Stadium.

Cy-Falls senior quarterback Brandon Collins to the pocket, as he finished with 16 carries for 97 yards. With the Tompkins defense having to account for Collins' scrambling, it allowed junior running back J.P. Martin to punch through holes created by his linemen. He had 21 carries for 137 yards and two touchdowns.

The Eagles scored the second half's first points on a 35-yard field goal by Noah Smith with 4:51 left in the third quarter. The next Tompkins drive ate four minutes off the clock, but the Falcons punted after stalling on their own 43-yard line. The kick from senior defensive back and punter Pryce Powell took a great bounce for Tompkins, and it downed the ball at the Cy-Falls 3.

The Tompkins defense held on the next possession, forcing its first three-and-out of the night. Incredibly, because of the slower pace both teams played it, it was also the first Eagles punt, coming with 11:38 left in the fourth quarter.

Cy-Falls was forced to punt from its own end zone, with Tompkins taking over on the 45. Three carries from Smith racked up 33 yards, but a false start and an incomplete pass caused the drive to stall. Junior kicker Hunter Huckaby hit a 30-yard field goal, though, which seemed to give the Falcons some breathing room, 17-10, with 8:17 left in the fourth quarter.

That "breathing room" lasted all of 14 seconds. Cy-Falls running back Jaylan Walker received the kickoff with his foot between the 1-yard line and the end zone, and then cut through the middle of Tompkins' kickoff coverage for a 99-yard touchdown.

The return seemed to open the floodgates for both teams. On the second play of the next drive, Milroe hit senior wideout Taurean Muhammad on the right sideline. He made the first defender miss with a sidestep, and then sprinted down the right sideline for a 70-yard touchdown.

"I knew the clock was winding down, so initially I was trying to get out of bounds at first, but I saw that there was a little space on the sideline," Muhammad said. "I tried to tiptoe my way, and I did it and ran as fast as I think I ever have before. (The end zone) was like a big old sign waiting for me, the finish line."

With 7:09 left and trailing by a touchdown, some urgency from Cy-Falls might have been expected. But instead, the Eagles played even slower and more methodical, taking 6:40 off the clock and scoring with 29 seconds left after a 14-play, 85-yard drive that forced overtime.

Tompkins received the ball at the Eagles' 25-yard line to start the first overtime, similar to college football's overtime format. The drive ended with a Milroe interception, the second pick of the night by defensive back Jayden Goodwin.

However, Goodwin was flagged for taunting on the play, and as a result, Cy-Falls started its drive on the Tompkins 40. As a result, the Eagles had to play-call more aggressively to get into field goal range, instead of being able to settle for one at the start of their possession that could have won the game.

The 15-yard penalty flag on Goodwin turned out to save Tompkins, as Cy-Falls' first play in the overtime was a dropback by Collins. The pass was intercepted by Powell, and the game proceeded to the second overtime, and ultimately, the Tompkins win.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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# State powers Katy, North Shore tango again

By DENNIS SILVA II  
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Katy versus North Shore. *Mano a mano.*

The two Texas high school football titans have met five times in the last four years, including this season's opener when the Tigers beat the defending state champion Mustangs in a nationally-broadcast 24-21 win in Galena Park.

The rivals have met in the playoffs each of the last three years. Katy lost to North Shore, 20-17, in the regional semifinals in 2016. The Tigers beat the Mustangs, 31-3, in the regional final in 2017. And last season, North Shore beat Katy, 49-38, en route to an undefeated state championship campaign.

Another postseason chapter will be written Friday, Nov. 29, when Katy (12-0) and North Shore (11-1) tango once again in the Class 6A-Division I regional semifinals at 4 p.m. at NRG Stadium.

Since 2016, Katy has lost five times. Three of those defeats have come to North Shore.

"It sucked, because last year the only two losses we had were to North Shore," senior receiver Jordan Patrick said. "And now that we beat them in the opening game this year, they'll have a chip on their shoulders and we always have a chip on



Katy High junior defensive lineman Cohen Dearman (94) sacks North Shore senior quarterback Dematrius Davis (9) during their game Aug. 29 at Galena Park ISD Stadium in Galena Park.

our shoulders. It's time for us to turn up."

North Shore has not lost since the season-opener, outscoring opponents by an average of 35.3 points per game. Still, the Mustangs have dealt with internal issues involving star senior running back Zach Evans, ranked No. 1 in the country, and health issues with Texas A&M commit and senior receiver Shadrach Banks, who did not play against Katy in the opener.

For its part, Katy has dealt with significant injuries. Two senior

starters on the offensive line suffered season-ending injuries last month ago, and coach Gary Joseph even tinkered with the positional depth chart for last week's area playoff game against Cy-Fair. Senior running back Ron Hoff, who had an impressive debut as a Tiger in the season opener with 206 yards and a touchdown, and junior backup Sherman Smith suffered ankle sprains early in the first quarter of Katy's bi-district playoff win against Ridge Point two weeks ago.

Their statuses are uncertain for this week's game.

"Nothing," Joseph said about what he can take away from the season-opening win against North Shore. "It wasn't going to define who we are and it wasn't going to define who they are. I know a lot of polls still have them ranked No. 1 in the state. We're going to play one of the best teams."

North Shore is healthier—Banks has 420 yards and 16 touchdowns on 21 catches since returning Oct. 11 versus Deer Park—and Evans' 354-yard, two-touchdown outing last week against Pearland Dawson suggests he is playing at the level he is capable of. He is averaging 14.9 yards per carry, and 16 of his 88 carries have gone for touchdowns.

Katy, meanwhile, is ailing offensively, but the defense is playing lights out after holding a previously-undefeated Cy-Fair team to 135 total yards while forcing four second-half turnovers.

The Tigers have 29 total takeaways this season, including eight so far in the playoffs.

Katy will have to continue that relentless defensive play. It was an incredible defensive performance in the second half, which Katy entered trailing 21-7, that allowed the Tigers to rally to beat North Shore in dramatic fashion in the season opener.

"This is exactly what we needed,"

senior cornerback Bryan Massey said of the defense after the Cy-Fair win. "This showed what we can do. At this point, we need to be at full throttle."

The availability of Hoff, who compiled 1,451 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns in the regular season, is a concern. The bruising back was unable to play at all against Cy-Fair, Joseph said. It will depend on how Hoff responds to more treatment and rest this week, but Joseph implied Smith is closer to returning as veteran insurance to junior back Jalen Davis, who has performed admirably in assuming the No. 1 RB spot the last two weeks.

"I don't know," Joseph said of Hoff's status. "We've got other running backs. Hopefully we can get Sherman well and not have as many carries for Jalen, but we'll do what we have to do to win the ballgame."

What Katy will have to do, to win for the second time in as many games against an elite team like North Shore, is put forth a complete, well-rounded effort, something Joseph said has eluded his team so far.

"We've played well all year long, we've won some big games, but we really haven't played a complete game, and I still don't think we have, as far as offense, defense and kicking game," Joseph said. "I still think we can play better, and I hope we go and do it. Otherwise, we'll be eliminated."



Surrounded by Katy defenders linebacker Jaylen Phillips (9), defensive lineman Jayden Holcomb (98) and linebacker Shepherd Bowling (25), Tigers linebacker Hagen Losa (33) takes down Cy-Fair running back L.J. Johnson (34) during their Class 6A-Division I area playoff game on Friday, Nov. 22, at Tully Stadium.

## TIGERS

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for good for Katy. "We tackled, we fit well, we did well talking to each other, from the DBs, to linebackers, to the front."

Massey and senior cornerback DQ Dawson collected interceptions. Junior defensive back Dalton Johnson and senior defensive lineman Timothy Nugent recovered fumbles.

It was all enough to make up for an offense that produced 326 total yards (but at 3.4 yards per play), two touchdowns and two turnovers.

"We worked hard all week," senior defensive lineman Jayden Holcomb said. "The scout team did a great job. Without them, we'd never had the success we had. But we all did our own assignment, did our jobs. I feel like we worked better as a defense. We're getting better and better each game we go."

Cy-Fair junior running back L.J. Johnson, a five-star recruit holding 18 offers from practically any school of his choice, entered the game averaging 9.7 yards per carry and 166.7 rushing yards per game.

The 5-foot-10, 200-pounder managed 118 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries (6.9 yards per tote) against Katy; eighty-five of those yards came on an impressive burst as the third-quarter clock expired to cut Katy's deficit to 20-14. Otherwise, Johnson ran for more than 10 yards just once and had five carries that went for negative yards.

In all, Cy-Fair, a run-heavy power offense like Katy, was held to 95 yards on 22 carries.

"You can't play scared," Dawson said. "We're coached to come downhill, wrap up and tackle. That's what we did. We see that offense all the time in practice, so we came out and played our brand of football. That was it."

The Bobcats averaged 2.9 yards per play.

"They've played some good games all year, but against this type of quality opponent, this was probably their best game," Joseph said of his defense. "Our kids get used to playing against a running



Katy junior quarterback Bronson McClelland looks downfield during the Tigers' Class 6A-Division I area playoff game against Cy-Fair on Friday, Nov. 22, at Tully Stadium.

football team all day in practice, since the spring. We have some good football players and good backs, and our guys go up against them every day. Not to take away anything from them or that kid, our kids were determined to come out and re-establish themselves and get the mojo back."

The previous week, the Tigers' defense was subpar, at best, in allowing 28 points and 366 yards to Ridge Point in a seven-point bi-district playoff win.

The Cy-Fair game was close as well.

Trailing 7-3 late in the first half, Katy scored on a Dylan George 2-yard rollout pass from junior quarterback Bronson McClelland. Then, leading 13-7 late in the third quarter after the second of junior kicker Nemanja Lazic's two field goals, McClelland threw another touchdown pass, this time to senior Jordan Patrick for a catch-and-run 42-yard score and a 20-7 lead with 3:59 left in the third quarter.

"It wasn't supposed to do to me," said Patrick, who had 96 yards and a score on four catches. "But the defense went to something else, so it was a quick little pass to get a first down. I wasn't supposed to break it, but we've got to be play-makers; once you catch the ball, get it and run. That's what I did."

And despite the pair of picks, McClelland was effective, too, completing 13 of 24 passes for 208 yards and two touchdowns. During one nice stretch that started in the second quarter and went into the third, McClelland completed 10 consecutive passes.

It was desperately needed, as Katy got little going with the running game.

With senior starting running back Ron Hoff and backup Sherman Smith out with ankle injuries suffered early during the first quarter of the Ridge Point game, junior Jalen Davis once again got the call as the Tigers' primary ballcarrier. But after rushing for 219 yards and two scores against Ridge Point, Davis found Cy-Fair's physical and fast defense more formidable, compiling 102 yards on 30 carries for 3.4 yards per carry.

Joseph said Hoff's status is unsure for this week's third round playoff rematch against defending state champion North Shore (11-1) at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at NRG Stadium.

"I don't know," Joseph said about Hoff. "They tried and did everything in the world they could to get him ready, but I wasn't going to put him out there if he's defenseless or going to limp through it. He told me he couldn't go, and that's fine. We've got other running backs. Hopefully we can get Sherman well and not have as many carries for Jalen, but we'll do what we have to do to win the ballgame."

For now, the Tigers are a confident bunch, particularly on defense.

"This is exactly what we needed," Massey said. "If we didn't play this team at the level that we did, then (this) week would've been a bad week for us, more than likely. This showed what we can do. At this point, we need to be at full throttle."



Mayde Creek senior Armani Keith (99) gets the sack of Cypress Creek quarterback Julian Uwadia (10) during their Class 6A-Division II area playoff game at Pidgeon Stadium.

## RAMS

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as the Rams made the playoffs for the first time since 2008 and enjoyed their finest season—9-3 overall—since 1997, when they went 10-2.

"We wanted to be a playoff team," Rams coach Mike Rabe said. "We felt like we had the potential to do that. I'm extremely proud of these guys, man. The effort they put in, the work they put in. You just see the football season as this time of the year, but it's a 12-month deal, and these guys committed to it and they did something that was special for our school."

Cypress Creek (8-4) took command of the game early, scoring on its first four possessions to take a 28-0 lead with 4:33 remaining in the second quarter. While Mayde Creek picked up two first downs on its first three drives, Rabe said they didn't have the execution they needed.

"They got some passes off on us early, and offensively, we missed a couple breaks there early," Rabe said. "We had a couple guys open and we missed by a couple feet. With this caliber of football team and this time of the year, you need to be able to make those plays. We didn't, and hats off to Cy Creek."

Facing the 28-0 deficit and starting on its own 34-yard line, Mayde Creek put together its first scoring drive in the second quarter, keyed by junior quarterback and wideout Donte Jones.

Jones drew a pass interference call on a deep route, and on the next play he scrambled 38 yards. An extra eight yards was tacked on because of a facemask penalty against the Cougars. After a keep for no gain, Jones handed off to junior running back Julius Loughridge, who bounced from the middle of the pile to the outside for a 3-yard touchdown.

The Rams' defense held with 2:08 remaining, but they couldn't maintain the momentum at the start of the second half. The backbreaking play of the game was a 3rd-and-16 play by the Cougars from their own 37. Senior running back Eddie Jimerson caught a pass in the flat and broke through five different tackles for a 17-yard gain and a first down.

The Cougars scored again on the drive, going up 35-7 with 9:27 left in the third quarter. After Mayde Creek failed to score on its next drive, Cypress Creek primarily played reserves and back-ups for the remainder of the game.

The Rams' second touchdown came on a 9-yard pass from senior quarterback John Zolacha to senior tight end Tory Wilson with 4:55 left.

The star of the game was Cougars

senior quarterback Julian Uwadia, who consistently and accurately hit wideouts Cogan Derousselle (four catches, 125 yards, two touchdowns) and Legend Grigsby (five catches, 128 yards, touchdown) as they streaked past defenders. Uwadia threw for 243 yards and four touchdowns in the first half, and finished 19-for-29 passing for 329 yards.

Mayde Creek was missing a significant weapon on offense, as senior Daniel Huery was out with an injury.

"It's disappointing for him, being hurt his senior year and struggling through the injuries," Rabe said, noting that Huery, the Rams' leader this season in all-purpose yardage, played through several this year.

Mayde Creek totaled 207 yards to Cypress Creek's 480. Loughridge led the Rams with 60 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries. Jones added 54 yards on 11 carries. Zolacha completed 5 of 8 passes for 46 yards and a touchdown.

Despite the disappointing season finale, Zolacha and Rabe said the team met goals they set at the beginning of the year. Zolacha stressed that he was proud of his teammates, and how the hard work they had put into preparing for the season paid off.

The Rams' nine wins this season were two more than the total number of wins they had over the previous four seasons.

"That's my last high school game, but at the end of it, I couldn't stop thinking about how hard we worked, the goals we set, what we wanted to do," Zolacha said. "We wanted to be here. We wanted to be in the playoffs and we were going to work as hard as it took to get here. We went from 3-7, the bottom of the bracket, nobody talked about us, and look where we are now, in the second round of the playoffs. That's something I'm proud of."

The future is bright for the Rams.

While Zolacha, Huery and wideout JaCoby Wilson will graduate, key components of their offense (Jones, Loughridge and wideout Lden Skinner) and defense (safety Joseph Kinyock, cornerback Lavonte Bishop and defensive lineman Gequan Faucette) are only juniors. Sophomore running back/receiver Eddie Harrell also factors in as a potential primary playmaker.

Rabe said he would likely think about next year's team and celebrate this year's team over the next few weeks.

"We'll have time over Thanksgiving break to reflect over it, and it'll probably become a bigger deal," he said. "It hurts, because these guys want to continue playing. We've got a good group that gets along well, and you hate to see it end for them."

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**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 21**

### CLASS 6A AREA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

• Cypress Creek 34, Mayde Creek 14

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

• Fort Bend Tournament: Magnolia 64, Cinco Ranch 41; Shadow Creek 64, Cinco Ranch 55; Travis 56, Tompkins 41; Tompkins 48, Dekaney 37; Taylor 43, Kempner 33; Taylor 57, Humble 48

### BOYS BASKETBALL

• McDonald's Texas Invitational: Ridge Point 85, Morton Ranch 75; Mansfield Summit 53, Morton Ranch 40; Allen 60, Cinco Ranch 38; Manvel 66, Cinco Ranch 48; Tompkins 67, South Houston 31; Tompkins 62, Cypress Ridge 49

• La Joya Tournament: Seven Lakes 64, La Joya Palmview 50

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

### CLASS 6A AREA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

• Tompkins 30, Cypress Falls 27 (2 OTs)

• Katy 27, Cy-Fair 14

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

• Fort Bend Tournament: Cinco Ranch 47, Dulles 32; Cinco Ranch 68, Travis 34; Tompkins 69, Clear Brook 31; Manvel 44, Taylor 25

### BOYS BASKETBALL

• Katy 48, Bridgeland 39

• Mayde Creek 67, Cypress Lakes 58

• McDonald's Texas Invitational: Morton Ranch 81, Pasadena Dobie 65; Cinco Ranch 78, Aldine Nimitz 73; Morton Ranch 82, Cinco Ranch 52; Tompkins 54, Clear Creek 49; Tompkins 64, JJ Pearce 60

• La Joya Tournament: Austin Westlake 73, Seven Lakes 35

**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 23**

### CLASS 6A AREA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

• Taylor 21, Houston Memorial 14

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

• Fort Bend Tournament: Hightower 47, Cinco Ranch 40

### BOYS BASKETBALL

• McDonald's Texas Invitational: Cinco Ranch 52, Pearland Dawson 35

• La Joya Tournament: Seven Lakes 64, Edcouch-Elsa 60

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

### CLASS 6A-DIVISION I REGIONAL SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

• Katy (12-0) vs. North Shore (11-1), at NRG Stadium, 4 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

• Cy Lakes at Seven Lakes, 3 p.m.

**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 30**

### CLASS 6A-DIVISION I REGIONAL SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

• Tompkins (11-1) vs. Atascocita (11-1), at NRG Stadium, 2 p.m.

### CLASS 6A-DIVISION II REGIONAL SEMIFINAL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

• Taylor (7-5) vs. Humble (10-2), at NRG Stadium, 6 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

• Katy at Cy Lakes, noon

### BOYS BASKETBALL

• Pearland Dawson at Tompkins, noon

# Taylor's 'Dogs' ignite area win



Taylor High junior Trevor Woods (43) crosses the goal line to score a touchdown against Houston Memorial during their Class 6A-Division II area playoff game on Saturday, Nov. 23, at Legacy Stadium.

By DENNIS SILVA II  
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Taylor coach Chad Simmons calls it his "Dogs Package," a rarely-used personnel grouping that is asked to provide an immediate spark to his team's offense.

It primarily involves using defensive backs Braden Hay, a senior, and Trevor Woods, a junior, as receivers. Most of the time, they line up on the same side of the formation. But sometimes they line up on opposite sides, just to mix it up.

It almost always gets the job done, and getting the job done was on full display Saturday, Nov. 23, in the Mustangs' 21-14 win over Houston Memorial in their Class 6A-Division II area playoff game at Legacy Stadium.

As a result, Taylor (7-5) is headed to the regional semifinals for the first time since 2008. The Mustangs play Humble (10-2) at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at NRG Stadium.

"It's huge," Hay said. "Everybody's doubted us. In years past, we've been told we'd never make it far, how average we are. But look at us now. NRG Stadium, third round, first time in 11 years. This was a big goal for us, and now we just want to push through and go as far as we can."

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Katy senior defensive back DQ Dawson goes up for an interception on a pass intended for Cy-Fair's Chase Davidson in the end zone late during the second half of their Class 6A-Division I area playoff game on Friday, Nov. 22, at Tully Stadium.

# QUIETING THE 'CATS

*'Complete game' for Katy's  
defense ignites big win*

By DENNIS SILVA II  
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Katy High defensive players said it was their best game all season. Coach Gary Joseph agreed.

Even on a cold and windy evening on Friday, Nov. 22, at Tully Stadium, and despite the inconsistencies of their offense, the Tigers dominated. No. 2 state-ranked and No. 8 nationally-ranked Katy remains undefeated at 12-0 after handling Cy-Fair, 27-14, in their Class 6A-Division I area playoff game, holding the previously-undefeated Bobcats to 135 total yards and six first downs while forcing four turnovers.

"This is probably our most complete game we've played," said senior cornerback Bryan Massey, whose 40-yard pick-6 with 5:45 left put the game away

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Tompkins junior quarterback Jalen Milroe holds off an oncoming Cy-Falls defender during their Class 6A-Division I area playoff game Friday, Nov. 22, at Legacy Stadium.

# Milroe, Tompkins survive Cypress Falls in 2 overtimes

By STEPHEN GREENWELL  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Tompkins survived Katy ISD's most thrilling playoff football game so far this season, as the Falcons secured a 30-27 win Cypress Falls in two overtimes in their Class 6A-Division I area round game on Friday, Nov. 22, at Legacy Stadium.

Junior quarterback and Texas verbal commit Jalen Milroe scored on a two-yard draw in the second extra session to lift the Falcons to the third round of the postseason for the second straight season. Tompkins (11-1) plays Atascocita (11-1) at 2 p.m.

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Mayde Creek senior JaCoby Wilson (8) carries the ball, picking up the first down before being brought down by Cypress Creek defenders during their Class 6A-Division II area playoff game at Pidgeon Stadium.

# Rams' breakout season ends in area playoffs

By STEPHEN GREENWELL  
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

HOUSTON — While Mayde Creek was not happy with a 35-14 Class 6A-Division II area playoff loss to Cypress Creek on Thursday, Nov. 21, at Pidgeon Stadium,

coaches and players said they were proud that their year-long work had been rewarded with a playoff appearance and win.

This season was one of the most successful in the program's history,

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Sandhill cranes are just one of several bird species that the Katy Prairie Conservancy looks after in its nearly 18,000-acre service region.

## Katy Prairie awarded \$95K from SPIRIT

By R. HANS MILLER  
SENIOR REPORTER

The Katy Prairie Conservancy has been awarded almost \$95,000 from the SPIRIT of Conservation Program, a partnership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, ConocoPhillips, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service according to a press release from the Conservancy.

"We are honored to receive this substantial grant through the ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation Program that will continue the Conservancy's important work in preserving, protecting, and improving prairie habitat for our bird populations," says Wesley Newman, Conservation Director for Katy Prairie Conservancy.

The grant was awarded to the local nonprofit for the purpose of enhancing grassland conservation for wildlife habitat on the Katy Prairie. The conservancy works to conserve and rebuild populations of imperiled birds and improve the quality and connectivity of breeding, stopover and wintering habitats, and accelerate innovations for understanding bird population dynamics. The Katy Prairie is recognized as a Global Important Bird Area by Audubon and is a stop for migratory birds in their migration cycles.

The grant funds will allow the Conservancy to create and enhance grassland habitat, augment landscape connectivity for wildlife migration, and ensure the health of the landscape by aiding with regional flood control on the Katy Prairie, the press release said. The project will bring 200 acres under improved management and restore 145 acres of grassland to benefit multiple declining bird species of concern according to the press release.

The Katy Prairie is a preserve of about 18,000 acres of tallgrass prairies, ranch and farm lands, wetlands, forests and riparian zones, according to the release. Species of birds that occupy the region include long-billed curlew, Henslow's sparrow and Northern bobwhite, among others.

"The Katy Prairie is home to more than 300 bird species and has long been known as a birding hotspot among Gulf Coast birders and naturalists," Newman said.

# Landowners fight seizure

By JULIÁN AGUILAR  
TEXAS TRIBUNE

When David Acevedo attended a meeting with officials from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Webb County last month, he thought he would come away with more information about the Trump administration's border security plans.

But Acevedo, whose family owns 180 acres of land near the Rio Grande in south Laredo, said the meeting only produced more questions about how the administration was going to move forward with plans it had for the swath of land that's been in his family for generations.

"They didn't tell us that they were doing a physical barrier," he said. "They said, 'It may be a wall, it may be that we just need lights, we're going to put lighting up, it may be we just need a road.'"

The only thing he knew for sure was the administration wanted access to his land to conduct surveys and site samples for border security purposes. And in a letter dated Oct. 15, the government asked him to grant access for 18 months.

The government's actions in Webb County are similar to the sporadic but hurried moves the administration is taking in the Rio Grande Valley as it fast-tracks construction of a border barrier ahead of the 2020 election. The administration moved ahead recently with construction of new barriers in the Rio Grande Valley, and NBC news reported last week that the administration is preparing court filings to seize more land in the area before the end of the month — without first telling landowners how much it will offer for their land.

It's a familiar fight for people in the Rio Grande Valley, said Ricky Garza, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project who is urging his clients not to allow the government access to their land. He represents five Valley landowners and is in talks with another, he said last week.

"A landowner is under no obligation to sign that right of entry to allow them free access to the property, but it's in the government's interest [to have them sign]," he said. "They don't want the landowners to ever see the inside of a courtroom."



COURTESY CALLIE RICHMOND AND THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

A section of the border fence along the Rio Grande in South Texas was built under George W. Bush's administration.

Garza said most of his clients are in the early stages of the battle — fighting in court on the issue of granting the government access to survey their land. But he said there are likely more landowners who have received notices without knowing what they represent.

"I wish we had good data on where these right-of-entry letters have gone out and what percentage of people have signed them," he said.

In Laredo, Tricia Cortez, the executive director of the Rio Grande International Study Center, a nonprofit environmental group, said it's hard to pinpoint exactly where the government is planning to seize private land.

"It's all secretive. We're finding out they also want to put 15 miles [of border wall] upstream from Laredo College [in west Laredo]," she said. "They don't say where exactly."

While some landowners are digging in for lengthy court battles with the government over their land, the Trump administration is likely to seize the land it wants, said David Bier, an immigration policy analyst at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank.

"I think he's not going to mess around trying to negotiate beforehand," Bier said. "He doesn't have to, according to the courts and according to the statute. He can get away with just taking the land and putting a \$100 price tag on everything. He can do that and leave it to the courts to figure out what's just

compensation somewhere down the line."

The Army Corps of Engineers did not return a call seeking comment about the land acquisitions in Webb County and the Rio Grande Valley. During a news conference in El Paso on Wednesday, newly appointed acting Department of Homeland Security Secretary Chad F. Wolf said the administration's goal was to build 450 to 500 miles of barrier by the end of 2020. He said 83 miles have already been built and an additional 153 are in progress.

Wolf said he's confident that the Army Corp of Engineers will eventually be able to gain access to the properties the federal government needs.

"We continue to push forward on both land acquisition and construction of the wall; obviously the two have to work hand in hand," he said, adding that the Army Corps of Engineers and other government agencies are "talking with landowners every single day to try to find a solution."

The Trump administration's ability to seize land for a border wall comes from a Great Depression-era policy called a declaration of taking. Congress passed the Taking Act to help spur the economy through construction projects and job creation. It was seen as an alternative to the slow-moving eminent domain lawsuits of that time. The idea was to fast-track seizures, which would allow the federal government to quickly build public works projects and generate jobs.

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# In-N-Out Burger opens in Katy



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During In-N-Out's Katy opening, cars stretched from the restaurant's entrance down Katy Hockley Cutoff Road and along the feeder road of I-10. A second line from the restaurant's eastern entrance at times stretched halfway to the nearby Outback Steakhouse further down in the subdivision. Some savvy drivers pulled into the nearby Katy Elks Lodge parking lot to park and avoid fighting traffic as they sought to get a burger. Customers were generally in good spirits as they waited in line to order. Inside the restaurant, seating was scarce after the restaurant's 11:30 a.m. opening. Lee said the restaurant does not hold grand openings or soft openings, they simply train their staff and open the doors for regular business.

## BOMB

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plastic sacks, sandpaper and two 20-ounce coke bottle caps as well as pyrotechnics and smokeless powder.

Poff's daughter identified the phone as her old cell phone which was last seen in their home's garage in August or September 2016. Authorities also learned Poff used her bank debit card to purchase a micro-USB box with the same bar code as the one found in the USPS package.

Poff admitted July 1 that she was solely responsible

for sending the bomb-filled packages.

Maximum sentencing for Poff was up to 10 years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 possible fine. Poff was fined nearly \$10,000 and the court recommended she serve her sentence in a medical facility in Texas. Her sentence of 10 years of incarceration is set to be followed with a three-year term of supervised release, similar to probation.

The FBI conducted the investigation with assistance from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Texas Rangers, Social Security Administration and Department of Agriculture.

## REPAIRS

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netting at Cinco Ranch, Morton Ranch and Seven Lakes high schools have all reached their useful lifespan and require replacement," said Mark Tiedt, director of the District's Maintenance and Operations Department.

Tiedt said his department would work with the Athletics Department and PBK Sports, which is helping with engineering on the project, to ensure that school athletics schedules aren't disrupted.

"Estimated substantial completion for the outside fencing portion will be prior to the first scheduled home game at each campus," Tiedt said. "The remainder of the work will begin following the 2019-2020 baseball-



COURTESY KATY ISD

Katy ISD's Maintenance and Operations Director Mark Tiedt discusses repairs to be made to campuses throughout the District at the Nov. 18 meeting. The repairs will result in an amendment to the District's current budget, but the expenditures are not unexpected and will be paid for using 2017 bond funds.

softball season and will be completed prior to Aug. 1, 2020."

The district is also replacing the building management control systems at Davidson, Randolph,

Shafer and Wilson elementary schools. System replacement will cost more than \$1.9 million, Stiedt said. Contracts for work at Davidson and Randolph were awarded to Unify Energy Solutions for \$995,000 for each campus. The contract for work at Shafer and Wilson were awarded to Hunt and Train with each campus costing about \$666,000.

"District staff worked with Salas O'Brien Engineering to develop the project scope. It was decided to be in the best interest of the District for the award of the project to be split between the two highest scoring contractors," Tiedt said.

Funding of these projects will result in an amendment to the District's budget, Smith said. The budget amendment is expected to be presented at the District's Dec. 16 board meeting.

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## Sides for entertaining

By FAMILY FEATURES

The holiday season means it's time for gathering family and friends for food and celebration. To make the process easier, incorporate recipes that can feed a crowd without lots of exotic, hard-to-find ingredients or long, laborious prep and cook times.

These recipes for Hearty Roasted Winter Vegetables featuring Aunt Nellie's Whole Pickled Beets and Caprese Bean and Salami Salad with READ 3 Bean Salad, for example, are ideal side dishes for holiday gatherings with enough to go 'round for everyone at the table. Plus, if you're heading to a holiday potluck, they're perfect for bringing along to share with the whole crew and versatile enough to be paired with a variety of main courses. Plus, the Caprese Bean and Salami Salad can also stand in as an appetizer.

Find more holiday recipes at [auntnellies.com](http://auntnellies.com) and [READsalads.com](http://READsalads.com).

### Hearty Roasted Winter Vegetables

**Prep time:** 10 minutes  
**Cook time:** 45-55 minutes  
**Servings:** 6

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Whole Pickled Beets, drained
- 1 small red onion, cut into 12 wedges
- 2 cups baby portobello mushrooms, cleaned and stems trimmed
- 2 cups butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, plus additional, to taste (optional)
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper, plus additional, to taste (optional)
- 2 cups Brussels sprouts, ends trimmed and scored with cross-cut

Heat oven to 400 F. Place beets, onion, mushrooms and squash on rimmed 15 1/2-by-10 1/2-by-1-inch baking sheet; drizzle with olive oil. Add garlic, rosemary, thyme, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper; toss to coat. Roast 15 minutes.

Add Brussels sprouts, stir and continue to roast until vegetables are tender and browned, about 30-35 minutes, stirring once. Adjust salt and pepper, to taste, if desired.

### Caprese Bean and Salami Salad

**Prep time:** 25 minutes  
**Servings:** 16



- 5 cans (15 ounces each) READ 3 Bean Salad (3 cans drained, 2 cans undrained)
- 1 pint grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 pound small marinated mozzarella balls, drained
- 3/4 cup (1 ounce) fresh basil, chopped
- 8 ounces dried salami, sliced
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 2 whole-wheat baguettes (13 ounces each), sliced

In large bowl, stir together bean salad, tomatoes and mozzarella balls.

Before serving, add basil and salami. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Stir to combine.

Serve on large platter surrounded by baguette slices.

— Recipe courtesy of "The Reluctant Entertainer"

Dorothy Ann Mlcak passed away on November 17, 2019 at the age of 84. Dorothy was born on October 8, 1935 in San Felipe, Texas to Anton and Annie Krupala.



**DOROTHY ANN MLCAK**  
1935-2019

Dorothy spent her youth in Sealy, Texas. She graduated in 1954 as valedictorian of her class. While in high school, she met the love of her life, Willie Anton Mlcak of Frydek, TX. After graduation, Dorothy and Willie married the following August and moved to Houston.

In Houston, Willie worked at Hughes Tool Company, while Dorothy stayed at home to become a mother. She eventually had three children - Connie, Sandra, and Michael. During those early years Dorothy became an expert crafter. Her crafting skills included sewing, crocheting, embroidering, as well as growing and canning vegetables. More importantly, she enjoyed sharing and teaching these skills to others, especially her children and grandchildren.

In 1970, Willie's job transferred him to a plant on the west side of Houston, and the family relocated to Katy, Texas. It was during this time that Dorothy and Willie developed an interest in golf, and they quickly became members at the Stephen F. Auston Golf Club. Dorothy went on to make 5 hole-in-ones during her days as a golfer. Dorothy also enjoyed competing in and winning many local golf tournaments.

After her children graduated high school, Dorothy began working at Katy ISD in food service. She eventually advanced from being a cook to cafeteria manager at Katy High. She retired in the early 90s and spent these years teaching her grandchildren to play golf. Dorothy went on to become President of the Ladies Golf Association at Stephen F Austin, a title she held for 10 years. She also served on the Board of Directors for 16 years, the last 6 of those she served as President. She was

the first female to hold this position.

Dorothy had a love of cats. There was always a pet cat in the house. Blackie, Kitty Cat, DC, and Libby were beloved and spoiled. Dorothy had cat shirts, cat calendars, cat figurines, and marked her golf balls with her signature cat drawing. She was a crazy cat lady!

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband Willie Anton Mlcak; her parents, Anton and Annie Krupala, and son-in-law John Brooks III. She is survived by children, Connie Kellebrew and husband David, Sandra Brooks, and Michael Mlcak and wife Ida. Grandchildren John Brooks IV and wife Jennifer, Sarah Mlcak, Matthew Mlcak, and Kimberly Jones and husband Hayden. Great Grandchildren John Brooks V and with 3 more on the way. Dorothy is also survived by her brother Gene Krupala and his wife Hattie.

The wake will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The graveside service will immediately follow at Frydek St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. FM 1458, Frydek, TX 77474.

To express condolences, please visit [www.Schmidt-FuneralHome.net](http://www.Schmidt-FuneralHome.net)

Funeral services held under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home 1344 W. Grand Parkway South - Katy, Texas 77494 - (281) 391-2424

## Holiday activities to engage with family

By FAMILY FEATURES

Any time can be the right time to enjoy memorable moments with family members, but the holidays present a special opportunity to have meaningful conversations and interactions with loved ones.

One of the best ways to spark creativity and generate memories is through activities that get the conversation started, whether it's remembering favorite moments from the past or simply sharing notes of appreciation. This holiday season, consider these activity ideas from the Funeral and Memorial Information Council, which created the "Have the Talk of a Lifetime" initiative to encourage families to facilitate conversations that become invaluable when the time comes to honor a loved one.

While these conversations can be difficult to engage in and even harder to begin, the natural bonding moments that stem from activities like these can help make the process easier.

### Gratitude tree

Start a new tradition by creating a gratitude tree, a simple decoration you can look forward to using each year as a reminder of what you and your family are thankful for.

To make a gratitude tree, collect twigs or branches, dry them out and cut them to the desired lengths. Put the branches in a vase or decorative container. Punch holes at the tops of fall-colored paper to be used as tags then instruct guests to write what they're grateful for on each tag.

Take turns reading the tags and tie them to the branches then keep the handwritten tags in a safe place until they can be read again each holiday season. Over the years, as the tree fills up, you'll have a lifetime of memories to share.

### Time capsule

Making a holiday-inspired time capsule can help strengthen family bonds while preserving treasured memories and creating opportunities for future holidays when it's time to reopen the contents.

Use a sealed container or plastic bag to protect items from moisture and mold then place the container in a box that can be decorated and stored in a safe place with related holiday decorations. Mark on the container the date it was created for future reference, and pack it with items like family-favorite recipes; notes about significant events from that year like births, weddings, graduations and more; copies of newspapers detailing high-profile happenings; and pictures, drawings and notes from the year.

### Memories tablecloth

To help keep important family footnotes front and center during future celebrations, a memorial tablecloth provides each person an opportunity to personalize a piece of popular decor. As you gather around the table for holiday meals, ask each family member to jot down a favorite memory or something he or she is thankful for along with a signature and date.

You can make it an annual event by using the same tablecloth each year and, before long, it will be filled with personal memories as a way to cherish relationships as time goes on. Just use an appropriately sized, inexpensive white canvas drop cloth. Place fabric markers in the center of the table before inviting guests to participate, and to help distinguish each year, try using different colored markers.

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# Abbott orders reduced licensing regulations

By **EMMA PLATOFF**  
TEXAS TRIBUNE

Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered state agencies to review and overhaul their licensing requirements, with an eye toward providing Texans “the opportunity to earn a living free from unnecessary state intrusion.”

In an Oct. 8 letter to the heads of state agencies, signed by the Republican governor himself, Abbott directed agencies to trim licensing regulations, reduce fees and educational requirements for certain professions, and, “where appropriate,” remove licensing barriers for individuals with criminal records. He set a Dec. 1 deadline for agencies to tell his office which steps they plan to take. There are hundreds of professional licenses in Texas — from tow truck operators to physicians to laser hair removal technicians.

“Reforming Texas’s occupational-licensing rules must be a priority for all state leaders,” Abbott wrote in the letter, which was obtained by The Texas Tribune. “Sensible licensing rules, when necessary, can protect the public from legitimate harm, but overbroad rules stymie innovation, raise consumer prices, and limit economic opportunity. Overly burdensome licensing rules also discourage individ-

uals from pursuing professions or prevent the unemployed — or former inmates who have paid their debt to society — from building a better life.”

Several state agencies confirmed they received the letter and are preparing their responses. The governor’s office declined to comment further on the letter.

The fees associated with occupational licenses generate tens of millions of dollars in revenue for the state annually. Some of those dollars flow back to the agencies that levy the fees, for overhead and other operational costs, while much of the money is fed into the state’s general revenue fund, where it can be directed to other efforts.

Abbott ordered agencies to reduce license application fees to 75% or less of the national average for comparable occupations.

Occupational licenses are intended to guarantee a minimum level of experience for practitioners so as to protect consumer safety. A licensed manicurist who has to pass regular inspections is less likely to leave customers with nasty infections, for example. But many licensing programs require steep qualifications; to obtain a massage therapy license, one must complete a minimum of 500 hours of training. Some conservatives argue that some of the

state’s educational requirements and fees are excessive and present unreasonable barriers for would-be practitioners.

David Fleeger, president of the Texas Medical Association, said the advocacy organization “certainly agrees that rules can be overly burdensome, so we applaud Governor Abbott’s efforts to reduce those regulatory burdens.”

In 2015, many on the right applauded the Texas Supreme Court for striking down as unconstitutional a requirement that eyebrow threaders complete 750 hours of training in order to obtain a license.

“This case is fundamentally about the American Dream and the unalienable human right to pursue happiness without curtsying to government on bended knee,” wrote then-Justice Don Willett in a widely heralded 49-page concurring opinion. “It is about whether government can connive with rent-seeking factions to ration liberty unrestrained.”

The Legislature also acts regularly to roll back licensing restrictions. This year, the governor signed a bill abolishing the criminal penalty for acting as a “registered interior designer” without proof of voluntary registration.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation — which oversees more industries

than any other state agency — itself has deregulated nine license programs since 2003.

Abbott, a lawyer by trade, also wrote to state agencies in June 2018 with a hefty set of instructions. Then, he told agencies to submit any proposed rules to his office before they were made public — a move with the potential to slow the rule-making process and consolidate power in the governor’s office.

Earlier this year, the governor also acted independently, signing an executive order to keep alive the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners after the Legislature allowed it to shut down.

Abbott’s directives on licensing for individuals with criminal records come in conjunction with a bill passed in 2019 that limited authorities from considering license applicants’ arrests that did not result in convictions. The governor directed agencies to publish lists of specific offenses that disqualify applicants from obtaining an occupational license, as opposed to “relying on blanket exclusions for people with criminal records.”

In 2013, when Abbott was attorney general, he defended the state’s “sovereign right to impose categorical bans on the hiring of criminals” in a lawsuit against the Obama administration.

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To the residents and taxpayers of Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 10 (the “District”), and to all the persons interested in the meetings of the Board of Directors of such District:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the District, at a meeting held November 20, 2019, established an additional meeting place outside the boundaries of the District at Inframark, LLC, 2002 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 100, Katy, Texas 77449.

Said meeting place is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public. All residents and taxpayers of the District and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend any meetings of the Board of Directors at such location and other locations previously established by the Board of Directors as meeting places of the District.

/s/ Stanley C. Teerman  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors

### INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to **Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171**, will be received at the office of SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main Street, 6th Floor Houston, Texas 77002, until **2 p.m. Local Time, Tuesday, December 17, 2019**, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read for the furnishing of all material, equipment, labor and supervision necessary or incidental for Construction of **“Elyson Overflow Channel South Trail Landscape”**, Harris County, Texas.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes, but is not limited to, the construction of concrete trails, sprinkler irrigation, grading, grassing, planting, and landscape maintenance.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, December 3, at 2:00 p.m.** Local Time, at the office of SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main Street, 6th Floor Houston, Texas 77002. Bid will not be opened unless the bidder or a representative was present at the pre-bid conference.

A bid bond or cashier’s check in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid must accompany each bid. The successful bidder will be required to provide the required bonds and insurance certificates as outlined in the bid documents.

Bid documents may be downloaded at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). Addenda will be posted there, as required. **Documents will be available for download on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.**

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

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**CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**  
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2019

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**  
6:30 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2020

THE HEARING IS 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 OF KATY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 621; FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT THAT ALLOWS A SPECIAL USE AT KATY MILLS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR AN INSTITUTION OF A RELIGIOUS NATURE (BETHANY WORSHIP CENTER-KATY). THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 25311 KINGSLAND BOULEVARD, SUITE 115. APPLICANT IS PASTOR MATTHEW S. MILLER, OWNER BONAVENTURE RETAIL V LLC. REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION BY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT TO REVISE A SUBDIVISION PLAT FILED FOR RECORD WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

**APPLICATION:** Laura Hygh, owner, is requesting to be allowed to revise a portion of an unrestricted reserve, West Magnolia Forest, A Replat of Section 9. The revision will allow the creation of 2 lots. These newly configured lots would consist of both lots being 4 acres or more. West Magnolia Forest, A Replat of Section 9 is situated in the G. Pettuck Survey, Abstract 240), Waller County, Texas recorded in Volume 215, Page 66, in the Deed Records of Waller County, Texas.

*This replat request, if approved, will only revise the applicant’s property.*

**PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing will be held during the regular session of Commissioners’ Court on **December 18, 2019 at 9:00 am** at the Waller County Courthouse, 836 Austin St., Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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**INVITATION TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to **Board of Directors, Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 171**, will be received at the office of SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main Street, 6th Floor Houston, Texas 77002, until 2 p.m. Local Time, **Tuesday, December 17, 2019**, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read for the furnishing of all material, equipment, labor and supervision necessary or incidental for Construction of "**Elyson Falls Drive Section 4 Landscape**", Harris County, Texas.  
Scope of Work of the Contract includes, but is not limited to, the construction of concrete trails, sprinkler irrigation, grading, grassing, planting, and landscape maintenance.  
Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, December 3, at 2:00 p.m.** Local Time, at the office of SWA Group Landscape Architects, 712 Main Street, 6th Floor Houston, Texas 77002. Bid will not be opened unless the bidder or a representative was present at the pre-bid conference.  
A bid bond or cashier's check in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid must accompany each bid. The successful bidder will be required to provide the required bonds and insurance certificates as outlined in the bid documents.  
Bid documents may be downloaded at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). Addenda will be posted there, as required. **Documents will be available for download on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.**  
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.

**NOTICE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL OUT-OF-DISTRICT MEETING PLACE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CINCO SOUTHWEST MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 4**  
To the residents and taxpayers of Cinco Southwest Municipal Utility District No. 4 (the "District"), and to all the persons interested in the meetings of the Board of Directors of such District:  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the District, at a meeting held November 19, 2019, established an additional meeting place outside the boundaries of the District at BGE, Inc., 23501 Cinco Ranch Boulevard, Suite A-250, Katy, Texas 77494.  
Said meeting place is hereby declared to be a public place and open to the public. All residents and taxpayers of the District and all other interested persons are hereby invited to attend any meetings of the Board of Directors at such location and other locations previously established by the Board of Directors as meeting places of the District.  
*/s/ Kerry Crellin*  
President, Board of Directors

**CINCO SOUTHWEST MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 4 NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULES AND PENALTIES**  
Notice is hereby given that, at a meeting on November 19, 2019, the Board of Directors of the District adopted a Resolution Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of the District's Online Portal System ("Resolution"), providing rules and regulations governing the use of the District's online portal system and related phone application for water usage data. Violation of any of the rules or regulations contained in the Resolution will subject the violator to a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation. Each separate occurrence and day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate violation.  
A copy of the Resolution, with its rules and regulations, including the penalty listed above, is on file at the principal office of the District, Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, where it may be read in full.  
*/s/ Kerry Crellin*  
President, Board of Directors

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
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, December 17, 2019  
**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**  
6:30 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2020  
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 ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 621; FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT THAT ALLOWS A SPECIAL USE IN THE "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A PROPOSED WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 5364 FRANZ ROAD, AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS TRACT 5, A-1367, H.&T.C.R.R. SURVEY, SECTION 64 IN BLOCK 2 IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE APPLICANT IS ECOSITE II LLC AND THE OWNER IS KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

**INVITATION TO BIDDERS**  
Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to Wilbow-Bergamo Vista, LLC on behalf of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 495, will be received at the office of LJA Engineering, Inc., 2929 Briarpark Drive, Suite 150, Houston, Texas 77042, until 10:00 a.m., Local Time, Thursday, December 19, 2019, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction of the Phase 1 Detention Facilities to serve Bergamo Vista for Wilbow-Bergamo Vista, LLC on behalf of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 495, Harris County, Texas".  
Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: detention facilities.  
Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, at the office of LJA Engineering, Inc., 2929 Briarpark Drive, Suite 150, Houston, Texas 77042.  
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.  
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 one hundred dollars (\$100.00 non-refundable plus cost of delivery) (\$50.00 for electronic copy) for each set of documents at LJA Engineering, Inc., 2929 Briarpark Drive, Suite 150, Houston, Texas 77042.  
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.

Wilbow-Bergamo Vista, LLC on behalf of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 495

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## Enjoying the season's edge

"I like the edge season!" my husband, Peter, said, as we watched the moon rise over the mountains and felt a chill breeze rise with it.

As far as I know, Peter invented this expression. He might have meant the "season's end," but I like the idea of the "season's edge" better.

Peter and I are staying in the south of Spain and, even here, the season is changing. Restaurants that have been open all summer and fall are finally giving their employees a few days off. Menus are changing, hours are shortening, outdoor tables are now used only during the day and only on days that are sunny. Clouds suddenly appear over the mountains and the diners scatter, looking for somewhere cozy indoors.

And I agree with Peter: I like it. Peter and I took a bus inland to Granada this week and it was cooler than on the coast. I brought along fancy boots and a skirt and ditched them both after I realized the cobblestones were murder on my feet. I was not willing to make a fashion statement at the expense of my feet. Would I have been willing to do that a few years ago, I wondered? Probably. Perhaps this is a change that has come in my own "edge season."

I still feel the familiar pull of, "I should really do that," or, "not everyone gets a chance to do this," and feel a sense of obligation to chase after some sight or activity and, while I do make an effort not to be a stick-in-the-mud, I can't help but notice how wonderful it feels to simply be where I want, doing what I please.

When I was younger, I was obsessed with the idea of missing out. I could barely stand to be in one place, thinking of all the other places I could be at the same time. The idea of taking a nap was preposterous. The idea of missing an opportunity, too painful to contemplate.

Things are different now. After Peter and I toured the Alhambra palace in Granada, we came home and took a nap. Instead of imagining all the sights I was not seeing, all the memories I would not have, I thought about the all amazing things I had seen that day. I replayed them in my head and drifted off to sleep.

Later, Peter and I headed out (in practical shoes) and had a kind of very strong Moroccan tea I had never tasted and a delicious crepe. We sat on ornate cushions covered with tassels and sequins, with glittering lanterns overhead, and watched two college girls busy with their phones and their hair.

"Would you take a photo of us?" I asked the students in badly fractured Spanish, "I'm terrible at selfies!"

The young woman with the larger volume of hair cheerfully agreed and took several photos of us—me grinning broadly (as I do) and Peter looking a tad on edge (as he does).

I wondered what these two young women would do in their lives—if they would stay in Granada or travel the world. I wondered if they ever worried they were missing out when they already lived in such an interesting place.

And then I thought how grateful I was to be exactly where I was in my life—dressed in practical shoes with nowhere I wanted to be other than exactly where I was.

I took Peter's hand. "I'm very happy to be here with you," I told him.

"This is great tea!" Peter said. It was.

Until next time,  
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](http://CarrieClasson.com).

CARRIE CLASSON  
THE POSTSCRIPT



## Tips on avoiding RAS Syndrome

I have some urgent news: there's an epidemic sweeping the country. So far, scientists haven't found a cure, but I'm happy to report that it's preventable. It leaves people looking foolish in front of other people they're trying to impress at parties and can, in rare cases, cause a breakup of a romantic relationship. I'm talking about RAS Syndrome.

RAS Syndrome stands for Redundant Acronym Syndrome... Syndrome. While everyone knows that saying "ATM machine" is redundant, have you ever talked to someone about forgetting your "PIN number" every time you're at the ATM? PIN already stands for Personal Identification Number, so saying "PIN number" is redundant. You don't want to look like a doofus in front of your financial planner! He'll remove you from his preferred-monocle client list faster than you can say IRA account.

Does your new TV have an LCD display? Because that's redundant as well. So is saying DC Comics—DC already stands for "Detective Comics," although the only situation in which you'd be shamed for that redundancy is probably the Comic-Con convention.

I can't tell you how many times I've heard this one: "Yeah, go ahead and send me that logo in a PDF format." PDF stands for



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Portable Document Format. The only thing that would make that more redundant would be if you said, "Please send that logo file over in a PDF format for Matt."

Although I'm sure you mean to be polite, writing "Please RSVP" on an invitation is technically redundant—RSVP is an abbreviation for the French expression répondez s'il vous plaît, which means "please respond." Saying "Please RSVP" is the same as saying "Please, please respond." After all, you don't want to sound desperate to get people to your fancy roof party.

I'm not sure if an entire sports team can contract RAS Syndrome, but, if it did, it would be the "LA Angels." When translated into English, Los Angeles means "The Angels." So, technically, "the LA Angels" is the same as saying "the The Angels Angels."

Now for the lightning round. If you utter any of the following phrases, you've caught the RAS Syndrome: ISBN number, UPC code, HIV virus, GOP party,

SAT test, PAC committee, Gob Bluth, NPR radio, CSS sheet, and OPEC countries. By preventing RAS Syndrome in your speech and correspondence, you'll avoid looking dumb in so-

cial, business, and romantic situations.

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### PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE B3

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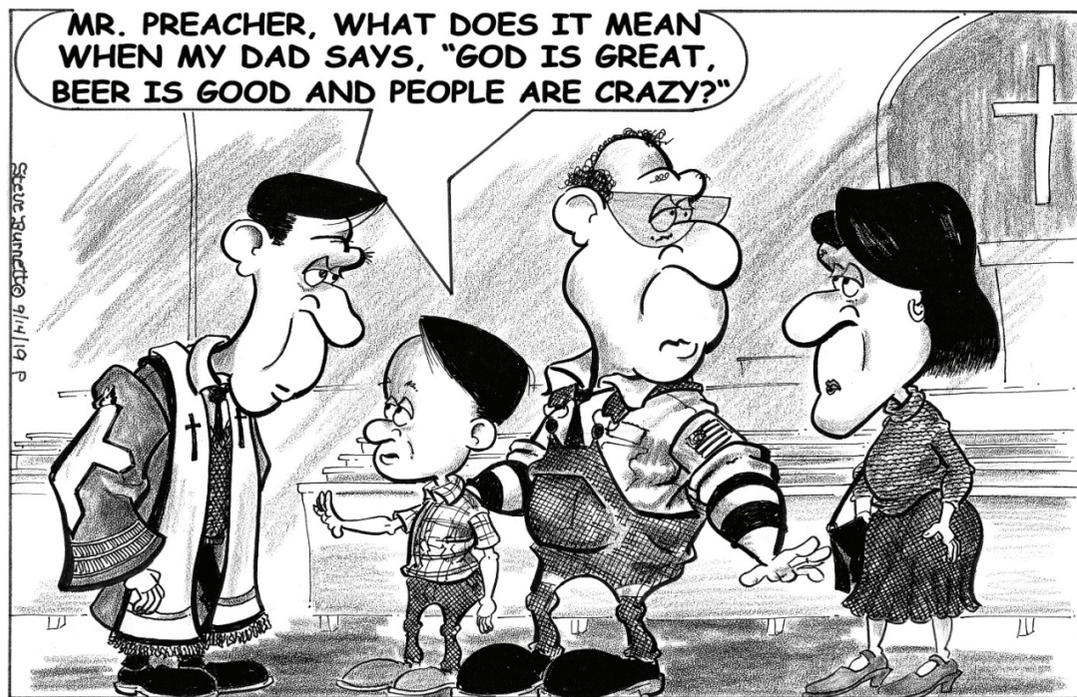
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### CLUES ACROSS

- Vital part of a lock
- Adherent of Zoroastrianism
- European river
- Nonprofit public health group
- Make law
- Three-banded armadillo
- Monetary unit
- Sandwich-like dishes
- Sicilian city
- Finger millet
- Of she
- Bullfighting maneuvers
- Lawyers
- A place to relax
- Often said after "Hee"
- Supervises flying
- Cheer of approval
- Something spiders twirl
- Aggressive dog
- Long-legged gazelle
- Mogul emperor
- Baltic peninsula
- Fencing sword
- A reward (archaic)
- Pigeon sound
- Type of groove
- Inquire too closely
- Nine Inch Nails' debut (abbr.)
- An often unwelcome guest
- Something you can draw
- Songs to one's lover
- Eastern Cairo mosque
- A partner to cheese
- Absorption unit
- A type of sandwich
- Herbaceous plant
- Chinese temple classification
- Native person of central Volga
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Some take them up
- South American nation
- Threaten persistently
- Morningwear

### CLUES DOWN

- German courtesy title
- Samoa capital
- A type of carpet
- Upper bract of grass
- Al Bundy's wife
- In a careless way
- More uncommon
- Expressing contempt
- Belonging to a thing
- Adventure stories
- Copycats
- Farewell
- Greek mythological builder
- Colorless, volatile liquid
- Monetary unit of Burma
- Bar bill
- Body part
- Mischievous child
- Popular card game
- Building occupied by monks
- Spiritual leader
- Independent ruler
- He wrote about the Gold Rush
- Bundle of banknotes
- Corporate honcho
- Touch softly
- Made by oneself
- Satisfies
- Subcompact Toyota crossover
- Cool!
- Flower vegetable
- Popular cluster
- Transylvanian city
- Robert and Stephen are two
- Philippine island
- Canadian law enforcers
- Wings
- He played Perry Mason
- Ballpoint pen
- Metrical foot
- It has nostrils
- Confederate soldier
- Take in solid food



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## Smoke shop fined for selling to students

By R. HANS MILLER  
SENIOR REPORTER

The Katy ISD Police Department and Harris County Sheriff's Office's Multi Agency Gang Task Force, also known as MAGTF, conducted a sting operation Nov. 19 at local smoke shop, Still Smokin. The operation resulted in one employee and multiple Katy ISD students being detained after it was found that the employee was selling nicotine products to minors, according to a statement posted online by Katy ISD police.

"A controlled sting operation using a minor juvenile was conducted in attempts to purchase tobacco or THC products. The minor juvenile entered the store and was able to purchase two packs of [JUUL] tobacco products," the department said in the statement.

The store employee observed to be selling nicotine products



The Still Smokin smoke shop at 21938 Provincial Blvd. in Katy has been fined after a joint operation among Katy ISD and other area law enforcement agencies found that an employee was selling vaping productions to minors.

was detained along with several minors after a juvenile cooperating with law enforcement was able to purchase two packs of nicotine

products which are illegal to sell to minors.

Katy ISD Police Chief Robert Jinks stated that no known gang

members are involved, but that the District turned to their partnership with the Harris County Sheriff's Office through MAGTF to pull in the correct resources to address the problems with the shop selling to underage consumers. The MAGTF is another form of mutual aid common in law enforcement wherein law enforcement agencies assist one another with various types of investigations. In this case, Katy ISD police needed assistance in sending an undercover person into the store because school's law enforcement agency does not have staff appropriate for that type of work.

The students detained in this operation were of all of high school age, Jinks confirmed Friday morning. Jinks added that the problem with vaping - which has become a high-profile issue over the last few months as incidences of serious medical issues have been

reported nationwide - is a concern for students of all ages, and that junior high school students are also affected.

An agent with the Texas Comptroller's Office performed an inspection at the site and issued multiple citations for selling tobacco products to minors, the statement said. Further inquiries will be conducted by the State Comptroller's Office which is responsible for enforcing tobacco permitting regulations in the state.

Jinks and other Katy ISD representatives praised the District's student body for reporting the incident to authorities. The District has a policy against vaping or smoking on its campuses and the administration's goal is to protect students, they said.

"If we hear of a smoke shop that's selling to our students, we're going to come after you," Jinks said.



Local Katy, TX artist Mia Suzanne Walker from Suzanne's Band will be performing as a duo with solo artist JR Rodriguez at Legends Coffee and Cafe 25707 Westheimer Pkwy, Katy, TX 77494 at 6:30PM. The acoustic show Candlelight and Carols will feature Christmas favorites across seven decades as well as the newly released single by Suzanne's Band One More Night of Christmas. Purchase or stream the single through all the usual music sources. For more information about Suzanne's Band go to <https://www.suzannesband.com>

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