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Arrest made in tabernacle theft case

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER

NEWS EDITOR

An arrest has been made in the case of a stolen tabernacle from St. Bartholomew Church, 5356 11th St.

Christian James Meritt, 26, was arrested May 13 for burglary of a building. At press time he was in custody in the Harris County Jail with a \$10,000 bond.

Late on the evening of May 8, the tabernacle was stolen. Upon the discovery of the theft the next day, church officials notified the Katy Police.

Police learned that the tabernacle was left at a nearby business located in the 3000 block of West Grand Parkway North. Upon reviewing the store surveillance video, police saw Meritt walking away from this business with the tabernacle before their arrival.

Police conducted surveillance of the area near the business and arrested Meritt. Police interviewed him, and Meritt admitted to the burglary of the church. Detectives went to Meritt's home and found the contents of the tabernacle. However, the tabernacle itself was discarded by Meritt and has not been recovered.

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, in a statement, praised the police's work.

"Thanks to the police's diligent efforts and skill, a suspect has been apprehended and charged with burglary," the Archdiocese statement said. "It is our understanding the theft was not motivated by last week's release of the draft Supreme Court opinion involving Roe v Wade."

The tabernacle is a large, ornate container where the Holy Eucharist is stored. The Archdiocese said efforts are ongoing to recover the tabernacle.

"In any case, such a theft beyond material price is im-



CHRISTIAN JAMES MERITT

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Katy Municipal Judge Jeffrey C. Brashear administers the oath of office to Mayor Dusty Thiele Friday at City Hall.

GEORGE SLAUGHTER

Thiele sworn in as Katy mayor

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER

NEWS EDITOR

Insurance executive William "Dusty" Thiele became Katy's 17th mayor Friday in a swearing-in ceremony at City Hall.

In remarks made after he took his place in the mayor's chair,

Thiele jokingly thanked everyone who voted for him. The overflow crowd in the council chamber laughed, as Thiele was the only candidate to file for mayor.

Under recent voter-approved changes to the city charter, only the mayoralty was on the ballot this year. But because Thiele

was the only candidate to file for the job, the city cancelled the election and declared him the winner.

Municipal Judge Jeffrey C. Brashear administered the oath of office. The mayoral term of office is three years.

Thiele, a Katy resident since

1991, has held positions on several different city boards and commissions. He has also served on the city council. The circumstances of his service were unique. He served out the term of a Ward B council member but

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New community theater to begin offering classes this summer

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER

NEWS EDITOR

Perhaps it is not surprising that Winkie Ballas Jamail, artistic director for the new Katy Town Theatre, sings "hello" when she joins a telephone interview. She has been a voice performance coach for over 30 years.

Jamail grew up in Houston and moved to Katy seven years ago. She said within 24 hours she was in love with the community. Marrenna Anderson, her business partner, grew up in the Midwest and lived in various places as she and her family followed her husband's career. They spent nine years in Tyler, where she was active in the Tyler Civic Theatre. She and her family moved to Cypress in 2020, and was introduced to Jamail through associations with Cy-Ranch High School.

Jamail and Anderson hit it off and decided to organize a community theater, featuring lessons and acting, movement, and voice for performing in musicals. Lessons would also include training for how to audition for roles.

Yet they realized that to really incorporate "community" into their idea, they should work with Katy city officials. They met with then-Mayor Bill Hastings before the pandemic. His encouragement led them to working with Kevin Browne, the city's parks director. The classes will be held at Woodsland Park, 443 Danover Road.

Anderson said the park has a big conference room where the classes will be



Winkie Ballas Jamail, right, artistic director for the new Katy Town Theatre, poses with Catherine Piskurich, one of her students.

"We don't need two Luciano Pavarottis. We need you. You can learn anything when you have the right tools. If you can talk, you can sing."

—Winkie Ballas Jamail, artistic director, Katy Town Theatre

ERCOT told power plant to delay repairs before it failed

BY MITCHELL FERMAN
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

On Thursday, Texas's power grid operator told at least one power plant to delay its scheduled repairs and keep operating to help meet demand during hotter-than-expected May weather.

The next day, the plant went offline anyway when some of its equipment stopped working properly, according to energy giant Calpine, which owns the plant. Calpine declined to identify the plant.

By just after 5 p.m. Friday, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) announced that six power plants had gone down unexpectedly and asked Texans to turn up their thermostats to 78 degrees for the weekend and avoid using large appliances during the hottest hours of the day to reduce strain on the power grid.

"We had a scheduled major maintenance outage beginning Friday, May 13, but it was cancelled by ERCOT on May 12," a

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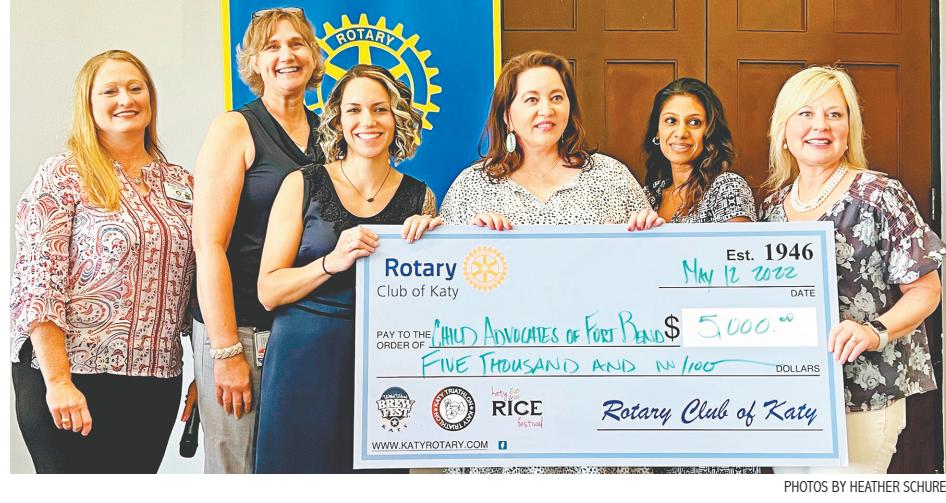
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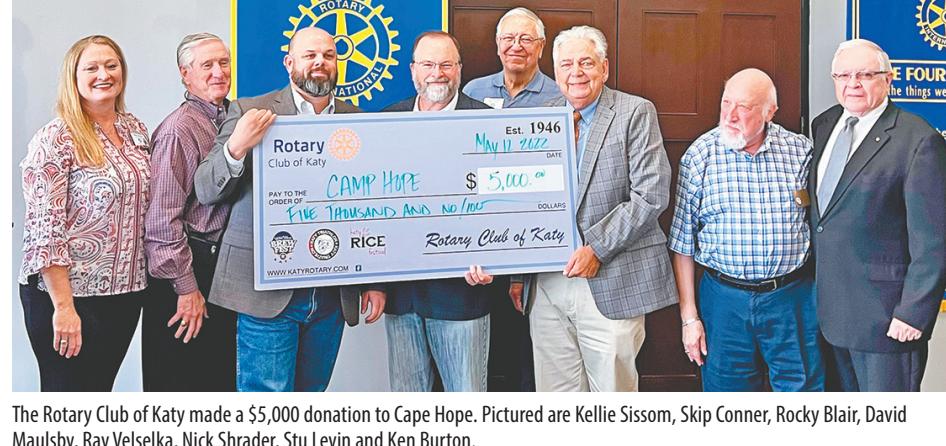
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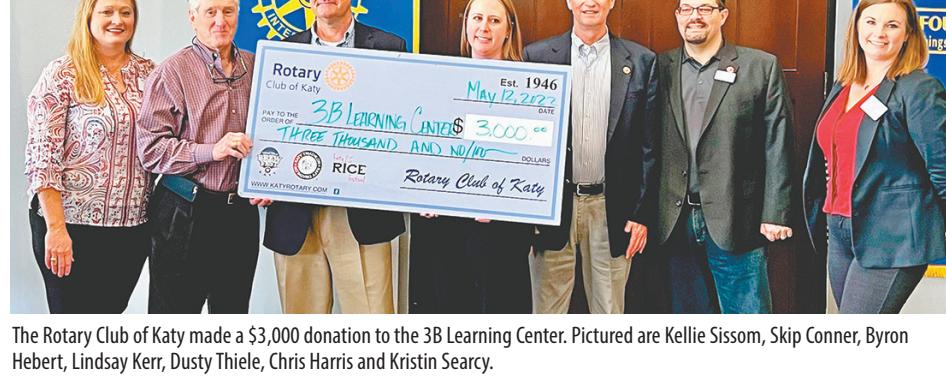
State Comptroller Glenn Hegar was the featured speaker Thursday at the Rotary Club of Katy. Pictured are Keith Dalton, Skip Conner, Glenn Hegar, Ken Burton, Kellie Sissom and David Frishman.



The Rotary Club of Katy made a \$5,000 donation to Child Advocates of Fort Bend. Pictured are Kellie Sissom, Sarah Martin, Krystal Vann, Rhonda Kuykendall, Snehal Johnson and Lisa Moore.



The Rotary Club of Katy made a \$5,000 donation to Camp Hope. Pictured are Kellie Sissom, Skip Conner, Rocky Blair, David Maulsby, Ray Velselka, Nick Shrader, Stu Levin and Ken Burton.



The Rotary Club of Katy made a \$3,000 donation to the 3B Learning Center. Pictured are Kellie Sissom, Skip Conner, Byron Hebert, Lindsay Kerr, Dusty Thiele, Chris Harris and Kristin Searcy.

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1. Scream loudly
5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
8. The bill in a restaurant
11. Oblong pulpits
13. Adult female chicken
14. Abnormal breathing
15. Financial obligations
16. Belonging to a thing
17. Winged
18. Peoples
20. College hoops tournament
21. An informal body of friends
22. Region of the world
25. In an early way
30. Connected by kinship
31. Type of tree
32. Official order
33. Foundation for an idea
38. Small, faint constellation
41. Book lovers
43. Vegetable
45. Cabbage variety
47. A way to heal
49. Illuminated
50. Dish that features a stick
55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
56. Solid water
57. Soldier's gear
59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann

60. Former measure of length
61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
62. Doctors' group
63. Actress Susan
64. Appropriate
CLUES DOWN
1. Cool!
2. Hebrew unit of measure
3. Swedish rock group
4. College army
5. Black eye
6. One who stopped working
7. Teach a value
8. Rhythmic patterns
9. "MASH" actor Alda
10. "Friday Night Lights" director
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Indian musical pattern
19. Fulfill a desire
23. Water soaked soil
24. Brass instrument
25. Before
26. Popular color
27. Peyton's little brother
28. Partner to cheese
29. Put onto
34. "Much ___ about nothing"
35. A way to mend
36. Anger

37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Mobilized
40. Resembles an earlobe
41. Cut of meat
42. Nigerian people
44. Recently
45. Square stone building at Mecca
46. Adhere to orders
47. Adventure story
48. Marine bivalve mollusk
51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
52. Actor Pitt
53. Tibetan village
54. A way to change by heating
58. A beam of sunshine

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

COMMUNITY

BRIEFS

American Legion Auxiliary to hand out poppies for Memorial Day

The American Legion Auxiliary will hand out poppies in preparation for Memorial Day at these times, dates, and places:

- From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 26 at the Katy VA Clinic, 750 Westgreen Blvd.
- From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 30 at Snappy's Café and Grill, 5803 U.S. 90.
- From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 30 at Brookshire Brothers, 5249 Franz Road.

Poppies first became a symbol of remembrance for those who gave their lives during World War I and have been used since.

The auxiliary will be participating the June 4 Volunteer Fair at the Brookwood Community in Brookshire to share its opportunities for volunteering.

Friends of the Maud Smith Marks Library to hold monthly used book sale

The Friends of the Maud Smith Marks Library will hold a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the library, 1815 Westgreen.

The friends will be hosting a presale viewing and sale for members from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Friday. Annual memberships, which include presale access, can be purchased at the door for \$10.

Proceeds support library programs offered to the community.

Books (adult or children's, fiction, nonfiction, reference, foreign language, etc.) that you would like to donate to the sale are now being accepted. Please deposit them, during library hours, in the bins inside the entrance.

Library to host free seminar introducing its business databases

The Maud Smith Marks Library hosts a one-time introduction to its business databases. The event enables the public to learn more about the library's Morningstar Database, Small Business Reference Center, ValueLine Database, Data-Axle Reference Solutions, and more.

The event is at 6:30 p.m. June 1 at the library, 1815 Westgreen.

Applicants sought for Leadership Katy program

Leadership Katy, a civic leadership development program of the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, is seeking applicants.

The program works to connect promising community leaders to explore and address key business and community issues in Katy.

Each year, individuals will be selected to participate in a nine-month program that meets once a month. Participants



JOYCE CHRIS

Volunteers Edna Rakoski, Lynn Kendal, and Marjorie Reese prepare books for the bi-annual Friends of the Katy Library book sale. Proceeds from the sale, which took place Saturday at the library, benefit programs offered at the library.

receive in-depth exposure to the issues facing the community through lectures, discussion groups, on-site visits, simulations, and other leadership development activities. The program enables participants to develop their leadership capacities, build strong relationships, and prepare themselves for the challenges of the years to come.

Tuition for the program is \$2,500 which covers all transportation, airfare, lodging, and meals. Leadership Katy will meet on the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Leadership Katy participants build the knowledge, confidence and motivation to become actively involved in promoting constructive change for the Katy area. Class members will grow in awareness and understanding of the challenges and issues facing our community. Leadership Katy opens the door for enhanced corporate/organizational community involvement and visibility, develops valuable contacts and networks, and helps identify where strategic alliances might be formed. Employers and sponsoring organizations will see increased leadership and problem-solving skills in their employees who participate in the program. The community will experience immediate benefit from increased involvement on the part of the participants and will reap future benefits from the collective commitment to effective leadership by the graduates of Leadership Katy.

For more information and to apply, visit the website <https://bit.ly/3MgAna6>.

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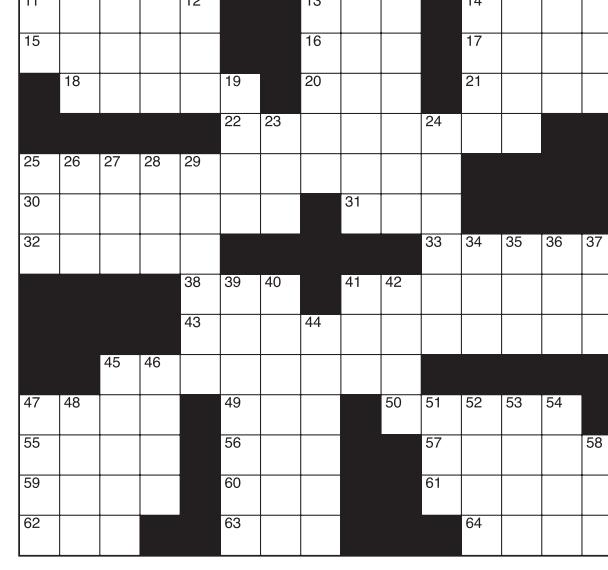
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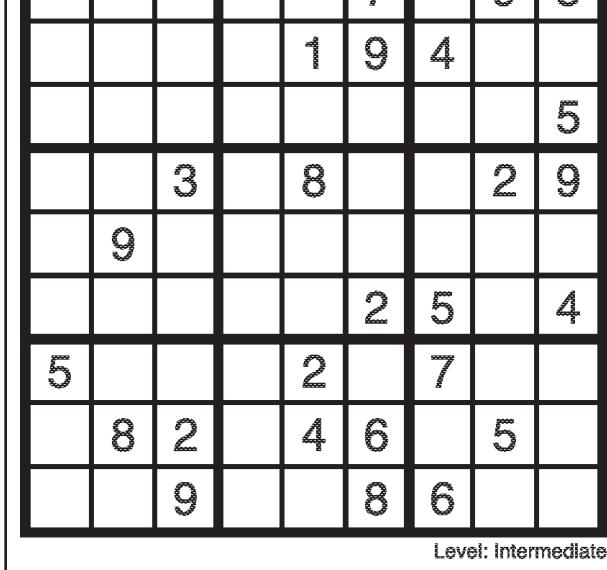
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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

THEATER

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held. It also has an outdoor pavilion should people want to move things outside. Eventually, the hope is that musicals can be staged there.

"There's enough room inside the facility where we can house everyone for classes," Anderson said. "We're looking forward to our partnership with Katy."

Jamail shares that excitement.

"It turned into, let's do this with the city because there's a need there," Jamail said. "There's a need for a well-run community theater with professional teaching, but at the same time, a community theatre. It should be fun."

Katy Town Theatre is now accepting registrations for students, ages 8-15, looking for training in voice, stage acting, and moving about on a stage. More information is on the website katytowntheatre.com. But Jamail was quick to say that the theatre is looking for registrations, and not auditions.

When it was suggested that a singer might be afraid to apply because he doesn't have the talent to sing as well as an opera star, Jamail was reassuring.

"I'm so glad you don't sing like somebody else," Jamail said. "We don't need two (Luciano) Pavarotti. We need you. You can learn anything when you have the right tools. If you can talk, you can sing. I've been teaching for 30 years. There was a lady who came to me, and she was embarrassed that she couldn't carry a tune. Six weeks later, she was singing in her church choir because that was her goal. If you are a person who wants to get up and sing, then get up and sing. The gift needs to be developed, that's all."

Expanding on her story about the lady who became a singer in her church choir, Jamail said she has had students who when singing contest over others with natural talent because they worked at it.

"I do not audition my students," Jamail said. "If they've got the desire so strong, they find me, they pick up the phone, they show up for the lessons, and that's all I need to know because they have the desire. So much of it is about what your belief in yourself. Do you see yourself up there? For that to happen, you need to be working with people who believe in you."

ARREST

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measurably hurtful to the Archdiocese and speaking theologically, is sacrilegious," the Archdiocese said.

The Archdiocese expressed its gratitude to the police and asked for continued prayers both for the parish and all involved in the matter.

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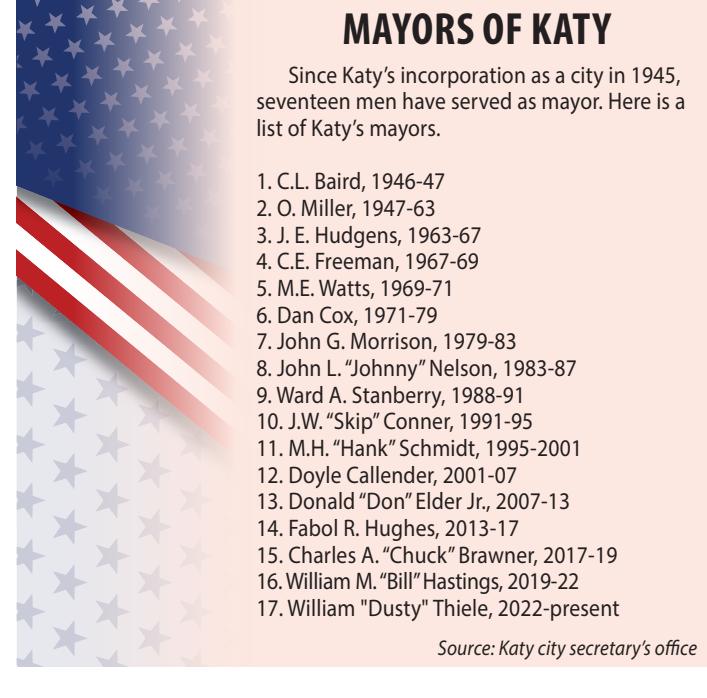
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MAYORS OF KATY

Since Katy's incorporation as a city in 1945, seventeen men have served as mayor. Here is a list of Katy's mayors.

1. C.L. Baird, 1946-47
2. O. Miller, 1947-63
3. J. E. Hudgens, 1963-67
4. C.E. Freeman, 1967-69
5. M.E. Watts, 1969-71
6. Dan Cox, 1971-79
7. John G. Morrison, 1979-83
8. John L. "Johnny" Nelson, 1983-87
9. Ward A. Stanberry, 1988-91
10. J.W. "Skip" Conner, 1991-95
11. M.H. "Hank" Schmidt, 1995-2001
12. Doyle Callender, 2001-07
13. Donald "Don" Elder Jr., 2007-13
14. Fabol R. Hughes, 2013-17
15. Charles A. "Chuck" Brawner, 2017-19
16. William M. "Bill" Hastings, 2019-22
17. William "Dusty" Thiele, 2022-present

Source: Katy city secretary's office

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did not seek election in his own right to that seat.

After his council term ended, Thiele moved to Ward A. In November 2020, Ward A Council Member Frank Carroll resigned his seat, and then-Mayor Bill Hastings appointed Thiele to serve the remainder of Carroll's term. Thiele served but did not seek election in his own right to that seat. Dan Smith holds that seat today.

Thiele succeeds Hastings, who retired after one term in office. Hastings's retirement ends a remarkable 47-year public service career, which included serving as mayor and police chief, among other roles. Thiele and council members paid tribute to Hastings and remembered his accomplishments.

Hastings served as the city's third

police chief before retiring from that role and winning election as mayor in 2019. In deference to his police service, Police Chief Noe Diaz presented Hastings with a special Katy Police Department badge. Diaz said the badge design was changed a few years ago and the badge given to Hastings—the only one of its kind—says "retired."

Hastings said he and his wife Susan, who recently retired from her role at Katy Christian Ministries, were moving to a house near Lake Livingston, but would remain involved in Katy affairs. Hastings said a particular passion of his is Leyendecker's Landing, a city water retention facility named in honor of longtime city engineer David Leyendecker, who died in 2020. The city dedicated Leyendecker Landing in April.

POWER

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Calpine spokesperson said in a statement, adding that May is a "shoulder month" during which power generators historically take power plants offline to do repairs and maintenance during cooler weather.

But this month has been warmer than most Mays of the past decade, leading to higher electricity demand and causing ERCOT to scramble to keep as many plants operating as possible.

Several other power plants broke down Friday and couldn't produce electricity after agreeing — at ERCOT's request — to postpone planned maintenance shutdowns, said Michele Richmond, who represents power plants across the state as executive director of the Texas Competitive Power Advocates.

That contradicts what the grid operator said Friday, when an ERCOT spokesperson told The Texas Tribune that maintenance delays did not cause any of the six power plant failures. On Tuesday, an ERCOT spokesperson said he was checking on whether power plant repair delays requested by ERCOT led to Friday's plant outages.

ERCOT's public statement said that "six power generation facilities tripped offline resulting in the loss of approximately 2,900 MW of electricity"—enough to power more than 580,000 homes. "At this time, all reserve generation resources available are operating."

The brief statement raised more questions than it answered and didn't address the plants' locations, whether they were all offline at the same time and why they unexpectedly failed. The weekend passed without major power disruptions, as several of the downed plants returned online by Saturday.

Richmond said ERCOT is "taking a top-down approach" in determining when to tell companies to delay needed repairs and "doesn't take into account what these complex machines need to make sure they get maintenance done."



Curt Terry, plant manager at Vistra Corp.'s Midlothian power plant, gave a media tour in October to explain the weatherization process. Six Texas power plants failed unexpectedly on Friday as a heat wave hit the state.

SHELBY TAUBER/THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

"When you start to tell generators during the season they're supposed to be doing maintenance that they can't, then you're trying to squeeze more out of plants than what is safe and reliable," she added.

ERCOT approves planned maintenance requests from energy companies months and even years in advance because of the complexity of the work and the need to maintain a minimum level of generation capacity at all times.

Over recent weeks, portable toilets, tents and large cargo containers have been assembled at power plants across Texas for repair crews that allow the facilities to run at full strength during the hot Texas summer.

Dozens of contract workers at many sites erect scaffolding — some even bring in cranes to move heavier equipment — and take apart the plants' turbines and fix rotating blades. Depending on the scope of the work, a plant can be down for days or weeks.

"Our companies want to be on in the heat of summer, our companies want to be on when customers need us to provide power," Richmond said. "We also want to do it reliably and safely. Part of reliability of a power plant is taking scheduled maintenance to not only

run safely but run at max performance, just like you don't want to do maintenance on your car when you're on a cross-country road trip."

Daniel Cohan, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Rice University, questioned how the power plants that have been forced to delay maintenance will perform when the worst of the Texas heat arrives this summer.

"I'm concerned with how hard those plants have been run and that maintenance has been deferred to run the grid conservatively," Cohan said, describing ERCOT's approach since last year's freeze of having a larger cushion of power reserve available. "It remains to be seen how much more vulnerable that leaves us to summer outages."

ERCOT on Monday released its forecast for summer electricity demand. The agency expects record-breaking electricity demand of 77,317 megawatts. ERCOT said it has beefed up the amount of

reserve power available to the grid and it "is expected to have sufficient installed generating capacity to serve peak demands in the upcoming summer season."

The Public Utility Commission of Texas, which is in charge of ERCOT, is considering a new rule that could shorten the maintenance season when plants can go offline for repairs. The new rule is based on a provision in Senate Bill 3, the state Legislature's response to last year's freeze, when millions of people were without power for days in subfreezing temperatures and hundreds died after a combination of cold weather and skyrocketing energy demand shut down power plants as well as the natural gas facilities that supply them with fuel.

Richmond said the new rule is flawed because it doesn't outline specific metrics to tell ERCOT when a plant needs maintenance, which she said could be a problem with a shorter maintenance season.

Officials from multiple

power companies contacted by the Tribune this week questioned whether the rule would give them enough time to make necessary repairs during maintenance season because there are a limited number of qualified repair crews and they travel the country repairing power plants during the milder months of the year. The companies asked not to be identified because power plant outage details have not yet been publicly disclosed by ERCOT.

Cohan said Texans can expect to see hotter temperatures in the coming decades because of climate change, which will put more pressure on the state's aging power plants.

"You need to do maintenance sometime, and we've seen our vulnerability to winter freezes and we know our peaks most often happen in summer heat waves," Cohan said. "That really leaves it to the fall and spring as the seasons when you need to do maintenance."



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Care for some stolen random thoughts?

Honest, I'm going to write a book chockful of random thoughts someday (my more serious book about religion is already available on Amazon), but deadline pressures keep forcing me to cannibalize my ideas for this column instead.

For instance, do you get confused by the (microscopic and/or smeared) "sell by" and "best if used by" labels on products? "Best if used by November 2022." "Best if used by July 2023." Considering the sodium and sugar content in most of the products, maybe the labels should announce, "Best if used by the jerk whose widow you would like to marry in about five years."

Why do we waste our time soliciting highly subjective information from the people in our lives? A business owner can ask how things went in his absence. One employee will start flailing his arms and announce his honest perception, "All hell broke loose!" Another will adopt the British "stiff upper lip" and sincerely assure the boss, "We had a trifle of increased activity." A good surveillance camera system would solve the discrepancies. Of course, there might be some conflicting cost estimates. ("It'll cost an arm and a leg!" It already paid for itself when you were a gleam in your father's eye!)

Can movies and TV shows drop the term "safehouse" when the police or CIA are talking about a location to stash a witness? As soon as the authorities utter the word "safehouse," it's a "double dog dare you" for terrorists and mobsters. The situation could get worse only if the feds promised witnesses, "You'll be snug here, but you'll have to share a room with a gaggle of red-shirted Enterprise crew members."

I understand that doctors glean a modicum of useful information from the standard "How would you rate your pain - on a scale from 1 to 10?" question, but surely, we could start lopping off numbers from each end of the spectrum. I mean, "1" sounds like you're bragging or in denial. And "10" carries the connotation of "As soon as you turn your back, I'm stealing your prescription pad and getting sweet relief!"



DANNY TYREE
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

I hate people who try to talk you into things you immediately recognize as bad ideas. "Don't knock it until you've tried it." "Don't knock it until you've tried it." But if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. I'll get my revenge as soon as my furniture arrives from the state pen.

And why didn't you ask me about the pain before the waiting-room chairs and the weigh-in???"

Are anthropologists for real? They can find a single tooth in an excavation and breathlessly declare, "This belonged to a redheaded Neanderthal named Gronk, but his friends all called him 'Buddy'! He slept on his left side, thought cirrocumulus clouds looked like mastodon flatulence and always flipped his lucky pebble to decide whether it was a hunting day or a gathering day." But let the anthropologist's spouse ask something like, "Did you see that tramp Staci spilling out of her tight blouse?" and it's "Really? I hadn't noticed."

I hate people who try to talk you into things you immediately recognize as bad ideas. "Don't knock it until you've tried it." But if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. I'll get my revenge as soon as my furniture arrives from the state pen. ("Welcome. I've saved you a spot of honor in my new easy chair. Go ahead, give Old Smokey a try. Don't knock it until you've tried it.")

Thanks for letting me rob

Tyree to pay Tyree. Darn. I

should've used that one in my

religion book. (Best if used be-

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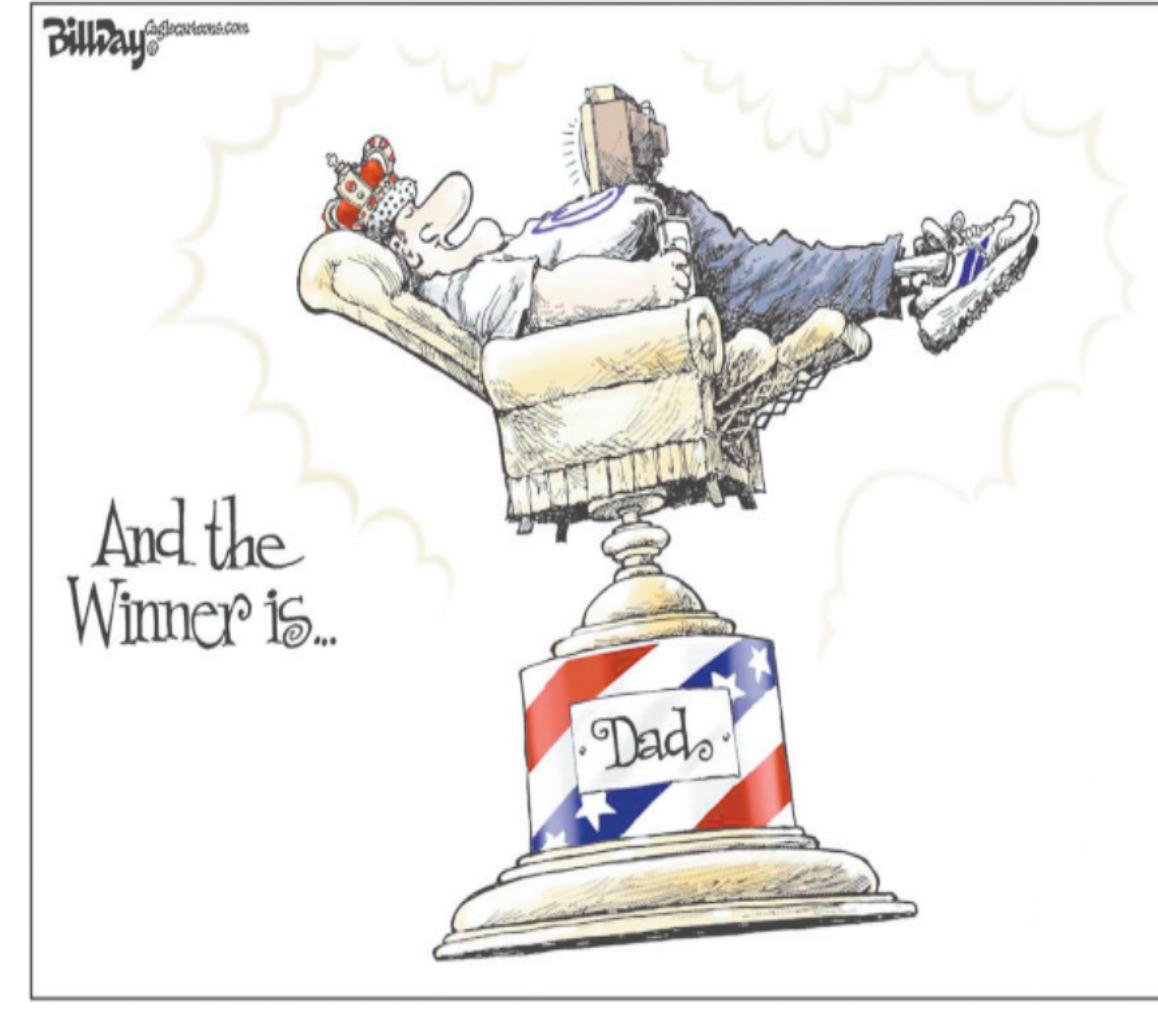
Danny Tyree welcomes email

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com and visits to his Facebook

fan page "Tyree's Tyrades."

OPINION



Fatherly inspiration key to learning the art of grace

After all these years, my dad inspires me still.

As I write this, the almost 89-year-old fellow is fighting to get back onto his feet as stenosis, bad knees and general old age are wearing him down.

But though his body shows wear and tear, his mind remains as agile as his sense of humor.

And as he fights his daily battles, he continues to inspire his children.

The old saying "actions speak louder than words" applies perfectly to my dad.

He never was much for talking, but he is the biggest action figure I've ever known.

He worked long, hard hours every day at Bell Telephone and took overtime work almost every holiday I can remember to provide for us the best way he knew how.

He never did much for himself.

His greatest indulgences included a weekly case of Pabst Blue Ribbon and keeping a \$5 bill in his wallet so he could get hot coffee on cold days.

His actions spoke clearly to his kids: "I'm not a sophisticated man, but I love you with all my heart and I will always take care of you."

When he spoke actual words, he always began with three: "For Godsakes, Betty..."

Betty is his preferred name for my mother, Elizabeth. He met her



TOM PURCELL
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

in high school when he was 16.

He told me again last week he knew immediately he would marry her and they did marry five years later.

Now they have six children, 17 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Marriage is hard. Family is hard. Our clan wasn't spared the challenges, setbacks and disagreements every family faces.

But the one constant that got us through is that my father deeply loves my mother. He dotes on her. He's lost without her.

After more than 70 years together, my dad told me his heart still beats fast when my mother walks into the room—that they still hold hands every single night as they fall asleep.

A child is the last person on Earth to accurately evaluate his parents' relationship. Theirs is intense and sometimes confusing to us—but, goodness, they love each other.

That is one of the best gifts parents can give their kids. My

parents gave us a genuine love story—and here I am at 60 and they're sharing their love story with me still.

And my father is inspiring me still.

He's in pain every day. The most basic tasks are becoming harder.

Sometimes, the frustration gets to him, but most days he displays incredible grace as he jokes, "Getting old ain't for the weak!"

I share his influence on me because I know how important he has been in shaping me and my sisters into the people we are.

I think of all of the kids, particularly boys, who are getting into trouble because they do not have a father whose actions could inspire and guide them to positive outcomes in life.

My sisters and I are not perfect, but we work hard to be good people and good spouses, parents and neighbors.

And now, as our parents age, it is our turn to repay them—our turn for our actions to be louder than our words by showing:

"We're not sophisticated people, but we love you with all our heart and we will always take care of you."

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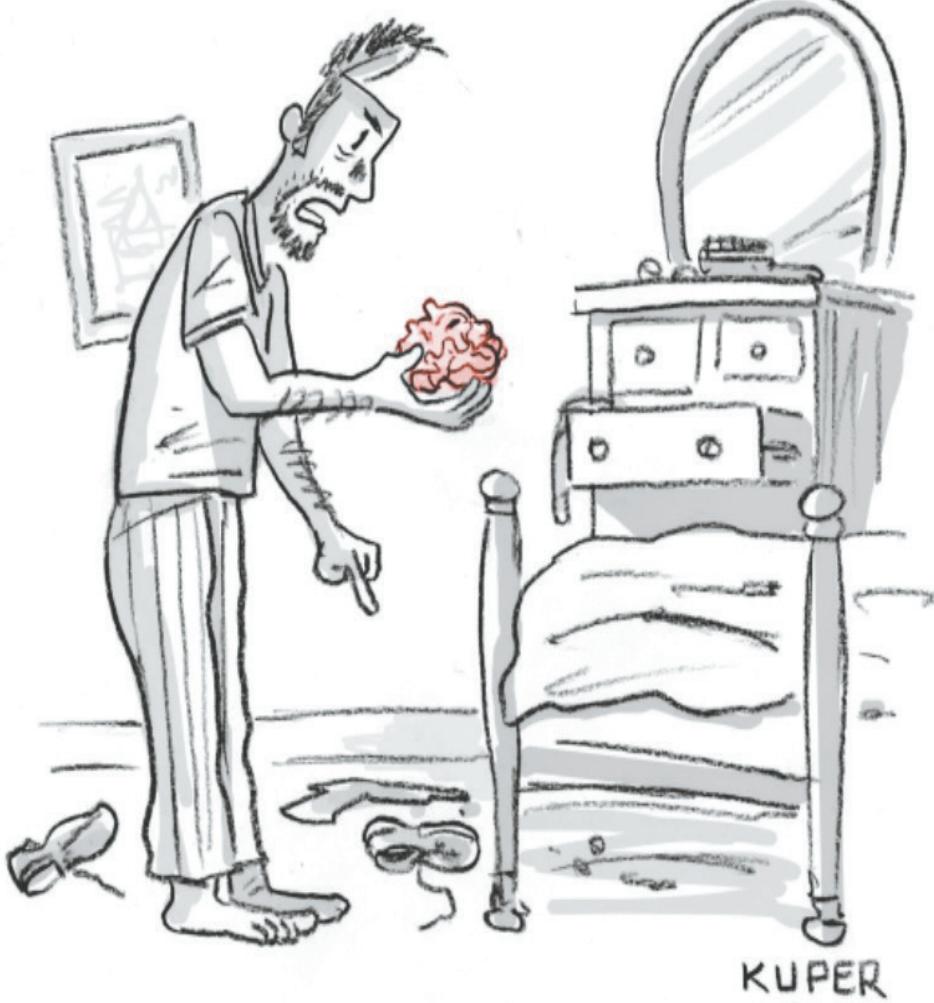
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"We really need to talk about your behavior last night."

Baby formula shortage is making low-income mothers struggle to pay for a product usually covered by the state

BY JASON BEEFERMAN
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Each day, Ashley Beattie and her fiancé spend hours driving around Bell County looking for baby formula to feed her eight-month-old son. First H-E-B, then Walmart, then Target. She searches until she can find something.

On Tuesday, a friend alerted her that there were eight cans of Enfamil Gentlelease at a nearby Sam's Club. The brand meant Beattie, one of nearly 200,000 Texas moms whose lower income qualifies her to have her formula purchases paid for through the Texas Women, Infant and Children, or WIC, program, had to quickly calculate how much that would put her budget behind yet again.

"I feel stressed," Beattie said. "It's hard, it's a lot of money being taken out of pocket."

Since February, parents across the country have been dealing with scarce supplies of baby formula after Abbott Nutrition, one of the four major manufacturers of U.S. baby formula, issued a February recall due to bacterial contamination resulting in a shutdown of its plant in Sturgis, Michigan. Many families have turned to their social media feeds to help locate stores with formula.

Texas is being hit particularly hard with 52% of baby



Nataly Romero, who has been having trouble finding baby formula, holds her son Alex in their Baytown home on May 12, 2022.

formula out of stock as of May 1 — the third worst in the nation according to the retail software company DataAssembly. Both Houston and San Antonio are among the U.S. metro areas hit hardest by the shortage, with Houston the second worst in the U.S. at a 52.5% out of stock rate, the data firm said.

But for WIC moms like Beattie, the problem is even worse. Similac, made by Abbott, was the brand she was initially told to buy with her Texas WIC card. Although Texas Health and Human Services added 75 alternative standard formula options within the first week after the Abbott recall in February, word has not trickled down to WIC users contacted by The Texas Tribune.

Adding to the confusion is

the fact that moms in different counties are being offered different guidance on what they can purchase with their WIC cards. That's because, according to HHSC, local WIC offices are telling their clients what to buy based on local supply levels.

And even though the state has relaxed what WIC moms can buy through the program, expanding the formula list to 90 brands, that's not the message some moms are getting from their local offices. So they're taking what they can find and paying for it themselves.

For Beattie, that meant that on Tuesday, she grabbed the available cans of Enfamil Gentlelease she found at Sam's Club. She calculates that she has been spending almost \$500 a month for formula

and has had to cut back on her family's other groceries. Sometimes, she says she finds one of the brands covered by WIC, but it's always in a size larger than the 20 ounce she has been told by the state to buy.

For low-income mothers across Texas, the new expense is coming at a time of surging inflation, when family budgets are already strained by rising food costs and soaring gas prices.

"This is the worst timing for this situation," said Rachel Cooper, a senior policy analyst at Every Texan, the left-leaning policy group. "This would be complicated and confusing no matter what, but when food prices in general are through the roof, WIC's ability to cover formula becomes even more important."

Texas Health and Human Services Commission spokesperson Tiffany Young told the Tribune that Texas WIC employees have been in constant communication with both the families they serve and local WIC clinics about the changing formula purchase rules. The agency relies on a text-messaging system to push out the latest information to their clients.

"At this time, the Texas WIC program and the contract formula company is covering the cost of almost any brand or size of standard milk or soy based infant formula

that families can find," Young told the Tribune in an email.

She said that if WIC clients had any questions about whether formula purchases they should go to the Texas WIC website or check with the local clinics in their area. Texans can use this link to check if their baby formula was included in the recall.

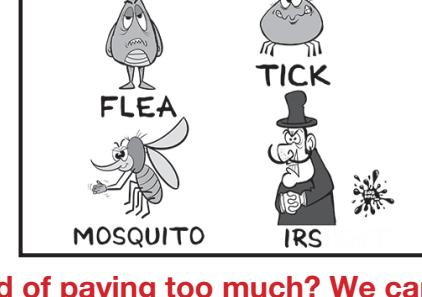
Nataly Romero, 20, is a new mother of a 1-year-old who lives in Baytown and they're enrolled in the Texas WIC program. At her doctor's direction, she had recently begun the transition from formula by adding milk to her baby's diet. She said she spends hours after work looking for formula that she still needs to feed him.

Romero says she heard about the opportunity to switch brands after her friend sent her an article detailing how Texas WIC would now be covering different formulas after the recall. Although Texas HHSC has said the agency has sent texts to WIC mothers about the relaxing of what brands can be purchased, Romero says she never got one.

Beattie, Romero and Valencia all said beyond being costly, the shortage has caused them so much stress.

"Moms panic," Romero said. "You want to have food for your baby."

This article has been edited for length. Alexa Ura contributed to this report.



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Here's what to know about voting in the May 24 runoff

BY MARÍA MÉNDEZ AND ALEXA URA
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

What do I need to know about mail-in voting?

■ How do I know if I'm eligible to vote by mail?

This option is fairly limited in Texas. You're allowed to vote by mail only if:

- You will be 65 years old or older by election day.
- You will not be in your county for the entire span of voting, including early voting.
- You cite a sickness or disability that prevents you from voting in person without needing personal assistance or without the likelihood of injuring your health.
- You're expected to give birth within three weeks before or after election day.
- You are confined in jail but otherwise eligible (i.e., not convicted of a felony).

■ What identification do I need to vote by mail?

The Texas Legislature last year created new identification requirements for voting by mail that require voters to provide their driver's license or state ID number or, if they haven't been assigned those, the last four digits of their Social Security number on both the application for a ballot and the envelope used to return a completed ballot. If they don't have either, voters can also indicate they have not been issued that identification.

More than 24,000 Texans lost their votes in the March primary because roughly 12.4% of mail-in ballots were rejected under the new voting law. The secretary of state's office said it's critical for voters to remember to add a license or ID number to their ballots.

"The issue that we saw was a lot of people just left that number off on the mailing ballots," Taylor said.

Ahead of the March primary, hundreds of voters' applications for mail-in ballots were also rejected, in some cases because they provided a license number that the state didn't have on file. As of Dec. 20, a reported 493,823 registered voters didn't have a driver's license on file, which is the first number voters are asked to provide on both applications to register to vote and applications to vote by mail. The secretary of state has suggested contacting your local voter registrar to ask about how to add one of the required numbers to your voter registration record.

Other voting advocates suggest voters include both their driver's license or state ID number and the last four digits of their Social Security number, if they have both, to avoid issues.

■ Does lack of immunity to COVID-19 qualify as a disability during the pandemic?

While a lack of immunity to COVID-19 alone does not allow a voter to request a ballot based on disability, the Texas Supreme Court ruled in 2020 that it was up to voters to decide if that lack of immunity, combined with their medical history, allows them to meet the state's eligibility criteria.

Take note that the Texas election code's definition for disability is broader than other federal definitions. A voter is eligible to vote by mail if they have a "sickness or physical condition" that prevents them from voting in person without the likelihood of "needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter's health." It's up to the voter to decide this, and election officials don't have the authority to question a voter's reasoning.

■ What kind of postage do I need to return my mail-in ballot?

It depends on where you live. Postage for mail-in ballots will vary by county because the style and size of the ballot could be vastly different from county to county — and some counties may pay postage for you. Local elections offices should have the specifics once ballots are finalized. That said, if you don't have enough postage, your ballot is not supposed to be returned to you. Instead, the Postal Service is supposed to deliver the ballot and bill the county for the insufficient or missing postage.

■ What if there's an issue with my mail-in ballot?

Texas will allow voters to correct their mail-in ballots if they are at risk of being rejected for a technical error, including missing information or signatures. This also applies to issues with the applications for those ballots. County officials are responsible for alerting voters if there is a defect with their application or ballot.

Voters can use a new online ballot tracker to check the status of both their application to vote by mail and their ballot. The tracker can also be used to make corrections. You can access the tracker here.



The Texas primary runoff election is set for May 24. Early voting has begun.

must be made available at every polling place. Some counties have designated parking spots for curbside voters, while others use a doorbell-like system so poll workers know to bring out a portable voting machine.

■ What dates do I need to know?

Early voting in person runs from May 16-20.

■ Where am I allowed to vote early?

Voters can cast ballots at any polling location in the county where they are registered to vote. Check your county elections office's website for early voting locations.

■ Who is eligible to vote early?

Anyone who is registered to vote may vote early, but it must be done in person unless you qualify to vote by mail.

Election day is May 24.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

■ Are polling locations the same on election day as they are during early voting?

Not always. It's recommended to check the open polling locations in your area before you head out to cast your ballot. In some counties, election day voting may be restricted to locations in your designated precinct. Other counties allow voters to cast their ballot at any polling place on election day.

■ How do I check if I'm registered to vote?

You can check to see if you're registered and verify your information through the Texas secretary of state's website.

You'll need one of the following three combinations to log in:

- Providing your Texas driver's license number and date of birth.
- Providing your first and last names, date of birth and what county you reside in.
- Providing your date of birth and Voter Unique Identifier, which appears on your voter registration certificate.

■ By when do I need to mail my ballot?

The deadline for mail-in ballots to be returned to the county is election day, which is May 24. If they're postmarked by 7 p.m. that day, they'll be counted if they're received by the county by 5 p.m. May 25.

Absentee ballots also can be delivered to the county elections office in person with a valid form of ID while polls are open on election day.

Completed ballots from military or overseas voters are accepted if they're received by May 31. (Military and overseas voters can go through a different ballot request and return process.)

■ What's on the ballot?

Voters will make the final call in Democratic and Republican primary races that were left undecided after the March 1 election.

In crowded primary elections in which no candidate won more than 50% of votes, the two candidates with the most votes will appear on the ballot for the runoff.

The runoff winners will become their party's pick for the November general election, during which they'll face the candidate from the opposing party and possible Libertarian, Green Party and independent candidates.

This year, 50 primary races are headed to runoffs. This includes statewide races for the elected offices of Texas attorney general, lieutenant governor, land commissioner, comptroller and railroad commissioner.

Voters may also see runoff elections for representatives for their districts in the Texas House, Texas Senate, State Board of Education and Congress. If you share your address below, we'll show you the candidates you get to vote for. (Don't worry: We don't store your information.)

■ Who can vote in the runoffs?

If you voted in the March 1 primary, you can cast your vote only in runoff races for the same party.

"If you vote in, say, the Democratic Party primary, you have to vote in the Democratic Party's primary runoff. You can't switch to the Republican runoff," said Sam Taylor, a spokesperson for the Texas secretary of state's office.

If you didn't vote in the March primaries this year, you can choose to vote in either the Democratic or Republican runoffs but must be registered to vote 30 days before the election, which is by the April 25 deadline.

If you voted in March, you remain registered, but make sure your address is up to date.

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Tompkins graduate appears in TV commercial



BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

When it comes to a new challenge or adventure, Rimi—she prefers the use of her first name only—tends to jump in feet first.

The 2021 Tompkins High School graduate is appearing in a television ad for Famous Footwear, where she models Nike court shoes. She also models Nike sandals in a series of posters for Famous Footwear.

But landing such a job doesn't come overnight. Remi said it took weeks to know whether she landed the job.

"People think it's so easy," Remi said. However, it is not. She has an agent, who submits her profile and demos to the appropriate producers.

"They call you back if they like you," Remi said. "Thousands are submitted, and they call back the top 10, possibly the top five. It is a very hard and difficult path."

The commercial was filmed last November in Cedar Park, an Austin suburb. Additional filming was done in Coupland, which sits just north of Austin. Remi's mother, Hetal Ejner, accompanied her and took some photos of her daughter as the commercial was being made.

Rimi likes to keep an open mind about things. She served as both a volunteer baseball coach and umpire for the past several years. But she could not say whether she liked one professional team or another.

"They all have a lesson for us in their own special, unique way," Remi said. She also enjoys reading, but has no particular favorite author for the same reason.

She has continued her studies



PHOTOS BY HETAL EJNER
Rimi works with a television cameraman during the filming of a television commercial, above. At left, Rimi stands at her trailer before filming a Famous Footwear television commercial.

since graduating from Tompkins last year. Today, she is a freshman at Texas Tech University, where she is studying political science and sociology. She has accumulated plenty of advanced placement credits before beginning college.

"I have more than enough hours to be a sophomore," Remi said.

So far, her classes have been all online. She is not sure when she will continue her classes at the Lubbock campus. For the moment, studying online gives her a great chance to

have more experiences.

"Maybe I can go into politics or government or journalism," Remi said. "It's a broad degree. There are lots of options for me out there. There is no guarantee for the future for anyone. Everything can change in a few days, and I might go into government or entertainment."

She's keeping her modeling options open as well. She still has her professional entertainment agent. It remains to be seen in which direction she will step.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Katy ISD educator recognized as TASC high school advisor of the year

Mayde Creek High School Student Council Advisor Patricia "Patty" Wangler was recently recognized by the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) as the recipient of the 2022 Eddie G. Bull TASC State Advisor of the Year Award.

Wangler has been an advisor for 15 years, four of which have been in Katy ISD. She has guided her council team to numerous outstanding student council and sweepstakes awards. Wangler currently serves as the coordinator of TASC District 13, as well as one of the directors of summer leadership workshops. She has worked with several Mayde Creek students who have held officer roles in TASC, including president of the Houston area association, and she is a former member of the TASC Board of Directors.

"Patty is an advocate for all students and always wants what is best for them," Mayde Creek High School Principal Gina Cobb said. "She is a leader on our campus and her passion for the important work we do is contagious."

"Ms. Wangler emits a sense of positive energy felt by even our newest council members," Jonathan Huang, Mayde Creek student and TASC District 13 president, said. "She pushes students and peers to be the best version of themselves and allows them to truly see what they are capable of doing. There can be no better person to represent the ideals of TASC."

TASC is the largest student council organization in the United States. It helps develop leadership abilities in students, promotes democracy as a way of life and establishes and upholds high standards for local student councils.

Katy ISD names new assistant superintendent, principals for 2022-23 school year

Katy school trustees Monday approved Emily Craig as the district's newest assistant superintendent for secondary school leadership and Support.

Craig replaces Jeff Stocks, who will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Trustees also approved the naming of three new principals:

Thea Wofford for Exley Elementary

Tanya Heard for Rylander Elementary and Jason Brown for Williams Elementary.

Craig began her career as an English teacher in 1997 at Spring Forest Middle School in the Spring Branch Independent School District. That same year, she joined Katy High School

and in 2003, she became a counselor at Memorial Parkway Junior High. Five years later, she became assistant principal at WoodCreek Junior High and returned to Memorial Parkway in 2014, where she has since served as principal. Since Craig took over at Memorial Parkway, the campus has consistently been in the top 10 middle school rankings in the Houston area, according to Niche. Additionally, Craig was named the Katy ISD Principal of the Year in 2021 and serves on the Board of Directors for the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

Craig holds a bachelor's degree in education from Auburn University, a master's degree in counseling from the University of Houston at Victoria, and a principal certificate and doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Houston at Clear Lake.

Wofford is returning to Exley

Elementary, where she began her educational career in 2005. This time she's joining Exley as its new

principal.

In 2016, she was named assistant principal at Alexander Elementary and in 2021 she joined Adams Junior High as its assistant principal. Wofford holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and master's degree in educational administration from Lamar University.

Heard began her career as an educator in 1994 in Florissant, Mo., where she taught at both the elementary

and junior

high levels. In 1998, she came to Texas and took a position with Richardson Independent School District.

Throughout her career, Heard has served as a team lead-

er, science teacher, instructional technology facilitator, educational instructional technology coordinator, dean of instruction and assistant principal at schools in the surrounding area. In 2020, Heard joined Katy ISD as assistant principal at Mayde Creek High School. She has a bachelor's degree in liberal arts education from Monmouth College, a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Missouri, a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix in Dallas and a master's degree in education administration from the University of Texas at Arlington. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Executive Leadership at Texas A&M University.

Brown began his teaching career in 2003 in the Alief Independent School District. In 2007, he accepted a position as a fourth-grade teacher at Griffin Elementary in Katy ISD.

He worked his way up to a leadership role

and became the assistant principal at Exley Elementary in 2008.

He remained there for two years before being named Assistant Principal at Holland Elementary. Brown holds a bachelor's degree in design from Clemson University and a master's degree in educational management from the University of Houston at Clear Lake.

All individuals will assume their new roles this summer.

Harmony Public Schools Houston south and west districts announce graduation plans

Harmony Public Schools Houston south and west districts announce graduation plans for the Class of 2022.

High school graduations will be held on May 27 and May 28 at the Morris Cultural Arts Center at Houston Baptist University, 7502 Fondren Road, in Houston. The specific times and dates for the graduation ceremonies are as follows:

- Harmony School of Innovation - Sugar Land: 7 p.m. May 27.

- Harmony Science Academy - Houston: 10:30 a.m. May, May 28.

- Harmony School of Innovation - Katy: 3 p.m. May 28.

- Harmony School of Ingenuity - Houston: 7:30 p.m. May 28.

All graduation ceremonies will be streamed live online at the website youtube.com/c/harmonyschools.

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Katy Perez and Lance Redmon take their oaths of office as trustees Monday.



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Katy ISD trustees working on pay raise for teachers and staff

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy school trustees want to give district teachers and staff a pay raise. How much of a raise remains to be seen.

Trustees Monday postponed a vote on proposal to grant a 3% raise, choosing instead to create a special subcommittee to work with superintendent Ken Gregorski to identify options for larger salary increases and how they would be funded. With a list of options having been vetted by this subcommittee, trustees would then vote how to proceed at their next meeting.

Board President Greg Schulte will appoint the subcommittee. Schulte said having the subcommittee working with Gregorski and his staff to identify and evaluate salary increase options would be faster than doing so in a full board meeting.

Time is of the essence for the district. At the start of the discussion, Trustee Rebecca Fox asked if the vote could be delayed, citing a desire for more numbers and analysis. Schulte said the vote could be delayed, but Gregorski had

told him that it was customary for teachers, who are leaving for the summer, to know what they could expect when they return to school this fall.

The meeting at which trustees would consider how to move forward would likely be a special meeting, not yet scheduled. Such a meeting would fall between graduations and the end of the month.

Fox said she didn't want to vote for a 3% salary increase because it wasn't enough.

Perez, Redmon sworn in; trustees elect officers

At the start of the meeting, Victor Perez was sworn in as the district's newest trustee. Perez, who is retired, defeated incumbent Duke Keller, an attorney, and three others in the May 7 school board trustee election.

Lance Redmon, who works in building material sales, won re-election against two opponents and was sworn in for his second term.

Trustees re-elected Schulte as board president, Redmon as vice president, and elected Ashley Vann as secretary.

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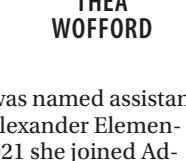
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Total years in Education: 15 years



Ervin Paben
Groundskeeper
Grounds Department
13 years with Royal ISD



Dawn Richardson
Teacher
RHS
28 years with Royal ISD
Total years in Education: 41 years



Debbie Ulrich
HR Director
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13 years with Royal ISD

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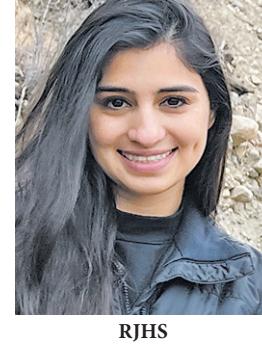
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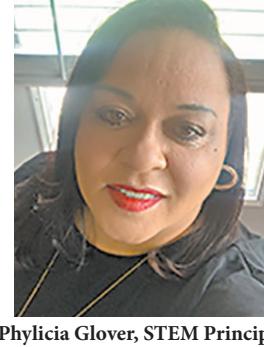
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Tigers sweep Jersey Village in area round

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy feels like it has a point to prove in these playoffs.

The Tigers want to make a statement, and so far in the first two rounds, they are well on their way to doing so.

Katy followed up its sweep of Elkins in the bi-district round with a sweep of Jersey Village in area, beating the Falcons 7-0 in game one and 7-4 in game two to take the series and advance to the regional quarterfinals.

"The last four games of district, we were playing not to lose," said senior first baseman Jhonnatan Ferrebus. "After we took that last district loss, we just turned it on. We were out for blood to start these playoffs — we want to prove that we are one of the best in every game we play."

Ferrebus played a big part in making that statement, driving in two runs to lead the Katy offense in its game two win. Ferrebus wasn't alone in his big day though, as Caleb Koger was strong on the mound to keep the Tigers in

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PHOTOS BY MARK GOODMAN | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Katy's Avery Porter #12 makes the tag on Cinco Ranch's Gissel Morales #7 for the out during the Regional Quarterfinal playoff between Katy and Cinco Ranch at Katy HS.

Katy advances past surging Cinco

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy kept reminding itself all week not to take Cinco Ranch lightly.

The Tigers swept the Cougars in district with two run rule wins, but they knew things wouldn't be as easy in the regional quarterfinal round.

Katy made sure they didn't underestimate the Cougars, and it paid off, with the Tigers sweeping their regional quarterfinal series two games to zero with a 7-2 win in game one and a 10-0 game in game two.

"We knew coming into this series that there couldn't be any underestimating them, we just couldn't," said sophomore Ashtyn Reichardt. "They had been

playing really well and we knew this was a different level of team we were playing. They came in fired up so we just felt like we needed to come in even better and play up to our competition. We worked all week and knew what our goals were, and we just really came through when we needed to."

A big part of the Tigers' success came from their pitching, as they allowed just two runs over the course of the series and no runs in game two. Lauryn Soeken picked up the win on the mound in a dominant performance where she allowed only two hits in five innings while striking out four. But the Tigers' offense was working too, as they scored in every



Katy's pitcher Lauryn Soeken #18 picks up the win advancing Katy during the Regional Quarterfinal playoff between Katy and Cinco Ranch at Katy HS.

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Spartans advance to regional semis for first time in six years

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes offense is finding its stride.

The Spartans scored more than five runs in each of their last three games heading into the regional quarterfinals, and the group's confidence grew with every game.

So even after two low scoring games against George Ranch, the Spartans knew exactly what they needed to do heading into a series deciding third game on Thursday.

"We knew we had to make an adjustment because we've been seeing the ball really well at the plate, we were just out in front of everything," said senior shortstop Makinzie Stutts. "We just figured out how to be patient and wait on all of her pitches. We didn't see that a lot this season. But we really had to work on hitting the top of the ball since she had a lot of the spin. That was our



Above: Amy Abke heads towards home plate as her teammates celebrate an Abke home run during Saturday's Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal game between Seven Lakes and George Ranch at the George Ranch softball field. Left: Makinzie Stutts makes a catch during Saturday's Class 6A Regional Quarterfinal game between Seven Lakes and George Ranch at the George Ranch softball field.

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SCHEDULES WEEK OF MAY 20

SOFTBALL

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

Wednesday

- Game 1: Katy vs. Pearland, 7 p.m.

Friday

- Seven Lakes vs. Deer Park, 6:30 p.m. at Summer Creek
- Game 2: Katy at Pearland, 7 p.m.

Saturday

- Game 3: Katy at Pearland, 5 p.m. (if necessary)

BASEBALL

REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

Wednesday

- Game 1: Katy vs. Taylor, 7 p.m. at Langham Creek

Thursday

- Game 1: Tompkins at Ridge Point, 7 p.m.

Friday

- Game 2: Tompkins vs. Ridge Point, 7 p.m.

Saturday

- Game 2: Katy vs. Taylor, 4 p.m. at Langham Creek
- Game 3: Katy vs. Taylor, 30 minutes after game 2 at Langham Creek (if necessary)
- Game 3: Tompkins vs. Ridge Point, 7 p.m. at Seven Lakes (if necessary)



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Huge game from Wolf leads Taylor to regional quarterfinals

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Blake Wolf knew that he had a big game in him.

And Taylor needed it.

Tied at a game a piece in the area round, the Mustangs turned to Wolf in game three, knowing they could count on their senior in a do or die game.

Wolf did not disappoint, and exceeded any expectations anyone could have had, pitching a six inning shutout, striking out six and allowing just three hits to lead Taylor past Cy-Fair 1-0 and into the regional quarterfinal round for the first time since 2014.

"The last game I threw I started and I only threw two thirds of an inning," Wolf said. "I knew I couldn't do much worse than that, so I just tried to go out there and do what I knew I could do, and that's what I did tonight."

Wolf's effort was one of the deciding factors in the series that was dominated by pitching on both sides, as the three games were all decided by one run and were all low scoring, with Taylor taking the first game 4-3 in extra innings, Cy-Fair taking the second game 3-2 and Taylor taking the shutout win in game three.

"Our pitching was outstanding to say the least," said Taylor head coach Russell Krenek. "That's why we are still playing baseball right now. That's not to take for granted any of the other things that we are doing, but we put a lot on our entire pitching staffs shoulders here in this series and they all did phenomenal."

Wolf came out dominant from the beginning, and didn't get in trouble until the third inning, when runners reached first and second with no outs. But Wolf calmly struck out a batter and



TYLER TYRE

Taylor beat Cy-Fair in three games to advance to the regional quarterfinals.

induced a ground ball out to end the inning.

Things remained quiet on both sides until the sixth inning. Brian Dolejsi was hit by a pitch, giving the Mustangs a base runner, and Hunter Ham followed that up with a double off the center field wall to drive Dolesji in and give Taylor the lead.

"I noticed in one of my early at bats how long I was taking to swing and I decided I needed to shorten up and stay through the ball," Ham

said. "That's what I've been doing all year and I looked for a pitch to hit, when I got one I just took advantage."

Cy-Fair did everything they could to get back into it in the bottom of the sixth, after a walk and a single to lead off the inning, Krenek came out to talk to his pitcher, but decided to stay with Wolf, trusting that he could get through the inning.

Wolf did just that, as Cy-Fair used a sacrifice bunt to get the two

runners in scoring position, but Wolf then induced two ground ball outs to get out of the inning.

"The guy was just gutsy," Krenek said. "What a performance Blake had tonight and yesterday as well in relief. I love the kid to death and man that was just such a gutsy performance right there."

Ryan Mullan then came on to record the save in the seventh inning, closing things out with a strikeout to end the game.

"It's a good feeling to see these

guys achieve something like this," Krenek said. "Taylor baseball is back on the map. When we came here, we talked about being respected throughout Houston and even the state and I think we're there."

Taylor advances to play Katy in the regional quarterfinal round.

"It's such a great feeling," Ham said. "We're excited to get to round three, now we have to go out there and win it."

KATY

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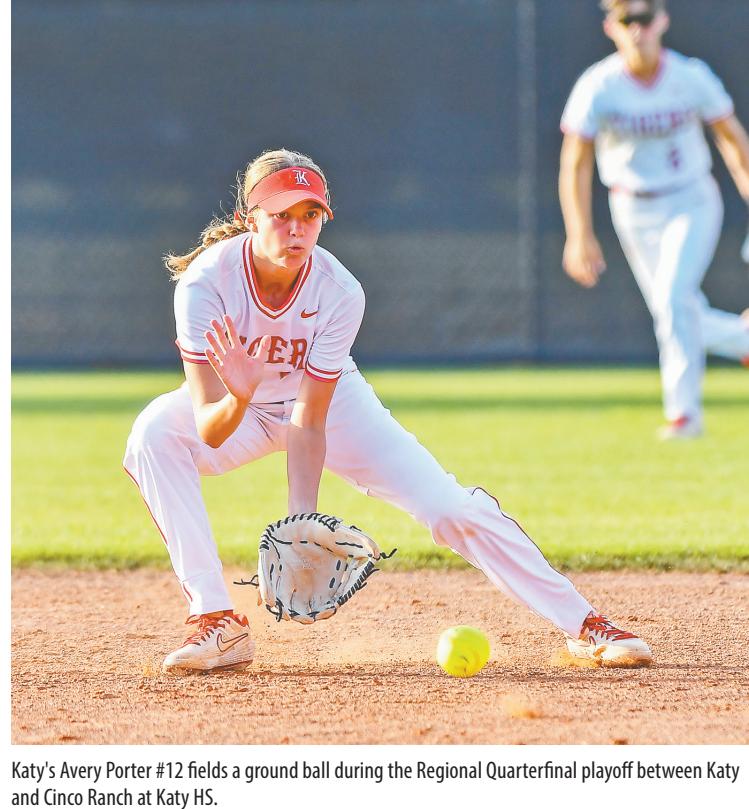
inning.

"Everyone is backing each other up," Reichardt said. Everyone is working for each other and its awesome to see. Pitchers are working for our hitters, hitters are doing the same for our pitchers and it allows everyone to be relaxed out there and not be as tight."

Katy took the lead in the first inning on a Montgomery Henderson double and doubled it the next inning when Soeken hit a sacrifice grounder. The Tigers continued to slowly build their lead in the third with a home run from Kailey Wyckoff, before they put together a two run inning in the fourth with an RBI single from Ashlee Piraneo and an RBI single from Wyckoff to make it 5-0.

"Tonight was a really good example of what we need to do to win games," said Katy head coach Kalum Kaack. "I told them at the end that that was really big to get runs every inning. What it tells you is through the whole lineup, somebody is getting on base, someone is moving them in scoring position and then someone is coming up clutch hits, whether it's the top or the bottom of the order. They all did it, when you can your whole batting order playing like that, it takes so much pressure off of other areas and let you play relaxed."

Katy got one more run in the



Katy's Avery Porter #12 fields a ground ball during the Regional Quarterfinal playoff between Katy and Cinco Ranch at Katy HS.

fifth on a single from Cameryn Harrison, and then had a big inning in the sixth, with Erynn Castillo driving in a run on a single and Reichardt ending things with a

three-run double to secure the run rule win and the series.

"We were able to make adjustments early and pick what pitches we wanted to go after," Reichardt



Cinco Ranch's pitcher Chela Kovar #9 season is cut short as the Cougars fall during the Regional Quarterfinal playoff between Katy and Cinco Ranch at Katy HS.

said. "That let us just be comfortable and it paid off for us, it was fun to see everyone come through."

Katy advances to play Pearland in the regional semifinals, the Oilers also come off of a two games to none sweep in their regional quarterfinal series against Clear Springs.

"We just have to continue to

do the hard work in practice and not focus on anything but the task ahead of us," Haack said. "We focus a lot on leadership and we want to produce good leaders. They've been doing a really good job of holding everyone accountable and being those leaders on and off the field, we just have to keep doing that."

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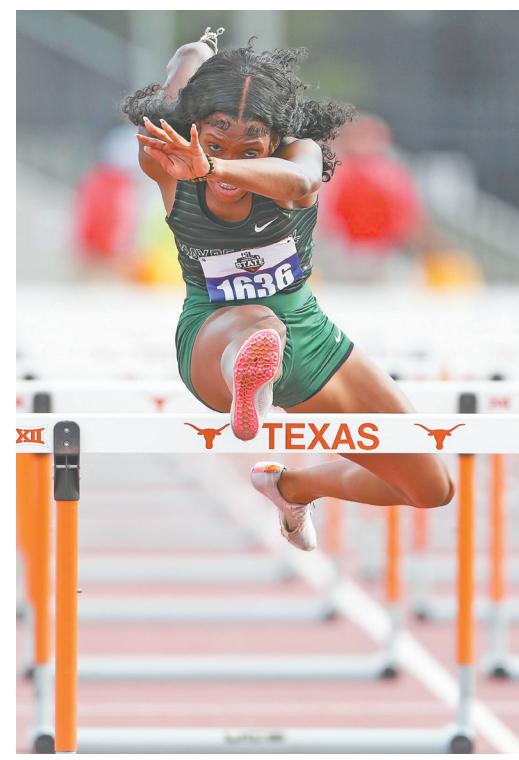
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Jayden Keys of Katy Tompkins (left) competes in the Class 6A boys long jump event at the UIL State Track and Field Meet on May 14, 2022 in Austin, Texas. Simone Ballard (above) of Mayde Creek runs in the Class 6A girls 100-meter hurdles at the UIL State Track and Field Meet on May 14, 2022 in Austin, Texas. Ballard earned a gold medal in the event with a time of 13.33.



Matthew Rueff of Katy Seven Lakes (above) competes in the Class 6A boys long jump event at the UIL State Track and Field Meet on May 14, 2022 in Austin, Texas. Rueff earned a gold medal with a put of 68-1.75 feet. Janey Campbell (right) of Seven Lakes High School competes in Class 6A girls discus event at the UIL State Track and Field Meet on May 14, 2022 in Austin, Texas.



Ballard, Kumar, Rueff take home golds at state meet

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Katy ISD athletes made a statement at this weekend's state track and field meet at Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas in Austin.

Mayde Creek's Simone Ballard led the way, running to two gold medals in the hurdles, while Tompkins' Matthew Kumar and Seven Lakes' Matthew Rueff took home gold in the long jump and shot put respectively.

The Mayde Creek girls finished eighth in team scoring, while the Seven Lakes boys and Tompkins boys both tied for tenth in the boys team scoring.

Listed are the Katy ISD and Royal athletes who qualified for the Class 4A, 5A and 6A state meets and how they fared. Athletes are listed in their respective events, where they placed and what mark they had.

Bolded athletes medaled in their events.

Class 6A

Girls 100-Meter Hurdles: 1. Simone Ballard, Mayde Creek, 13.33, 4.

Kaycee McCoy, Katy, 13.81
Girls 300-Meter Hurdles: 1. Simone Ballard, Mayde Creek, 41.11
Boys Shot Put: 1. Matthew Rueff, Seven Lakes, 1.68-1.75
Boys Pole Vault: 1. Matthew Kumar, Tompkins, 16-3.00
Girls 400-Meter Dash: 2. Haley Tate, Seven Lakes, 53.03
Boys Long Jump: 3. Jayden Keys, Tompkins, 24-8.25
Boys 1600-Meter Run: Ruben Rojas Betanzos, Seven Lakes, 4:08.76

Girls 100-Meter Dash: 4. Alyssa Tate, Seven Lakes, 11.69
Girls Shot Put: 5. Janey Campbell, Seven Lakes, 42-6.00
Girls Pole Vault: 6. Lauren Schmitt, Seven Lakes, 12-0; 7. Aubrey Tupper, Seven Lakes, 11-6
Boys Discus: 6. Ian Flynt, Taylor, 166-3
Boys 400-Meter Relay: 6. Mayde Creek (Braden Turner, Eric Nelson, Jaylen Bateast, Tay'Shawn Wilson), 40-84
Girls 800-Meter Run:

Class 5A

Girls 800-Meter Run: 3. Tiyan Ogbeide, Jordan, 2:11.87

Girls 400-Meter Run: 4. Tiyan Ogbeide, Jordan, 55.51
Boys Discus: 4. Charles Chukwu, Paetow, 182-03
Boys 100-Meter Dash: 6. Toheeb Oladipupo, Paetow, 10.54
Boys Shot Put: 6. Sheldon Peters, Jordan, 53-02.25
Girls 200-Meter Run: 7. Aloni Ransom, Jordan, 24.77

Class 4A

Girls 200-Meter Dash: 4. Diamond Barrett, 24.65
Girls 400-Meter Relay: 4. Royal (Adrianna Prophet-Smith, Diamond Barrett, Chelsea Prophet, Erica Gran)



Kayce McCoy of Katy High School runs in the Class 6A girls 100-meter hurdles at the UIL State Track and Field Meet on May 14, 2022 in Austin, Texas.



Ruben Rojas of Seven Lakes High School runs in the Class 6A boys 1600-meter run at the UIL State Track and Field Meet on May 14, 2022 in Austin, Texas. Rojas finished third with a time of 4:08.76.



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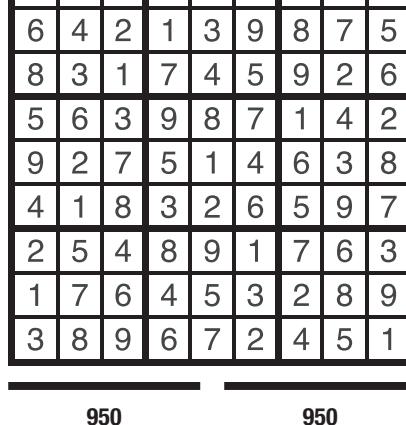
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This replat request, if approved, will only revise the applicant's property.

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EXAMPLE A

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AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 19134

APPLICATION Curry Rail Services, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for: Amendment of Permit 19134

This application would authorize modification of the Railcar Manufacturing and Repair Plant located at 17000 Premium Drive, Hockley, Harris County, Texas 77447. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J.

AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/newsourcereview/airpermits-pendingpermit-apps>. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=30.025&lng=-95.864722&zoom=13&type=r>. The facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, exempt solvents, hazardous air pollutants, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 4, 2022. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and the TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Lone Star College-CyFair Library (HCPL), 9191 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application and the executive director will prepare a response to those comments.

PUBLIC MEETING. You may request a public meeting to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if requested by an interested person and the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. In addition to this NORI, 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 39.419 requires this application to also have a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision (NAPD) after the application is determined to be technically complete and a draft permit is prepared. Note: The TCEQ may act on this application without issuing a NAPD and without seeking further public comment or providing further opportunity for a contested case hearing if changes to representations in the application make the application no longer subject to the applicability requirements of 30 TAC § 39.402. In such cases, this NORI will be your final notice of this application and you will not have additional opportunities to make comments or request a contested case hearing. If a NAPD is required, it will be published and mailed to those who made comments, submitted hearing requests, or are on the mailing list for this application, and contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

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The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. If a request is timely filed, the deadline for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after the mailing of the response to comments.

If a hearing request is timely filed, following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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Further information may also be obtained from Curry Rail Services, Inc., 17000 Premium Drive, Hockley, Texas 77447-9109 or by calling Ms. Alexandra M. Creany, Director of Environmental Health and Safety, at (814) 224-7444.

Notice Issuance Date: May 12, 2022

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Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following:
Paving Facilities in Sunterra Section 30

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

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

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

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Claudia J. Harrison
City Secretary

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT NUMBER: 167533

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. PowerSecure, Inc., 4068 Stirrup Creek Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703-9000, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 167533, which would authorize construction of an Electric Power Generator located at 22165 Farm To Market Road 529, Katy, Harris County, Texas 77493. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 22, 2021. The proposed facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, sulfur dioxide and sulfuric acid mist.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and at the Katy Branch Library, 5414 Franz Road, Katy, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Poll Street, Suite H, Houston, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).

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<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.874167&lng=-95.758333&zoom=13&type=r>

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Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Water, Sanitary, and Drainage Facilities in Sunterra Section 48

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 11:15 a.m. Local Time via teleconference call. The number for this call is 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 812-894-578# when prompted. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is NON-MANDATORY.

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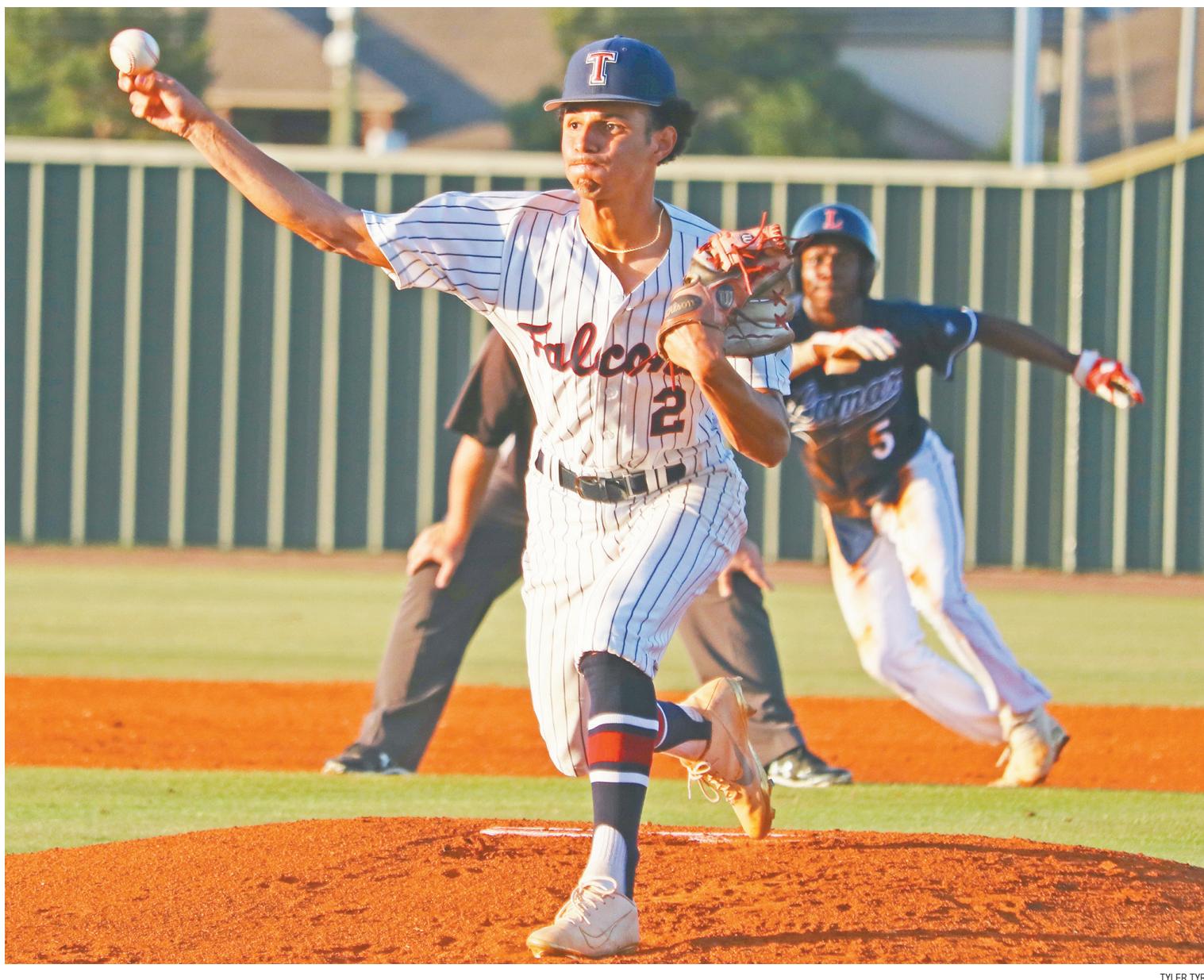
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Trevor Esparza pitches during Thursday's Class 6A area round game between Tompkins and Lamar at the Tompkins baseball field.

TYLER TYRE

Scalding hot Falcons take Game 1 and series over Houston Lamar

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Trevor Esparza has been lights out all year for Tompkins.

The senior pitcher has stepped up in every appearance for the Falcons and has been a cornerstone for the team's success.

So, when he took the bump on Thursday to open the area round of the playoffs, the expectations were no different.

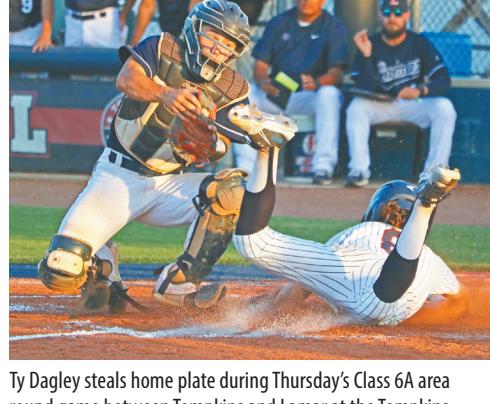
But despite the lofty expectations, Esparza surpassed them, throwing a complete game shutout and striking out ten batters in a 3-0 win for Tompkins as the Falcons took a one game to nothing lead over Lamar in a best of three series.

"He's been a consistent guy for us all year," said Tompkins head coach Kyle Humphreys. "We know we are going to get a good game from him every night he's on the mound. He's thrown multiple complete games with low pitch counts and he always gets ahead on guys. He's just great with location and he keeps us in games. He gives us his best game every time he's out there."

Esparza was dominant all day, allowing just two hits and walked only two on 97 pitches in the win.

But the most impressive thing from Esparza was his ability to overcome a bumpy stat. It wasn't the senior's usual dominance from the beginning, as he walked the first two batters of the game.

After those two batters, Lamar got a single



Ty Dagley steals home plate during Thursday's Class 6A area round game between Tompkins and Lamar at the Tompkins baseball field.

but got a runner out on the bases, leaving a runner at first and third with one out.

But Esparza was having none of it, and struck out a batter before inducing a groundout to get out of the inning.

"I knew I had to bounce back as soon as I walked those two guys," Esparza said. "The adjustment was just throwing strikes and trusting my defense. That's what I did throughout the game and every time they put the ball in play the defense made plays."

Tompkins had an off day offensively, but it didn't matter behind Esparza's pitching.

The Falcons took the lead in the second inning, as Ty Dagley reached on an error and after advancing to third, scored on a steal of

home on a delayed double steal to put Tompkins in front.

"As soon as I saw the pitcher make a move towards first base I was looking to go," Dagley said. "When the other guy took off I did the same and I knew with a lefty pitcher that he wouldn't be looking at me, so I took off and I'm just happy I made it home safe."

Tompkins added two more runs in the next inning, Jace LaViolette drove in two with a home run that he scorched off the left field foul pole.

"We were putting the balls in play, we just kept hitting into outs today, but Jace getting that two run bomb was so huge for us," Dagley said. "We play hard and we play smart and it just shows how you can win even if the team isn't having the best day at the plate."

That would be all the offense the Falcons needed. Lamar threatened in the third after getting a one out double, but Esparza responded with two strikeouts to end the inning and then faced the minimum the rest of the way.

"As the game went on I just got more confident and trusted myself more," Esparza said. "I did that and it led to more outs and that was the biggest difference for me."

Tompkins lost game two to Lamar before taking game three 6-4. The Falcons advance to take on Ridge Point in the regional quarterfinals.

"We can't get ahead of ourselves," Esparza said. "We have to take it game by game and inning by inning. If we keep our eye on that, score runs and play defense we'll be good."

SPARTANS

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biggest change."

That along with a lineup switch that moved Amy Abke to the leadoff spot were all the Spartans needed to unlock the offense in a 7-3 win for the Spartans to take the series..

After Abke surrendered a run in the top of the first inning, she came back right away in the bottom of the inning with a solo home run to start things on the right foot offensively. Stutts immediately followed that up with a triple and Emma Wingate drove her in with a single to hand Seven Lakes a lead they would not relinquish.

"I was surprised I was leading off to be honest," Abke said. "But I just wanted to come out and get us started the right way. I just waited on my pitch, sat back and made solid contact, it just happened to go over the fence."

Abke wasn't done, as she doubled the Seven Lakes lead in the second inning by hitting a 2-run home run to give the team breathing room.

"They were much more selective today and they made an effort not to try and jack the ball out of the park," said Seven Lakes head coach Holly Koopman. "Ironically, once they did that, we got home runs. But they did a good job of trying to make solid hits and not trying to skyrocket them."

Things remained that way until the fifth inning, when George Ranch got a run across in the top of the inning to which Seven Lakes responded. Abke came to the plate again with a runner on, and rather than pitching to her, George Ranch intentionally walked Abke, bringing Stutts to the plate. Stutts then came up clutch, driving in a run on a sacrifice fly before Wingate drove in Abke with a single.

"I just wanted to make them pay and get a run across after they walked Amy," Stutts said. "It's happened before and I saw it coming, especially after she had hit two home runs. It just makes me want it even more when they do that though. It makes me feel like they're underestimating me, and I was just glad to drive in a run for my team off it."

Abke got into a jam in the seventh inning, as George Ranch loaded the bases, but she was able to overcome it and get the final outs to secure the win.

"I just took a deep breath and focused on my legs and my spin," Abke said. "I went at the batter and I knew we had a lead, so I just wanted to get the out and have her put it in play. It was a good feeling."

The Spartans advance to their first regional semifinal since 2016, where they will face Deer Park.

"This is huge, it's huge for the girls, for us coaches, really for everybody," Koopman said. "This is the furthest I've ever been as a player or a coach. I'm so excited, we aren't ready to stop either."

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Royal, Katy ISD athletes make TASCO All-State Soccer Team

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

Fourteen Katy ISD players were named to the 2022 Texas Association of Soccer Coaches All-State Team after a tremendous season for Katy teams.

Katy ISD had two teams reach the regional quarterfinals on both the boys and girls side and had three team on both the girls and boys side win playoff games and it showed in the all-state selections.

On the boys side, Seven Lakes' Ty Koc, Aidan Morrison and Noa Stasic were named first team all-state. Taylor's Adan Bousleiman and Luis Lugo, were named to the second team and Tompkins Rafa Gonzales was named honorable mention.

On the girls side, Seven Lakes' Maddie Rich and Kathryn Lennon were named second team all-state and Seven Lakes' Katie Fitzpatrick and Haydan Erck were named honorable mention.

In Class 5A, Jordan goal-

keeper Elijah Betancourt and midfielder Ben Bucic were named first team all-state, while Ryan Armijo was named second team all-state and Marcelo Ojeda was named honorable mention.

In Class 4A, Royal's Aldo Celestino was named honorable mention all state.

Katy's Dianne Loftin was named Class 6A Region III coach of the year in her final coaching season after leading the Tigers to a third place finish in District 19-6A and an area round appearance before her retirement.

Jordan's Jason Meekins was named coach of the year for Class 5A Region III while Jordan assistant Bobby Courtney was named the regions assistant coach of the year.

In boys Class 6A, Seven Lake assistant coach Jay Kolkman was named the regions coach of the year, as the Spartans won district for the third straight season and claimed the Region III crown while making the state semifinals for the first time in program history.

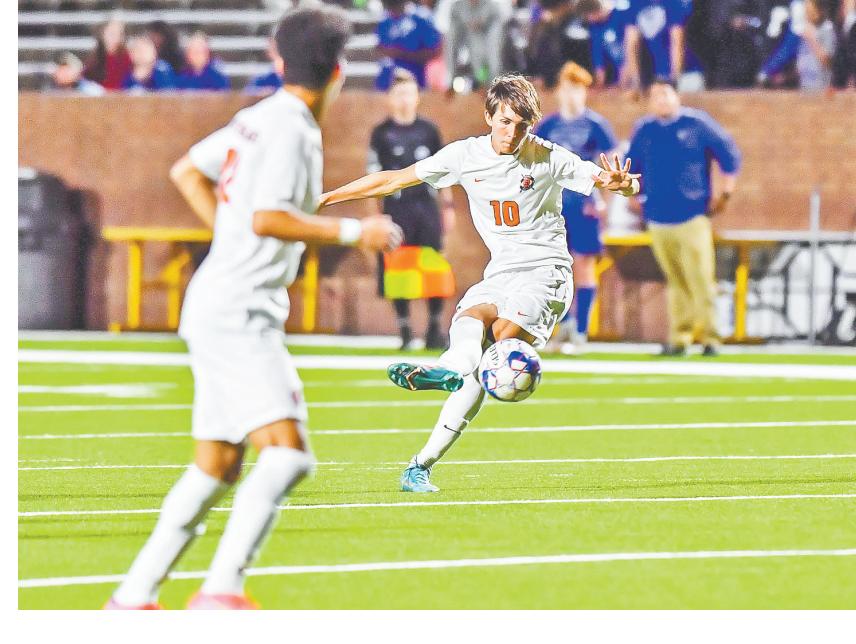


SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Ty Koc, above, shoots during the Class 6A Region III Final between Seven Lakes and Cy-Creek in Deer Park. Right, Jordan goalkeeper Elijah Betancourt (1) during the Class 5A boys state semifinal between Dripping Springs and Katy Jordan on April 14, 2022 in Georgetown, Texas.



TYLER TYRE



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Katy head coach Dianne Loftin, above, applauds her team during the Katy vs Taylor soccer match at KHS. Left, Seven Lakes' Aidan Morrison #10 scores on the kick during Regional Quarterfinal soccer playoff game at Rhodes Stadium.



Seven Lakes' Maddie Rich was named second team all-state.

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Sealed Bids addressed to Quiddity Engineering, LLC, Attention Travis W. Miller, PE, will be received, until 11:00 a.m. Local Time, Thursday, June 2, 2022, and then publicly opened and read at 1575 Sawdust Road, Suite 400, The Woodlands, Texas 77380 for "Construction of Paving Facilities in Sunterra Sections 33 & 38 for Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 569, Harris County, Texas." In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. To join via Microsoft Teams the number for this call is: 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 783-546-537# when prompted.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Paving Facilities in Sunterra Sections 33 & 38

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. Local Time, via teleconference call. The number for this call is 1-832-856-3756. Enter access code 867-525-283# when prompted. Attendance by each prospective bidder or its representative at the pre-bid conference is NON-MANDATORY.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than two percent (2%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the bid opening.

Copies of the bidding documents may be reviewed and obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com: search Sunterra Sections 33 & 38 Paving. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download specifications, plans, soils report, and environmental reports for this Project. There is NO charge to view or download documents.

A bidder submitting electronic Bids must submit its Bid and Bid Securities in compliance with Owner's Order Adopting Section 49.2731 Electronic Bidding Rules and all electronic Bids and Bid Securities must be submitted through www.CivcastUSA.com. Bidder must register on this website in order to submit a Bid and Bid Security and there is no charge to submit Bids and Bid Securities on this website.

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

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

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

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids addressed to IDV DPEG Anserra, LLC obo Willow Point Municipal Utility District will be electronically received on CivcastUSA, until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 2, 2022, and then publicly opened and read at the offices of Quiddity Engineering, 2322 W. Grand Parkway North, Suite 150, Katy Texas 77449, for the construction of "Water, Sanitary, & Drainage Facilities in Park at Anserra". In addition to the opening of sealed Bids at the address above, you may view the public opening of sealed Bids via Microsoft Teams. To join via Microsoft Teams below is information to attend the bid opening by teleconference.

Bid Opening / WATER, SANITARY, & DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN PARK AT ANSERRA

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM (CDT)

Call Number: +1 832-856-3756

Phone Conference ID: 510 441 441#

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following:

The project is located in the City of Houston ETJ in Fort Bend and Waller Counties, Texas. The site is located south of Interstate 10, west of Cane Island Parkway, east of Pederson Road and north of Kingsland Boulevard. The development straddles Anserra Trail. Key Map 483-C G&G. The project includes approximately 5,000 LF of water line, 2250 LF of sanitary sewer, and 4,900 LF of storm sewer along with two (2) detention facilities and associated appurtenances.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than two percent (2%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the bid opening.

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available at www.civcastusa.com. Said documents may be examined without charge in the office of Quiddity Engineering LLC, 2322 W Grand Pkwy N, Suite 150, Katy, Texas 77449.

Bids received after the closing time will not be considered. An OPTIONAL pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, via teleconference. Below is the contact information to attend the pre-bid by teleconference.

Preliminary / WATER, SANITARY, & DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN PARK AT ANSERRA

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2022 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM (CDT)

Call Number: +1 (832) 856-3756

Phone Conference ID: 705 663 012#

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

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

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UPCOMING EVENT

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INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT

June 9, 2022 | 8:00 – 1:00 PM | Embassy Suites by Hilton



8:30 AM
City of Katy Mobility Bond
Byron Hebert, City Administrator

Breakout Sessions
10:00 AM



Infrastructure Updates
Harris County, Pct. 4

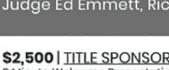


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Houston Texans wide receiver Brandin Cooks (13) carries the ball after a reception during the first half of an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the Jacksonville Jaguars on September 12, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Texans release schedule, will open season against Colts

BY TYLER TYRE
SPORTS EDITOR

The NFL released its regular season schedule on Thursday, and with it came a slew of interesting matchups for the Texans.

The biggest of which is when the Browns will come to NRG Stadium on Dec. 4 in what might be a rematch with former Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson.

This comes shortly over a month after Watson was traded to the Browns for a large haul, including first round picks in this year's draft as well as 2023 and 2024 to go with a

2023 third round pick and a 2024 fourth rounder.

Watson is still awaiting an announcement from the NFL on if the league will give him a suspension for the 22 civil lawsuits against him.

Houston will open the season against the Indianapolis Colts on Sept. 11, as the Texans will play at home to open the season for the second straight year.

The only prime time game of the season will come on Nov. 3 for the Texans, when they host the Eagles for Thursday night football. Houston will also to play the Dallas Cowboys in December, in the

two teams' first matchup since 2018.

The Texans will take on NFC East and AFC West opponents throughout the season as well as their AFC South rivals.

The Texans will travel to Denver to challenge the Broncos in the second week of the season before taking on the Bears in week three. Houston will end the season with three AFC South opponents, traveling to Nashville to meet the Titans in week 16 before playing Jacksonville at home and away at Indianapolis in the final two weeks of the season.

The Texans' bye will come in week six.

BASEBALL

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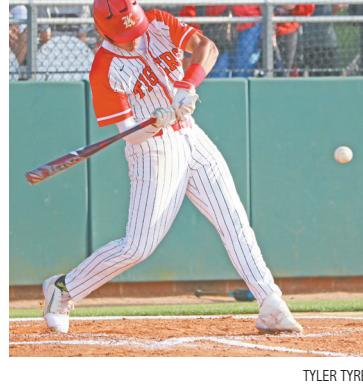
it throughout, going 5.2 innings and allowing two runs on five hits while striking out two batters.

"I've just been trying to be patient and make every pitch count," said Koger, who threw a no-hitter in his previous outing against Elkins. "I don't think about the importance of a game or who I'm up against or anything like that. The only thing I do is try to go out there and throw strikes and get ahead in the count as much as I can so my defense can make plays behind me."

Katy got the lead in the second inning after Brady Englett reach on a hit by pitch and came around to score on an error, but the Katy offense struggled in the early innings and Jersey Village took the lead in the fifth off a fielders choice and an RBI single.

But Katy immediately responded. The Tigers got two runners on base in the fifth inning and Ferrebus took advantage of it, driving a triple to center field to drive in both and Nayden Ramirez followed it up with an RBI single to make it 4-2 Katy.

"He kept throwing me curveballs outside and I noticed it early in my plate appearances," Ferrebus said. "I made the adjustment and scooted up on the plate and was able to get my barrel further out of the zone. They threw the pitch again and I was able to take advantage of it."



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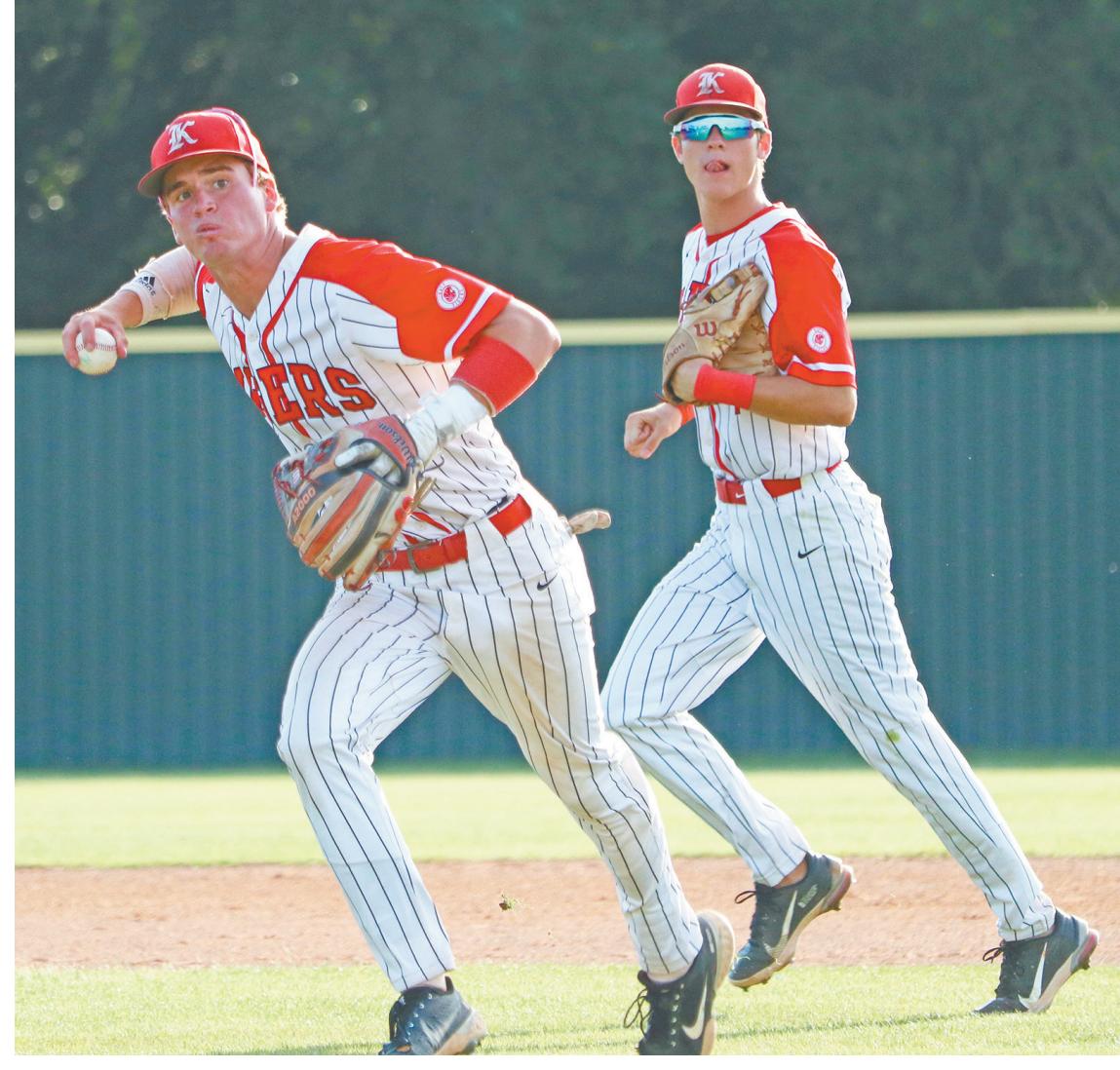
Jhonnatan Ferrebus, above, hits during Friday's area round game between Katy and Jersey Village at the Katy baseball field. Right, Parker Kidwell throws to first base during Friday's area round game between Katy and Jersey Village at the Katy baseball field.

The Tigers capped things off with three more runs in the sixth, with Graham Laxton driving in two on a triple and Ryan George hitting a sacrifice fly.

Jersey Village scored two in the seventh but that was all as the Tigers clinched the series.

The Tigers advance to play Taylor in the regional quarterfinals.

"We've just been practicing hard and continuing to get better," Koger said. "We know we have to get better every day and improve if we want to achieve our goals. We have to go as hard as we can."



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