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Katy Mayor Bill Hastings speaks during the councilmember forum at the end of Monday's Katy City Council meetings. Hastings and the rest of the council applauded efforts by city staff to prepare for rain and potential flooding from Hurricane Nicholas.

Katy area dodges significant damage as Nicholas shifts east

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy area saw only minor effects from Hurricane Nicholas on Monday and Tuesday as the storm made landfall near Galveston, then veered more north and east than expected despite being upgraded from a tropical storm to a hurricane just

before midnight Monday evening. "Overnight we've seen the landfall and inland movement of (hurricane) Nicholas across the area that has resulted in some wind impacts around the area with widespread power outages currently," said Harris County Meteorologist Jeff Lindner in a Tuesday morning storm update. While power outages impacted

several portions of Greater Houston, including the Katy area, by about 5 p.m. Tuesday, crews with Centerpoint Energy had brought restored power to about 297,000 homes out of an initial outage peak of roughly 455,000 homes according to Harris County Meteorologist Jeff Lindner. Lindner

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Council approves Carson Drive drainage contract, four-way stop

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

In a meeting that lasted just less than 45 minutes, Katy City Council approved establishing a four-way stop at the intersection of Kingsland Boulevard and W. Firethorne Road and a contract for drainage improvements along Carson Drive.

"We're going to take a buried storm sewer and we're going to extend it from the ditch that exists and we're going to bring that upstream with a buried 24-inch storm sewer and put inlets in each yard so each back yard will have a place to drain out," said a representative of AR Turnkey Construction, the firm that was awarded the Carson Drive contract.

Project staff also explained that adding the 24-inch storm sewer will move water underground and take obstacles such as fencing and terrain out of the equation as water moves through the Village Green subdivision and eventually into the Town Park Detention Pond. The project is expected to cost just more than \$155,000 and the project should start in slightly more than two weeks. Residents who will have work associated with the project done on their property may have their fences removed temporarily and reinstalled after work is completed on their land, officials said.

"I know a lot of neighbors will be very happy," said Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris. "We're moving forward. It's been a long time coming, so (I'm) glad to get this project going."

AR Turnkey won the contract against nine other bidders and beat the highest bidder's offer by nearly \$136,000.

Installation of stop signs to create a four-way stop at the intersection of Kingsland Boulevard and W. Firethorne Road was also unanimously approved by councilmembers. The intersection lies about a mile and a half east of the newly-opened Texas Heritage Parkway along Kingsland Boulevard.

Councilmember Dan Smith of Ward A said the intersection had seen some issues and he was grateful

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FORT BEND COUNTY/FACEBOOK

Fort Bend County Auditor Ed Sturdivant addresses reporters during a Sept. 8 press conference announcing the Get Hired program for the county. The incentive program will provide bonuses to those who apply to a position and remain in it for 90 days if their employer is enrolled in the program. It also provides a 10% expense stipend for those payments to employers to offset administrative costs associated with Get Hired.

Fort Bend County offering hiring incentives to small businesses

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Fort Bend County launched a new program dubbed "Get Hired" to help small businesses throughout the county with their recruiting efforts. The new incentive program offers tiered incentive payments to workers through their employers, according to Fort Bend County Judge KP George.

"From day one, I said our number one priority in Fort Bend County is empowering our citizens and supporting our small businesses in our

community," George said. "And this is a common sense thing for us to do; that's why this program is going to be an exciting program."

According to the program's website, businesses will be able to enroll in the county's program, dubbed "Get Hired." Once enrolled, businesses with one to 50 staff and revenues between \$25,000 and \$5 million will be able to provide cash bonuses to new hires based on their base pay. Employees who have completed 90 days of employment and make \$15 per hour or \$30,000 per year will

earn a \$500 incentive. Those earning between \$15.01 and \$20 per hour or \$40,000 per year will receive a \$750 bonus; staff making \$20.01 to \$25 or \$50,000 per year will obtain a \$1,000 incentive payment.

"Also, we're providing a 10% administrative fee allocation, so businesses aren't out anything. That covers the taxes, any incidental benefits that are part of their payroll. The goal is to put the business in a much better situation as well as helping

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Katy Area EDC President and CEO Lance LaCour will be taking on a new role in the Humble area after serving in his current role for more than 16 years.

LaCour leaving Katy Area EDC

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy Area Economic Development Council President and CEO Lance LaCour will be leaving the Katy EDC for a new position with Partnership Lake Houston, a nonprofit chamber of commerce serving Northeast Harris County, Partnership Lake Houston announced Sept. 8. LaCour will start his new role as economic development president at the partnership on Nov. 1 after more than 16 years leading the Katy EDC.

According to his bio on the Katy EDC website, LaCour has been involved in various economic development entities throughout his career. Under his presidency at the EDC the organization has been recognized multiple times by the Texas Economic Development Council for economic

excellence in serving a community with a population of more than 250,000. He first started with the Katy EDC in 2005.

Partnership Lake Houston CEO Jenna Armstrong expressed excitement for LaCour coming onboard with her organization.

"Lance is very well-known and respected throughout the state and the country for his success with growing jobs and attracting capital investment to his community," Armstrong said. "Over the years, we've watched him grow the council in Katy from the early phases to a power-house economic development organization."

LaCour will be taking on the role of former Partnership Lake Houston Economic Development President Mark Mitchell who left his position in June of this year. Mitchell will serve in the role on an interim, contract basis until LaCour begins in November.

"I am incredibly grateful for my time at Katy Area EDC and look forward to a new challenge in my role at Partnership Lake Houston," LaCour said. "Leaving Katy Area EDC and the Katy area community is certainly difficult, and I will miss the many great relationships that I've formed during my time here."

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Local VFW post honors sacrifices on 9/11

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

People gathered Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building to remember the tragedy that took place 20 years ago on Sept. 11.

The VFW Post 9182 held a ceremony to remember the event as well as honor local first responders for their efforts in the Katy community.

It took a week of preparation and lots of hard work but was worth it for the people that were in attendance.

"It was a lot of time and hard work and we really tried to spread the message to let people know it was happening," said VFW Post 9182 commander Don Byrne. "We sent information out through email, any way we could on the web, with Facebook and word of mouth. I was up until 2 a.m. this morning finishing things and it means a lot to me that it was successful."

There was a large attendance at the event, and the chance to grieve amongst one another meant a lot to everyone involved.

"It means everything to have so many people out here and to be around them today," said retired colonel and former post commander Mike Mastrangelo. "This is my family; we share experiences that are unique to maybe one or two percent of the population. It means the world to me to have them here and it's because of them that we are able to do things like this."

Mastrangelo was the guest speaker at the event and spoke about his experience during 9/11. Both Mastrangelo and Byrne were in Virginia at the time and felt the effects of the attack on the Pentagon.

Mastrangelo was sup-



Attendees sit and listen during Saturday's 9/11 event at the Katy VFW. Many area residents can recall where they were when they first found out about the attacks on September 11, 2001.

posed to go to the Pentagon the afternoon of the 11th when he got news of the evacuation taking place, while Byrne was in Richmond.

"There's two things that have affected me more than anything else in my life and that is 9/11 and the Virginia Tech shooting because I knew one of the students that tried to stop the shooter. Those two things affect me more than anything else because I knew someone involved with Virginia Tech and with 9/11 because I knew the area so well and it was so close to me that it just hit me."

Multiple people recited poems during the event before they honored first

responders and it culminated with a 21-gun salute and closing prayer.

Mastrangelo believes it's extremely important to continue to educate people about 9/11 and what happened and hopes that it will still remain something that the country never forgets.

"It should be remembered for the incredible sacrifice that took place there and for the numerous acts of courage that people did," Mastrangelo said. "People ran to help each other, we're all American and sometimes we forget that, but 9/11 can help remind us of that."

Byrne knows that holding events such as these are important in bringing people together and honoring the lives that were lost, and he hopes to continue with the tradition of having a cere-

mony every year.

"It's so important," Byrne said. "It gets the parents bringing their kids in, it helps them understand. It's something we have to continue, we do Memorial Day, this and Veterans Day on top of lots of things with our honor guard. People need to see this exposure of 9/11, so often you can put those memories aside and not think about it, but we have to continue doing this and it's great that the city supports it."

TYLER TYRE

Don Byrne speaks during Saturday's 9/11 event at the Katy VFW. Byrne spoke about how it was important to observe days of remembrance such as Patriot Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day and to pass traditions on to coming generations.



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TYLER TYRE

Sea cadets stand during Saturday's 9/11 event at the Katy VFW. The Sea Cadet program offers Katy area residents between the ages of 14 and 17 an opportunity to learn about military service.

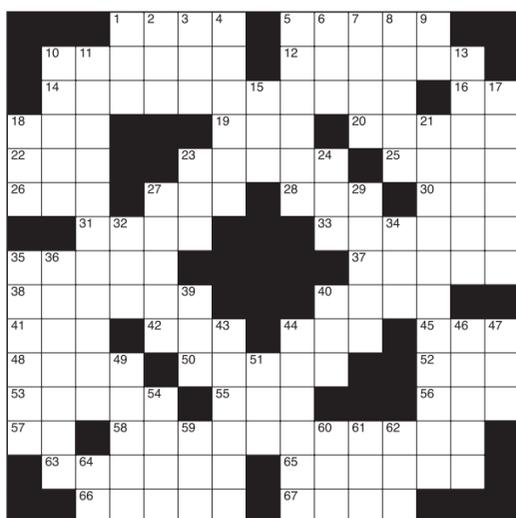
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- Nursemaids
- Coats a porous surface
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- Containing a broader message
- University of Dayton
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Insane
- Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- Taxi
- Trainee
- Comedian Carvey
- Some couples say it
- Belong to he
- High schoolers' test
- Young goat
- You drive on one
- Denotes a time long ago
- Space between two surfaces
- By and by
- A way to sell
- A line left by the passage of something
- Indicates near
- Where wrestlers compete
- Prosecutors
- Body part
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Indicates silence
- NFL's Newton
- Ancient Roman garments

CLUES DOWN

- Split pulses
- Brew
- Ask humbly
- Distinctive smells
- Digressions
- Partner to cheese
- Father of Arachne
- Made a cavity
- Tin
- Appetizer
- Presenting in detail
- Compound in guano and fish scales
- Cool!
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- Popular literary form _ fi
- Be the most remarkable
- "Final Fantasy" universe character
- Buffer solution
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- Game show host Sakaj
- One's interests
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- Hammerin' Hank
- Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
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- Car mechanics group
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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

GET INTO GET HIRED

Those wishing to participate in the Get Hired program should meet the following criteria and apply for the program through the website noted below.

ELIGIBILITY

- Business or nonprofit is located and generating revenue in Fort Bend County.
- Organization must have been active as of Dec. 31, 2020.
- Revenue must be between \$25,000 and \$5 million as noted on the organization's 2020 tax return.
- Business must have between one and 50 employees including the owner.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- Valid photo ID.
- Certificate of Good Standing or Franchise Tax Status, DBA or Schedule C
- Formation Documentation.
- 2020 tax return that includes all relevant documentation.
- Signed and dated W9 with sections 1-3 completed.
- New hire forms for employee, including appropriate photo ID.

EMPLOYER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Driver's license or valid government ID.
- Bank statements highlighting relevant payroll transactions.
- Check copies – front and back, endorsed by the bank.
- Three months of paycheck stubs for the specified employee.

EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must complete the interview process and be hired.
- Must work 20 hours per week or more on average over 90 days.
- Must complete 90 calendar days of employment \ and be in good standing.
- Compensation cannot exceed \$25 per hour or \$50,000 annually.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3nwiTNk>, email FBCGetHired@mpact-consulting.com or call call 832-520-4348.

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folks get back to work," said Fort Bend County Auditor Ed Sturdivant.

The Get Hired program is a joint effort on behalf of the county, Richmond Economic Development, the Fulshear-Katy Area Chamber of Commerce, MPACT Strategic Consulting, LLC, and local businesses.

Sturdivant said the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court has allocated \$50 million for CARES Act funds and additional funding from the American Rescue Plan toward helping the county's economy recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. However, some of those funds weren't being used, so in cooperation with various economic development groups in the county and MPACT Strategic Consulting, the county developed the incentivization plan to help encourage people to return to work.

Sturdivant also noted that the \$300 incentive program for those on unemployment and extended unemployment benefits offered to the unemployed were expiring at the beginning of September, prompting more unemployed people to return to work.

Brittnee Compton, project lead for MPACT Strategic Consulting, the county's consultant for the program, said one of the goals of the program was to keep the process simple and help register businesses for the program quickly and efficiently. She also said 501(C)3 nonprofits are eligible for the program.

Local nonprofit leaders have said demands for services they offer have skyrocketed during the pandemic, prompting the need for more staff and volunteers.

Fulshear-Katy Area Chamber of Commerce President Don McCoy said that the more than 600 members of his chamber regularly mention that they are looking for staff. He lauded the new program and said the cooperative nature of the program was vital to its success.

"What I was really impressed with is the collaboration that we had with the (Economic Development Council, the county – everybody that helped us here. The collaboration was unparalleled," McCoy said.

McCoy added that the chambers throughout the county were available to help small businesses navigate the new program and would help their members in any other way they could.

"It is a partnership from day one," George said. "We continue to emphasize the fact that small businesses are the backbone of our community. We want to do everything possible (that) we can do to help them get back to normal and Fort Bend is doing a lot of things to accomplish that goal."

COUNCIL

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to city staff for making the change quickly.

"I just want to quickly thank (City Administrator Byron Hebert) and (Assistant City Administrator Anas Garfaoui) and (Public Works Director Elaine Lutringer) – everybody that got this done in kind of record speed," Smith said. "I think it was two weeks ago, they were putting up signs at this intersection (that said) cross traffic doesn't stop. We had some issues here. We have incred-

ible first responders, but the fewer accidents they have to attend to the better."

- Council also unanimously:
- Approved the annexation of about 79 acres into Waller-Harris Municipal Utility District No. 3.
 - Awarded a chemical supplies contract for chlorine and sulfur dioxide to DXI Industries out of Houston for about \$233,000.
 - Approved a contract with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta,

LLP, for election district evaluation services.

- Authorized the issuance of about \$1.6 million in bonds by Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 161.
- Appointed Mayor Bill Hastings with Councilmember Janet Corte as alternate to the Houston-Galveston Area Council, a regional group of leaders that works to cooperatively solve problems facing the Greater Houston and Galveston.

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also indicated a few road closures and issues regarding windblown debris had caused road closures in various locations throughout Harris County. The storm also caused Harris County to see various flash flood and severe wind warnings.

Minor flood issues did occur near the Clear Creek watershed in southern Harris County, Lindner said.

Rainfall was much lower than expected throughout the Katy area due to the storm shifting to the east. As of 9:30 a.m. rain gauges near the intersection of the county lines of Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties showed 0.92 inches of rain Tuesday morning. The area had been predicted to receive 4-5 inches of rain. Rain amounts increased closer to Galveston Bay where one rain gauge saw slightly more than 6 inches of rain at that same time.

In a Monday-evening press conference, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo had expressed gratitude that Nicholas's path had appeared to shift east already. Hidalgo said she was grateful for residents choosing to stay home to reduce demand on first responders who were preparing for any eventualities the storm might bring.

Fort Bend County was also lucky to have dodged the worst of the storm, said Fort Bend County Judge KP George during a Tuesday morning press conference on Sept. 14.

"As we predicted, the storm shifted eastbound and the Homeland Security and Emergency Management (monitored) things throughout the night so that if we needed any changes (made) or even to make a decision to close and things of that nature," George said. "Fortunately, we are here (and) we have a beautiful morning today."

Fort Bend County Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Mark Flathouse said the county was working with Centerpoint Energy and other community partners and county departments to restore power, get debris off of roadways and otherwise get the county back to normal.

"We do have some trees down (and) some power lines, as the judge stated and we're making sure that we are in constant communication with Centerpoint Energy from the number of places and locations that did not have power throughout the night," Flathouse said. "This morning as we were working with Centerpoint almost every 30 minutes and power is being reconnected to a lot of people in Fort Bend County and in the Houston area."

Flathouse and George praised the linemen that were working to restore



FORT BEND COUNTY/FACEBOOK

Fort Bend County Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Mark Flathouse provides an update on the impact of Hurricane Nicholas during a Tuesday morning press conference. Flathouse praised residents and first responders for being cautious and prepared for the storm which eventually veered further east than expected, preventing severe conditions in the Katy area which includes Fort Bend, Harris and Waller counties.



COURTESY KATY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

High winds appeared to have been the worst part of Hurricane Nicholas for the Katy area. Some gusts up to 51 mph were reported in the region. Debris and tree limbs were reported in streets and some larger trees were damaged such as these out in front of Katy Christian Ministries' new headquarters building on Porter Road just northeast of the city of Katy.

power throughout the region.

"We are committed to restoring service to our customers as safely and quickly as possible. However, patience will be important as some areas of our system and equipment may be difficult to reach for our crews due to safety-related issues, such as downed trees," said Kenny Mercado, Executive Vice President, Electric Utility of CenterPoint Energy in a Tuesday press release.

Fort Bend County Drainage District First Assistant to the Chief Engineer Jeff Janacek said the county was also lucky in that only slightly more than an inch of rain would flow into Barker Reservoir, leaving plenty of capacity if additional storms came soon.

Fort Bend County Sheriff Eric Fagan expressed appreciation for county residents staying at home during the storm and being cautious while driving if they had to go somewhere after the storm. He said that while the county was grateful that they didn't have to respond to as severe a storm as was initially predicted, he knew the county learned from their preparation steps.

"And that's the main thing. Mark Flathouse says we learned from this, and we'll be better next time – better prepared – and we pray for those who are worse hit in this storm," Fagan said.

School districts in Fort Bend, Harris and Waller counties closed Tuesday in anticipation of a possible severe storm but anticipated reopening under normal operations Wednesday.

In a brief Facebook announcement, Waller County Judge Trey Duhon said the county had been fortunate because other than minor wind damage, the county had gone unscathed by Nicholas's passing. He also praised the emergency management staff who prepared for the worst while hoping for the best. He praised first responders for their preparedness ahead of the storm.

"Successful emergency management begins with preparation using experience and expertise," Duhon said. "And, it is much better than learning from a tragic event. I'd rather be prepared and have something be a nonevent than to not be prepared."



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Cybersecurity is growing need in Greater Houston

Our nation is facing increasing challenges from cyberspace.

On May 7, the Colonial Pipeline, a Houston-originated oil pipeline system carrying gasoline and jet fuel to the Southeastern U.S., halted its operation due to a ransomware attack. Even after the company paid the ransom, the restoration still took so long that the federal government issued a regional emergency declaration for 17 states and Washington, D.C., to keep fuel supply lines open on May 9. It was the most significant cyberattack on an oil infrastructure target in the history of the U.S. The company suffered a halt in operations and lost 100 gigabytes of data from company servers the day before the malware attack.

Unfortunately, Colonial Pipeline is not the only company being attacked. Globally, 30,000 websites are hacked daily, and 64 percent of companies worldwide have experienced at least one form of cyberattack. Our home base – the greater Houston region – is in an especially vulnerable status to meet these challenges. Houston is the world hub for the oil industry and one of the world health centers. There are numerous oil, health-related and interconnected digital infrastructures. But many of them are aged and were developed in the 1970s, '80s and '90s without any built-in mechanism to detect or prevent cyberattacks.

With the rising threat from cyberspace, we are also experiencing an evolution in collecting and using data. Moore's law drove the storage cost to almost zero compared with other IT elements in the last two decades. The same law and cloud computing technology also allows computing power to rise to an unprecedented level. This combination led to a digital infrastructure supporting revolutionary technologies such as deep learning, which is the basis of the now human-like voice and image recognition tools we are using nowadays.

Deep learning is just one type of artificial intelligence algorithm. We will see deep learning like AI algorithms embedded into every object we use, from vehicles to home appliances, in the foreseeable future. In the oil and health industry – the mainstay of Houston – artificial intelligence is accompanied



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by more data and increasingly sophisticated algorithms to process them, which means more and more demand for IT professionals in data science and artificial intelligence.

But there is a shortage of IT professionals who are versed either in cybersecurity or in data science. While cybercrime grows exponentially and an increasing amount of data is stored without being mined, businesses face a severe talent drought in both sectors. The short supply of qualified IT professionals in these areas and surging demand dramatically increases the competition.

This shortage means aspiring students in this industry could get exposure as early as in high school and then choose a career path for secondary education that could lead to an IT professional track in cybersecurity, data science or artificial intelligence. Katy ISD and Royal ISD both have the digital facilities and collaboration to offer dual credit courses in IT. Houston Community College has an associate degree in cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. The University of Houston-Victoria offers a bachelor's degree in computer information systems program with concentrations in both data science and cybersecurity at its UHV Katy instructional site.

All these schools and higher education institutions provide multiple pathways for students to be successful in these careers and fill the national and regional needs.

In addition to obtaining an academic degree, a professional certification would add additional credentials for new graduates in the job market. Entry-level certification for cybersecurity graduates includes CompTIA Security+ and EC-council Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH). Students in data science could consider certification programs offered by large IT companies, such as a free IBM Data Science Professional Certificate or a Microsoft Certified Azure Data Scientist Associate.



Katy area veterans remember on 20th anniversary of 9/11

It seems that every generation in America has its wakeup call. Every war, every undeclared war, every attack, and every call to duty is remembered more acutely by those called to serve our nation in the United States Armed Forces. These volunteer civilians are transformed into dedicated warriors who head into harm's way. Harm can come in various forms, personal sacrifice and financial hardship, psychological trauma, exposure to harmful chemicals and diseases, physical injury in training and combat, and the ultimate cost – one's life.

According to a recent article by NPR in June 2021, "An estimated 7,057 service members have died during military operations since 9/11, while suicides among active-duty personnel and veterans of those conflicts have reached 30,177."

A few veterans remember: Founder of the Portrait of a Fallen Warrior Gallery in Cypress, Ken Pridgeon (86), USAF Veteran, who painted U.S. Army Captain Jonathan D. Rozier (the namesake for the Katy American Legion Post), the first killed-in-action in the War on Terror from Katy remembers.

"I, just like everyone else, heard the news of the first tower and then saw the second which I thought was a rocket. I started painting fallen warriors from Texas in 2010 and have painted over 300; however, about 630 have fallen since then, the most recent from Afghanistan – U.S. Marine Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza (20) has been delivered to (his) family in Laredo," Pridgeon said.

"On Sept. 11, 2001, a routine deployment turned into a life-altering event," said former U.S. Navy, Operations Specialist Second Class Dr. Grace Homer. My then-future-husband and I found ourselves onboard the USS Carl Vinson. He, on the flight deck working aircraft launch



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and recovery operations, and I, standing watch at my radar station on the navigation, watching what we all thought was a terrible movie on a small TV screen. As the second plane hit the South Tower, we couldn't fathom the enormity of what was taking place. The USS Carl Vinson went on to be first to strike in Afghanistan following the horrific attacks on our nation. To this day, I find it difficult to visit the WTC. It was the day that unified us as a nation, a day that brought us all together as one military force, a day we continue to mourn with so many families who lost loved ones. It is the day we will NEVER forget."

"September 11, 2001, the changes we have seen. The planes hitting the Towers, the Pentagon, and crashing into an empty field in Pennsylvania. I was sitting on my couch tying my shoes, getting ready to head out the door to work," said Mark "Oz" Geist, a U.S. Marine and author of "13 Hours." "The news was on as it was every morning. The moment I saw the first plane explode into balls of flames as it crashed through Tower One, I knew it was not an accident. I thought in the back of my mind - hoped and prayed it was. Then the second plane hit Tower Two and my worst fears were confirmed. Our country was under attack. I called my wife Krystal and told her the news. She was driving to Fowler, Colorado, with our daughter. Not fully understanding how but knowing our lives would be changed on that day forever. 9/11 happened twice for us. Once in 2001 and again in 2012. Our lives have been changed forever."

"When 9/11 happened, I was

finishing a work-up at our desert training facility in California with SEAL Team 5, getting ready to deploy," said U.S. Navy veteran Charlie Melton. "We all came in for lunch and it was on TV. At first everyone thought it was a movie. It's hard to believe that something that took away so many of our freedoms is hardly remembered 20 years later."

"On 9/11, I was confirming an appointment with a client," said Harry Woodstrom, U.S. Army veteran and commander of the 22nd District Department of the Texas American Legion. "Once on the telephone, he told me to turn my television. Our meeting was cancelled. I was stunned. My brother-in-law, (a wing commander with the British Royal Air Force), was stationed at the Pentagon. The aircraft arrived at the Pentagon before he did. He was safe. I was retired Army and I called to see if my services were needed. They were not. I stayed retired and managed to watch a 20-year attempt to make things right in the world. I believe we made a difference, but I also believe that history will not be kind to the attempt."

"I was stationed at the Pentagon on 9/11. I was in Room 4E468 when the plane struck the building. As soon as the second plane attacked in (New York City), I knew we were at war," said Joe D. Baker II, a retired U.S. Marine Corps colonel. "A photo of room 4E468 was taken one to two days later and the Marine Corps flag was still standing. The flag was retrieved, went to the International Space Station, and is now on display at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Virginia."

As we remember those who lost their lives 20 years ago, let's continue to stand for America and never forget the men and women who have lost their loved ones since then and those who stand ready to defend her today. We are Americans.

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Gabriel Seth "Gabe" Becker was born on February 5, 2002, in Houston, Texas to Michael and Amy Becker. He grew up in the Katy and Sealy areas and graduated from high school in 2020. He enjoyed working on cars and trucks and took that hobby to work at Jiffy Lube. Growing up he spent time playing football, soccer, doing gymnastics, and playing video games. Gabe was a loving and passionate young man. He was protective of his family and friends and loyally devoted to them. He will be missed by his many loving family members and friends.

Gabe passed away on Sunday, September 5, 2021, in Katy, at the age of 19.

He is survived by his parents, Michael and Amy Becker; sister, Maegan Bray and her husband Ben; grandparents, Robert Becker, Suzi Gorczyca, and Joe Gorczyca; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Marilyn Becker.



GABRIEL SETH "GABE" BECKER
2002-2021

A memorial service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at the Katy Church of Christ. The service was streamed on the Katy church of Christ YouTube Channel, <http://youtube.com/c/katychurchofchrist>

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Herbert Wesley Carew, born April 13, 1942, in Katy, Texas, was called home by our Lord in Heaven on Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Wes grew up in Baytown, Texas where his love for electronics began as a teenager. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1960 and joined the U.S. Navy shortly after graduation. He served on the USS Chivo, then the USS John C. Calhoun SBN 630 based in Charleston, SC. While in the Navy, he attended many training schools to learn Information Technology. He left the Navy in 1968 after the birth of his first child, traveling along the upper East Coast before settling in Fairchilds, Texas. Wes lived in Fairchilds for many years and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Richmond.

As an Eagle Scout, he influenced the lives of many young hearts serving as a Boy Scout leader. Through-



HERBERT WESLEY CAREW
1942-2021

out his professional career, Wes held various positions within the oil industry, employed by firms such as Honeywell, Baroid, Halliburton, Digicon, Syscom Delta, Western Geophysical, ABB, and his own company, Systems Integrated Systems. In 2007, he proudly obtained his Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree from the University of Houston-Victoria, graduating Summa Cum Laude. He occupied

his time providing ongoing consulting work, becoming a Master Gardener, raising bees, and locating family through Ancestry.com and building upon the vast family tree.

Wes had a strong faith and trust in God and was a blessing to many as a result of his unconditional love. He enjoyed sharing and teaching his immense knowledge in so many different subjects and desired to help whomever he could. As a result of his laid-back attitude, great sense of humor, drive to help others, and abundant love, he was cherished beyond measure and will be greatly missed by so many.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Henry and Vera Hood, Charles and Gertrude Carew, parents Herbert and Wilma Jane Carew, and daughter of 22 years, Angela Carew.

He is survived by his wife Marja Carew; children Denise Carew and boyfriend Jeff, John Carew,

Zachary Carew, Adam Douglas and wife Lori, Aaron Douglas and girlfriend Daisy, Heather Norbury and husband Will; siblings Neil Kent Carew and wife Judy, Richard Carew, Sarah Ryan and husband Bob; grandchildren Haley Carew, Isabella Apodoca, Avery Douglas, Garrett Douglas; several nieces, nephews and their children, and many more family members.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at Klein Funeral Home-Champions. The viewing began at 9:00 AM, service immediately followed at 10:00 AM, and military burial at 1:30 PM at the Houston National Cemetery. Memories and condolences can be shared on the funeral home's website at www.kleinfh.com/obituary/herbert-carew.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to MD Anderson in the name of Angela Renee Carew.

William Don "Billy Don" Williams passed away on September 7, 2021, at his home in Katy, Texas. He was born May 3, 1937, in Rosenberg, TX to Lester Leon Williams and Ruth Mary Stockdick Williams. He graduated from Katy High School in 1955 and The University of Houston with a degree in Mathematics and would later achieve a Master of Mathematics degree from the University of Houston and a Masters of Combined Sciences from the University of Mississippi. In 1959, he married Helen Louise Reue of Fulshear, TX, a union that lasted more than 61 years.

Billy Don taught high



WILLIAM DON "BILLY DON" WILLIAMS
1937-2021

school mathematics at Katy High School and then became a guidance coun-

selor at Katy High School, Taylor High School, and Mayde Creek High School. Throughout his life, he was involved in countless service organizations, including being very involved in the Katy Optimist Club, where he served at one point as president. He was a volunteer coach for Little League Baseball and participated as a leader and a teacher in his church. He was a member of the Texas Personnel and Guidance Association and at one time served as its president. As an active member of his church, he participated in leadership positions and was a beloved teacher. He

loved singing in church choirs and being a part of that joyful noise.

After he retired from counseling, he spent several years serving as KISD Testing Coordinator and was instrumental in starting KISD's GED program. Billy Don's retirement dream was to spend time (in his words) as a "gentleman rancher". He spent those years doing just that and loved spending time in "The Bottom" surrounded by dogs and cows. More than anything, he treated every person and every creature like they mattered, like they were important in this world.

Billy Don is preceded in

death by his parents Lester and Ruth Williams and his infant son Reggie. He is survived by his wife Helen Williams, his daughter Shelli Williams, his son Donnie Williams and wife Sara, along with a large extended family and a host of friends.

Billy Don leaves a heritage of unending faith and devotion to his family. He spent a great deal of time at the family farm, furthering the legacy of his parents but also leaving a legacy of love and devotion to the earth and God's creatures.

The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday,

September 14 at Schmidt Funeral Home, Grand Parkway, Katy. A Celebration of Billy Don's life was held at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, Houston on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., with a graveside service following at 2:00 p.m. at Memorial Oaks Cemetery, Houston.

Memorial gifts may be made to Memorial Drive United Methodist Church or a church or charity of your choice.

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Katy Heritage Society accepting applications for scholarship

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy Heritage Society is seeking applications for its annual scholarship program. The nonprofit, which aims to preserve Katy's history, will be offering one \$1,000 scholarship to a Katy ISD student.

Applicants must be enrolled or enrolling in an accredited college, university or vocational training and must live within the boundaries of KISD. In order to apply, they must then complete a research paper regarding some aspect of the history of the Katy area, whether that is a period of time, a notable person or other development in Katy's more than a century of history. The paper must include original research conducted by the student.

Entries must be submitted by Oct. 1 and include a cover page that provides the applicant's name, address, phone number and email



R. HANS MILLER, NEWS EDITOR

The Katy Heritage Society looks after various historical assets in Katy including this caboose at Katy Railroad Park. The society also administers several programs to educate the public and to preserve the history of the city and surrounding area.

address. Additionally, the cover page should describe any volunteer, community service or nonprofit work the student has done as well as a description of how the student intends to pay for their education.

Once the applications are submitted, a panel of judges will evaluate the papers which will be judged on his-

torical accuracy, the impact of the topic on Katy history and literary merit.

The award will be made in the form of a check payable to the winner's educational institution.

For more information visit www.katyheritagesociety.com or email the society at KatyHeritageSociety@outlook.com.

UHV School of Business Administration honor society chapter granted honors status

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The University of Houston-Victoria School of Business Administration's chapter of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society was recently named to the Chapter Honor Roll program. The designation grants the chapter global recognition and the ability to nominate for awards from the international business honor society, according to a UHV press release.

The honor society, which is available to Katy area students, is associated with

programs from the UHV School of Business Administration which are accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The association accredits fewer than 5% of business schools globally.

Only the top 10% of undergrad students, the top 20% of graduate students and all doctoral candidates that have successfully defended their dissertations at an AACSB-accredited business school are eligible for the society.

"Just like the AACSB only

accredits the upper echelon of business schools worldwide, this honors status within the honor society recognizes our chapter as having the upper echelon of business students at UHV," said UHV School of Business Administration Dean Ken Colwell. "It is also recognition that we are providing a quality education for our students and making sure they have the resources they need for life after college."

UHV has inducted students into the chapter since 2006 and has 63 members.

KISD COVID-19 UPDATE

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

As of Sept. 13, Katy ISD's COVID-19 dashboard reports a total of 823 active cases of COVID-19 on district campuses with 691 of those cases being among students and 132 among staff. Of those, 438 cases are on elementary campuses, 213 in junior high campuses and 159 in high school campuses.

Only five campuses within the district remained at Stage 5 of the KISD Safe Return to School Plan. Stage 5 involves self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms, frequent hand washing, social distancing of three feet or more and personal protective equipment such as masks and hand sanitizer made available on request. Stage 5 also indicates that no cases of the SARS-CoV-2 virus are known of at a given campus. These campuses include Fielder Elementary,

Hutsell Elementary, Katy Virtual Academy at both the elementary and junior high levels, the district's Opportunity Awareness Center, Wolfe Elementary and Rhoads Elementary.

The remainder of the district's 72 physical locations are at Stage 4 of the KISD Safe Return to School Plan. Under this stage, students and staff who have been identified as having close contact with a COVID-19-positive person may return to in-person learning with a lab confirmed COVID-19 test or elect to self-isolate for up to 10 days. Employees who elect to self-isolate must follow guidelines in the plan. This stage may involve the temporary closure of a classroom or student program with confirmed spread of the disease. Additionally, students positive for COVID-19 or who have elected to self-isolate for 10 days are eligible for intermittent school to home academic support.

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The Katy Management District No. 1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Katy Civic Center, 910 Ave. C, Katy, Texas 77493 with supplemental access by teleconference at (877) 336-1829, Access Code: 7436946. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: D. Cox, K. Berger, R. Hargarther, P. Redmon & D. Callender
AGAINST the proposal: (none)
PRESENT and not voting: (none)
ABSENT: (none)

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year*	This Year*
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$ 0.800 / \$100 Adopted	\$ 0.800 / \$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$0.000 / \$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	0.0000%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$0	\$0
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled persons exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$0	\$0
Tax on average residence homestead	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$0.00 0.0000%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

* There were NO residential homesteads for comparison purposes.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Abbott calls third special session for Sept. 20 ... and 5 other Texas-sized issues

BY GARY BORDERS
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Gov. Greg Abbott has called a third special legislative session to deal with redistricting, to decide how to spend billions of dollars in pandemic funding from the federal government and to determine whether state or local governments can mandate COVID-19 vaccines, as well as some of the governor's priority issues that failed to pass recent sessions.

The third session begins Sept. 20 and by law can last no longer than 30 days. The second special session resulted in the passage of hotly contested voting restrictions and what are considered the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, both of which are under legal attack. In the case of the latter, the U.S. Justice Department is suing the state, saying the abortion law banning the procedure at roughly six weeks of pregnancy is unconstitutional.

"The (Texas) act is clearly unconstitutional under long-standing Supreme Court precedent," Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday, as reported widely by media outlets.

Several groups have filed suit against the elections bill signed by Abbott last week, including Voto Latino, LULAC Texas, the Texas Alliance for Retired Americans, and the Texas American Federation of Teachers.

The law limits early voting hours, ends drive-in voting, and restricts mail-in voting. GOP leaders maintain that other provisions in the measure make it easier to cast a vote than before.

1 Emergency SNAP benefits extended again
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is extending emer-



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The Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced last week that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries will continue to receive an additional \$95 per month in food support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture via HHSC.

gency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits once more in September, meaning SNAP recipients will again get an additional \$95 in emergency allotments. The funding comes from the United States Department of Agriculture.

"As we continue to navigate through the pandemic, we are pleased to provide this additional support to ensure Texans will be able to keep food on their table for themselves and their families," said Wayne Salter of the HHSC.

2 COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations drop slightly
The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas

decreased slightly in the past week, with the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reporting 120,494 new cases, down 4.6% from the previous week. Total deaths statewide increased slightly to 1,789.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-10 hospitalizations dropped slightly, with 13,285 reported in Texas, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Available intensive-care unit beds remain scarce, with just 330 open in the entire state, the least since the pandemic began early last year. Even more concerning are the few pediatric ICU beds open, with just 80 available, according to DSHS.

At least 45 school districts across the state have shut down

in-person classes because of COVID-19 outbreaks affecting more than 40,000 students, according to the Texas Tribune.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated crossed the 14-million mark, which is 48.5% of the total population, DSHS reported.

3 August cooler, wetter than normal for most of Texas

August is in the books and the first day of autumn beckons. Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, reports the month was cooler than normal for most of the state and wetter than normal for about half of Texas. The U.S. Drought

Monitor map for Texas shows just 1% of the state in drought.

"Over the last 22 years, we've averaged about 40% of the state in drought by the end of August, Wentzel wrote in his monthly report. "Since 2000, we've only had two other Augusts that ended with less drought area: 2004 and 2007."

4 Tuition program open enrollment underway

Open enrollment in the state's Texas Tuition Promise Fund began Sept. 1 and runs through the end of February. The plan allows parents and others to lock in today's tuition and fees at state public colleges and universities. The accumulated funds can also be transferred to private colleges and other institutions such as vocational schools, though the tuition is not locked in.

The TTPF program offers webinars throughout the enrollment period. More information can be found at TuitionPromise.org or by calling Monday through Friday at 800-445-GRAD (4723). Press Option 5.

5 Duck hunters can expect another good season

The early teal hunting season began Saturday, and officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department say habitat conditions point to another productive season for hunters.

"Teal numbers are already impressive in many areas of Texas, especially the rice prairies of the Texas Gulf Coast and the playa wetlands of the Panhandle," Kevin Kraai of TPWD said.

The 16-day statewide early teal season runs through Sept. 26, with a daily bag limit of six. Blue-winged teal are by far the most prevalent duck found in Texas this time of year, according to TPWD.

Texas sues 6 districts over mask mandates

BY JOSHUA FECHTER AND BRIAN LOPEZ
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

For the first time in the Texas mask wars, Attorney General Ken Paxton is suing six school districts that have defied Gov. Greg Abbott's ban on local masking orders.

Paxton on Friday sued the Elgin, Galveston, Richardson, Round Rock, Sherman and Spring school districts for requiring students, teachers, school employees and visitors to don face coverings while on their premises, which he dubbed "unlawful political maneuvering."

"If districts choose to spend their money on legal fees, they must do so knowing that my office is ready and willing to litigate these cases," Paxton said in a statement. "I have full confidence that the courts will side with the law - not acts of political defiance."

Dozens of school districts across the state have defied Abbott and issued mask mandates. It was not immediately clear late Friday why Paxton chose the six districts he sued.

The governor's executive order bars local officials from compelling people to wear masks. Until this week, Abbott and Paxton have been on defense as several school districts, cities and counties in the state's major metropolitan areas have sued over the order - or outright ignored it.

Some 85 school districts and six counties have instituted mask mandates of some kind in defiance of Abbott's ban - citing the need to protect schoolchildren too young to get the vaccine amid the spread of the highly contagious delta variant of COVID-19.

The legal push-and-pull between the state's Republican leadership and local officials has led to a patchwork of rules about mask-wearing across the state as judges uphold, revoke

and reinstate the various requirements, creating confusion for Texans about whether they or their kids must wear a mask.

Abbott had called on Texas lawmakers to send him a bill that would definitively stop school officials from requiring students, teachers and other school employees to wear face coverings. But the prospect never gained steam in the Legislature.

Abbott and Paxton for weeks have threatened local governments and public schools that adopted masking rules with legal action - a threat Paxton made good on this week.

Round Rock Independent School District officials did not comment on the lawsuit, but said in a statement that the mask requirement is helping their schools stay open.

"We do work closely with both our local health authorities in Williamson and Travis counties who advise us that masks remain an essential tool in stemming the spread of COVID-19 in our classrooms," Round Rock ISD officials said.

Spring Independent School District officials haven't yet seen Paxton's lawsuit, they said in a statement Friday - and only learned about it through a press release from the attorney general's office.

"Spring ISD will let the legal process unfold and allow the courts to decide the merits of the case," officials said.

Richardson Independent School District officials declined to comment, citing the pending litigation.

A spokesperson for the Sherman school district said in a statement that school officials were aware of the lawsuit, but they have not received any other information.

"The district has and will continue to focus on promoting a safe and healthy learning environment for our students and staff, to include keeping its schools open and accessible for instruction as well as extracurricular activities," the spokesperson said.

The remaining school districts did not immediately respond to requests for comment.



GOV. GREG ABBOTT



SOURCE: GOOGLE MAPS

A-Better Bail Bond sits at the intersection of Clay Road and Highway 6. A GOP-initiated bill will change how and if people can be released from jail before their criminal cases are resolved, while they are still legally presumed innocent. Senate Bill 6 will bar those accused of violent crimes from being released from jail before trial unless they can put up cash. That provision of the bill will go into effect Dec. 2.

Abbott signs cash bail bill into law

BY JOLIE MCCULLOUGH
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

"Texas bill to require cash bail for those accused of violent crimes becomes law" was first published by The Texas Tribune, a nonprofit, nonpartisan media organization that informs Texans - and engages with them - about public policy, politics, government and statewide issues.

Gov. Greg Abbott on Monday signed into law sweeping GOP-led bail legislation that requires people accused of violent crimes to put up cash to get out of Texas jails.

Senate Bill 6 was passed by the Texas Legislature last month, after Abbott declared changes to the state's bail system an emergency at the beginning of the state's regular legislative session that began in January. At a summit in Houston, Abbott said the bill, named after a slain state trooper, was one he would have called lawmakers back for continuous special legislative sessions until they passed it.

"The Damon Allen Act makes it harder for dangerous criminals to be released from jail on bail," he said before signing the bill.

Allen was killed during a traffic stop in 2017. The suspect was out of jail on a \$15,500 bond after allegedly assaulting a sheriff's deputy.

The bill will change how and if people can be released from jail before their criminal cases are resolved, while they are still legally presumed innocent. Currently, most Texas jail releases are deter-

mined by the defendant's ability to post cash, but some jurisdictions - particularly Harris County after losses in federal court - have recently shifted to releasing more people accused of low-level crimes on personal bonds, which don't require cash but can include restrictions like GPS ankle monitoring or routine drug testing.

SB 6 will ban the release of people accused of violent crimes on personal bonds, requiring instead that they be able to post the amount of cash set by the court, or pay a percentage to a bail bonds company. It will also disallow cashless release for those those arrested on any felony charge if they were already out of jail on bond in a violent criminal case. Those changes will go into effect on Dec. 2.

Other pieces of the bill, such as creating a new system for court officers to receive and review the criminal history of defendants before setting bail, will go into effect in January.

Many Democrats and civil rights advocates have argued the bill's exclusion of only cashless bonds, but not money bail, will exacerbate wealth-based detention and lead to overfilled jails. Opponents said requiring cash to get out of jail will primarily penalize low-income people, limit judicial power and boost the for-profit bail bonds industry.

"SB 6 is built on right-wing hysteria that violates Texans' rights, not on public safety," Laquita Garcia with the Texas Organizing Project said in a statement. "If

implemented, this bill will lead to more overcrowding in jails and further criminalize poverty in our state, meaning more Texans - a disproportionate amount being Black and Latino - will stay stuck in jail solely because they cannot afford bail."

Abbott and other Republican lawmakers, along with some crime victims and their supporters, say the legislation is needed to keep dangerous people behind bars before their cases are resolved. Supporters of the bill have pointed to rising rates of violent crime and numerous examples of defendants accused of violence being released on bond and then accused of new crimes.

That includes the slaying of Caitlynn Infinger Guajardo, whose estranged husband allegedly killed her shortly after being released on a personal bond. He'd previously been arrested and accused of assaulting Guajardo.

"I am beyond pleased that the Texas legislature passed Senate Bill 6," Melanie Infinger said in a statement. "Since my daughter Caitlynn's murder in 2019, I vowed to do whatever possible to save other families from the excruciating preventable pain of losing a loved one in the manner in which I lost my girl and her unborn child."

The bill easily passed the Senate but was only passed by the Texas House after the removal of a controversial Senate provision that would have restricted charitable groups from posting bail for defendants.

KCM 17th annual gala a success, says director

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

The Katy Christian Ministries' 17th annual gala event was a success and exceeded its fundraising goal, said KCM Executive Director Deysi Crespo. The annual event – one of the nonprofit's largest revenue sources – drew in about 300 attendees and raised more than its \$125,000 initial objective, she said.

"Our goal for the gala was \$125,000 and it was intended to support the operations of the ministry where we rely heavily on the two major fundraisers of the year – the annual golf tournament and the gala," Crespo said. "We were very positive going into it and we're very pleased with the outcome because we exceeded our goal with an estimated amount (of about) \$128,000."

Crespo said funds raised will go primarily toward operations with only the amount exceeding the initial goal going toward KCM's capital campaign to improve its new facility at 3506 Porter Road. The money will go a long way toward ensuring KCM fulfills its primary mission of providing support to those in need throughout the Katy area with its food pantry, counseling, crisis intervention and other services, she said.

"When we say that it is to sustain the operations of the ministry, we're talking about the sustainability of all of the programs for us to continue with our operations," Crespo said. "You know, it takes funding to keep the case managers doing that job that they're there to do, to buy office supplies, to help pay rent – every operational expense of the ministry in order for us to be able to provide free services."

The keynote address for the gala was given by Brian Greene, CEO and president of the Houston Food Bank, who discussed the importance of nonprofits like KCM in meeting the needs of the community. Additional speakers included Carolyn Ray, a former client of KCM who discussed the impact KCM's programs had for her.

Crespo said KCM is already beginning to plan next year's gala and is excited to celebrate accomplishments and is also grateful for the community's support.

"I continue to remain humble and grateful because (the gala) shows time and time again how the community is behind the good work that is being done by KCM volunteers, case managers and everyone involved in every aspect of KCM's mission," Crespo said.



Katy Christian Ministries Executive Director Deysi Crespo, left, speaks during KCM's 17th annual gala. The event is one of the nonprofit's largest fundraisers and brought in more than \$125,000 which will be used to help clients. Above, Imágenes de México, a group of Katy area students that perform traditional Mexican art forms, put on a show at the KCM gala.

SUSAN ROVEGNO, KATY TIMES PUBLISHER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 143)

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."**

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."**

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propaga-

tion of a sincerely held religious belief.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."**

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 47)

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."**

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 165)

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."**

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment establishing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."**

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 125)

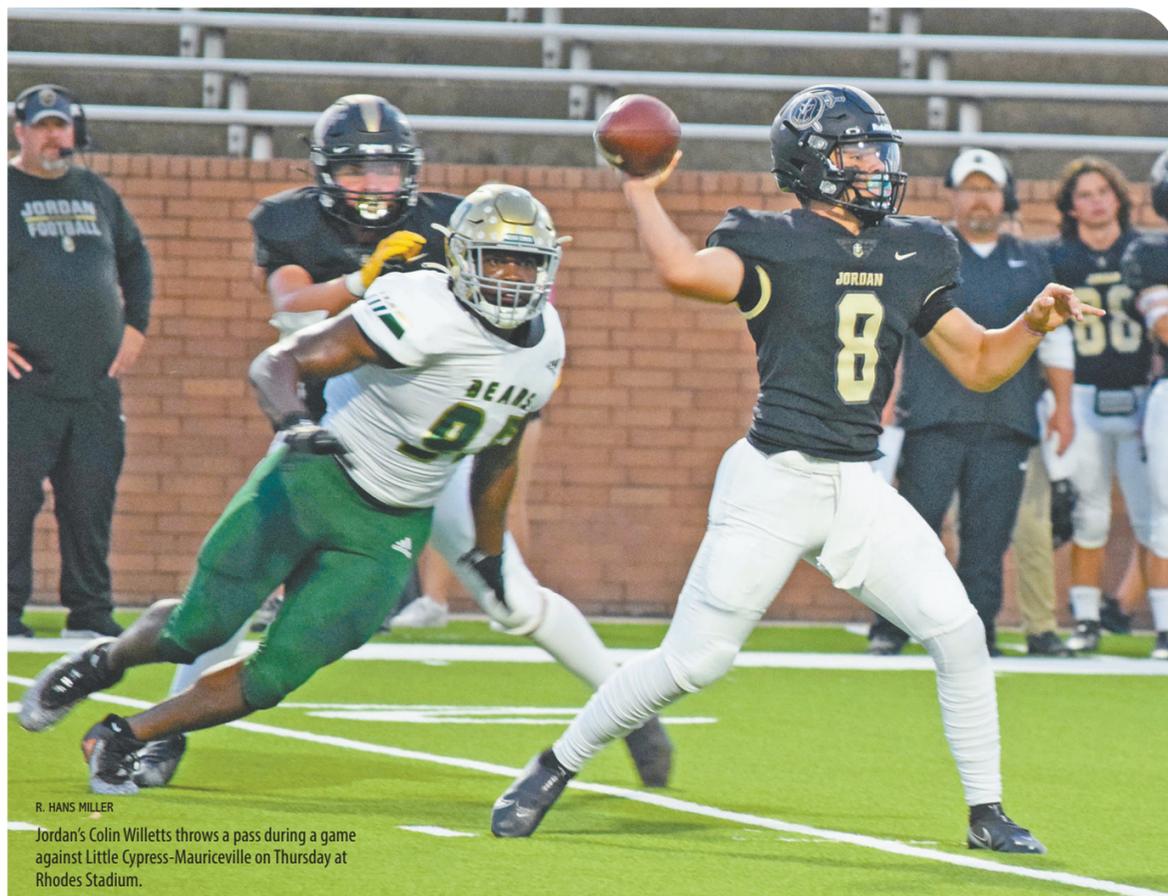
HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."**

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 35)

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**



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Jordan's Colin Willetts throws a pass during a game against Little Cypress-Mauriceville on Thursday at Rhodes Stadium.

Jordan building strong foundation early in season



BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

The key for Jordan this season is learning. The school is in its first varsity season and won its first ever varsity game last week against Danbury. The freshman-junior squad has continued to grow and mature through the first three game weeks of the season.

"It's really exciting to be able to make history for the school," said junior linebacker Josh Gulizia. "To be able to be the first team to actually play a Jordan varsity season is awesome"

Since Jordan is without a district this season, as it joined varsity play midway through realignment, Jordan cannot make the playoffs, so this year is all about preparing every player for next year, when Jordan will join a district and compete for a playoff spot.

See **JORDAN**, page B7

R. HANS MILLER

Jordan's Nathan Salz turns upfield during a game against Little Cypress-Mauriceville on Thursday at Rhodes Stadium.

Tompkins tops Klein Collins, still undefeated

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins defense had an off night last week against Clear Springs.

The Falcons allowed 43 points in a win over Clear Springs but earned a 10-point win.

This week, the defensive unit was determined to change things.

"It all started in practice," said senior linebacker Bryce Shaink. "The intensity and grit we had through the week, and we our eyes were doing the right things too. We came out with

some swagger tonight and that really helped, it never hurts."

The Falcons (3-0) went up against Klein Collins (0-3) this Saturday and the defense responded, allowing just one offensive score and forcing three interceptions, including one that was returned for a touchdown in a 28-13 win at Legacy Stadium.

"Yesterday we had a defensive group meeting and we talked about how we need to play for each other," said senior defensive

See **TOMPKINS**, page B5



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Tompkins' Joshua McMillan runs with the ball during the Falcons' 42-10 Class 6A Division I bi-district playoff win over Fort Bend Travis last year.

WEEK THREE SCORES & SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 9

- Morton Ranch 24, Hastings 0
- L.C.M. 32, Jordan 6
- Mayde Creek 11, Nimitz 7

Friday, Sept. 10

- Cinco Ranch 48, Brazoswood 7
- Seven Lakes 45, Aldine Davis 27
- Katy 28, Dickinson 21
- Paetow 30, Richmond Foster 14
- Royal 26, Caldwell 20

Saturday, Sept. 11

- Tompkins 28, Klein Collins 13
- Cy-Fair 59, Taylor 15

Thursday, Sept. 16

- Morton Ranch vs. Lake Creek, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Katy vs. The Woodlands, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
- Seven Lakes at Delmar, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17

- Tompkins vs. Clear Creek, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Taylor vs. Klein Cain, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
- Cinco Ranch at Clear Falls, 7 p.m.
- Jordan at Davenport, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18

- Paetow vs. Kempner 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium

VOLLEYBALL

Friday, Sept. 17

- Katy at Mayde Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Seven Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
- Taylor at Tompkins, 5:30 p.m.

Cinco Ranch continues scorching start; bests Brazoswood

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Cinco Ranch is ready to flip the script this year.

After combining for one win over the previous two seasons, Cinco had already doubled that going into this week, and the Cougars are out to prove that this team is for real.

"We put in the work all offseason from the weight room to practice and into the season," said junior quarterback Gavin Rutherford. "This is a brotherhood and a family and it's been great, but we can't get too high or too low, we have to stay level headed."

The Cougars (3-0) had used a strong passing game and defense in their first two wins, but wanted to prove to themselves that they could be a balanced offense, and the goal was to establish the run early and often in Friday's non-district matchup against Brazoswood.

Establish they did, as Cinco rushed for 215 yards in a 48-14 blowout win over Brazoswood.

It didn't take a second for the Cougars to get their first score, as the opening kickoff took a sideways hop and Brazoswood (2-1) couldn't control it, leading to Bryan Perez Gilbes picking up the ball and returning for a touchdown with no time coming off the clock.

See **CINCO RANCH**, page B8



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WEEK FOUR

KATY ISD

PREVIEWS

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Thursday

NON-DISTRICT

Morton Ranch (2-1) vs. Lake Creek (3-0), 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium

• Morton Ranch bounced back in a big way last week with a 24-0 win over Alief Hastings as a strong defense and running game got the team back in the win column. Santana Scott rushed for 150 yards and a touchdown and the team rushed for 280 yards in total in the win while the Mavericks defense held Alief Hastings scoreless. This week will be a much tougher task against an undefeated Lake Creek team that has had success both passing and running this season. Cade Tessier has passed for 484 yards and seven touchdowns so far this year while also rushing for 171 yards and two scores. Justin Freeney already has 520 rushing yards on the season and Sam Lee has 13 receptions and 206 yards receiving so far. Morton Ranch's defense will again need to be at its best to come away with a win.

Katy (3-0) vs. The Woodlands (2-1), 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

• Danbury gave Katy all it could handle last week, but the Tigers handled the gut punch and were still able to come away with a 28-21 win. Seth Davis rushed for 121 yards and Dallas Glass added 107 but it was Caleb Koger who led the way with 133 yards through the air and four total touchdowns. Ronnie Schneider was his biggest target with 71 yards receiving while Antonio Silva caught two passes, each for touchdowns, for 49 yards. Katy's defense held the Dickinson pass offense in check, but the Gators did tally 182 yards on the ground. Things won't get easier this week as the Tigers take on a Woodlands team whose only loss comes to Bridgeland.

Seven Lakes (2-1) at Heights (0-3), 7 p.m.

• Seven Lakes offense finally found itself as the Spartans exploded for 45 points in a win over Aldine Davis last week. Grayson Medford's name was all over the game as he passed for 147 yards on 11 of 17 attempts while rushing for 95 more and accounting for four total touchdowns. Michael Amico added 89 yards on the ground and Barrett Hudson had 88 yards rushing in a very strong performance from the Spartans offense. While Heights is winless, they do have a strong passing game and a good quarterback in Jalen Morrison who already has 679 yards and seven touchdowns through the air this season and 129 yards rushing to lead the team as well. Xavier Neal is the biggest weapon through the for the team as he has 415 yards and four touchdowns receiving on the year.



R. HANS MILLER
Paetow's Dez Myers (right) talks to Nicolas Lira before the start of a game against Morton Ranch at Legacy Stadium.

Friday

NON-DISTRICT

Tompkins (3-0) vs. Clear Creek (1-2), 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium

• Tompkins had a strong performance against Klein Collins last week to remain undefeated and will finish off its non-district schedule with a game against Clear Creek as the team will be making its final adjustments before District 19-6A play. Cole Francis has started to come into his own as the season has progressed as the senior already has 764 yards passing and eight touchdowns through three games and it isn't just Josh McMillan II getting in on the action receiving. McMillan leads the team with 18 catches for 251 yards but Wyatt Young is right behind him with 202 yards on 10 catches and Matthew Ogunrin has 167 yards receiving on the year.

Taylor (1-2) vs. Klein Cain (2-1), 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

• Taylor's struggles continued against Cy-Fair as the Mustangs allowed 486 yards of offense and 277 yards through the air in the loss. The offense had its struggles as well as the team fumbled four times, losing two of them and Joe Jefferson had an interception. Jefferson had his positive moments as well, throwing for a touchdown and catching a touchdown from Jackson Ingram, who threw for 113 yards in the matchup. Klein Cain has a strong offense and Taylor's defense will have a test to see if it can bounce back. Offensively the team will need to find ways to involve Michael Whitaker, who only had 28 yards rushing and 35 yards receiving last week.

Cinco Ranch (3-0) at Clear Falls (3-0), 7 p.m.

• Cinco Ranch found its running game last week and has looked like a very strong team to start the season. Gavin Rutherford has continued to grow since his soph-

omore season and Seth Salverino gives him a very real threat in the passing game while Sam McKnight provided balance at the running back position. But the strongest part of Cinco Ranch so far has been its defense, which has allowed only 39 points through three games. Clear Falls will provide a very real test for Cinco Ranch this week though, as the undefeated Knights have averaged 204 yards on the ground and 132 through the air per game. The Knights also have a good defense, which will test the balance of Cinco Ranch's offense.

Jordan (1-2) at Davenport (2-1), 7:30 p.m.

• Jordan continues its first varsity season against Davenport, another new school without a district. Jordan was overmatched by the run game of Little Cypress-Mauriceville last week and will look to bounce back against Davenport. The Warriors will need to cut down on turnovers and be more efficient offensively and will need to be better against the run defensively if they want to get back to .500.

Saturday

DISTRICT 10, 5A-D1

Paetow (3-0) vs. Kempner (0-3), 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium

• Paetow showed off a strong run game and defense again in a 30-14 win over Richmond Foster last week as the Panthers have continued to impress to start the season. Jacob Brown showed what he could do on the ground for the second straight week, rushing for 294 yards and four touchdowns, while CJ Dumas went 8-14 for 123 yards, defensively, Paetow had seven hurries and Kentrell Webb nabbed yet another interception. Kempner has had a rough start to the season, with losses to Fort Bend Dulles and Alvin, but Paetow has to make sure that they don't look ahead and overlook the Cougars in the second week of district play.

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Houston Texans wide receiver Brandin Cooks (13) carries the ball as Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Shaquill Griffin (26) attempts a tackle during the first half of an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the Jacksonville Jaguars on September 12, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

Taylor, defense huge in Texans' win over Jaguars

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

The Houston Texans felt like they had something to prove going into their season opener.

With a new coach, new quarterback and only three returning starters on offense, the new look Texans wanted to come out and make a statement.

"The only noise that matters to us is the noise that's inside this building," said Texans head coach David Culley. "That's the only noise that matters, we knew what we could do."

Houston made that statement, as the Texans put up 27 points in the first half and easily handled the Jacksonville Jaguars in a 37-21 win to kick off the season on Sunday at NRG Stadium.

"This is what we expected, we're not surprised simply because we played good football," Culley said. "I thought we lost a bit of our composure at the end with some penalties, but this football team expected to win. We knew if we did the things we had been practicing and played winning football that we would have the chance to win this game and that's exactly what we did."

Both teams went three-and-out to on their first possessions in a nervy start, but the Texans got it together after that.

Houston came back with a 14 play, 84-yard drive, where they had

four third down conversions that culminated in a 2-yard touchdown run by Mark Ingram to take a 7-0 lead.

The drive looked dead in the water as the Texans faced a third-and-9 from the Jacksonville 42, but Tyrod Taylor threw a beautiful ball under pressure and Brandin Cooks came down with it at the 2-yard-line.

Taylor continued to settle in and threw his first touchdown pass as a Texan on the next drive, finishing off a five play drive with a seven-yard pass to David Johnson.

Jacksonville got on the board on its first drive of the second half as Trevor Lawrence threw his first NFL touchdown to Chris Manhertz on a 22-yard pass.

Houston's defense had two interceptions in the first half, by Justin Reid and Vernon Hargreaves III, leading to six points on two field goals from Joey Slye.

Jacksonville got the ball back with a chance to run a two-minute drill, but left Houston time on the clock after three incompletions and Taylor and Cooks again made them play, connecting on a 52-yard pass to set up an eight-yard touchdown from Taylor to Danny Amendola.

"It was huge to get that extra score before the half because anytime you can get points before the half you get a bit of a momentum swing," Cooks said. "I think that it was huge for us to be able to do



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Houston Texans cornerback Vernon Hargreaves III (26) leaps to intercept a pass thrown by Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Trevor Lawrence (16) during the first half of an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the Jacksonville Jaguars on September 12, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

that and keep putting points on the board."

Houston kept things going in the third quarter as Phillip Lindsay ran in a five touchdown before Lawrence answered with a 41-yard bomb to DJ Chark Jr. for a touch-

down. Houston tacked on a field goal and an interception from Christian Kirksey in the fourth quarter to seal the game and give Culley his first win as a head coach.

The three interceptions equaled

the Texans entire total from last season and the team continued a theme it has preached all offseason and preseason with stopping the run and forcing turnovers as the Jaguars only had 76 yards on the ground. The Texans also had one sack on the game from Whitney Mercilus and Kirksey had two tackles for loss.

"We've always preached about getting turnovers and we were able to get three tonight," Culley said. Then offensively we took care of the football. That's our formula, as long as we are following that formula things are going to be alright and we were able to do that."

Offensively, Taylor finished with 291 yards passing on 21 of 33 attempts while also rushing for 41 yards. Ingram was the workhorse back as he carries the ball 26 times for 85 yards and Cooks had 132 yards receiving on five catches.

Houston will travel to Cleveland next week to take on the Browns as Taylor will face off against one of his former teams.

"We did a really good job this week," Taylor said. "We are definitely going to have to keep running the ball well and we did ok on third downs and we are going to have to convert on those two. Running the ball is definitely something we are going to have to establish every week. Just the physicality of that and with our defense it helps set the tone early."

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDED RATE ORDER AND PENALTIES

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/s/ John K. Rose
President, Board of Directors
Fort Bend County Water Control & Improvement District No. 2

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Sealed Bids in duplicate will be received by Woodmere Development Company, Ltd. on behalf of Harris County M.U.D. No. 432 in the office of KGA/DeForest Design, LLC (L.A. License No. 2602, Texas), 24275 Katy Freeway, Suite 300, Katy, Texas, 77494 until 2:00 P.M. on September 30, 2021 for Morton Creek Ranch Section 23 Landscape Improvements.

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Bid Documents may be examined without charge in the offices of KGA/DeForest Design, LLC, 24275 Katy Freeway, Suite 300, Katy, Texas, 77494, or may be obtained upon deposit of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) for each set. This sum is non-refundable and checks should be made payable to KGA/DeForest Design, LLC. Only check or money order will be accepted.

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Bidding documents may be examined at LJA Engineering, Inc., AGC of Texas, Construct Connect, and Amtek or may be obtained by prospective bidders or suppliers upon payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00 non-refundable plus cost of delivery) (\$50.00 for electronic copy) for each set of documents at LJA Engineering, Inc., 1904 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 120, Katy, Texas 77449 or at <https://bids.lja.com>.

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Dynamo blank Austin FC for big win

BY ZACH SMITH
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Somehow, things keep getting worse for Austin FC.

Austin FC lost 3-0 to Houston Dynamo FC Saturday night at BBVA Stadium, the third straight loss and sixth in seven games for the Verde and Black, which sinks them to the bottom of the Western Conference.

"Unacceptable, completely unacceptable," Austin FC head coach Josh Wolff said. "Just the general demeanor of some of our players at the beginning of the game was unacceptable."

"It was never gonna be easy, but it shouldn't be this damn hard."

Austin FC has 19 points through 23 games, the second-lowest in the league. With 11 games left, they can finish the year with 52 points at most. The last time MLS had a full season in 2019, FC Dallas clinched the final playoff spot in the Western Conference with 48 points.

This was the first win for Houston since May 22, a run of 16 games.

The defense was the only thing keeping Austin FC in games earlier in the season, but the group has become leakier in the last eight games, allowing 18 goals in that span.

"We're assessing what we have game by game," Wolff said. "There are going to be some changes in the next game. I don't worry about playoffs, we've got to get these guys ready to win a game."

Once again, Austin FC had a wide advantage in possession, holding the ball for more than 60% of the game and completing more than twice as many passes as Houston (524-283). But it was possession for possession's sake.

Alex Ring led Austin FC with four shots, and Tomás Pochettino finished with three shots despite being subbed out at halftime. Brad Stuver made four saves.

"Teams are very close to each other talent-wise, and if you don't bring the grit and desire, it doesn't matter, you're not going to win games in this league," Ring said.

Jhohan Romána slotted into the starting lineup for the injured Matt Besler, while Daniel Pereira returned to the Austin FC starting XI after sitting out last weekend's



Houston Dynamo defender Adam Lundqvist (3) challenges Austin FC forward Sebastián Driussi (25) during a Major League Soccer match between the Houston Dynamo and Austin FC on September 11, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

2-1 loss in Vancouver.

It took Houston 51 seconds to score the opening goal, as the Dynamo sprinted right through the Austin FC defense. Stuver was there to save the first shot, but Griffin Dorsey poked in a rebound.

"You get hit in the mouth in the first 45 seconds, it hurts," Wolff said. "The response took too long."

Tomás Pochettino continued to push the pace for Austin in the first half and was the most dangerous and effective player going forward.

His shot from the top of the box was saved in the 15th minute, and he had a chance from the left side of the eight-yard box blocked in the 36th.

Houston doubled its lead in the 24th when a poor touch from Julio Cascante fell right in front of a sprinting Fafa Picault, who calmly finished from just inside the box.

Cecilio Dominguez had a golden opportunity to pull one back for Austin in the 64th minute, but his shot was saved.

Houston caught Austin on the counter, and Picault finished off a great individual effort with a shot to the far post just out of the reach of Stuver.

"Everyone has to start with themselves, look in the mirror and ask if there's more you can do," Ring said.

Striker Moussa Djitte made his second appearance from the bench for Austin FC with about 20 minutes to go and his team down 3-0.

But even with Austin FC in desperation mode, Houston had the better chances, as Max Urruti sent a shot just over the crossbar in the 80th minute, and a header from Memo Rodriguez went just wide in the 86th.

"I want to see guys that are up for it from start to finish," Wolff said. "We've done this little roller-coaster a number of times. It's a low right now for this whole group and this organization, but we've got to keep digging."

TOMPKINS

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Tyler Collins. "That's the biggest difference in tonight is we all had each other's back and played as one."

Despite the score line, it didn't look good for the Falcons at the start, Tompkins muffed the opening kickoff and had to take over inside the 15-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Asa Brown returned an interception 13 yards for a touchdown and the ensuing kickoff was downed at the one-yard-line by Tompkins.

But Cole Francis immediately responded, as he threw a 99-yard strike on Tompkins' first play of the drive to Matthew Ogunrin to give Tompkins the lead back just 25 seconds into the game.

"We always say the event plus the response equals the outcome," Francis said. "The event was the pick-six, we just had to respond and flush it and move on. It was a go to the next play mentality and we were able to do that on the next drive, we threw the deep ball and scored. It's one play and you can't let it hold you down for the whole game."

Francis helped add to the Falcons lead late in the first quarter as he finished off a Tompkins drive with a 13-yard pass to Wyatt Young as Tompkins

went up 14-6.

It was a defensive battle for the next two quarters as neither team scored until the fourth. Shaik intercepted a pass early in the quarter and Caden Welsh followed up with an interception on the next Klein Collins drive leading to a drive where sophomore running back Caleb Blocker ran in a four-yard run to extend the Tompkins lead.

"We go against every single type of defense with them scouting for us," Francis said. "There's not a single look that we aren't prepared for because of them. I really believe they're the best defense in the state and we're going against better people than what we're playing."

The Tigers trimmed things to a one-score game on a 2-yard run from Michael Wilson and had a chance to tie things late as they got the ball back with 30 seconds left and down eight, but again Tompkins defense responded.

Tyler Collins sealed the game as he came away with a 31-yard interception return for a touchdown to keep Tompkins undefeated.

"We knew as a defense that we had to make a stop," Collins said. "They came out and I just read the quarterback and

made a play for my team."

Francis finished 8-18 with 202 yards passing and his two touchdowns to go along with 37 yards on the ground. Ogunrin had 99 yards receiving while Young had 49 yards and a touchdown on five catches. Caleb Blocker had 60 yards rushing on eight carries.

The Tompkins defense held the Tigers to under 300 yards of total offense.

"I have to give that credit to our defensive staff," said Tompkins head coach Todd McVey. "Coach (Eric) Robinson and the coaches do a great job of making adjustments at halftime. This is a good football team we played, and we were able to slow some things down and they made plays when they needed to. The coaches make those adjustments and the kids applied it."

Tompkins will play Clear Creek (1-2) next Friday as they look to keep up their undefeated start.

"It doesn't change for us, we want to be 1-0," Shaik said. "Be 1-0 every day and win the next one. We want that next game, we're focused on Clear Creek now and we are going to do everything we can to beat them and keep moving forward, we're excited."

Tompkins 28, Klein Collins 13				
Klein Collins	6	0	0	7 - 13
Tompkins	14	0	0	14 - 28
First quarter				
KC: Asa Brown 13 interception return, 11:49				
Tompkins: Cole Francis 99 pass to Matthew Ogunrin (Mario Garcia kick), 11:35				
Tompkins: Francis 13 pass to Wyatt Young (Garcia kick), 0:46				
Fourth quarter				
Tompkins: Caleb Blocker 4 run (Garcia kick), 9:18				
KC: Michael Wilson 2 run (Taylor Hamlett kick), 3:10				
Tompkins: Tyler Collins 31 interception return (Garcia kick), 0:23				
Team stats				
	Klein Collins	Tompkins		
First downs	15	16		
Yards rushing	35-175	34-146		
Yards passing	112	203		
Passes	12-23-0-3	8-18-2-1		
Punts	3-34	3-33		
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-0		
Penalty-yards	4-30	4-40		
Individual Statistics				
Rushing -- Tompkins: Caleb Blocker, 8-60-1; Cole Francis, 6-37; Collin Marshall, 13-33; Wyatt Young, 6-18; KC: Tucker Parks, 11-81; Michael Wilson, 14-55-1; Tony Patrick, 6-31; Marquel Allen, 4-8;				
Passing -- Tompkins: Cole Francis 8-18-209-2-1; KC: Tucker Parks 12-22-112-0-3; Michael Wilson 0-1-0-0-0;				
Receiving -- Tompkins: Matthew Ogunrin, 1-99-1; Wyatt Young, 5-49-1; Josh McMillan, 3-40; Lebechi Chidubem, 1-15; KC: Eli Wyatt, 4-47; Marquel Allen, 2-25; Daniel Austin, 1-18; Ty Stamey, 1-11; Michael Wilson, 3-7; Keilon Jones, 2-4;				

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Katy Times

MEDIA POLL KATY STILL ON TOP AFTER CLOSE CALL AGAINST DICKINSON

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Katy stayed No. 1 in the Class 6A Houston area high school football rankings this week after a close 28-21 game against Dickinson, while Dickinson dropped one spot to No. 11. Katy received 10 first place votes while Atascocita received two first place votes and Spring received one.

Tompkins stayed at No. 7 this week after its win over Klein Collins, and North Shore was the biggest drop of the week, sliding from three to six after its loss to Westfield. Summer Creek, Pearland Dawson and Jersey Village entered the rankings after being unranked last week.

Cinco Ranch received 14 votes, tied for the top but went unranked this week.

In Class 5A, the top four remained the same, with Paetow still at No. 2 with one first place vote in the rankings, while Baytown Lee entered the rankings for the first time this season.

Huffman-Hargrave stayed No. 1 in the small school rankings while Kinkaid placed No. 1 amongst private schools.

Below are the complete rankings.



R. HANS MILLER
Jordan's Davis Duhon wraps up a player from Little Cypress-Mauriceville during a game on Sept. 9 at Rhodes Stadium.

CLASS 6A

1. Katy (10 first-place votes)

Record: 3-0; Points: 254; Previous rank: 1; Last week: Beat Dickinson, 28-21.

2. Atascocita (2)

Record: 3-0; Points: 242; Previous rank: 2; Last week: Beat Klein Oak, 43-21.

3. Spring (1)

Record: 3-0; Points: 229; Previous rank: 4; Last week: Beat Tomball Memorial, 69-21.

4. Bridgeland*

Record: 3-0; Points: 217; Previous rank: 5; Last week: Beat The Woodlands, 39-35.

5. Westfield

Record: 3-0; Points: 217; Previous rank: 6; Last week: Beat North Shore, 27-21.

6. North Shore

Record: 2-1; Points: 198; Previous rank: 3; Last week: Lost to Westfield, 27-21.

7. Tompkins

Record: 3-0; Points: 179; Previous rank: 7; Last week: Beat Klein Collins, 28-13.

8. C.E. King

Record: 3-0; Points: 174; Previous rank: 9; Last week: Beat Ridge Point, 28-26.

9. Cypress Park

Record: 3-0; Points: 140; Previous rank: 11; Last week: Beat Lamar Consolidated, 59-20.

10. Ridge Point

Record: 2-1; Points: 129; Previous rank: 8; Last week: Lost to C.E. King, 28-26.

11. Dickinson

Record: 1-2; Points: 112; Previous rank: 10; Last week: Lost to Katy, 28-21.

12. Dobie

Record: 3-0; Points: 106; Previous rank: 13; Last week: Beat Friendswood, 63-6.

13. Clear Falls

Record: 3-0; Points: 99; Previous rank: 14; Last week: Beat Deer Park, 45-21.

14. The Woodlands

Record: 2-1; Points: 86; Previous rank: 12; Last week: Lost to Bridgeland, 39-35.

15. Klein Cain

Record: 2-1; Points: 82; Previous rank: 16; Last week: Beat Cypress Ranch, 49-14.

16. Shadow Creek

Record: 2-1; Points: 69; Previous rank: 17; Last week: Beat Cypress Woods, 28-11.

17. Tomball

Record: 3-0; Points: 47; Previous rank: 20; Last week: Beat Port Neches-Groves, 42-25.

18. Summer Creek

Record: 3-0; Points: 35; Previous rank: NR; Last week: Beat Conroe, 63-7.

19. Pearland Dawson

Record: 2-1; Points: 29; Previous rank: NR; Last week: Beat George Ranch, 26-13.

20. Jersey Village

Record: 3-0; Points: 18; Previous rank: NR; Last week: Beat Cypress Springs, 31-23.

Also receiving votes: Cinco Ranch 14, Cypress Ranch 14, George Ranch 13, Cy-Fair 11, Tomball Memorial 7, College Park 4, Grand Oaks 3.
*—tiebreaker vs. Westfield

CLASS 5A

1. Fort Bend Marshall (10 first-place votes)

Record: 3-0; Points: 126; Previous rank: 1; Last week: Beat Galena Park, 48-21.

2. Paetow (1)

Record: 3-0; Points: 114; Previous rank: 2; Last week: Beat Foster, 30-14.

3. Manvel (2)

Record: 2-1; Points: 107; Previous rank: 3; Last week: Beat Wisdom via forfeit, 2-0.

4. Huntsville

Record: 2-0; Points: 74; Previous rank: 4; Last week: Beat Kingwood, 21-6.

5. Montgomery

Record: 3-0; Points: 70; Previous rank: 5; Last week: Beat Beaumont United, 23-19.

6. Magnolia West

Record: 3-0; Points: 58; Previous rank: 6; Last week: Beat Lufkin, 28-14.

7. New Caney

Record: 3-0; Points: 47; Previous rank: 4; Last week: Beat Porter, 41-14.

8. Crosby

Record: 1-2; Points: 42; Previous rank: 8; Last week: Beat Port Arthur Memorial, 41-26.

9. Hightower

Record: 2-1; Points: 30; Previous rank: 10; Last week: Beat B.F. Terry, 41-0.

10. Baytown Lee

Record: 3-0; Points: 12; Previous rank: NR; Last week: Beat Lumberton, 28-27.

Also receiving votes: Fulshear 9, Montgomery Lake Creek 9, Magnolia 8, Angleton 3, Foster 2.

CLASS 4A/SMALL SCHOOLS

1. Huffman-Hargrave (5 first-place votes)

Record: 3-0; Points: 44; Previous rank: 1; Last week: Beat Bridge City, 38-2.

2. Bellville (2)

Record: 3-0; Points: 39; Previous rank: 2; Last week: Beat Stafford, 48-26.

3. El Campo (2)

Record: 2-1; Points: 30; Previous rank: 3; Last week: Beat Port Lavaca Calhoun, 49-35.

Record: 2-1; Points: 17; Previous rank: 4; Last week: Lost to Lake Creek, 41-34.

4. Sealy (1)

Record: 2-1; Points: 13; Previous rank: 5; Last week: Beat Boling, 49-14.

5. East Bernard

Record: 2-1; Points: 13; Previous rank: 5; Last week: Beat Boling, 49-14.

Also receiving votes: La Marque 7.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

1. Kinkaid (8 first-place votes)

Record: 3-0; Points: 40; Previous rank: 1; Last week: Beat St. Thomas, 48-41.

2. Second Baptist

Record: 2-1; Points: 31; Previous rank: 2; Last week: Beat Concordia Lutheran, 48-13.

3. St. Thomas

Record: 2-1; Points: 21; Previous rank: 4; Last week: Lost to Kinkaid, 48-41.

4. The Woodlands Christian

Record: 3-0; Points: 11; Previous rank: NR; Last week: Beat St. John XXIII, 35-14.

5. St. John's

Record: 3-0; Points: 8; Previous rank: NR; Last week: Beat Fort Bend Christian, 34-33.

Also receiving votes: Fort Bend Christian 4, Cypress Christian 3, St. Pius X 2.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Woodcreek Reserve Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., at the Katy Civic Center, 910 Ave. C, Katy, Texas 77493. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal:	C. Caruthers, D. Beltrami, M. Sheahan & J. Perkins
AGAINST the proposal:	(none)
PRESENT and not voting:	(none)
ABSENT:	C. Foster

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>\$ 0.585/\$100</u> Adopted	<u>\$ 0.580/\$100</u> Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		<u>-\$0.005 /\$100</u>
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		<u>-0.8547%</u>
Average appraised residence homestead value	<u>\$435,317</u>	<u>\$444,392</u>
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	<u>-\$21,766</u>	<u>-\$31,107</u>
Average residence homestead taxable value	<u>\$413,551</u>	<u>\$413,285</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	<u>\$ 2,419.27</u>	<u>\$ 2,397.05</u>
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		<u>-\$22.22</u> <u>-0.9185%</u>

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend/ Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 12:00 P.M., at Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77027 or by teleconference at Telephone Number: 888-363-4734, Access Code: 8706826. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal:	S. Corbin, G. Whitt, C. Davis, D. Montgomery & S. Wallingford
AGAINST the proposal:	(none)
PRESENT and not voting:	(none)
ABSENT:	(none)

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year*	This Year*
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>\$ 0.800/\$100</u> Adopted	<u>\$ 0.800/\$100</u> Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		<u>\$0.000 /\$100</u>
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		<u>0.0000%</u>
Average appraised residence homestead value	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Average residence homestead taxable value	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		<u>\$0.00</u> <u>0.0000%</u>

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

*** There were NO residential homesteads for comparison purposes.**

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

Houston accepts Big 12 invitation

Cougars could join conference as soon as 2023

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

The University of Houston's hard work has finally paid off. After years of trying and failing to get into the Big 12, the Cougars will finally get their wish come 2023, as Houston officially accepted an invitation to join the conference on Friday.

"There isn't any question that the Cougars raise the bar in every sport," said Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby. "They live and reside in arguably the best recruiting county in the United States for football, when you add to that the obvious excellence of the basketball program that Kelvin Sampson has built is remarkable and sustainable. We couldn't be any more excited."

Houston was passed over during the last round of expansion in the Big 12, but with the news that The University of Texas and University of Oklahoma will be leaving the conference for the Southeastern Conference in 2025, things opened up once again and Houston, along with Brigham Young University, the University of Central Florida, and the University of Cincinnati.

The four teams will join the Big 12 in 2023 or 2024, as the Big 12 will expand to 14 teams before dropping back down to 12 in 2025 if OU and UT are unable to leave early for the SEC.

"Frankly since before I was put into this role and got here, it was very clear what our direction was," said Houston athletic director Chris Pezman. "We needed to be prepared for a moment in the marketplace that would create the opportunity for us to explore options. We had the relationships already in place with Tilman (Ferritta) and Renu (Khator). We were geared up and ready when Texas and OU made their announcements. There's a lot of things that go into that and the relationships and investment had been there for over 10 years."

Once UT and OU do leave, the league is not ruling out expanding again, as Bowlsby said that they will be open to opportunities depending on when or how they present themselves.

A big part of Houston's acceptance into the Big 12 was its success in major sports such as football, where the Cougars have won two division titles and one conference title in the American Athletic Conference and men's basketball, where the team comes off a Final Four appearance. But



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Houston Cougars head coach Dana Holgerson prepares to lead his field onto the team for an NCAA football game between Houston and Texas Tech on September 4, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

"We just feel like from top to bottom the time was right and the institutions were right."

—Bob Bowlsby, Big 12 commissioner

the team's golf program also played a big part.

"It was a voyage of exploration in the last time looked to expand," Bowlsby said. "We were unsure as to whether or not expansion made sense for the Big 12 then and in the end the board made the decision that staying at 10 was the right decision at that time. I think with Texas and OU moving to the SEC, it caused a renewed consideration of the options that were available and I think that the more our group became committed with one another, the more they began to believe the kind of quality of a school like the University of Houston, made good sense in a broad array of sports but particularly in football and basketball. We just feel like from top to bottom the time was right and the institutions were right."

The Big 12 looked into adding Houston in 2016, but decided against it, but the Cougars continued to grow their program and earn a spot in the league. The crew at Houston knows this has been coming for a long time.

"There's a lot of scars on a lot of alumni from the University of Houston because of what happened in the early 90s, but to be in this position today, this affects everything," Pezman said. "Every aspect of our department and our programs and the opportunity it provides the institution to be able to grow. For me it's incredibly personal. We've gone through a nomadic life for a bit and to have this chance and this opportunity presented to us today, I haven't found a single word to describe it other than it's just truly meaningful."



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Houston Cougars wide receiver Jeremy Singleton (13) and wide receiver Nathaniel Dell (1) celebrate after a touchdown during an NCAA football game between Houston and Texas Tech on September 4, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

JORDAN

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Little Cypress-Mauriceville 32, Jordan 6

LCM	13	6	6	7	-32
Jordan	6	0	0	0	-6

First quarter
Jordan: Nathan Salz 8 run, 6:17
LCM: Ashton Landry 13 pass to Gianni Huffman (Robbie Wedel kick), 3:20
LCM: Da'Marion Morris 1 run, 1:05

Second quarter
LCM: Landry 54 pass to Carson Peet, 4:02

Third quarter
LCM: Morris 34 run, 4:05

Fourth quarter
LCM: Morris 82 run (Wedel kick), 1:50

Team stats	LCM	Jordan
First downs	13	13
Yards rushing	21-236	48-178
Yards passing	146	95
Passes	10-18-2-0	12-24-0-1
Punts	5-38	5-26
Fumbles-lost	1-1	3-1
Penalty-yards	7-51	6-46

Individual Statistics
Rushing -- Jordan: Chad Gasper, 12-67; Ifeanyi Monye, 14-43; Nathan Salz, 7-25-1; Colin Willetts, 5-15; Deuce Barrington, 5-15; Ethan Beach, 2-5; Kanaan Ibarra, 3-8; LCM: Da'Marion Morris, 15-222-3; Ashton Landry, 1-4; Ashton Landry, 5-10; Passing -- Jordan: Colin Willetts, 8-14-68-0-0; Deuce Barrington, 4-10-27-0-1; LCM: Ashton Landry, 10-18-146-2-0; Receiving -- Jordan: Ryan Miller, 3-36; Nathan Salz, 4-26; Andrew Marsh, 3-26; Ifeanyi Monye, 1-7; LCM: Carson Peet, 2-61-1; Darius Roberts, 5-39; Da'Marion Morris, 1-24; Gianni Huffman, 1-13-1; Dean Reynolds, 1-11; Dwight Davis, 1-(-2);

"It's obviously a bit difficult since we don't have any seniors," said junior wide receiver Nathan Salz. "We're getting used to it though; we got our first win last week and we are going to be even better next year. We just have to keep going and pushing every week."

Jordan (1-2) was in search of its second varsity victory and first ever winning streak on Thursday as it met with Little Cypress-Mauriceville in a non-district matchup Thursday at Rhodes Stadium.

The Warriors jumped ahead early, but were unable to maintain momentum, as they lost the matchup 32-6 behind a strong run game and defensive performance from the Bears (2-1).

After Jordan forced a punt from the Bears on the opening possession of the game, the team drove down the field methodically with a mixture of screens and runs, culminating in an eight-yard run on a jet sweep by Nathan Salz.

"I just take things a play at a time," Salz said. "I just try and focus on the next play and not get too up or down about the last play that happened. That goes for everything, you have to put the past behind and work on what's next."

L.C.M. had an answer on the ensuing drive as its



R. HANS MILLER

Jordan's Zion Jones breaks up a pass intended for Little Cypress-Mauriceville's Carson Peet during a game at Rhodes Stadium on Thursday.

quarterback Ashton Landry found Gianni Huffman in the endzone and took the lead with an extra point after Jordan didn't execute on its extra point try and Da'Marion Morris gave the Bears an 8-point lead on its next drive as he ran in a one-yard score late in the first quarter.

The Jordan defense did well for the first portion of the second quarter, but Landry opened the game up when he hit Carson Peet for a 54-yard score with four

minutes remaining in the half.

The second half went the way of the Bears. Morris made a pick midway through the third quarter and rushed for a 34-yard score in the third quarter before icing the game with an 82-yard touchdown late in the fourth.

"This game really taught us that we need to play more together as a team," Gulizia said. "We're still learning but we have to be together and on the same

page is the biggest thing.

Salz finished with four catches for 26 yards and seven carries for 25 yards while adding his rushing touchdown. Quarterbacks Colin Willetts and Deuce Barrington finished with 95 passing yards while Jordan finished with 178 rushing yards in total, led by Chad Gasper, who had 67 yards and Ifeanyi Monye who had 43 yards.

For L.C.M., Morris finished with 222 yards on 15 carries to go with his three

touchdowns.

"We have to keep improving, but we're so much better than our first scrimmages," Salz said. "We lost but I liked the effort we gave, we definitely gave it our best."

Jordan will travel to Daventport-Comal for its game next week. Jordan knows what it needs to improve on and is learning, day by day.

"We definitely learned a lot," Gulizia said. "We're going to use our mistakes and fix those next week."

CINCO RANCH
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“You don’t see that very often and to go down and do that, that was a catalyst for the rest of the evening,” said Cinco Ranch head coach Chris Dudley. “It was a heads up play by Perez Gilbes and boom — it’s seven to nothing. Then to get the ball to start the second half it almost makes it like you’re starting both halves with the ball.”

Rutherford doubled Cinco’s lead late in the fourth quarter as he kept a read option and took it 61-yards for a touchdown and Samuel McKnight chipped in with a touchdown on a 16-yard run.

From there, the Cougars started to pull away. After a fumble, Rutherford hit Seth Salverino on a 37-yard touchdown pass on the next play to put the Cougars up 27-0. And turnovers turned into points again as Perez-Gilbes intercepted a pass and Rutherford connected with Salverino on a fourth-and-15 pass for a 34-yard touchdown.

“We just wanted to come in and with and I’m glad we did that,” Salverino said. “Once we got into the game, we realized

their cornerbacks were something we could go after and we were just able to sail it over their heads and get a couple of big plays.”

Brazoswood would answer back before the end of the half with a 31-yard pass from Isaac Ponce to Reagan Marshall, but the night belonged to Cinco Ranch.

McKnight picked up his second touchdown in the second half and Aadi Patel took a house call as Jack McCall found him for a 81-yard touchdown pass once the backups were in. Brazoswood scored a late touchdown but it was too little too late.

“It’s a veteran group, and last year they did a good job too,” Dudley said. “They made good improvements last year and they’ve improved this year too. It’s been a good thing to see through three weeks that we’ve been consistent with not giving up point and making teams work for it. We aren’t giving up those big plays, we’re making teams really work to score.”

Rutherford finished the night with 112 yards passing and 93 yards rushing to go

with his three total touchdowns while Salverino had 101 yards receiving and McKnight had 102 yards on the ground.

“It’s big to be able to run the ball like that,” Dudley said. “I challenged them before the game and we told them ‘we have to be able to run the football.’ Tonight’s the night we had to do that, you have to have balance with running and passing. We know we have great pieces in the passing game but when you’re one dimensional then teams will figure that out and put pressure on you in different ways. We have to continue to build on that and continue to do it against the good teams that we’ll face next week and once we start district.”

The 3-0 start is the Cougars first since 2015 and they will look to keep things going next week when they face Clear Falls (3-0).

“It’s been great to start off like this,” said sophomore receiver Yetxiel Perez Gilbes. “It’s been great the way we’ve worked to get here and I’m glad it’s paying off. “We just have to keep doing what we have been and keep becoming a better team.”

Cinco Ranch 48, Brazoswood 14

Brazoswood 0 7 0 7 -14
Cinco Ranch 14 20 7 7 -48

First quarter
Cinco: Bryan Perez-Gilbes fumble recovery (Santiago Taborda kick), 12:00
Cinco: Gavin Rutherford 61 run (Taborda kick), 2:18

Second quarter
Cinco: Samuel McKnight 16 run, 11:14
Cinco: Rutherford 37 pass to Seth Salverino (Taborda kick), 10:46
Cinco: Rutherford 35 pass to Salverino (Taborda kick), 3:44
Brazos: Isaac Ponce 31 pass to Geagan Marshall (Reid Mitchell kick), 1:35

Third quarter
Cinco: McKnight 1 run (Taborda kick), 8:33

Fourth quarter
Cinco: Jack McCall 81 pass to Aadi Patel (Taborda kick), 9:23
Brazos: Ponce 2 pass to Riker Blank (Mitchell kick), 0:15

Team stats		
	Brazoswood	C. Ranch
First downs	12	14
Yards rushing	42-137	31-215
Yards passing	111	193
Passes	10-23-2-2	6-8-2-0
Punts	6-33	3-33
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-1
Penalty-yards	3-35	4-45

Individual Statistics	
Rushing	— Cinco: Samuel McKnight, 18-102-2; Gavin Rutherford, 8-93-1; Eric Eckstrom, 4-19; Brazos: Dijon James, 12-44; Micah Buice, 5-53; Jody Malone, 8-25; Isaac Ponce, 16-6; Cole Hagan, 1-9;
Passing	— Cinco: Gavin Rutherford, 5-7-112-2-0; Jack McCall, 1-1-81-1-0; Brazos: Isaac Ponce, 10-23-2-2;
Receiving	— Cinco: Seth Salverino, 4-101-2; Aadi Patel, 1-81-1; Dylan Crosby, 1-11; Brazos: Reagan Marshall, 3-68-1; Ethan Cabellero, 1-11; Cole Hagen, 1-9; Jody Malone, 2-9; Dijon James, 1-7; Riker Blank, 1-2-1; Anthony Trevino, 1-5;

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