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Katy water projects approved

By R. HANS MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

Katy City Council approved drainage projects and expansion of the city's water system during its regular session Monday night. Water tanks associated with the Water Plant No. 7 were approved at a cost of slightly more than \$2.3 million. The city's governing body also approved nearly \$120,000 for the Goldeneye Storm Sewer Project.

"The [Goldeneye Storm Sewer] Project is scheduled to begin in about a month," City Engineer David Leyendecker said.

The project will install a storm sewer along Golden Eye, a spur street sprouting north from the western end of Spoon Bill Street in the Hunter's Terrace subdivision on the north side of the city. The base cost of the project is \$97,450 with contingencies, engineering, surveying and inspections bringing it up to the \$120,000 figure.

"The drainage there needs improvement – it is overflowing into the rest of neighborhood," Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris said.

Leyendecker said eight homes would be affected by the drainage project and he had personally talked to three of the homeowners in the area about the upcoming drainage project.

"I personally walked the project and left a brochure before we started for each homeowner," Leyendecker said.

Harris said funding would come from the city's regular budget, not 2018 flood mitigation bond funds.

While that project aims to help water flow out of the city without causing problems, Water Plant No. 7 will bring drinking water to the Young Ranch subdivision south of I-10 near the intersection of Pedersen Road and Westheimer Parkway.

City officials said the elevated water tank – which sports an initial cost of about \$1.25 million – will have a goose mural similar to that on the tank near the Katy Mills Walmart, just off of I-10. The ground-based tank will cost about \$1.06 million. Contracts

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KATY DREAMIN'

City of Katy officials deliver state of the city address

By R. HANS MILLER
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Katy area business owners, politicians and residents gathered Jan. 23 at the Embassy Suites at 16345 Katy Freeway to hear Katy Mayor Bill Hastings, Katy's City Administrator Byron Hebert and the city's Director of Tourism, Marketing and Public Relations provide an update on the state of the city at a presentation hosted by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We hope today to convey our dreams, what we're going through now, where we've been and where we hope to be," Hastings said in his opening remarks.

In a presentation that discussed partnerships with other governmental entities, drainage, recreational development, public safety and mobility, the three officials laid out projects they discussed growth and maintaining safety. Development of the city in relation to growth and safety is dependent upon the city's strategic plan – a document that outlines the city's priorities.

Hebert said he learned early to look to planning to help residents and to make sure administration had experience, longevity and stability. Hebert gave examples of how commercial development such as Katy Mills – and in later mentions, Amazon – help the city to grow while keeping the related tax burdens off residents.

"I walked in [the city's] doors the first day that they got the check from Katy Mills and thank goodness we have that because that [financial] engine has helped us create what we have today," Hebert said.

Retention relationships

Hebert stressed the importance of building relationships with Fort Bend, Harris and Waller counties as well as federal and state officials in order to address drainage concerns – a topic of concern in the city and throughout the Greater Katy area. Relationships with influencers in the area were also important, he added.

"Being in three counties, we've got a lot of opportunities to have relationships," Hebert said.

Drainage was the top concern that Hebert listed in working with area stakeholders. Federal and state funding are being used in combination with local grants to develop projects like a



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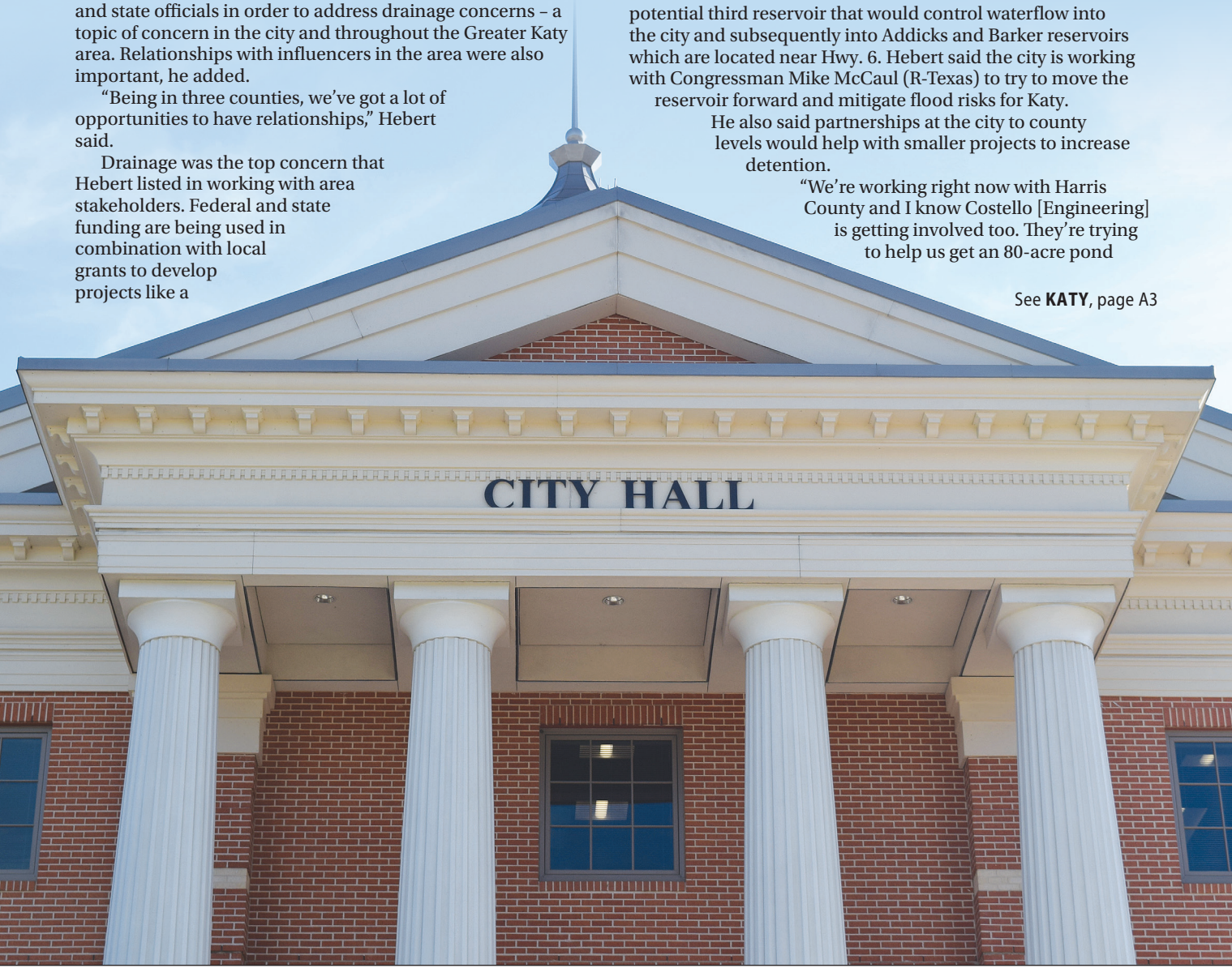
Katy Mayor Bill Hastings discusses public safety during the State of the City address Jan. 23. Hastings is considered an expert in the field with more than 30 years in public safety, including serving as Katy's police chief prior to retiring and being elected in 2019.

potential third reservoir that would control waterflow into the city and subsequently into Addicks and Barker reservoirs which are located near Hwy. 6. Hebert said the city is working with Congressman Mike McCaul (R-Texas) to try to move the reservoir forward and mitigate flood risks for Katy.

He also said partnerships at the city to county levels would help with smaller projects to increase detention.

"We're working right now with Harris County and I know Costello [Engineering] is getting involved too. They're trying to help us get an 80-acre pond

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Katy Prairie Conservancy purchases 636 acres

By R. HANS MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

The Katy Prairie Conservancy purchased a 636-acre tract of land north of the city of Katy off Pattison Road in the center of the Katy Prairie Preserve in December. The purchase allows the nonprofit to protect the land from development and eventually work to turn the land into a welcome addition to the conservancy's conservation efforts, according to a press release from the group.

"Extreme weather events and continuing development have made the timely protection of coastal prairie more important than ever. It is especially important that large, contiguous pieces of land be protected to ensure a wildlife corridor, as well as the survival of healthy ecosystems and species biodiversity," said KPC President and Chief Executive Officer Mary Anne Piacentini in the release.

While the property currently serves as a cattle operation, it was

marketed as prime for development, said KPC Conservation Director Wesley Newman. The tract of land, along with another, smaller tract on the opposite side of Pattison Road, just a short distance north of Morrison Road help to fill a gap in the Conservancy's conservation efforts that was either not owned by the conservancy previously or was not owned by a landowner friendly to KPC's mission, Newman said.

"The last thing we wanted is a subdivision right in the middle of what we're trying to protect," Newman said.

KPC would like to expand its efforts to restore native grasslands into the area, Newman said. However, that may take some time as volunteers and other needed resources are gathered and other projects are worked on.

"It's a good candidate for restoration activities," Newman said.



BRANDEE MILLER

Various raptors including this one seen hunting over the newly acquired 636-acre tract call the Katy Prairie their home.

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Battlehops Brewing provides fun and drink

By R. HANS MILLER
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Innovations in the board game and brewpub industries over the last few years have led to a surge of craft beer and board game lovers. JD Merritt and his wife, Jessica Merritt – co-owners of Battlehops Brewing at 6801 Highway Blvd. in Katy – have opened a business to take care of customers with a foot in both of those worlds. The brewpub and gaming space opened May 5 of 2019 and offers handcrafted beer brewed on-site and a board game library of more than 400 games.

“You know, it’s not really complicated,” said Jessica when asked why the couple had opened the business. “We love beer and we love board games. There wasn’t a place near Katy that had both.”

The couple had already been obsessive collectors and players of board games, JD said. They had thought about opening a brewery for a while as well and an opportunity to purchase brewing equipment came along that the couple couldn’t pass up. Opening Battlehops as a brewpub worked to their benefit, giving them more control over what they serve to their customers, he said.

“Right now everything we have up we’re brewing. We brew a variety of things,” JD said. “We’re a brew pub. We don’t have a distributor that tells us what to brew.”

Generally, the Merritts brew seasonal beverages and have a few standard beers that they try to offer year-around. A seasonal brew – the Chocolate IPA – is a favorite, JD



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JD Merritt and his wife Jessica Merritt are the owner-operators of Battlehops Brewing in Katy.

said. Two beers named Steve – a pale ale named after Jessica’s father – and Xena – an Imperial stout and Battlehops’ first beer – are generally always on-tap, he said.

“Those two, we want to keep on consistently and when we do distribute, those are the two that we’ll start with,” JD said.

JD said brewing the beer can take up to three weeks. Initial fermentation takes about a week, then the beer must sit for about another week for settling before it brightens and is carbonated in the last week.

The pub also offers a hard cider from Austin East Ciders as well as sodas and other beverages for children and those adult

customers who don’t necessarily want to partake of their alcoholic selections. Having a family of their own, JD and Jessica said they want to keep Battlehops family-friendly and are careful not to overserve customers.

“I think it helps that we’re very friendly to people who don’t drink,” Jessica said. “Some of our regulars don’t drink.”

Battlehops also offers a wine from ErmaRose Winery – a Katy vintner – and is looking to add wines from Cast Iron Winery – a Sealy-based vintner – in the near future, JD said.

Games are a huge part of the store, and the game library is time-consuming to maintain but



The brewpub offers a library of more than 400 games for its patrons to enjoy while they have a locally-brewed beverage. Selection varies from toddler-friendly games and family classics to games of humor that are clearly-labeled.

important to the business, Jessica said. She said the couple had been to several nearby establishments that had games, but it was usually only a small selection and game pieces were often missing. The Merritts take painstaking measures not to let that happen with their game library and require games to be checked out and checked back in.

Keeping up with the game inventory is important, JD said.

“We take the time to make sure all the pieces get back where they go,” JD said. “It’s very much like a library.”

There is no charge to visit the

pub to play games. The Merritts recommend that board gamers come early in the day to ensure they have a space to play at one of their customized gaming tables that come complete with a recessed gaming area and cup holders to prevent drinks from spilling onto game pieces.

Board game and beer lovers of all sorts are welcome, the Merritts said. Whether someone is interested in trying the IPA or tossing some dice, they’re welcome at the pub.

“You don’t have to feel like if you’re walking in the door, you’re drinking beer,” JD said.



R. HANS MILLER

The Katy Times is leaving its old office along East Fifth Street for a new location in this office center at 5507 Morton Road, Ste. 103 in Katy.

Katy Times making big moves to new location

By R. HANS MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

After a long time at our current location at 5319 E. Fifth Street in Katy, the Katy Times is moving this coming weekend to our new home at 5507 Morton Road, Ste. 103 in Katy – just across from Aristoi Classical Academy. Our new location will keep us in the heart of the city that we serve while providing an office space that better fits our staff.

Our original plans to move to a site just across from Katy City Hall saw construction delays and the decision was made to move into a site that was more move-in ready.

We also recently surfed over to an updated new website at www.katytimes.com.

The new site offers a much cleaner and more modern appearance, is easier for us to maintain – and more importantly – is a much better experience for our readers.

The website’s paywall has been taken down for a week or two to allow longtime readers to perform a required reset to their passwords and new readers to sign up on the new site. Once the paywall comes back up, non-subscribers will still be able to view a few stories in-full each month.

The Katy Times has been serving greater Katy since 1912. These moves and changes will help us to continue to serve the communities we love and preserve the heritage of the journalists that came before us.

Annual spring Katy Home & Garden Show features fresh ideas, live demos



R. HANS MILLER

Workshops, cooking demonstrations, seminars and home improvement offerings awaited Katy area residents that visited the Katy Home & Garden show at the Merrell Center last weekend. Local businesses and national chains vied for homeowner – or prospective homeowner – attention at the annual home show. Cabinet makers, window manufacturers, gardening experts and at least one dog trainer – because four-footed family members are a big part of the home – were on hand with home improvement advice, products to organize the household and various fripperies to make the home more comfortable. A Katy-area boy scout troop was even on-hand to provide refreshments to thirsty event-goers.

PET OF THE WEEK

8 and 6 years old | German Shepherd |
Trained | Veterinary Fear | Fireworks and
Storms Fear | Best Adopted Together W/O
Other Pets | Paired Adoption Preferred



MEET BETTY AND RITA

Betty (8 years old) & Rita (5 years old) are German Shepherds that know basic commands. Betty and Rita were found chained together wandering around the neighborhood. Betty doesn’t like the vet, fireworks, or storms. She is an escape artist during storms. Betty is not good with small dogs or cats. With Rita, other dogs are a case by case basis. These two can be adopted separately but they clearly get along with each other so would love to go home together.

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so where we can hold the water before [it flows into the city],” Hebert said.

Since Harvey, the city has been pursuing drainage projects quickly. During its Jan. 27 meeting, Katy City Council approved a new drainage sewer along Golden Eye in the Hunters Terrace subdivision. It has also completed the Town Park detention pond, which serves as a park and detention area. The Pitts Road detention pond at the intersection of Pitts and Morton Roads is also being expanded. A Gradall dredging machine was purchased to clean out silt in drainage ditches throughout the city shortly after Hurricane Harvey as well, according to city records.

“We definitely take drainage seriously. We still talk about it morning, noon and before we leave – because it’s serious,” Hebert said.

Recreational returns

During her discussion on parks and recreation for the city, Reina – whose job includes managing the city’s recreational facilities, museums, media relations and promoting the city throughout the region – focused on projects that are currently underway in the city.

Reina said the city has just purchased land to expand Thomas Park – a small facility directly across Avenue D from Katy City Hall. Work continues on the Katy Boardwalk Project just to the south of Katy Mills with a large lake encircled by a 2.5-mile walking path and greenspace.

Loft apartments are currently under construction at the facility as well and a hotel and conference center with hundreds of rooms is planned for the Boardwalk, Reina said.

While maintaining the city’s ten parks, Reina is also working on the finishing touches to Harvest Plaza, she said. The plaza is a recent addition to the city that includes civic and visitors centers, public restrooms for downtown visitors and an outdoor walking museum underneath the old Katy water tower.

“When Katy was mapped out back in the early 1900s, the 1906 city map has this square listed on the 1906 map as the public [square],” Reina said. “So, when we built the new City Hall, we wanted to bring back something that was important to us and it’s the gathering place of our residents.”

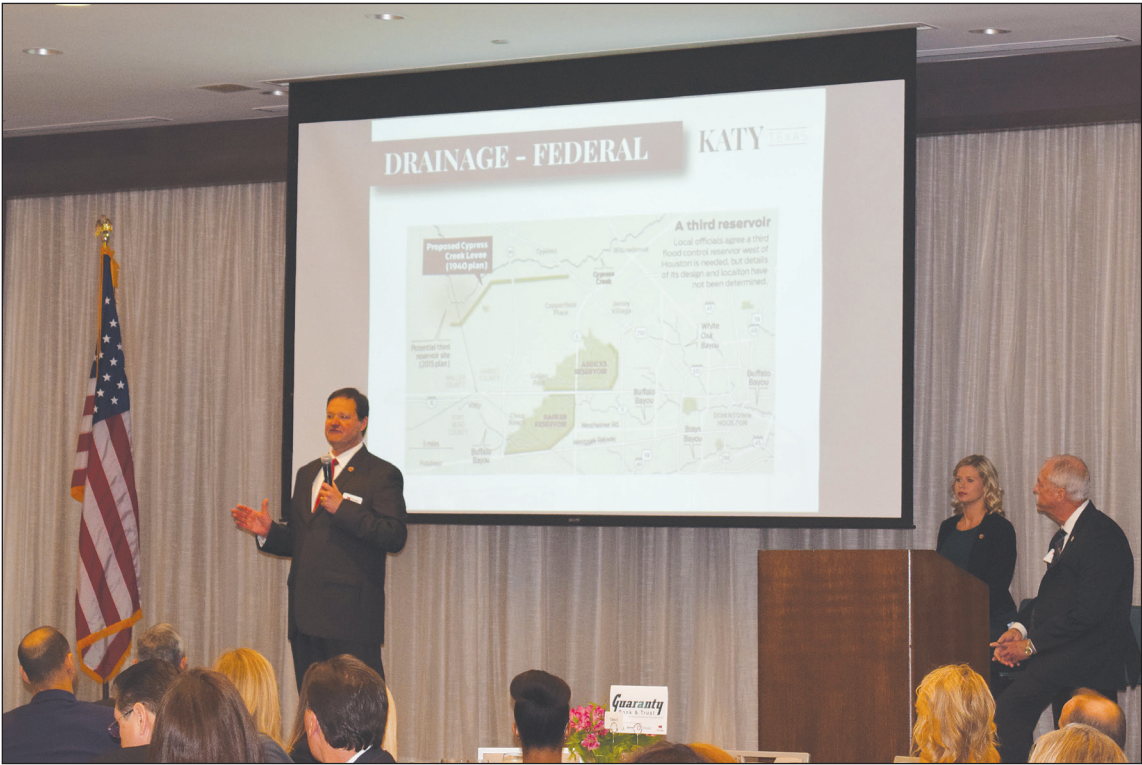
Reina said the Katy Downtown Plaza – which will be used for park space, a revenue source as events are hosted at the civic center, general recreational space and to support traditional events like the Katy Rice Festival – is fundamentally complete with only a few items needing to be touched up.

Landscaping on the facility is also pending completion, but Reina said the plaza will help honor the city’s heritage.

“We’re very happy with our past



Kayce Reina, the city’s tourism director, discusses the heritage of the city and its goals to honor its heritage at the Jan. 23 State of the City Address.



Byron Hebert talks about a proposed reservoir north of the City which may reduce the risk of flooding in downtown Katy. The future of the proposed flood mitigation measure is uncertain, but is Hebert said the idea is being championed by Congressman Mike McCaul (R-Texas) who represents the area.

and that’s something we look to as we make decisions,” Reina said.

Hebert said the revenue the city receives from Katy Mills will also continue to provide the city with funding. An agreement with Simon Malls has set the city up to receive \$6 million per year from the mall operator, Hebert said.

Mobility and safety

Hebert pointed out that partnerships with the counties have led to street development that would have been very expensive without partnering with Metro

Next. This included roads around Katy Mills and other places in Katy. The city has even signed an agreement with METRO to obtain \$6 million per year through 2040, he added. Hebert said the agreement would help offset road development costs for Katy taxpayers. Metro funding has already paid for roads in the city over the last 20 years, including streets around Katy Mills.

“Everybody wants to come to Katy, so we’ve got to be able to move people around,” Hebert said.

The Texas Department of Transportation is also adding

flyovers to I-10 between Katy and Brookshire starting this year, Hebert said. He anticipated the project may cause some traffic problems along I-10 in the short term but would be beneficial in the end.

“I guess three years from now when I’m doing [this] presentation, it won’t take five hours to get from Katy to Brookshire,” Hebert said.

Hastings said the city’s public safety services had grown since he first began with the city. He served as a firefighter, EMT and police officer – eventually becoming police chief.

Public safety is 53% of the city’s budget, Hastings said.

The Katy Fire Department recently received an ISO 1 rating from the Insurance Services Organization, after converting from a volunteer to a full-time, professional firefighting agency under Fire Chief Rusty Wilson who came to the city in 2016.

The Katy Police Department has grown from a small operation when he first started with the city more than 30 years ago, Hastings said. Nine officers were hired in 2019, he said. Additional recent additions were commercial vehicle enforcement functions and a new substation at Katy Mills to respond quickly to crime at the commercial center, Hastings added.

Katy City Council also approved the addition of 11 license plate readers to install throughout town – mostly near Katy Mills – to help investigators identify vehicles in the city when crime occurs at its Jan. 27 meeting.

Katy Police Chief Noe Diaz said via email that the department currently has 65 officers, with two more starting Feb. 3. Applications have been received for another three open positions he hopes to fill in late February or early March.

“We have the finest police department,” Hastings said. “Second to none.”

All three pointed to the city’s history and heritage as a small community and the preservation of as much of the city’s history as possible in the way planning was being addressed.

“We’re very positive about all these things that we have and we feel like we’re definitely a destination,” Reina said.



R. HANS MILLER

Katy City Council adopted two measures to move forward with Water Plant No. 7, which will serve the Young Ranch subdivision at their Jan. 23 meeting. A storm sewer project on Golden Eye in the Hunters Terrace subdivision was also approved.

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for the tanks were awarded to Maguire Iron, Inc. out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Schier Construction Company out of Houston, respectively.

The city also approved:

- Zoning for the Jesus Rescue International Church at 6193 Highway Blvd.
- Zoning for Aristoi Classical Academy at 5618 Eleventh Street
- Street closures for Katy Market Day events throughout the year
- Acceptance of billing for streetlights in the Young Ranch subdivision
- Platting in the Falls at Green Meadows subdivision
- The purchase of stationary license plate readers for the Katy Police Department

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“Primarily it’s just maintaining the open space and the agriculture in the near term.”

Once the restoration is complete, more wildlife than is currently present-ed is expected to move in, Newman said.

“It’s primarily going to be used by grassland bird species. When it’s wet like [it has been this winter], Long-Billed Curlews will get in there pretty quick,” Newman said.

The Long-Billed Curlew is an important species to the nature preserve, and is the bird that ultimately helped KPC get its Globally Important Bird Area certification from the National Audubon Society, Newman said.

The land purchase is just one of the actions the conservancy is pursuing, according to the press release announcing the real estate deal. The conservancy has four primary goals in 2020 which includes increasing coastal prairie acreage, restoring and enhancing protected lands, collaborating with other organizations and connecting with the public through education, public access and outreach.

Newman said there are opportunities for community members interested in helping to restore the Katy prairie to volunteer. Each Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., volunteers may come out to work. The field office at 31950 Hebert Road near Waller is also open from the first and third Saturdays of each month. Volunteers are encouraged to call ahead, he said.

“Other events we also have published on the website,” Newman said. “Tours, workdays or special things like that.”

Newman said the efforts of the conservancy have preserved the Katy Prairie well over the 20 year span he’s been there.

“It’s still a good, functioning ecosystem,” Newman said.

Wesley Newman: Katy Prairie Conservancy Conservation Director

Wesley Newman has worked for the Katy Prairie Conservancy for about twenty years, helping the nonprofit land trust to protect and restore the land of the Katy prairie to as close to its original condition before the area was settled as possible. Newman said he’s always been happier outdoors and his career fits his interests.

“Like most jobs, it was the right place at the right time and seemed like the right thing, and twenty years later, here I am,” Newman said.

Newman has two degrees in Rangeland Ecology and Management from Texas A&M. Originally from the Austin area, he feels like he’s found a home with the Katy Prairie Conservancy.

“I’ve just been an outdoors person all of my life,” Newman said. “I applied for this and it seemed like a good fit and it was.”



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Long-Billed Curlew are native to the Katy Prairie and are important to the Katy Prairie Conservancy’s status as a Globally Important Bird Area and may use the newly-acquired land during wet weather.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As Superbowl looms, thoughts go to human trafficking prevention

As millions of football fans sit down to watch the San Francisco 49ers take on the Kansas City Chiefs for Super Bowl 54, others will be on high alert for signs of sex trafficking in the sunshine state. Large events such as the Super Bowl fuel sex trafficking as exploiters transport unwilling victims from around the country with the plan to cash in big. Football fans won't see victims in physical chains because the control is psychological, to the degree which is hard for the average person to comprehend. Due to the complexities and difficulty identifying a victim of sex trafficking, law enforcement, Uber drivers, hotel and restaurant personnel are stepping up their training this week in an effort to recognize males and females being exploited.

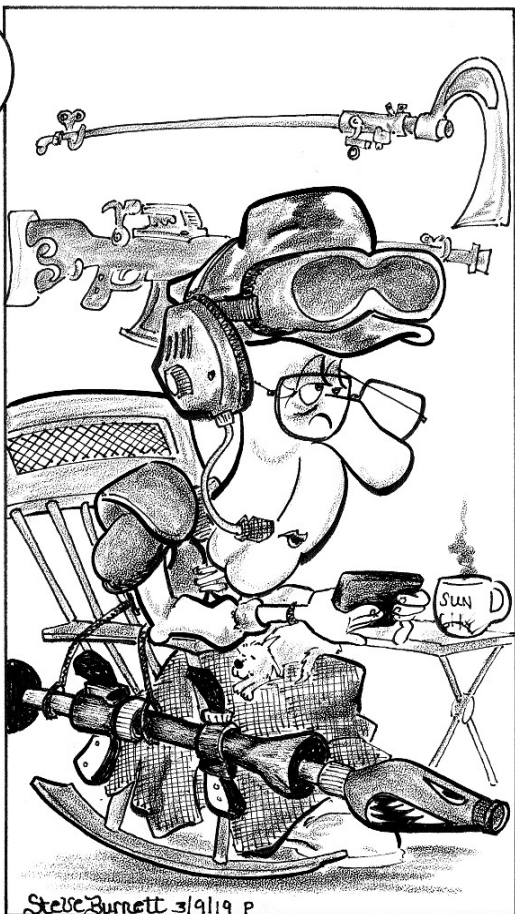
EDITOR'S NOTE: January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Childproof America is one of several groups working to end human trafficking in the Katy area.

Authorities say Miami-Dade County ranks first in sex trafficking in Florida, which in turn ranks third in the nation. About 40% of victims are children and most of the rest are young adults between 18 and 23 years old, according to NBC 6 South Florida. With Miami already being a robust city for this devastating crime, increasing the supply will surely follow.

How does this equate to your own community of Katy, Texas? Although Katy is a small suburban community, it is positioned less than 30 miles from Houston, ground zero for sex trafficking in the U.S. Many people have asked why Houston is such an epicenter for sex trafficking and the answer is a combination of factors. First, Texas is a border state and prime entry point for international trafficking victims, along with the significant oil and gas industry and the I-10 corridor route to move victims from city to city. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Houston is one of the largest hubs for human trafficking in the nation and the largest hub in Texas. Houston has over 200 active brothels, with two new openings each month. With this high level of demand, local traffickers are sure to engage "spotters" to look for vulnerable youth in local schools, churches, malls, social media, coffee houses and anywhere young people hang out.

What is a parent's best defense? Be proactive in understanding the crime of sex trafficking by seeking out educational resources. Childproof America offers an excellent, comprehensive 90-minute training. Visit our website for more information. Talk to your child about sexual exploitation in an age-appropriate manner. Remove the attitude, "not my kid". Understand how predators access youth through social media and gaming systems. Maintain full access to your child's social media and understand hidden apps. Fully understand the grooming process and the behaviors that present in each stage. Never underestimate the commitment a trafficker has once they've invested in your child. Sex trafficking is 100% in your community. Don't turn a blind eye and live in a state of denial as this provides an opportunity for a trafficker to foster a "seemingly innocent" relationship with your child.

Kelly Litvak
Founder and Executive Director, Childproof America



Refuse to be party to bad grammar

Apparently, this is a big year for politics. While you read that last sentence on your screen or on the newsprint in front of you, roughly seventy trillion people tweeted something negative about whichever political party they don't like. It's hard to avoid politics, especially in a presidential election year. This article is no different. Please, Grammar Guy, stay in your lane. Believe me: I will! I don't want the emails.

Many people have asked me about terminology when it comes to our two predominant parties in American politics. Specifically, people have asked about the terms "Democrat" vs. "Democratic" Party. Republicans belong to the "Republican Party," so why don't democrats belong to the "Democratic Party"?

As a side note, you should capitalize the name of a political movement only when it's followed by the term "party." For instance, "Bill is a democrat." "Bob is a member of the Republican Party." "My boss Karen is a total fascist." If the political movement is named after a person (or another proper noun), capitalize it: Gene is a total Marxist. Are you with me so far?

There's a simple answer to the question regarding



"Democrat" or "Democratic" Party: grammatically speaking, a noun can't modify another noun. "Democrat" is a noun, while "democratic" is an adjective. In order to modify "Party," we need the adjective "Democratic" to be grammatically correct. "Republican" serves as both a noun and an adjective, depending on the context.

I suppose the same could be said of the Bull Moose Party, with "Bull Moose" serving both as two nouns and a singular adjective. As another side note, the Bull Moose Party was named as such because Teddy Roosevelt, the unofficial party's unofficial founder, referred to himself as fit as a "bull moose." "Bullmoosian" just doesn't sound right.

To refer to the Democratic Party as the "Democrat Party" is at least grammatically incorrect. Based on my research, "Democrat Party" has been used by opponents as an intentionally derogatory term since the 1940s. So, at best, calling the Demo-

cratic Party the "Democrat Party" is bad grammar. In an attempt to have awesome grammar, say "Democratic Party." It's fine to disagree when it comes to our politics, but we are more alike than we are different. I think we should have far more parties—and by that I mean Monday boxed wine parties, cheese parties, "Bachelor-ette" watch parties, and, yes, even grammar parties.

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SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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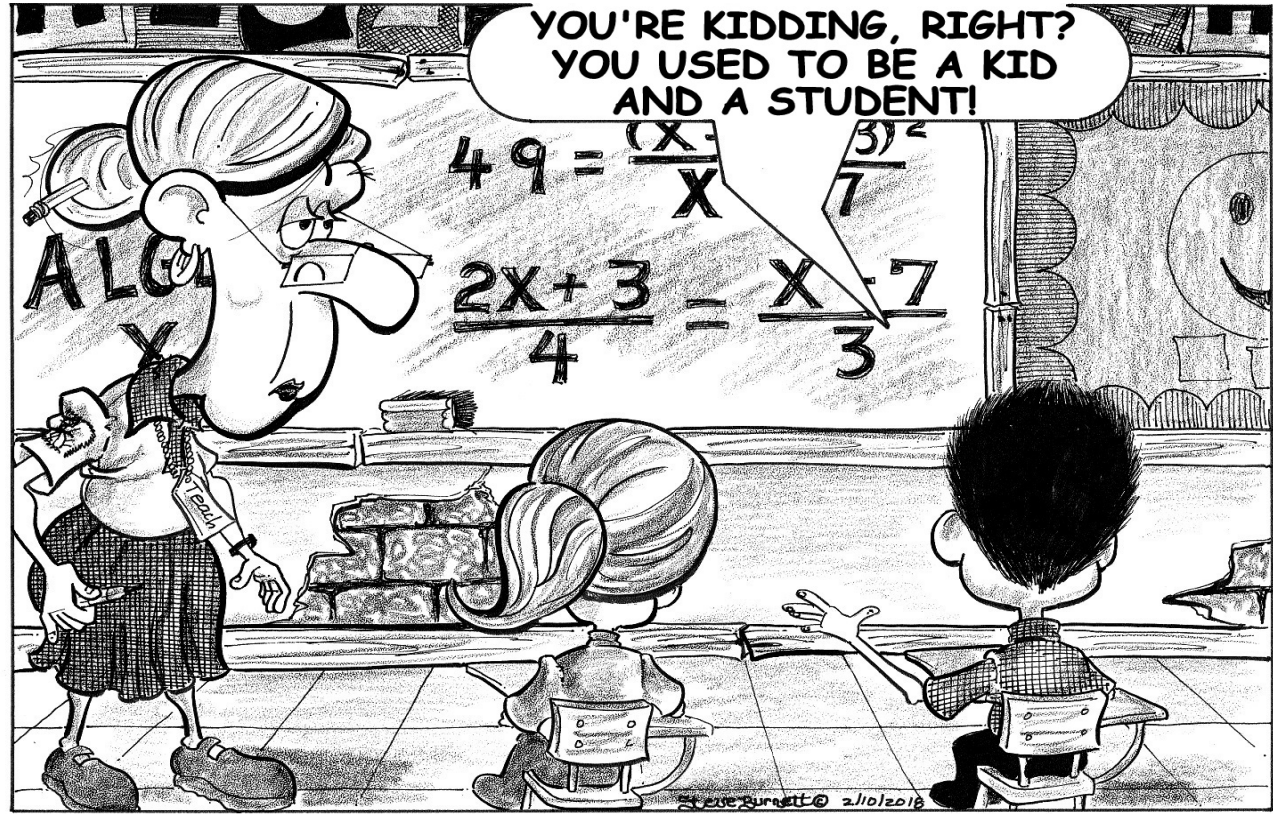
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- Fall down
 - American TV company (abbr.)
 - Exclamation that denotes disgust
 - Gallantry
 - Chinese word signifying "doctrine"
 - Prefix meaning "beside"
 - Act of imitating
 - Tall, rounded vase
 - Sixth month of Jewish civil calendar
 - Rural Iranian village
 - Time zone
 - Military weapon (abbr.)
 - Gets rid of
 - Aggressive
 - Addressed one's appearance
 - Affirmative
 - Denoting Indo-European languages
 - French noble family
 - Shock therapy
 - Having characteristics of both sexes
 - Large suitcase
 - One who identifies God with the universe
 - Swiss river
 - Frequently
 - Wipe out
 - Invests in little enterprises
 - Waste
 - Resembles a large shrimp
 - Derogatory name for rural resident
 - Menswear accessory
 - Tropical American tree
 - Pitching statistic
 - Camera type
 - Cardinal number that is the sum of five and one
- CLUES DOWN**
- Surgical procedure of the heart (abbr.)
 - Northern Scandinavia indigenous person
 - Evergreen trees and shrubs
 - Meat from a domestic hog
 - State of insensibility
 - Herb
 - Annuity
 - San Diego-based ballplayer
 - Members of a Semitic people
 - Any physical damage
 - Woolen rug
 - Alsos Mission leader
 - Aromatic plant used as culinary herb
 - Where you sleep
 - Ruled Russia
 - Indicates density of data (abbr.)
 - Sea eagle
 - Type of light bulb
 - Wreath
 - Graduate with a degree
 - What thespians do
 - "Orange is the New Black" character
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 - Romanian monetary unit
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 - Small European plant
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 - Giggle
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Audrey Jean Rose Thomas was born on August 5, 1938 in Houston, Texas to James Lynch Rose and Audrey Inez Montgomery Rose. Audrey graduated from Katy High School in 1955, where she was a member of the dance team and spent many hours practicing and competing in barrel racing.

Audrey attended Southwest Texas State University for two years after high school. After college she returned to Katy and married Ernest Thomas in 1959. She began working for Coca-Cola as a keypunch operator. After leaving Coca-Cola she began a family and became a stay-at-home mom. During this time, she also kept the books for Ernest's various businesses. Audrey also participated in various organizations to assist in her children's education.

Once her family was grown, she partnered with her cousin and began purchasing and renovating houses which they then sold for profit. In 2009, Audrey and one of her sons opened a little drinkery/burger spot in Katy called 'Mr. Jim's Hole in the Ground'. Audrey also owned several properties on Lake Livingston that were available through Airbnb.

Audrey lived her entire life in the Katy and Houston areas. She was very creative, enjoyed travelling, time with her family, and was an avid snow skier.

Audrey is survived by her four sons, Jim Thomas and his wife Carol of Houston, Nik Thomas and his wife Kristine of Zionsville, Indiana, Tony Thomas and his wife Amanda of Katy, and Duke Thomas and his fiancée Ninfa Gutierrez of Katy; eight grandchildren, Natasha Thomas, Shelby Thomas, Kaila Thomas, Hunter Thomas, Nicholas Thomas, Megan Thomas, Troy Maximus Thomas and Elija Thomas; great granddaughter, Brinley Rose Shannon; her brother, J.L. Rose and his wife Bessie of Pattison; father of her children, Ernest



AUDREY JEAN ROSE THOMAS
1938-2020

"Tommy" Thomas of Katy; and numerous other loving family members and many friends.

The family received friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2020 at the Schmidt Funeral Home East Avenue Chapel in Katy, where funeral services were held at 1:00

p.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2020, with Rev. C. MacAlister "MAC" Vaughn officiating. Interment in Katy Magnolia Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Hunter Thomas, Nicholas Thomas, Troy Maximus Thomas, and Eli Thomas. Honorary pallbearers will be her granddaughters, Kaila Thomas and Megan Thomas.

A party celebrating Audrey's life was held immediately following the funeral.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the American Lung Association, 1200 Hosford Street, Suite 101, Hudson, WI 54016-9316, www.Lung.org.

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Reginald Holloway was born on August 9, 1938 in Giddings, Texas, to Clarence Holloway and Pinkie Lucille Humphrey Holloway.

Reginald graduated from Phillis Wheatley High School in San Antonio, Texas. He then furthered his education at Prairie View A&M University, where he earned both his Bachelor's of Science and his Master's Degrees. Reginald was a Senior ROTC graduate and was subsequently commissioned as second lieutenant upon his entry into the United States Army. Reginald proudly served his country during the Vietnam Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1971, after ten years of faithful service. In 1991, he retired from AT&T after 27 successful years in the telecommunications field.

On January 19, 2020, Reginald Holloway passed away in Katy, Texas at 81 years of age.

Reginald is survived by his wife, Jessie Mae Holloway; his daughter, Janice R. Holloway; his son, Ronald J. Holloway; his brother, Gerald T. Holloway; and his sister, Yvonne

Holloway; as well as many other loving family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Pinkie L. Holloway; and his brother, Herbie Holloway.

The family received friends for a visitation from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel in Katy. A second visitation was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020, at the CrossPoint Community Church in Katy, where funeral services followed immediately at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Paul Goeke officiating. Interment to follow at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery in Houston.

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Tamara Renae Graham (Grandma Honey), 59, of Kerrville, Texas passed from this life on January 18, 2020 in Kerrville.

Tamara was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to parents, Kenneth Ray and Karen Rose (Hendrix) Murrell. Her family moved to Odessa, Texas in 1972, where she was a 1979 graduate of Permian High School (Mojo).

In 1982 her family moved to Kerrville and she married Jay Graham for 35 years. Their first daughter, Jaylynn, was born in 1984. They moved to Katy, Texas, in 1988 to be closer to family and Libbey was born in 1991. She was an active member at Katy First Baptist Church, especially in the choir and praise team. Tamara would embrace any musical opportunity and she had an angelical voice.

She developed a passion for interior design and ended up opening her own business. Her many talents were recognized throughout the community and she was always willing to help in any way she could. Tamara also enjoyed gardening and spoiling her dachshund dogs, Gracie and Lottie.

The family moved back to Kerrville in 2006 along with Tamara's parents to build their dream homes. Her faith and passion for music kept her engaged in the church community. Tamara was happiest when she was spending time with family, watching her grandchildren grow and traveling to unique places.

She was loved by all and will be missed by many. She is preceded in death by her beloved mother, Karen Rose Murrell, and dogs, Gracie and Lottie.

Those left to cherish and honor her memory include daughters, Jaylynn Renae Perkins and husband Terry of Kerrville and Libbey Rose Vasquez and husband Matthew of Kerrville; former husband, Jay Graham; father, Kenneth Murrell of Kerrville; siblings, Danny Murrell and wife Luci of Houston, Texas, Steven Murrell and wife Trisha of Katy, Texas, and Kimberly Bramlett and husband Jim of Missouri City, Texas; along with her grandchildren, Archer Perkins, Ada, Abel and Atticus Vasquez.

Visitation were held at Kerrville Funeral Home, 1221 Junction Hwy. Kerrville, Texas on Friday, January 24, 2020 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Funeral Services took place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Trinity Baptist Church, 800 Jackson Rd, Kerrville, Texas with interment to follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of the professionals at Kerrville Funeral Home (830) 895-5111.



TAMARA RENAE GRAHAM
1961-2020

Evelyn Jean "Evie" Drummond was born on June 16, 1988 in Crystal City, Missouri. She grew up in De Soto, Missouri and it was here where she developed a lifelong passion for playing softball. She lived and breathed softball, starting in youth softball and played shortstop for the De Soto Senior High School Dragons. In 2006, she graduated from high school and having earned a softball scholarship, she continued playing at Maryville University in St. Louis, Missouri. Evie was a strong and independent woman, who was determined and dedicated athlete. She once turned the rare feat of a triple play. Her two brothers reminisce of practicing with her and their sore hands that came along with catching her incredibly hard thrown balls.

In April 2010, Evie joined the U.S. Air Force and through dedication and exemplary service, she rose to the rank of Technical Sergeant while serving in the security forces. She served two tours overseas in both Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan in the Global War on Terrorism earning numerous awards and commendations for her service and leadership.

On May 22, 2015, Evie married the love of her life, Lindsey Marie Rujawitz in Pensacola, Florida.

Upon mustering out of the Air Force in 2018, Evie has continued serving her country and was still a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Her love and passion for softball continued during her service in the Air Force and beyond. She continued playing shortstop and other positions as needed in softball leagues in Florida.

In 2016, Evie and Lindsey moved to the Katy, Texas area.

Evelyn Jean "Evie" Drummond passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in her home in Katy, Texas surrounded by her family. Evie had an intoxicating smile and an infectious laugh. She had a generous, caring and loving heart that brought tremendous joy to so many. She will always be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

She is survived by her wife, Lindsey Rujawitz Drummond of Katy; her mother and stepfather, Lauren & Ed Juliette of De Soto, Missouri; brothers, Jarod Drum-

mond and his wife Lauren of Festus, Missouri and Ben Drummond and his wife Kelly of Valles Mines, Missouri; stepsisters, Cassi Coleman and her husband Eric of

Richwoods, Missouri and Kayla Robinson and her husband Ryan of De Soto, Missouri; her parents-in-law, Tony and Lori Rujawitz of Edwardsville, Illinois; brothers-in-law, Tyler Rujawitz and his wife Abbey of Alhambra, Illinois and Tate Rujawitz of Edwardsville, Illinois; ten nieces and nephews and one on the way; numerous aunts, uncles and other loving family members and many friends; as well as her beloved dogs, Boston, Brooklyn, and Buster; and a precious and devoted cat, Storm, who refused to leave Evie's side during her illness.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Raymond Drummond on February 19, 2001.

The family received friends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy, where a vigil service and rosary were recited at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Paul Guidry reciting. A Celebration of Life service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel, in Katy, with Chaplain Daniel Schramm officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow at Houston National Cemetery.

Pallbearers were her two brothers, Jarod Drummond and Ben Drummond, her nephew, Braxton Drummond, and her friends, Jonathan Dula, Blaine Savage, and Jacob See.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250, www.DAV.org or to the Greenawalds Service, P.O. Box 841095, Houston, TX 77284, www.GreenawaldsService.com an organization dedicated to providing PTSD service dogs to veterans and assisting homeless veterans.

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- Katy 46, Taylor 34
- Magnolia West 62, Paetow 32

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Katy 67, Taylor 66
- Seven Lakes 62, Cinco Ranch 53
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- Katy 1, Cinco Ranch 1
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Tompkins 49, Cinco Ranch 41
- Seven Lakes 60, Morton Ranch 31
- Katy 57, Mayde Creek 34
- Bryan Rudder def. Paetow

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Morton Ranch 71, Seven Lakes 63
- Cinco Ranch 71, Tompkins 63
- Katy 62, Mayde Creek 60
- Paetow 79, Bryan Rudder 54

BOYS SOCCER

- Paetow 1, Magnolia 0

GIRLS SOCCER

- Magnolia 3, Paetow 0

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Tompkins at Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Katy, 7 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at Taylor, 7 p.m.
- Brenham at Paetow, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Katy at Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Tompkins, 7 p.m.
- Taylor at Mayde Creek, 7 p.m.
- Paetow at Brenham, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

- Paetow at Brenham, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

BOYS SOCCER

- Seven Lakes at Cinco Ranch, 12:45 p.m.
- Taylor at Katy, 12:45 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at Morton Ranch, 12:45 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

- Taylor at Katy, 1:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Mayde Creek, 12:45 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch at Seven Lakes, 12:45 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

- Brenham at Paetow, at Legacy Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

- Region V-6A championships, at Cy-Fair ISD Natatorium, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Katy at Tompkins, 7 p.m.
- Taylor at Seven Lakes, 7 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Cinco Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Paetow at Magnolia, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

- Tompkins at Katy, 7 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Taylor, 7 p.m.
- Cinco Ranch at Morton Ranch, 7 p.m.
- Magnolia at Paetow, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

- Cinco Ranch at Tompkins, at Legacy Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Katy at Mayde Creek, 7:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Seven Lakes, 7:30 p.m.
- Paetow at Waller, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

- Mayde Creek at Katy, 7:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Morton Ranch, 7:30 p.m.
- Tompkins at Cinco Ranch, 7:30 p.m.
- Waller at Paetow, 7 p.m.

Panthers impact 24-5A swim meet



Paetow High's Gabriella Donnelly participates in the 500 yard freestyle event at the District 24-5A swim meet on Saturday, Jan. 25, at Friendswood High School.

By **STEPHEN GREENWELL**
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

FRIENDSWOOD — Paetow swimming continues to build upon its success, as the third-year program now has its first district gold medal winner and second-place finishes for its boys and girls teams following the District 24-5A meet on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Friendswood High School natatorium.

Freshman Stacey Muñoz did the honors for the Panthers, winning the 100 freestyle with a time of 58.98 seconds, edging Bella Allen of Friendswood by 0.21.

"My coach told me that I was seeded first, but I knew the girl seeded second was going to be good competition and I still had to go all-out," Muñoz said. "I want to thank my mom Lorenza, my coaches and my grandparents German and Patricia, along with my best friend Gabby (Donnelly), because I'm here because of them."

It's early in her high school swimming career, but Muñoz said she does have one long-term goal, in addition to dropping time.

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GETTING RIGHT

Finally healthy, Cougars beat Tompkins, fight back into playoff race



Cinco Ranch senior forward Derek Dickenscheidt takes a shot during a game against Tompkins on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Cinco Ranch High.

By **DENNIS SILVA II**
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

The injury bug has been a persistent, unwelcome guest in the Cinco Ranch boys basketball locker room this season, but it seems to have been squashed right as the District 19-6A playoff race is heating up.

The Cougars are finally as healthy as they've been at any point of the season, and it's showing. Cinco Ranch's 71-63 win over Tompkins on Tuesday, Jan. 28, was the Cougars' third district win in the last four games. Not coincidentally, that streak has coincided with the return of standout senior forward Derek Dickenscheidt.

The 6-foot-5, 175-pound Dickenscheidt sprained his ankle a little more than a month ago and missed six games, including the first three games of district play when Cinco Ranch went 0-3. But since his return against Taylor on Jan. 17, the Cougars are 3-1, winning by an average of almost eight points per game in those victories.

Dickenscheidt was vital against Tompkins. After a scoreless first quarter, when he only took one shot, he scored 17 points over the next three to go with seven rebounds and four assists.

"He's a three-year letterman and he's done this before," Cougars coach Neil King said. "The team is more confident with him out there. He's a hard guard—he's got some length to him and he can be a matchup problem for teams."

"He's a team captain for a reason and he's a big piece of what we do."

Dickenscheidt isn't at full health just yet. He guesstimates he's about "85-90 percent" there.

"I wouldn't say I'm totally 100 percent yet," he said. "I'm still fighting through some pain, but I feel good. I'm working on it. It's getting better every day. I'm just glad to be back playing and contributing to our wins."

With Dickenscheidt on the floor, the Cougars had a solid ballhandler and sharp shooter against

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Cougars' Sanguinetti back coaching boys, son



Cinco Ranch head boys soccer coach Fredy Sanguinetti, left, poses for a photo with his son and Cinco Ranch senior defender Roger Sanguinetti.

By **DENNIS SILVA II**
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Late last July, Cinco Ranch girls soccer coach Fredy Sanguinetti was in Arizona with his family when he learned Cougar boys soccer coach Mason Whitfield had left to take an assistant coaching job at Lake Travis High.

Not long after, during a family trip to North Carolina, Sanguinetti's son Roger, an incoming senior defender for the Cougars, had a talk with his dad.

"Dad, I want you to be my coach," Roger said.

From there, it was a no-brainer, Sanguinetti said. He took the job two weeks before the start of the school year after being allowed to take veteran assistant coach Jonathan Kauffman with him. Sanguinetti's other assistant coach with the girls, Claudia Monagas, took over as head coach.

After 11 years at the helm of a Cinco Ranch girls program that he established as a perennial state powerhouse, Sanguinetti is back coaching boys.

"A lot of people in Katy ISD know that he's a really solid coach, and I wanted to have that experience of someone I can trust and be able to learn from," said Roger, a signee to NCAA Division I Grand Canyon University and regarded as one of the top players in the southern United States.

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Cinco Ranch senior forward Jonathan Joseph attacks the basket during a game against Tompkins on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Cinco Ranch High.

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Tompkins' 2-3 zone. He picked his opportunities, was patient in doing so, and then turned up his game when Cinco Ranch needed it most in the second half. Dickenscheidt scored nine points over the final two quarters to go with three assists. It was arguably his best game yet since coming back from injury, and the Cougars could not have asked for better timing. A loss would have sent Cinco Ranch to 2-5 in district play, jeopardizing its playoff hopes. "I'd say I put a little bit of pressure on myself," Dickenscheidt said. "This was a big game. I just tried to play my game and keep the offense flowing smooth. Against a zone, you have to take care of the ball and make sure everybody is under control, hitting shots. This was big."

He wasn't the only Cougar to play well. Three other Cinco Ranch players scored in double figures. Senior guard Chris Ngene had a huge 10-point first half and finished with a game-high 18, knocking in 3-of-4 from 3-point range. Senior forwards Jayden Collymore and Jonathan Joseph each had 14 points. Collymore had his typically strong game, but the 6-foot-6 jumping-jack Joseph is another Cougar finding his groove after missing more than half of the season with an ankle injury. Joseph's play along the baseline and at the rim gave Tompkins headaches as he ran free all night on the back side of the zone. "Since they were in that 2-3 (zone), we were able to get the ball to the middle and my teammates kept finding me," said Joseph, who particularly benefitted from senior guard Caleb Crandall's smart passing and heads-

up play. "I was able to find some ways to finish, but credit my teammates for sharing the ball and finding me." Added King: "Jonathan is getting more comfortable. It's a confidence-builder for him, especially from a health standpoint. He's athletic and long, and we were able to get the ball to him in areas where he can be successful." King said his players are aware of the sense of urgency necessary because of the Cougars' place in the district standings. With the win, Cinco Ranch is currently in fourth place, the last and final spot for playoff qualifiers, but just a half-game ahead of fifth-place Taylor and a game ahead of sixth-place Mayde Creek. "This was a huge win," Joseph said. "We needed this. Us seniors, we want to leave our legacy at this school. We want to do well, and we're just going out and giving it our best right now."

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It did not take long for Sanguinetti to make his mark. At 8-0-3 through the first 11 games this season, the Cougars already surpassed last season's win mark. Cinco Ranch has a young nucleus, but makes up for the inexperience with a relentless work ethic to go with strong team chemistry. "Coach Sang has brought a lot more heart," senior defender Jack Taylor said. "The year before, I didn't really know a lot of people, didn't really know my teammates. Now, even with a new group, there's a lot more connection. We're taught to work for our team and not for ourselves. He's brought that, and we're better for that." Sanguinetti said the boys game is faster than when he last coached boys soccer at Morton Ranch High. In a loaded district, he expects to have a gritty team that competes. That was evident during a recent 2-2 tie against Ridge Point on Jan. 18. The Cougars trailed 2-0 with 15 minutes left in the match before a flurry of late goals earned a tie against a talented Panthers club. "We still have mental lapses here and there," Sanguinetti said. "The overall response, though, is these boys were ready for the hard work, and they haven't demonstrated anything but that. We're going to be a scrappy team in a very tough district, so we've got to work." Roger said that workmanlike nature has made a difference. "That's all we needed, coming from last year to this year," Roger said. "We got really lazy last year. This year, we keep fighting. We don't give up." With six goals and 10 assists through the first 11 games, Roger has thrived this season as Sanguinetti is using him in more ways. The last time Sanguinetti coached his son was when Roger was seven years old playing on Sanguinetti's U-10 little league youth soccer team. "It's a blessing," San-

guinetti said. "No matter what the results are, no matter what happens, it's something I'm going to always look back on and count as a blessing. We have strict rules, now they're stricter, as far as when he's talking to dad or coach. But, to me, to have that opportunity, there's not a lot of coaches that get that. I didn't have it with my older son, so to me it's a blessing." The relationship between parent and child when they become coach and player can be a difficult one. But the Sanguinettis are well-versed in the circumstance and handle it well. "We've done it a lot throughout the years, with all my kids, whenever I go watch their activities or games," Sanguinetti said. "If they want to talk to dad, they'll say, 'Hey, I need Dad right now.' Or, 'Hey, I need Coach.' This relationship is no different. We may come to school in the same car, but when we leave it's a different car, because I don't want him to drive home with Coach." Added Roger: "On the field, it's coach and player. It's not dad and son. I like it that way because there's no favoritism or anything. I know I'm going to excel because I'm excelling, not because I'm his son." The Cougars are still a work in progress. Sanguinetti has introduced variability with formations and personnel that players are still adjusting to, and he is very much still in the baby stages of implementing his culture and standards. "For me, the biggest thing is routines, and sometimes I'll catch myself getting on them about something and I realize I haven't told them," Sanguinetti said, laughing. "It's expectations I'm used to that they're not aware of or haven't been coached on yet. It's like going back and starting from scratch and having a brand new program. They've been amazing in taking that and wanting to get better and having that discipline and desire." Indeed, Taylor said, there is a clear understanding amongst players that "how far we want to go is up to us." "He doesn't let us give up. That's the thing," Taylor said. "Some coaches may ease up on you every now and then, but Coach Sang is always pushing us. You never have to worry about getting worse, because he's always making sure we're working to get better."

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Morton Ranch guard L.J. Cryer is ranked No. 60 in the country in ESPN's latest national rankings for the Class of 2020 Top 100.

Cryer ranked No. 60 nationally by ESPN

By DENNIS SILVA II
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Morton Ranch guard L.J. Cryer is ranked No. 60 in the country in ESPN's latest national rankings for the Top 100 recruits in the Class of 2020. The rankings were released on Thursday, Jan. 23. Cryer is among five players from Texas ranked in the Top 100. Montverde Academy (Arlington) point guard Cade Cunningham is ranked No. 3, followed by Vandegrift High (Austin) power forward Greg Brown at No. 9, Duncanville High small forward Micah Peavy (Houston) at No. 31, Cryer at No. 60, and Dickinson High small forward Tramon Mark (Dickinson) at No. 67. Prolific Prep's Jalen Green, a 6-foot-5 shooting guard out of Fresno, California, is ranked No. 1. The 6-foot-1, 181-pound Cryer is a four-star recruit and a Baylor signee. He is averaging 35.4 points per game this season and has scored 40 or more points in a game 10 times. ESPN also has Cryer ranked No. 13 nationally at his point guard position. "I always go in feeling that nobody can guard me," Cryer said following a 44-point game in a win over Taylor on Jan. 21. "I'm just battling through, staying positive and keeping my mind right." Cryer is also averaging 4.3 assists and 2.7 steals per game for the No. 15-state ranked Mavericks, who are 19-8. The Louisiana native is shooting 55 percent from the field, including 44 percent on 10 3-point attempts per game. Earlier this season, Cryer surpassed the 3,000-point career mark as a Maverick. In 27 games last season, he scored 742 points for an average of 27.5 per game. This season, he has scored 884 points in 25 games so far. "L.J. has a quiet way going about his business, but it's eventful," Morton Ranch coach Khris Turner said. "I'm used to watching him play, but, man, it feels like every time I watch him play, he amazes me a little bit more."

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COMMENTARY



RANDY L. RASMUSSEN | THE OREGONIAN

The Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant gives high-fives to fans after the Lakers beat the Portland Trail Blazers, 113-106, at the Rose Garden in Portland on April 10, 2013. Bryant, 41, and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna were among nine people who died in a helicopter crash Sunday, Jan. 26, in Calabasas.

Bryant's legend wasn't supposed to end this way

By **BILL PLASCHKE**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Kobe Bryant is gone. I'm screaming right now, cursing into the sky, crying into my keyboard, and I don't care who knows it.

Kobe Bryant is gone, and those are the hardest words I've ever had to write for this newspaper, and I still don't believe them as I'm writing them. I'm still crying, and go ahead, let it out. Don't be embarrassed, cry with me, weep and wail and shout into the streets, fill a suddenly empty Los Angeles with your pain.

Damn it. Damn it! Damn it!!
Los Angeles Lakers legend Bryant, 41, and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna were among nine people who died in a helicopter crash Sunday in Calabasas and how does that happen? Kobe is stronger than any helicopter. He didn't even need a helicopter. For 20 years he flew into greatness while carrying a breathless city with him.

This can't be true.
Kobe does not die. Not now. Kobe lives into his golden years, lives long enough to see his statues erected outside Staples Center and his jerseys inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. He lives long enough to sit courtside at Staples when he's stooped and gray, keeping alive the memories of two decades of greatness with a wink, maybe even fooling everyone one last time by retiring in a community next to Shaq.

How can Mamba be dead? Mambas don't die. Why this, why now, why him, why them? Kobe and Gianna leave behind an incredibly strong wife and mother, Vanessa, and daughters Natalia, 17, Bianka, 3, and Capri, who was born last summer. The horror of this is unspeakable. The tragedy of this is immeasurable.

Go ahead and keep crying, you won't be alone. A huge hole has been cut out of Los Angeles' heart, and the wound is breathtaking.

Kobe was your childhood hero. He was your adult icon. For 20 years he was on posters in your bedroom, on the television in your living room, in the lunch talk in your school cafeteria, in the smack talk at your office water cooler, and ultimately riding on a truck down Figueroa Street while you cheered and bragged and bathed in his greatness.

You watched him grow up, and this city's relentless approach to sports grew with him, and soon, even with all of his off-court failings, many people felt they carried a little piece of him.

On your best days, the days you landed a big account or aced a big test or just survived a battle with traffic, you felt like Kobe. You were Kobe. And in the end, as he retired into a life of movies and books and coaching Gianna's basketball team, he was us.

For me, he not only dominated my professional life, he consumed it. He arrived in Los Angeles two months before I began writing this column. We used to joke that we started our journeys together. But then he would pat me on the back and shake his head at that notion because, well, he always followed his own path.

He was the one Laker who never had an entourage, and many nights after games we would chat as I walked with him to his car. Except when he would get mad at me for what he considered unfair criticism, and then we wouldn't talk for weeks, because when he was playing, he was that rare fighter who never dropped his fists.

I covered his first game. I covered his last game. I wrote about everything in between, the titles and the sexual assault charges and the trade demands and the titles again and then finally that 60-point career-ending game against Utah.

I screamed from press row that night, just as I'm screaming now, still shaking, still not believing.

Kobe Bryant is gone. We just talked last week. I emailed Kobe with a request to speak to him about being passed on the all-time scoring list by LeBron James.

He emailed me back immediately. He always did.

He cleared his calendar and made time to chat on the phone because, as he always said, "You've been there for everything with me."

But then, in our 20-minute conversation, he showed a side of Kobe that I had not seen before.

The edge was gone. The arms were open. He urged acceptance of LeBron. He preached calm for Lakers fans. He said greatness wasn't worth anything if you couldn't share it.

After about five minutes the message of this call was clear, the steely-eyed Mamba was purposely moving into a role of a wise, embracing and grateful leader of a community that had shown him so much patience and love.

"It's crazy, watching this city and growing with it," he said before hanging up. "I feel such an appreciation, I can never pay the city back for what it's given me."

And now he's gone. Kobe is gone. Kobe is gone. I'll say it 81 times and it still won't make any sense.

Kobe Bryant is gone and, so, too, is a little bit of all of us.

Thompson a star for Tigers

By **STEPHEN GREENWELL**
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

For Katy High senior forward Allana Thompson, the Tigers' 46-34 win against Taylor on Jan. 24 mirrored the evolution of her varsity career—a rugged start eventually giving way to a strong finish, from a player who wouldn't be denied or deterred.

Thompson finished with 12 points, second on the team behind 15 points from Aubrey Ridenhour, as the junior forward got wide open looks from the corner as the defense collapsed on her senior teammate. Thompson overcame a two-point first half to perform better in the second and help the Tigers start the second round of District 19-6A play with a win.

"I knew I wasn't playing well, but Aubrey was hitting all of her shots, so I was trying to get the ball to her," said Thompson, who finished six points below her district scoring average. "I know I wasn't finishing well, so I was trying to get it to my teammates."

Thompson had the single bucket in the first half as she didn't get several foul calls on hard drives to the basket. However, she didn't stop attacking, and her eight points in the fourth quarter, including two coast-to-coast layups she was fouled on, finally put a resilient Taylor team away.

According to Thompson and Katy coach Shanna Marhofer, her vision on the break and ability to finish are aspects of her game that she's worked on during her years at the school.

"I've been finishing a lot better and I see the floor a lot better than I used to," Thompson said. "I love giving my teammates the ball on fast breaks and giving them quick passes to finish. My shooting has gotten a lot better, but I've been focused on getting better taking contact."

"She was getting hammered in finishing," Marhofer said. "But she's a tough kid, and she gets after it. She's not going to shy away from contact or a double team, and she is one of the best passers we have on the team, if not the best passer."

Next year, Thompson will suit up for NCAA Division I Prairie View A&M. Unlike a lot of collegiate prospects, though, she hasn't been a day-one, four-year starter on varsity.

"When she came in, I really felt like one day she would be a huge contributor," Marhofer said. "She was the stud for as long as she had played (on earlier teams), and then her freshman year she was playing behind a Division I player in Laura Rowe."

Rowe, a 2017 graduate of Katy, played a year at Division I Abilene Christian before transferring to Division II Eastern New Mexico. Marhofer said Thompson didn't back down from the challenge then.

"I told her, her freshman year, 'You can play on JV and never come off the court, or you're going to get a little bit of time on the varsity level and practice



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Katy High senior forward Allana Thompson is averaging 18 points and seven rebounds during district play for the Tigers.

every day against one of the best players in our district, the MVP of our district," Marhofer said. "She chose to do that, and she pretty much hasn't come off the floor since her sophomore year. I think that year was a huge developmental year for her. It was a hard year for her since she's used to playing, but she got to sit and learn and watch."

Facing a stiff challenge from an older player wasn't a new concept for Thompson. She's been playing the sport since she was three years old. Her father played professional basketball in Europe, and her older sister, J'nay Thompson, was a 2010 graduate of Mayde Creek and a second team All-District talent.

"My sister trained me a lot," Thompson said. "She loves to keep me in the gym and keep me getting my shots up."

Thompson added that her sister was also named Defensive Player of the Year.

"She beats me every time," she said, laughing when asked about the one-on-one matchup. "She's really, really quick, so she's really helping me with my finishing."

As the season continues and the Tigers go through the district for a second time, Thompson and Marhofer said a

defensive focus would be important. Thompson is averaging 7.8 rebounds and three steals per game to go along with 18.3 points per game in district play.

"We've always been a team and a program that places an emphasis on that part of our game," Marhofer said. "So much of what we do offensively comes from what we do on defense, getting stops, getting energy from that."

Thompson finished the Taylor game with seven steals. As a team, the Tigers had 14.

"Our defense is really important, because it gives us a lot of intensity," Thompson said. "Once we get those steals, we pick each other up a lot. Once we get that steal, we're looking for each other and trying to finish on the fast break."

If they can continue to generate offense off their defense, Thompson thought the second half of the year could surpass the first half for Katy, last year's District 19-6A champions.

"We want to finish this second round undefeated," she said. "I think we can do it as long as we play together and keep our intensity up, and go really hard in practice."

PANTHERS DOMINATING 19-5A IN SECOND YEAR



PHOTOS BY MARK GOODMAN

After barely missing out on the playoffs in its inaugural year of varsity basketball last season, Paetow High is in line to take the District 19-6A championship this season. Led by the likes of Davion Sargent (2), David Bradley (3), Jayden McCullough (14) and Trevor Frank (11), Paetow is 21-7 overall and 8-0 in district play. The Panthers are on a 13-game winning streak.

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“I really want to get a scholarship for swimming, so that’s my main goal competitively,” she said. “Time-wise, I’m not sure where I want to be yet.”

Along with the first-place finish in the 100 freestyle, Muñoz finished second in the 50 freestyle. The Paetow 200 medley relay—Muñoz, Donnelly, Jackie Serna and Alyssa Seetahal—took second place, as did the 200 freestyle relay team of Muñoz, Donnelly, Ardyn Buchanan and Samantha Figueroa.

Donnelly, another freshman, had a strong meet herself beyond getting a shout-out from her best friend. She took second in the 500 freestyle and sixth in the 50 freestyle.

The 400 freestyle relay team—Samantha Carmona, Serna, Seetahal and Liz Reyes—also earned medals with a third-place finish.

On the boys side of the meet, the Panthers sent a slew of swimmers to regionals with second-place finishes.

Josh Flores took second in the 500 freestyle and third in the 200 freestyle, and Jalen



Paetow Panthers

Wilson finished second in the 200 IM. Bobby Lenning finished second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 50 freestyle, while Alex Sombero took second in the 100 backstroke.

The Panthers also finished in second for the meet’s three relays. The 200 medley relay team consisted of Wilson, Clayton Schuster, Aaron Posadas and Dillon Luong. Sombero, Posadas, Chase Stanley and Lenning swam on the 200 freestyle relay, and the 400 freestyle relay included Sombero, Wilson, Stanley and Lenning.

Paetow coach Mike Jones pointed to Posadas, a senior, and Flores as swimmers who had developed substantially

over his three years in the program.

“I’m really proud of the way they’ve swum this year,” he said of his teams. “I’m pretty tough on them and I have high expectations for them. Every Monday morning, we’re sprinting. Every Tuesday morning, we’re sprinting. Every day, we’re in there sprinting. They’ve done very well and I’m glad to see them all dropping time.”

Posadas said he didn’t have much swim experience before joining the team. Now he’ll compete at regionals in four events.

“I feel pretty confident that I can do well there,” he said. “There’s some stuff I can work on, like quick turns and



Aaron Posadas

kicking, but I think I can fix that before regionals. I feel pretty proud of my teammates for how we swam and how many of them qualified for regionals.”

Jones noted that because the program was only in its third year, it was still trying to build the depth of a “juggernaut” program like Friendswood. The Panthers are still not fielding point-scoring swimmers in each event, and much of their roster has been built up the hard way, with athletes with no competitive swim experience before the high school level.

“Each year at tryouts, we kind of tailor them so that we can get as many kids as we can, and then we just build



Stacey Muñoz

them up from there,” he said. “Our tryout this past year was pretty open, and from there we taught them the strokes and taught them the turns, taught them this, taught them everything. We’re seeing a lot of results, especially with the older kids.”

Posadas said he doesn’t consider himself a vocal leader, and instead, he tries to inspire his teammates with his work ethic.

“Rather than using words, I think actions speak louder than words,” he said. “When I go into the pool, I work as hard as I can, and I try to show them that hard work pays off. And it does. I’ve seen people drop time after practicing with them for hours.”



Josh Flores

According to Jones, there is still room for his team to post even better times at the regional meet.

“We have another week of work,” he said. “We’re going to fine-tune some things on those kids. Most of the kids that I had planned to make it past district didn’t taper for this meet, so we’ve been gearing toward regionals the last three or four weeks, so that’s what we’re going to do. We’re going to do some more fine-tuning, a little bit more speedwork and clean everything up.”

The Region 6-5A meet will be held this weekend, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, at the Holland Aquatic Center in Magnolia.

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Sealed proposals for **2020 WATER LINE RENOVATION PROJECT** will be received at City of Katy Municipal Building, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, until **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2020.**

The Owner is the City Of Katy, Texas

The successful bidder(s) will be required to enter into a contract with the Owner.

A Cashier’s Check or Certified Check payable, without recourse, to the Owner or an acceptable Surety Proposal Bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total bid, including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute bonds in forms provided as outlined in the Contract Documents. Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and Maintenance Bond, in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required.

For public projects, not less than the minimum wage rates as prescribed in the General Conditions must be paid.

The Contract for this project will be awarded by the City based on the lowest and best bid received

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in bids.

Bonded general contractor may obtain one set of bid documents for each project at the office of the Engineer, **Clay & Leyendecker, Inc., 1350 Avenue D, Katy, Texas 77493, (281) 391-0173**, upon deposit of a check or cash only in the amount of \$40.00/set, payable to Clay & Leyendecker, Inc. *Bidder must telephone before coming to pick up plans.* Said amount will be refunded if the bid documents are returned in good condition within one (1) week of the date of bid. Otherwise, no refunds will be made. Additional sets may be purchased for \$40.00. Subcontractors and Suppliers may purchase sets for \$40.00 which will not be refunded.

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Sealed proposals for **2020 ASPHALT STREET RENOVATION PROJECT** will be received at City of Katy Municipal Building, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, until **2:15 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2020.**

The Owner is the City Of Katy, Texas

The successful bidder(s) will be required to enter into a contract with the Owner.

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CINCO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 14 NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULES AND PENALTIES

Notice is hereby given that, at a meeting on December 18, 2019, the Board of Directors of Cinco Southwest Municipal Utility District No. 14 (the “District”) adopted a Resolution Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of the District’s Online Portal System (“Resolution”), providing rules and regulations governing the use of the District’s online portal system and related phone application for water usage data. Violation of any of the rules or regulations contained in the Resolution will subject the violator to a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation. Each separate occurrence and day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate violation. A copy of the Resolution, with all of its rules and regulations, including the penalty listed above, is on file at the principal office of the District, Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, where it may be read in full.

/s/James Reuss
President, Board of Directors

NOTICE

The Zoning Board Of Adjustment Of The City of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct A Public Hearing On **Thursday, February 13, 2020, At 1:00 P.M.** In Council Chambers At Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas, On Docket No. 2020-01, The Application Of **Katy Independent School District**, Present Owner, Agent is **PBK Architects**. Under Section 22.5-3 Of The Zoning Ordinance. Legal Description Of The Lot To Be Affected: **TRS 2N-1 AND 2P-1, A-452, H&TCRR SECTION 65, BLOCK 2.,** In An “R-1” Single Family District. Property Is Located In Harris County.

It Is An Appeal Of An Order And A Determination Made By An Administrative Official In The Enforcement Of The Zoning Ordinance And A Request For A Variance To The Minimum Height Requirement Of Thirty-Five (35) Feet And To Not Exceed Two And One-Half (2-1/2) Stories In Height. The Variance Is For The Proposed Building That Exceeds This Maximum By One-Half (1/2) Story Measuring Eight (8) Feet Over The Allowable Height.

David Minze, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for **Aeration Blower for Wastewater Plant** will be received at City of Katy Municipal Building, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas 77493, until **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2020.**

The Owner is the City of Katy, Texas.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Owner.

A Cashier's Check or Certified Check payable, without recourse, to the Owner or an acceptable Surety Proposal Bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total bid, including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will promptly enter into a contract as outlined in the Contract Documents.

When installation of equipment is included in the bid, not less than the minimum wage rates as prescribed in the General Conditions must be paid to workers who are involved in the installation work.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in bids.

A non-mandatory site visit will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 at the Wastewater Plant site, 25839 Katy Freeway, Katy, Texas 77494.

Bidders may obtain bid documents for this project by email from the office of the Engineer, **Clay & Leyendecker, Inc., 1350 Avenue D, Katy, Texas 77493, (281) 391-0173.** Please send request to Paula Elps at pelps314@hotmail.com.

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APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A BEER RETAIL DEALER'S OFF-PREMISE LICENSE, A WINE ONLY PACKAGE STORE PERMIT AND A PACKAGE STORE TASTING PERMIT BY QUALITY LICENSING CORP. D/B/A QUALITY LICENSING CORP. (STORE #5449) LOCATED AT 9929 HWY 6, MISSOURI CITY, FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS 77459. OFFICERS OF SAID COMPANY ARE JOHN SCUDDER, PRESIDENT/CEO; MATTHEW W. ALLEN, VP; WAYNE HAMILTON, VP; ANDREA M. LAZENBY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY; DANIEL JOHN RICE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

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The Zoning Board Of Adjustment Of The City of Katy, Texas, Will Conduct A Public Hearing On **Thursday, February 13, 2020, At 1:00 P.M.** In Council Chambers At Katy City Hall, 901 Avenue C, Katy, Texas, On Docket No. 2020-02, The Application Of **Laurinda Goncalves**, Present Owner, Under Section 22.5-3 Of The Zoning Ordinance. Address Of The Lot To Be Affected: **4961 South Nelson Way., In An "R-1" Single Family District.** Property Description: Lot 11, Morrison Boulevard Place R/P, Reserve Y, Katy, Harris County, Texas.

It Is An Appeal Of An Order And A Determination Made By An Administrative Official In The Enforcement Of The Zoning Ordinance And A Request For A Variance To The Platted Side Yard Building Setback Of Five Feet (5') For The Placement Of A Back Yard Deck.

David Minze, Chairman
Zoning Board of Adjustment

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**CINCO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULES AND PENALTIES**

Notice is hereby given that, at a meeting on January 16, 2020, the Board of Directors of Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 3 (the "District") adopted a Resolution Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of the District's Online Portal System ("Resolution"), providing rules and regulations governing the use of the District's online portal system and related phone application for water usage data. Violation of any of the rules or regulations contained in the Resolution will subject the violator to a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation. Each separate occurrence and day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate violation. A copy of the Resolution, with all of its rules and regulations, including the penalty listed above, is on file at the principal office of the District, Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, where it may be read in full.

/s/ Linda Larvin
President, Board of Directors

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**CINCO SOUTHWEST MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULES AND PENALTIES**

Notice is hereby given that, at a meeting on January 27, 2020, the Board of Directors of the District adopted a Resolution Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of the District's Online Portal System ("Resolution"), providing rules and regulations governing the use of the District's online portal system and related phone application for water usage data. Violation of any of the rules or regulations contained in the Resolution will subject the violator to a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation. Each separate occurrence and day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate violation.

A copy of the Resolution, with its rules and regulations, including the penalty listed above, is on file at the principal office of the District, Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, where it may be read in full.

/s/ James Blake
President, Board of Directors

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Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless is proposing to build several small cell monopole communications towers in the vicinity of Harris County, TX. The heights and locations for the proposed installations are as follows: 42-foot tower at the approx. vicinity of the right-of-way of 701 South Fry Rd., Houston, TX, 77094, Lat: [29-46-40.61], Long: [-95-43-7.73]; 42-foot tower at the approx. vicinity of west side of 418 West Grand Pkwy South A., Katy, TX 77494, Lat: [29-46-30.61], Long: [-95-46-40.58]; 42-foot tower at the approx. vicinity of south of 20045 South Pecos Valley Trl., Katy, TX 77449, Lat: [29-47-38.87], Long: [-95-43-28.51]; 42-foot tower at the approx. vicinity of south of 18507 Eden Trails Ln., Katy, TX 77094, Lat: [29-46-53.56], Long: [-95-41-51.33]; 42-foot tower at the approx. vicinity of west of 626 Houghton Rd., Houston, TX 77450, Lat: [29-46-39.68], Long: [-95-43-18.2]; 42-foot tower at the approx. vicinity of south of Packerton Ct., Houston, TX 77094, Lat: [29-46-45.61], Long: [-95-42-15.41]; 42-foot tower at the approx. vicinity of west of Kingsland Blvd. and, Cypress Wind., Houston, TX 77094, Lat: [29-46-33.52], Long: [-95-41-47.08]; and 42-foot tower at the approx. vicinity of south of 23525 Katy Fwy., Katy, TX 77494, Lat: [29-47-0.78], Long: [-95-46-47.45]. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Lauren, l.schramm@trileaf.com, 1395 South Marietta PKWY, BLDG 400, STE 209, Marietta, GA 30067, 678-653-8673.

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 40882

APPLICATION Campbell Concrete & Materials LLC has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 40882, which would authorize continued operation of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 24610 Franz Road, Katy, Harris County, Texas 77493. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.8025&lng=-95.795833&zoom=13&type=r>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 6, 2020. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Houston regional office, and the Katy Library, 5414 Franz Road, Katy, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. **If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.**

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1 800 687 4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Campbell Concrete & Materials LLC, 16155 Park Row Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77084-6972 or by calling Mr. Visham Seunarine, Environmental Professional IV at (281) 647-1154.

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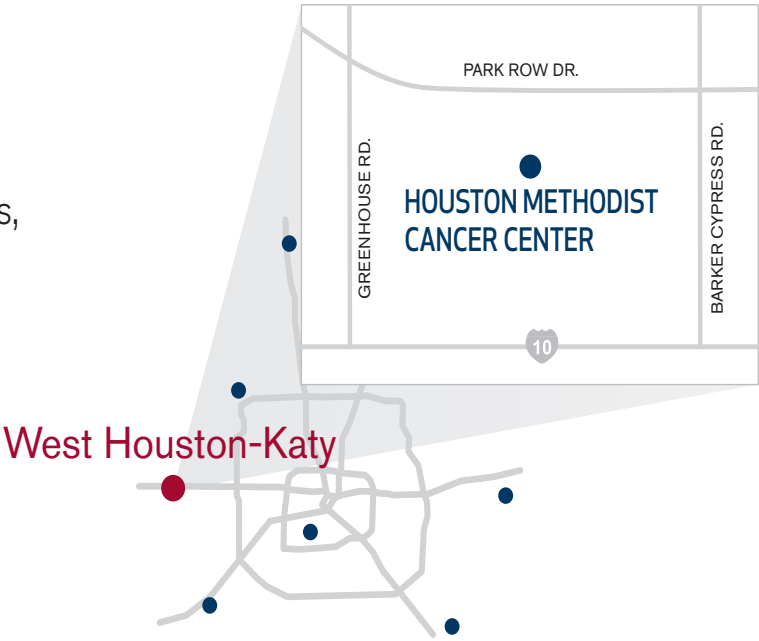
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