

## Katy OKs Project Fund

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NEWS EDITOR

During their 4 p.m. meeting Monday afternoon, Katy City Council approved the implementation of a Capital Improvement Fund and a contract with Swagit Productions, LLC. to set up video streaming services over the next year for Katy City Council meetings held at City Hall.

"Even if we discuss and decide to move money over from (the general fund) where it's at now to (the Capital Improvement Project Fund), anything we spend out of (the Capital Improvement Project Fund) has to come back (to council)," City Administrator Byron Hebert said.

### Planning ahead

City Attorney Art Pertile III confirmed for Hebert that such would be the case, which would allow the council to continue its oversight of the city's budget which was amended in order to permit the creation of the fund which will start out with a transfer of \$2 million from the city's general fund to get started.

Council members have said that one of the first priorities for the new fund is mold remediation estimated at \$1.2 million for Fire Station One located at 1417 Ave. D in Katy. The station has been closed and firefighters and EMS personnel have been working out of the nearby Fussell Senior Center until the issue can be resolved. The issue was also mentioned as a priority by City Finance Director Andrew Vasquez during an Oct. 22 workshop where council discussed the implementation of the fund.

Other projects that may be paid for through the CIP fund include repaving of the parking lots at the police department, municipal court and library facilities on Franz Road, drainage studies, construction of a fleet building to store city vehicles in and a parks building as well as development of the city's comprehensive plan.

Current ordinances require the

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Representatives from UHV, UH Katy, HCC and TSTC participated at a panel hosted by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce and Raise Your Hand Texas to discuss the future of education in Katy as well as the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic for their institutions. Pictured from left to right Chance Glenn of UHV, Jay Neal of UH Katy and Sugar Land, moderator Robert Long of Raise your Hand Texas and onscreen, HCC President Zachary Hodges and – on zoom without video – Randy Wooten of TSTC.

## Katy Chamber hosts forum

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At a live event held by the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce at the Embassy Suites Houston West-Katy panelists from four institutions of higher education participated in a panel discussion moderated by Raise Your Hand Texas' Regional Advocacy Director for West Houston, Robert Long III.

"My hope for this discussion is that we're really able to get some great, robust discussion around what's been happening regionally in our area as it pertains to higher education," said Long.

Long, who holds a doctorate in education, asked a variety of questions submitted by members of the press including the "Katy Times," the chamber's staff and stakeholders. Panelists from the University of Houston Victoria, the University of Houston, Texas State Technical College and Houston Community College discussed their institutions' reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic, challenges facing their institutions, partnering among their institutions and silver linings that have come about this year in spite of challenges.

Long's questions began with a focus on how each institution had dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic from its beginning to when classes began earlier this fall.

Chief Operating Officer and Associate Professor for UH's Katy and Sugar Land campuses Glenn Neal said the UH Katy campus was up and running and had flexibility in place to help students pursue their educations while feeling safe.

The UH Katy campus is offering three formats for classes, Neal said. Traditional online courses where students set their own pace; synchronous online courses that students take at the same pace through virtual lectures; and hybrid courses for those classes such as engineering labs that require both class time online and in-person lab work. Representatives from the other three campuses said they had similar situations with some variances based upon the types of courses they offered.

Randy Wooten, vice chancellor of TSTC, said his institution was able to finish its spring semester in May, and the pandemic actually helped the school expedite introduction of several online courses. However he did note that in order to get the labs set up for technical training while facilitating social distancing, the college did have to purchase additional equipment such as diesel engines for automotive classes to utilize while properly socially distanced.

Dr. Zachary Hodges, president of HCC's Northwest College which includes the Katy campus said part of the challenge was

figuring out how to accommodate about 1,000 dual-credit students the school serves in cooperation with Katy ISD. While his situation was unique in that aspect, he said that all of his peers – whom he works closely with on a regular basis – had done what was necessary to take care of student, faculty and staff needs.

"I think all of us are scrambling to do what we need to do ...," Hodges said. "We have a lot of students that have to have a lab experience or certifications in certain science classes, advanced science classes, (and similar courses)." Hodges said.

Glenn, who holds multiple degrees including a doctorate in electrical engineering from Johns Hopkins University, said UHV had some complications that had already made it necessary to make adjustments to convert at least some classes online after a fire at the university's main campus in Victoria had prompted a need to switch to online formats. The issue had also had a subsequent effect on the Katy campus.

Enrollment presented an unclear picture at this point, the panelists said. While overall enrollment was up, some students that would have been expected to return appeared to be skipping a semester to wait out the pandemic, they said.

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### KATY TIGERS FOOTBALL



COLE McVANNIA

Katy High senior receiver Taylor Saulsberry scored two touchdowns during the Tigers' 41-0 win over Cinco Ranch on Oct. 24 at Legacy Stadium. Over his last two games, Saulsberry has four touchdowns on four catches.

## Grateful to play, No. 3 Katy routs Cinco Ranch

By DENNIS SILVA II  
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Like the rest of the Texas high school football world, Katy will take what it can get at this point.

What it got on Saturday, Oct. 24, was an opportunity to play a game, something the No. 3 state-ranked Tigers do not take for granted because of the ongoing global pandemic caused by COVID-19. The Tigers saw good and they saw bad, certainly more of the former than latter, in taking down Cinco Ranch 41-0 at Legacy Stadium and improving to 4-0, 2-0 in District 19-6A.

After its game the previous week against Tompkins was postponed due to a COVID-19 case reported in the Tigers' program, followed by last week's scheduled game against Mayde Creek postponed due to a case in the Rams' program, scheduling was shuffled around and Katy ended up playing Cinco Ranch last week, one that was supposed to be open for the Cougars.

Katy won its 75th consecutive district game in large part to five takeaways (interceptions by Arian Parish, Hamilton McMartin, Hunter Washington and Jayden Rodriguez, and a fumble recovery by Cal Varner), but had its share of shoddy play.

The Tigers committed 11 penalties for 85 yards and the run game produced a subpar outing with 125 yards on 33 carries, or 3.8 yards per carry.

"It goes back to focusing on the little things," Katy coach Gary Joseph said.

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## Katy Heritage Park buildings receives restoration efforts

By R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Renovations are underway at Katy Heritage Park after Katy City Council approved funding for repairs to two of the historical buildings in the downtown historic park near the intersection of Avenue D and George Bush Drive on Sept. 28. The rooves of the Stockdick Home and Wright Museum – two of the oldest homes in Katy proper – are either replaced or in the process of being replaced.

"These homes show how Katy was really established," said Bryant Gauthier, owner/partner at This is Livin' Homes. "It's not just rice fields. Oil and gas were there as well."

This is Livin' Homes was awarded the bid for the repair with \$9,150 going toward repairs of the Stockdick Home and \$20,400 going to repair The Wright Museum, said Adrienne Davitz, who will take up the mantle of president of the Katy Heritage Society in January. The society is the organization responsible for caring for Katy Heritage park, among other functions honoring Katy's past.

The repair for the Stockdick Home were less costly because of the type of shingles used and the need to

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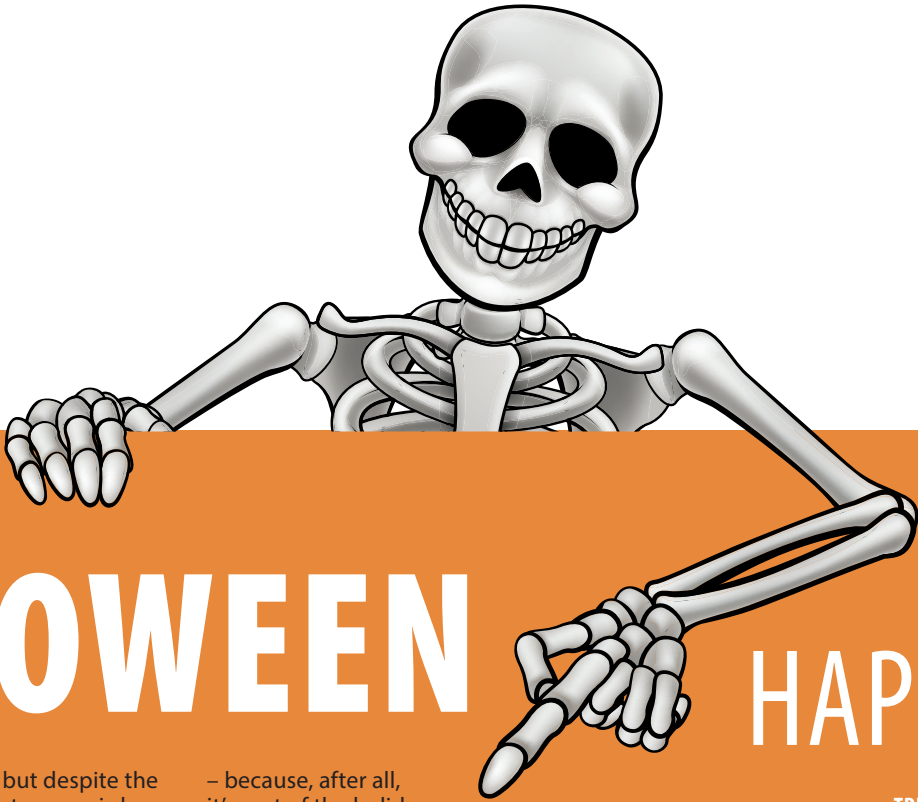


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Crews from This is Livin' Homes work on the Stockdick Home the morning of Oct. 22. The first repairs were made to the roof and were completed the following day. Additional repairs including touch-ups to flooring, decking and painting will be completed soon as well.



# HALLOWEEN



## HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

It's a spooky year for sure this year, but despite the scares of diseases, elections and that one weird neighbor's fascination with candy corn, Katy wants to get out and celebrate. Here are several Katy-area events for little ghouls and their poltergeist parental units – or just the random goblin – to get out and enjoy. Masks are either required or encouraged at these events – but hey, it's Halloween, so that's part of the fun anyhow. *\*Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic these events should all be considered subject to change and the Katy Times recommends verifying the event prior to attending.*

### THURSDAY, OCT. 29 HALLOWEEN: BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The Katy Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Halloween mixer at the Katy Funeral Home at 23350 Kingsland Blvd. in Katy. The complementary event includes hors d'oeuvres, seasonal cocktails and beverages, a costume contest, scavenger hunt, and some ghoulish networking. Spooky festivities begin at 5 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. Registration information may be found on the chamber's website at [www.katychamber.com](http://www.katychamber.com).

### FRIDAY, OCT. 30 TRUNK OR TREAT

The Westlake Fire Department at 19636 Saums Road will host this Halloween event beginning at 7 p.m. Social distancing and mask wearing is encouraged

– because, after all, it's part of the holiday celebration anyways. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. and firefighters will be on hand – as will goodies. [www.westlakevfd.com](http://www.westlakevfd.com)

### DRIVE-THRU TRUNK OR TREAT AT BRYANT ELEM.

While this year looks a little different, there's no reason not to get dressed up and get some tasty treats for the little ghosts in the family to enjoy. Costumes are encouraged and those who want to volunteer to host a trunk of treats can do so through the SignUpGenius website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4aa4a62da4ff2-drivethru>. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. and goes on for one hour.

### HALLOWEEN SOCIAL BIKE RIDE

Cool Cat Cycles at 22756 Westheimer Pkwy., Unit 140 in Katy is inviting witches, warlocks and all sorts of other fun costume lovers to a neighborhood bike ride through Cinco Ranch. Participants are encouraged to dress up themselves, decorate their bikes and have a good time. Proper safety equipment strongly encouraged for those joining the bike ride which starts at 6 p.m.

### HALLOWEEN SKATE AND COSTUME CONTEST

Join the team at the Mason Road Skate Center at 535 Applewhite Drive in Katy for a fun night of skating that includes a Halloween costume contest, candy throw and laughs. Festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. and extend until 10:30 p.m. Admission cost is \$9 per person plus skate rental. 281-392-9555.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 31 NO TRICKS – JUST TREATS

The Roaming Pony Farmyard will be bringing their Mighty Minis to Texas Tradition at 5321 Highway Blvd. in Katy. The event featuring animals from the farmyard is child-friendly petting zoo. The animals will be decked out for Halloween and visitors are encouraged to do the same. The fun starts at 11 a.m. and goes to 3 p.m.

### TREAT OR TREAT AT BATTLEHOPS

Battlehops Brewing will host a board game night from 3-10 p.m. The spooktacular event will include Halloween candy and beer pairings, pumpkin ice cream root beer floats and a plethora of board games. The event is family-friendly though adult beverages will be served. Battlehops is also hosting an escape room event that evening. Call them at 832-324-5284 for more information.

### TRUNK OR TREAT: ROAD TRIP EDITION

Presented by the communities of Brookshire and Pattison. A kindness-inspired event will have participants on a treasure hunt starting at 5:30 p.m. and going until 7:30 p.m. Trunk-or-treaters will start at the Pattison United Methodist Church, then move on to Christ Lutheran Church, the Brookshire Police Department, the Bookworm Bus at Pop's BBQ, The Hangar unity Center, the Brookshire-Pattison Library, Brookshire City Hall and finally at Brookshire First United Methodist Church. Each stop will be awarded with a letter and treats and the final stop will have a special reward for those that have collected the entirety of the word "kindness." Costumes and good attitudes encouraged.

### BACK TO THE 80S HALLOWEEN BASH

Baker St. Pub & Grill at 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. in Katy will be hosting this adult-friendly event with live music performed by Shekere. The celebration also includes a costume contest and drink specials. For more information, contact the pub at 713-830-1858.

### PEELANDER YELLOW AT KINOKUNIYA KATY

Artist Peelanders Yellow will be creating art live at Kinokuniya near Katy Asian Town at the bookstore chain's 23330 Grand Circle Blvd., Ste. 140 location. Peelanders Yellow is a bombastic performer from Japan that is sure to entertain. The event runs from 2-5 p.m. Halloween day.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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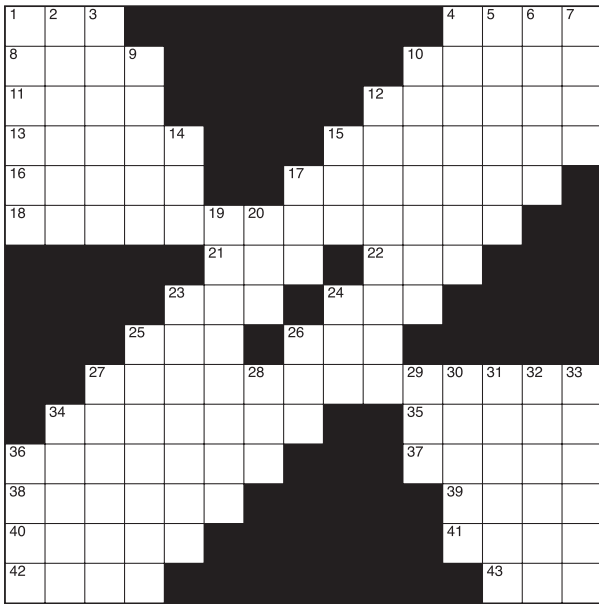
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### CLUES ACROSS

- Engine additive
- Undemanding
- "\_\_ your enthusiasm"
- Well-known island
- Not saintly
- Habitual
- Central parts of church buildings
- Trust
- Intestinal
- Deep-bodied fish
- Live up to expectations
- Snag
- Partner to haw
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Sheep disease
- Male term of endearment
- United
- Popular TV host
- Overnighters
- Beloved British princess
- Obtains from
- Third Mughal Emperor
- Shares the opinion of
- Central European river
- Feudal estates
- KU hoops coach Bill
- Spreads out for drying
- "The Partridge Family" actress Susan



### CLUES DOWN

- Picturesque
- South Pacific island country
- Shrub of the olive family
- Establish the truth of
- Unfettered
- Originations
- Famed English park
- Sheep's cry
- Danced
- More upstanding
- Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- Type of lettuce
- Place to call a pint
- Backs
- Partner to cheese
- Makes it there
- Value
- One's convictions
- Former CIA
- Clashed
- Affirmative
- Journalist Tarbell
- Athletic shoes
- Roof style
- Make possible
- Make less dense
- Healthy food
- Silly

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# All four Arc of Katy buses vandalized

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The Arc of Katy, a local nonprofit that assists those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, discovered earlier this week that someone had cut the catalytic converters out of all four buses the organization uses to transport participants to field trips. The buses had been idle since the COVID-19 crisis began but were slated to go back into use soon.

“Just this week we made the decision that we were going to start using two of (the buses) just to make some short trips, like over to (Mary Jo) Pekham Park and places like that,” said The Arc of Katy Board President Fred Shafer.

The Arc of Katy had been essentially closed down due to the pandemic up until about two weeks ago, Shafer said. The center, which provides opportunities for its participants to socialize and participate in a wide variety of activities, had opened back up with limited occupancy to ensure its members remained safe. About 16 participants are showing up each day now, Shafer said. Each is required to wear a mask or face shield to stay



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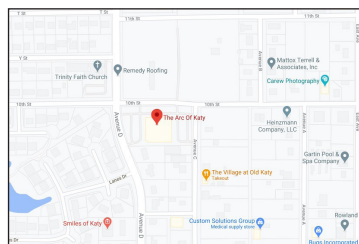
The Arc of Katy was struck by vandals the weekend of Oct. 17 resulting in the four buses they use to support programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities had the catalytic converters cut out. The total cost for the repairs was unknown prior to press time.

within state and county guidelines and keep them healthy.

Shafer said The Arc had filed a report with Katy PD after a staff member had come out to turn the buses on to ensure they were operational, something that has become a weekly ritual since operations stopped due to the novel coronavirus. When the buses were fired up Oct. 15, everything was fine, but when staff turned the engine over this week, the buses were extremely loud, which led to the discovery of the vandalism.

Shafer said the nonprofit was working with its insurance adjuster to establish what the cost to the nonprofit would be to install new catalytic converters. However, he said the Katy area community has already stepped in to help out after staffers announced the vandalism on social media with about \$1,000 already raised as of Thursday afternoon even without the nonprofit actually soliciting for assistance.

“People just saw the information on social media and just started making donations,” Shafer said.



SOURCE: GOOGLE

Shafer said The Arc may ask for help later but wants to have a fundraising goal in mind before asking for assistance. Setting a goal will help them be transparent in their fundraising efforts and ensure donors know the funds are being spent in good faith.

“I don’t want anybody to think that we would not use the funds for what (they donated it for),” Shafer said. “So, once we find out what (the cost) is, we can put that out as a target.”

Fortunately, Shafer said, other than the missing catalytic converters, the buses are in good shape and have been well-maintained. So, once the converters are replaced, there shouldn’t be any additional mechanical expenses as a result of this issue.

Shafer said the vandalism

comes at a bad time because The Arc of Katy is a tuition based program where participants’ families pay a small amount of tuition that is offset by donations in order to keep the program running. With in-person activity on hold for an extended period of time due to COVID-19, the unexpected expense hits hard, he said.

However, Shafer said the staff at the center don’t wish ill upon the perpetrators of the crime, but rather hope they can find a better path in life.

Anyone wishing to help The Arc of Katy get back on the road can make a donation by visiting the nonprofit’s website at [thearcofkaty.org/donation](http://thearcofkaty.org/donation). If donors would like the funds to go toward bus repairs specifically, they should indicate so in the comments section of the online donation form.

Likewise, prepaid fuel cards to keep the buses running or any other in-kind donations are greatly appreciated, Shafer said. The Arc of Katy is also in need of craft supplies for art activities for participants.

“When we get donations of that nature, then we don’t have to spend money from our budget to purchase those,” he said.

# KISD Board of Trustees approves name for Jr. High 17

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The Katy ISD Board of Trustees approved the naming of Katy Junior High #17 located at 25737 Clay Road after Bill and Cindy Haskett as well as the attendance boundary modification associated with the district’s latest junior high campus during its Oct. 27 meeting.

“Last month, as you know, we brought forward a (naming) recommendation. In the meantime, we had a public hearing and we stand firm on our recommendation as Junior High 17 as Bill and Cindy Haskett Junior High School,” said KISD Superintendent Ken Gregorski before a unani-

mous vote of the Board of Trustees accepting the name.

The Hasketts both have long-time associations with the district. Bill graduated from Katy High School in 1961. He later he was later assistant principal from 1978 until 1981 when he was promoted to principal there, serving for an additional 15 years. In 1996, he served as the director of community education and special projects until 2004. He has also served as a summer school supervisor, district elections administrator, alternative education coordinator and credit by exam coordinator after his retirement in 2016.

Cindy was a teacher in Richardson ISD before moving to Houston

to teach for Spring Branch ISD. She moved to Katy in 1979 and married Bill, after which she taught math at Katy Junior High from 1980 until her retirement in 2005 after a total of 33 years in public education.

The new campus is being paid for through a voter-approved 2017 bond and is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2021, according to a KISD press release. The \$609.2 million bond paid for Campbell, Leonard and McElwain elementary schools as well as Haskett and Adams junior high schools and Jordan High School. Renovations to Fielder Elementary and Katy High School assets were also



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Katy Junior High 17 will be named after Cindy and Bill Haskett. Cindy is a long-time KISD teacher while Bill is a former assistant principal and principal at Katy High School, among other positions he has held with the district including volunteer positions after his retirement. The new campus is expected to open in the fall of 2021.

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# Miss ‘Merica and her dad

Parenting teen daughters is an experience chock-full of firsts, especially for dads.

There’s the first time you have to go down the “ladies’ personal products” aisle at Walmart praying to the merciful Lord that you won’t see any other members of the dude species, the first time you make her scream because you’re wearing one of her bras like a pair of swim goggles, and the first time she goes out with a boy whom you’ve threatened to dismember if he doesn’t keep his cooties to himself.

My wife and I recently experienced another one of these firsts when our eldest and most expensive daughter signed up to compete in a community beauty pageant. Throughout our girls’ upbringing, we had avoided child beauty pageants out of fear that we might end up starring in our own exploitive reality show on which I might have to adopt a nickname like “Sugar Bear.”

This situation was completely my daughter’s idea, and we were actually proud of her willingness to step out of her comfort-zone and try something new. Besides, we’ll only have to sell our plasma for the next couple of centuries to pay for the numerous outfits, cosmetics, and other accoutrements she required for the competition.

The event began with a small-town festival parade featuring fire trucks, community luminaries, and the pageant contestants waving to the crowd while violating seatbelt laws atop vehicles I can’t afford. It was a particularly cool and breezy day for East Texas in early autumn, and although I had goosebumps in my navel, I was distracted from the chill by my youngest daughter incessantly fretting about the fact the she had somehow managed to soil her cell phone with a layer of donut frosting.

When I saw my eldest daughter approaching our vantage point in a gleaming, black Jeep Wrangler Sahara, I couldn’t help honoring her appearance by doing my best “Whoop, there she is!” chant, which she later affectionately described as “completely mortifying.” Her two sisters tried their best to seem enthusiastic, but I could tell that they were more impressed by the sight of several spectators on horseback ordering Dilly Bars in the



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drive-thru at the town Dairy Queen. Ah, life in the big city!

The actual pageant took place later that evening in the school auditorium that had been doubling as an overflow junior high cafeteria due to COVID-19 protocol. As a result, the pageant announcer warned us to avoid partaking of any snacks we might discover stuck to the underside of our seats.

My wife and I beamed with pride when our daughter took the stage as the announcer detailed her accomplishments and her plans to attend a prestigious university. In turn, I began praying fervently that she wouldn’t be too disappointed that we had spent her entire college savings on the dress she was currently wearing.

Although our daughter didn’t win the pageant, I couldn’t have been more proud of her poise, elegance and skill in not face-planting on stage in those ridiculous heels.

Believe it or not, I know how difficult it is to sashay in front of a crowd wearing a close fitting gown and pumps. Several years ago, I walked on that same stage for charity in a woman-less beauty pageant. And while I wasn’t crowned that night, I did take the prize for most likely to be mistaken for Cruella de Vil. (I’ll also never forget the exhilarating sensation provided by a high-quality pair of support pantyhose.)

The highlight of the pageant experience with my daughter occurred at its conclusion when her mother and I met her on stage, caught her in our arms, and presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Shortly thereafter, a young man her age also gave her some flowers, and she joined him for pictures with friends. I guess that’s just part of the bittersweet process of children separating from parents and growing into adulthood.

Speaking of separation, I need to have a serious discussion with that young man about keeping his cooties to himself.



## The second election could be harder

Dozens of Texas candidates are at the end of their first terms in office and are now asking voters to reelect them.

It’s the political equivalent of asking for a second date, or deciding to go back to that restaurant after the first meal or sticking with a TV show.

Or that first job review: Winning a second term can be the hardest election for incumbents. They’re too new to have big accomplishments to list and too fresh a face to have a strong relationship with voters. At worst, these sophomores are unknown, unheralded and facing opponents who want voters to rebel against incumbents.

That’s why so many of the Texas officeholders first elected in 2018 defeated incumbent officeholders in Washington and Austin. With the roles switched, many of them now find themselves atop the opposing party’s list of targets in the 2020 election.

Democratic efforts to win nine more seats in the 150-member Texas House are getting a lot of attention. That would return them to the majority they lost in the 2002 elections. They’d get to elect a Democratic speaker — the first one since Pete Laney. They’d have a small hand in the redrawing of the state’s political districts, which beats no hand at all. And they’d have an effective veto over legislation that might otherwise sail into law with a Republican



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To accomplish that, Democrats are aiming at Republicans who won by narrow margins two years ago or who are in districts where GOP candidates at the top of the ballot didn’t do well in 2016 or 2018, like President Donald Trump or U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz.

But keep an eye on those 12 Democrats who were elected to the Texas House two years ago — many of them in elections that were decided by skinny margins. It’s hardly a surprise when candidates from a president’s political party do poorly in mid-term elections. Republicans had a bumpy ride two years ago, just like Democrats did in 2010, when Barack Obama was president, and in 1994, Bill Clinton’s first mid-term.

Some of those seats are probably gone for good. But Democrats won a few races that even the Democrats weren’t

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# CONSTITUTION CORNER

## U.S. Constitution: Article I, Section 4

**CLAUSE 1**

The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of chusing Senators.

**CLAUSE 2**

The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by Law appoint a different Day.



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# Fort Bend County makes drug bust

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

The Fort Bend County Narcotics Task – a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement group – has arrested Luis Garcia, 49, of McAllen after finding him in possession of more than 10,000 Fentanyl-laced Xanax tablets, according to a Fort Bend County Sheriffs Office press release.

“The seizure of illegal substances is always important,” said Sheriff Troy Nehls. “In this case, taking this much Fentanyl off the streets, saved lives.”

Garcia is in custody at the Fort Bend County Jail on first degree felony charges

of manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance.

The street value of the drugs found in the bust is estimated at \$150,000, the FBC-SO statement said.



LUIS GARCIA

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's website, fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 80-100 times stronger than morphine. The drug was developed for pain management treatment of cancer patients and applied in a patch on the skin when used for medical purposes.

However, the substance is also added to heroin to increase its potency and is often laced into other illicit drugs for similar results. Nearly 3,000 Americans die each year from overdoses involving Fentanyl.



About \$150,000 of Fentanyl-laced Xanax was confiscated in a drug bust in Fort Bend County the week of Oct. 19.

## CHAMBER

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“Where are those students going that aren’t attending and how they eventually will impact our enrollments as well as all the other institutions that are represented here is a concern,” Glenn said. “So it is a concern but as we are right now, we have seen about a 9% increase in our overall enrollments compared to last fall.”

Other panelists said they had also seen increases in enrollments, including at the UH Katy campus with about a 2% increase.

Speakers also indicated that the pandemic had not slowed down implementation of new programs at campuses which are working together to ensure a synergy between their various programs. The idea, said Hodges, is for students to be able begin higher education in Katy through Katy ISD dual credit courses or at HCC, then to move on to the four-year institutions so the universities and colleges can help create the workforce of the future for the Katy area.

“With the Katy ISD dual credit program, there’s no reason that as you proceed through the educational process in (kindergarten) through (grade) 16 – and probably even 18 – you can stay at home and get your bachelors degree,” Hodges said. “You can save money. Go to Houston Community College (then) transfer over to a four-year to finish your (college) career.”

Glenn agreed, and pointed out that the four institutions worked together to point students toward the campus that best fits that learner’s needs.

“A student can touch every one of our campuses to get what they need educationally,” he said.

One of the things that had changed for UH Katy was how students are examined to be allowed into the school. This year and possibly for upcoming years, UH has suspended how hard it looks at SAT and ACT scores in regard to accepting students. The GMAT, used for entry into graduate programs is also temporarily on hold he said. Instead, like the other educational institutions, UH is looking at whether students’ academic records show that

the student will be able to make it through their respective degree programs and support a positive graduation rate for the school.

Representatives of each of the other schools said they are still looking at the Texas Success Initiative Assessment, often known as the TSI Test.

Wooten said TSTC focuses on the TSI, but also provides tutoring to assist students.

HCC takes a similar approach, Hodges said. Further, he added, HCC also provides vocational schooling that does not look at academics so much as aptitude, which can save money and help ensure that those not geared for college can still have great career opportunities.

“Six weeks and \$1,000 can get you a job,” Hodges said. “It can get you a good job, so I think the audience and the nation in general needs to look at higher education through a different lens. ... It’s really about Texas creating the 21st century workforce and forecasting some part of that scenario and it’s all of our jobs to make that happen and to maximize you.”

## KATY

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city to have half of its budget as a reserve and the funding being used to start the fund is coming from the amount beyond that half of the budget, city staff said at last week’s budget hearing.

According to city documents, the CIP is a short-range schedule of public improvement projects planned by the city that will generally occur within a three-to-five year period.

The new fund will not eliminate the city’s General Fund, which is what has used as a reserve to date, said Pertile. This CIP fund, combined with policies the council can establish to manage departmental reserve funding, will set the city up to have reserves that

it can utilize to plan long term projects with.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris said he was glad the plan had been developed and that he appreciated city employee’s efforts to develop a plan that would serve the city’s needs.

“I think we, in the past two weeks, we went from one third of the entire plan to having the complete plan,” Harris said. “This is step one and I think the addition of the other two legs of the (CIP planning) stool really added to it.”

### Looking in

The meeting streaming services to be provided by Swagit Productions, LLC. are set to be paid for under the CARES Act, City Secretary Becky McGrew said. The initial cost of \$61,730 for equipment and services is split

into \$44,600 for hardware, software and general setup and \$17,130 for the first year of managed services to stream and produce video content on the city’s behalf.

“This is a company that does (video streaming). They do probably 90% of the cities and school districts that are out there, so we have an opportunity to have the CARES Act kind of pay for the bones of it,” said City Administrator Byron Hebert. “The cameras, the setup, recordings, the audio – we would ask for one year.”

One year of services would garner the city coverage of 24 meetings, Hebert said. This would help minimize the number of in-person attendees while still ensuring city residents could follow the council’s activities.

Swagit is used by Katy

ISD, Fort Bend County, Waller County and several other area municipalities.

Council also heard comments on or voted to:

- Recognize the Katy Police Department for earning its status as a Recognized Law Enforcement Agency by the Texas Police Chiefs Association.
- Approve minutes of its August and September meetings.
- Cancel its meetings set for Nov. 23 and Dec. 28 in light of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.
- Approval of final plats for multiple sections in Cane Island.
- The issuance of \$3.6 million in road bonds by the Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility District No. 3 for the development of the Cane Island subdivision which is served by that MUD.

## PARK

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remediate asbestos from the Wright House, Davitz said.

Gauthier said the process for working on The Wright Museum – the closer of the two buildings to Avenue D – will take more time to complete than the Stockdick House. The home has asbestos where work needs to be done that means the involvement not only of city inspectors but of the Environmental Protection Agency and other organizations that work to ensure asbestos-contaminated materials are disposed of properly where they will not impact the health of those visiting the landmark building.

Davitz said there was a lot of discussion regarding the types of shingles to be used on The Wright Museum as well. The home was originally built with architectural shingles that overlap similar to a fish’s scales rather than traditional three-tab tar shingles most modern homes have. However, given budget constraints and the difficulty in locating those types of shingles, the Katy Heritage Society board elected to move forward with a less expensive shingle that could be more affordably replaced, especially given the difficulty in raising additional funds for repairs during the COVID-19 pandemic, Davitz said.

Davitz said This is Livin’ Homes is doing additional work on the homes at no additional cost such as repairing flooring and decking and power washing the outsides of the two buildings prior to repainting them.

All of the work – paid or not – is being undertaken with the mindset of preserving as much

of the original materials as possible in order to maintain the buildings’ historic integrity as possible, Gauthier said. Some minor concessions have had to be made due to budgeting, but Gauthier said he and his team are committed to preserving as much of the history as possible while still keeping the buildings safe for use.

“(They get rented out) for a wedding reception or a bridal shower type thing – no overnight stays,” said Gauthier, who is also a member of the Katy Heritage Society.

The historical buildings at Katy Heritage Park were open one Saturday a month prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gauthier said. However, the society is hopeful that after the repairs make the buildings safer and bring them back to their glory, the society will be able to have them open on a weekly basis. Ideas being floated around include food trucks on the weekend and anything that will help residents and visitors enjoy the historical park.

Repairs to the Stockdick Home began Oct. 22 in the early morning by the This is Livin’ crew and were finished around midday Oct. 23. Repairs to The Wright House are expected to begin Oct. 29 after being delayed due to expected inclement weather, Gauthier said.

Regardless of asbestos challenges and weather delays, Gauthier said he’s glad to be a part of preserving and telling Katy’s history.

“It’s a timeline of how everything has happened over the years with these original families – Stockdicks, Wrights, Foremans, Freemans, the list goes on, you know – that needs to be preserved and we need to be educated on that,” Gauthier said.

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## KISD

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included among other projects. Anticipated costs for Haskett Junior High School are about \$65.6 million according to the district’s website.

Haskett Junior High is expected to be open for classes beginning the fall semester of 2021 and will have some new attendance

boundary modifications. The new boundaries are expected to provide relief from potential overcrowding at Katy and Stockdick junior high schools according to the district’s website.

The projected student body for Haskett in the 2021-22 school year is 913 students, but that number is expected to reach 1,529 students according to projections published by the district.

### More monikers

KISD is also looking for name nominations for the Agricultural Sciences Project Center located at the Gerald D. Young Agricultural Facility. The facility serves as home to the Katy ISD Future Farmers of America agricultural activities and other learning opportunities. Naming nominations forms can be found on the district’s website.

The school district has also announced a finalist

for the naming of the former L.D. Robinson Pavilion as the Martha Aki ECI Project TYKE. Aki is currently the director of the district’s early childhood intervention program and is set to retire in December. The district will host a public forum on the naming of the facility Nov. 4 from 6-7 p.m. Those wishing to attend the forum can do so by contacting the district at publicrecords@katyisd.org.

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One thing I had always wished for, especially as I was approaching the age of 40, is for God to speak to me. Well, when God did speak to me, I liked my first message from God about as much, I suppose, as Abraham liked his message from God, when he was told to sacrifice his son. But God was testing both of us! God was also making us stronger.

There are still two major topics in life to be addressed, prior to publishing the new book. One is a major release of scientific information of the new theory across the U.S.A. The second is starting an evangelical ministry.

Author of new book is a Chemistry graduate (B.S. 1971/M.S. 1978) of Texas A&M (A&I) in Kingsville, TX. He also attended S.A.C. in San Antonio. He has additional hours at SWTSU, Texas Tech U., Boston College, Westinghouse PWR. He has worked at Texas Uranium Operations as Chief Chemist, at South Texas Nuclear Project as Nuclear Chemist during pre-startup, and retired from City of Houston where he was in charge of Technical Services Section of Bureau of Air Quality Control. Owner of BAKER'S BOOKS is also the author of *God's Amazing Answer To Prayer*, in 2012.



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THURSDAY, OCT. 22

FOOTBALL

- Paetow 64, Houston  
Wisdom 0

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

VOLLEYBALL

- Tompkins 3,  
Morton Ranch 0
- Mayde Creek 3, Taylor 1
- Cinco Ranch at  
Katy, ppd.
- Paetow at A&M  
Consolidated, ppd.

FOOTBALL

- Seven Lakes 14,  
Morton Ranch 13 (OT)
- Tompkins 28, Taylor 0

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

VOLLEYBALL

- Tompkins 3, Taylor 0
- Mayde Creek 3, Morton  
Ranch 0

FOOTBALL

- Katy 41, Cinco Ranch 0

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

VOLLEYBALL

- Katy 3, Taylor 0
- Cinco Ranch 3, Morton  
Ranch 0
- Mayde Creek at Seven  
Lakes, ppd.
- Waller at Paetow, ppd.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

VOLLEYBALL

- Tompkins at Mayde  
Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at Katy,  
5:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at Cinco  
Ranch, ppd.
- Paetow at Brenham,  
6 p.m.

FOOTBALL

- Morton Ranch at  
Tompkins, at Legacy  
Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
- Paetow vs. Terry, at  
Rhodes Stadium,  
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

VOLLEYBALL

- Alief Taylor at Morton  
Ranch, noon

FOOTBALL

- Taylor at Mayde Creek,  
at Legacy Stadium,  
11 a.m.
- Katy vs. Dickinson, at  
Rhodes Stadium, noon

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

VOLLEYBALL

- Clear Springs at  
Taylor, 6:30 p.m.
- Seven Lakes at  
Clear Creek, 5:30 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at  
Brazoswood, 5:30 p.m.
- Paetow at Magnolia,  
6 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

FOOTBALL

- Tompkins at Seven  
Lakes, at Legacy  
Stadium, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

VOLLEYBALL

- Clear Falls at Tompkins,  
5:30 p.m.
- Clear Lake at Seven  
Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
- Magnolia West at  
Paetow, 6 p.m.
- Morton Ranch at  
Dickinson, 5:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

- Cinco Ranch at Taylor,  
at Legacy Stadium,  
6:30 p.m.
- Mayde Creek at  
Morton Ranch, at  
Rhodes Stadium,  
7:30 p.m.



DENNIS SILVA II

Tompkins senior Addison Stevenson's fast climb from cross country  
novice to one of the best runners in the state is a remarkable story.

# 'LIKE A MIRACLE'

*Tompkins' Stevenson enjoys quick  
rise as one of best in cross country*

By DENNIS SILVA II  
SPORTS EDITOR

Addison Stevenson's story reads like the plot of a Disney movie: young girl moves from Alaska to Katy and picks up distance running the summer before her junior year of high school, June of 2019. In less than a year's time, Stevenson not only becomes one of the top runners in the state, but also earns her ticket to college thanks in large part to her newfound sport.

But this is no Hollywood movie script. This is Stevenson, a Tompkins senior runner and former longtime gymnast who only recently traded her leotards for sneakers, a decision that would come to define her legacy as a Falcon and set up her future at Ole Miss, where she verbally committed Oct. 9 to run cross country and track and field.

Stevenson chose Ole Miss over Baylor and LSU.

"She's found what she's meant to be doing," Tompkins girls cross country and track and field coach Amy Pitzel said.

Heading into Friday morning's District 19-6A cross country meet at Bear Creek

A look at the 'cream of the crop' heading into district cross country meets this week.

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Park, Stevenson's time of 18-minutes, 21.40-seconds ranks third this season among all 19-6A girls runners in the 5,000-meter race. She placed second at the Nike South Invitational and third at the Atascocita Invitational earlier this season.

Last season, Stevenson had a spectacular debut in cross country. She finished second at the district meet with a time of 18:10.32 and second at the Region III meet with a 18:55.50. She capped it all off by establishing her personal record of 18:06.58 and finishing 12th overall at the Class 6A state meet.

"It's the challenge," Stevenson said. "You're constantly testing your limits. You

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# Falcons top Mustangs to stay undefeated

By DENNIS SILVA II  
SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins and Taylor each entered last week's District 19-6A clash undefeated. Not only that, the Falcons and Mustangs were ranked in the top six in Class 6A in the Oct. 21 Houston area high school football media poll; Taylor No. 5 and Tompkins No. 6.

And while Falcons players and coaches refused to acknowledge their 28-0 win over the Mustangs on Oct. 23 at Rhodes Stadium as a statement win, it sure looked like it.

Tompkins (4-0, 2-0 19-6A) held Taylor (4-1, 2-1) to 171 yards of total offense and had two takeaways—a Koronje Gilbert interception and a Kobe Madriz recovery of a caused fumble by Colby Hueter. It was senior defensive back's Temisan Alatan's blocked punt and recovery of the ball in the end zone 108 seconds into the game that set the tone.

"I just did what I was coached to do," said Alatan, crediting assistant coach Bill Walker. "I knew what I was going to do. We shifted as the motion guy was coming. I saw the gap and hit it full speed. Our defense is always told that we set the tone at Tompkins, and that's what we did."

Tompkins harassed Taylor senior quarterback J Jensen III all night long. The Falcons sacked Jensen III three times and forced his first interception in 77 pass attempts this season when Gilbert picked off a throw in the red zone late in the second quarter.

At one point in the second half, Jensen was sacked on three consecutive

possessions. Linebackers Jeremy Tas and Bryce Shaink, and lineman Jeremiah Ageh had sacks for Tompkins.

"I was proud of the way they came out in the second half," Tompkins coach Todd McVey said of his defense. "Early on, it looked like we hadn't played in two weeks. We had to get back to fundamentals on how we tackle. We made some adjustments, but it still comes down to blocking and tackling and I thought we did a much better job of that in the second half."

As the defense established control, the offense literally ran away with the game as senior backs Marquis Shoulders and Sherman Smith had their way against the Mustangs' front seven.

Heading into the game, Taylor only allowed 168.3 rushing yards per game. But Shoulders had his most explosive game of the season, with 177 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries, and Smith added 154 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries.

Shoulders had a touchdown run for 86 yards and Smith had one for 78.

"The line was making big holes, big running lanes, so I had a lot of room," said Shoulders, a Tulsa commit. "I saw them and hit it."

Shoulders has 424 rushing yards and eight total touchdowns this season. The 5-foot-10, 165-pounder spent a lot of the offseason in the weight room and put on 10 pounds of muscle. He is faster—a remarkable notion in itself—and runs the 40-yard dash in the low 4.4s now

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FILE PHOTO BY MARK GOODMAN

Tompkins senior running back Marquis Shoulders had 177 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries in the Falcons' win over Taylor at Rhodes Stadium on Oct. 23

# Bound for HBU, Arnold ready for senior season



FILE PHOTO BY MARK GOODMAN

Taylor senior guard Jake Arnold, who finished in the top five in scoring in the Greater Houston area last season, verbally committed to Houston Baptist on Oct. 16.

By DENNIS SILVA II  
SPORTS EDITOR

Here's a perfect example of Jake Arnold's work ethic: during a six-week period between late August and early September, the Taylor High senior guard made 20,000 shots from the collegiate 3-point line.

Made. Not attempted.

Arnold had AAU practices and games to play and attended summer camps as well. He still made sure to find the time to get in more shooting work. On the day he reached 20,000 makes, Arnold made 851 of 1,200 shots.

"My parents always told me where there's a will, there's a way," Arnold said. "I credit (work ethic) as one of the best characteristics of my game, and it started when I was younger. Also, Austin (a sophomore guard at the University of St. Thomas), my other brother, watching him and his friends, I had to work harder just to compete with someone two years older."

The 6-foot-3, 195-pound Arnold's break-out junior season last year, when he averaged 24 points and five assists and finished in the top six in scoring in the Houston area, opened eyes. His shooting ability got him on the recruiting radar. His playmaking ability and improvement as a team and individual defender earned looks from NCAA Division I programs, and on Oct. 16 he verbally committed to play at Houston Baptist University.

Arnold drew the Huskies' attention in June. During an impressive AAU season playing for Texas Takeover Elite, he showed a desire to defend multiple positions. He also showed growth as a playmaker, creating shots for others and making teammates better.

In HBU coach Ron Cottrell's four-guard system, Arnold is an ideal fit. With the help and insight of Taylor assistant coach Brian

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## October 22 Puzzle Answers

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## HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 71 NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULES AND PENALTIES

Notice is hereby given that, at a meeting on September 28, 2020, the Board of Directors Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 71 (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 mobile 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/ Pam Kerr  
President, Board of Directors

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## Onsite Childcare Services RFP# 2020-OC

Details may be obtained from Kati Drennan in the RISD Purchasing Department at 3714 FM 359, Pattison, Texas 77466, or by calling 281-934-1360.

**The sealed RFP response should be received in the RISD Business Office at 3714 FM 359, Pattison, Texas 77466 by 3 p.m. CST on Friday, November 20, 2020.** Late or faxed proposals will not be considered. The District reserves the right to reject any and/or all responses and waive any and/or all formalities.

## INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to Willow Fork Drainage District, Attention: Wendy Duncan, President, Board of Directors, will be received at the office of the Engineer, LJA Engineering, Inc., 1904 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 120, Katy, Texas 77449, until 10:00 a.m., Local Time, Tuesday, November 17, 2020, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction of the Westheimer Parkway Trail Crossing for Willow Fork Drainage District, Fort Bend County, Texas". Due to the pandemic and Federal guidelines of not gathering in groups of more than 10 people, people of the public who wish to attend the Bid Opening must do so by telephone. The telephone number for the Bid Opening is 713.358.8400, Access Code 0163582.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: Construct approximately 1000LF of 6" sidewalk, 600LF of 4'-5' cast in place reinforced concrete retaining wall and safety handrailing, regrade 300LF of backslope interceptor swales and construct two concrete manholes and two 24" corrugated metal pipe outfalls in existing Willow Fork Drainage Ditch.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A non-mandatory audio/web pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, Tuesday, November 10, 2020. To attend the non-mandatory pre-bid conference, dial 713.358.8400, Access Code 0143636. To join the web portion of the conference please visit <https://micollabuca.ljaeng.com/call/0143636>.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount Bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided, and provide the required insurance certificates within seven (7) days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor. If a certified or cashier's check is provided, the successful bidder shall deliver, at the bid opening address, the original certified or cashier's check within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the bid opening.

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

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

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

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

Willow Fork Drainage District



OBITUARY

Vivian Zenia Powers, 71, of Brookshire, Texas passed away unexpectedly in her home and went to be with the Lord on October 17, 2020. She was born in Houston, Texas on August 10, 1949 to Charles Bernard Kitowski Sr. and Zenia Vivian DePhillippi Kitowski and was the oldest daughter of their eight children. On September 6, 1969 she married Steve Joe Powers, her husband of fifty-one years.

A homemaker and excellent baker, Vivian enjoyed sharing her homemade goodies and you would always get a sweet treat when visiting her. She was affectionately known to her nieces and nephews as Aunt Cookie. You would always find her listening to music. She especially loved the oldies. Yellow and red were her favorite colors and if you knew her the sun was her



VIVIAN Z. POWERS  
1949 - 2020

best friend. A loving and compassionate mother to her three children, Lisa, Theresa, and Jason. Vivian's happy nature and strength were something to be admired. Vivian loved life and her grandchildren, had a special affection for animals and was a true friend to

everyone she met. She had a heart of gold and an unbreakable spirit and will always be remembered by her beautiful smile.

Vivian is preceded in death by her beloved parents Charles and Zenia Kitowski. She is survived by her husband Steve Joe Powers, daughters, Lisa Busker and husband Darren of Houston, Texas; Theresa Byers and husband Robbie of Fayetteville, Texas; son, Jason Powers and wife Courtney of Bellville, Texas; her seven brother's and sister's and their families; four grandchildren, Hannah, Karah, Colton, Emma; and many nieces and nephews.

A private family memorial will be held in her honor. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a local animal shelter of one's choice or The St. Vincent de Paul Society.

TIGERS

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"Someone said it's because of a short week of preparation. They had the same as we did. They weren't given any more than what we were given. It's a matter of our kids executing at a higher level."

Those things are fixable, from the pre-snap penalties to better push and blocking in the run game. What the Tigers have seen lately, however, is impressive play from its receiving corps, anchored by senior Taylor Saulsberry and junior Nic Anderson, and consistent physicality from an offensive line led by seniors Vasileios Katsigiannis, Omar Aigbedion, and CJ Marsh.

Saulsberry, in particular, has found his stride. He scored two touchdowns of 46 and 57 yards, respectively, against Cinco Ranch, and has four touchdowns on four catches in his last two games.

"We've worked hard as receivers with the quarterbacks to run routes and build a connection," Saulsberry said. "We're just more comfortable. Our timing is a lot better and we're on the same page now. The quarterbacks now know where we want the ball to be, when it needs to get there."

More than anything on the field, Joseph has been most pleased with Saulsberry off it.

"He's grown up quite a bit," Joseph said. "If you would've told me this time last year that the kids would've elected him a captain, I would've said no way. But I think that says a lot about his maturity and his leadership. Kids have a lot of respect for him because of the way he works."

Receiving was thought to be a weakness of Katy's this season due to no returning varsity experience. Instead, it has quickly emerged as a strength, thanks to the size and athleticism of the 6-foot-4 Saulsberry and 6-2 Anderson, and quality, productive depth with receivers Fuller Shurtz and Antonio Silva, and tight ends Emilio Silva and Fernando Garza.

Their chemistry with sophomore Caleb Koger, who started at quarterback for the third consecutive game, is showing.

"Probably," Joseph said about if he's surprised by the standout play of his

receivers, "but I had great expectations for them. They'll only continue getting better. We have six that can play, and that's a good deal, and we need those big plays."

A considerable, if not obvious, part of their success has been the O-line. The Tigers' offensive front is not the tallest, but they are strong and powerful, clearing lanes for running backs Jalen Davis and Seth Davis and allowing Koger and Bryce Nirider time to read through progressions and find openings.

"We take pride in being physical, and I feel we're doing that," Aigbedion said. "We're more physical than other teams. Each week we're getting better and being more and more physical."

Katsigiannis said the pass protection has improved.

"The biggest improvement is getting our center (Katsigiannis) back, who's one of our leaders, and Omar has done a good job and CJ has done a good job, and they've helped the guards grow up," Joseph said. "We'll have to gain more consistency about what we're doing."

Considering the pandemic and uncertainty of scheduling week to week, Joseph said he feels fortunate to be where the Tigers are record-wise.

"Just having the opportunity to play is a big thing," Joseph said. "I tell our kids that no matter what's been thrown at them, they still have an opportunity to play football. That's what we're here to do."

Katy plays Dickinson on Saturday—the odd non-district contest in the middle of the district season, thanks to COVID-19 cases within Dickinson's district—and, because of the way things have been, Joseph expects to approach it differently than he typically might, especially with another open week next week.

"We need to come out of the Dickinson game a better football team," Joseph said. "We're going to make sure we find a way to do that."

The Tigers' hope is they get that opportunity.

"We go into each week thinking we're going to play, but we also never know when the season is going to be over," Aigbedion said after the Cinco Ranch game. "We're thankful we got to play today."

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

AS OF OCT. 28

DISTRICT 19-6A

	DISTRICT		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Seven Lakes	7	0	13	0
Katy	8	2	10	3
Cinco Ranch	6	3	7	6
Tompkins	6	4	11	6
Mayde Creek	3	7	5	10
Taylor	2	7	4	12
Morton Ranch	0	9	2	13

x-clinched playoff berth

y-clinched district title

DISTRICT 19-5A

	DISTRICT		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Magnolia West	8	1	15	2
Magnolia	7	2	9	5
Brenham	7	2	14	2
College Station	6	3	11	4
Rudder	3	6	9	8
A&M Consolidated	2	6	6	9
Paetow	1	6	2	12
Waller	0	8	3	11

x-clinched playoff berth

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AS OF OCT. 28

DISTRICT 19-6A

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	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Katy	2	0	4	0	194	37
Tompkins	2	0	4	0	117	28
Taylor	2	1	4	1	143	87
Cinco Ranch	1	2	1	4	55	157
Seven Lakes	1	2	1	4	91	183
Mayde Creek	0	1	3	1	104	49
Morton Ranch	0	2	1	3	86	97

x-clinched playoff berth  
y-clinched district title

DISTRICT 10-5A, D1

	DISTRICT		OVERALL		SCORING	
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Paetow	2	0	4	0	165	62
Richmond Foster	2	0	3	0	165	55
Manvel	1	0	3	1	151	110
Kempner	1	1	2	1	107	55
Terry	0	1	2	1	87	70
Angleton	0	1	3	1	113	92
Hightower	0	1	1	2	90	107
Wisdom*	0	2	0	3	14	171
Milby	0	0	0	1	6	7

x-clinched playoff berth  
y-clinched district title  
\*-forfeits rest of season

KATY ISD FOOTBALL TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

AS OF OCT. 28

TEAM OFFENSE

	GP	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average
Mayde Creek	4	820	730	1550	387.5
Katy	4	935	610	1545	386.3
Tompkins	4	1075	456	1531	382.8
Paetow	4	870	554	1424	356.0
Taylor	5	763	982	1745	349.0
Morton Ranch	4	1009	228	1237	309.3
Seven Lakes	5	490	702	1192	238.4
Cinco Ranch	5	45	999	1044	208.8

TEAM DEFENSE

	GP	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average
Katy	4	193	502	695	173.8
Mayde Creek	4	167	556	723	180.8
Tompkins	4	188	549	737	184.3
Paetow	4	541	207	748	187.0
Taylor	5	1064	428	1492	298.4
Morton Ranch	4	558	690	1248	312.0
Cinco Ranch	5	805	1071	1876	375.2
Seven Lakes	5	1368	540	1908	381.6

TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL

	GP	Takeaways	Giveaways	Diff.
Katy	4	9	3	+6
Taylor	5	10	6	+4
Paetow	4	7	3	+4
Mayde Creek	4	12	11	+1
Tompkins	4	7	6	+1
Morton Ranch	4	6	6	0
Cinco Ranch	5	8	11	-3
Seven Lakes	5	3	6	-3

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Carries	Yards	Avg.	TD
Loughridge, Mayde Creek	89	693	7.8	10
Bankston, Paetow	66	601	9.1	7
Shoulders, Tompkins	52	424	8.2	7
S. Davis, Katy	44	422	9.6	5
Whitaker, Taylor	70	366	5.2	4
Smith, Tompkins	45	349	7.7	5
Wilson, Morton Ranch	61	326	5.3	3
Christopher, Mortn Rnch	60	307	5.1	2

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	P-A-Int	Yards	Pct.	TDs
Jensen III, Taylor	66-89-1	939	74.0	7
Rutherford, Cinco Ranch	61-129-6	864	47.0	7
Wilson, Mayde Creek	54-104-4	730	51.9	2
Beltran, Seven Lakes	57-97-2	592	58.8	2
Dumas Jr., Paetow	34-60-2	506	56.7	5
Milroe, Tompkins	28-47-1	448	59.6	2
Koger, Katy	24-38-0	443	63.0	7
Wilson, Morton Ranch	10-22-1	203	45.5	1

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD
Irving III, Taylor	27	560	20.7	3
Skinner, Mayde Creek	25	405	16.2	0
Salverino, Cinco Ranch	20	399	20.0	2
Abboud, Cinco Ranch	21	309	14.7	3
Medford, Seven Lakes	25	271	10.8	1
Davis, Morton Ranch	9	200	22.2	1
Saulsberry, Katy	6	188	31.3	4
Murray, Paetow	8	174	21.8	1

INTERCEPTIONS

	INT.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Khan, Mayde Creek	3	55	18.3	0
Earls, Mayde Creek	2	23	11.5	0

SCORING BY KICKING

	PAT	FG	Points
Baeta, Taylor	15	6	33
Lazic, Katy	26	2	32
Huckaby, Tompkins	13	2	19
Arriaga, Morton Ranch	11	1	14
Sneedon, Seven Lakes	7	2	13
Mares, Mayde Creek	7	1	10

STEVENSON

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exhaust yourself mentally and physically, but there's so much reward from it. You don't get that reward from every race or every practice; sometimes it's just hurt and pain. But it just makes things so much better when you do have that really good race or really good run."

Pitzel vividly recalls her first impression of Stevenson, who asked if she could train with the cross country team last summer to build strength as a jumper in track and field. It wasn't long before Pitzel knew she had something special.

"It was only day two of practice and she was already running in my lead group, which is such a strong group of girls," said Pitzel, whose cross country teams usually rank among the top 10 in the state. "I was like, 'Whoa. How are you so good at this already?' And she told me, 'I don't know. I just really like it.' I started asking if she'd want to do meets, and she did.

"Our first meet we went to, our girls told her she had to start out strong, so she didn't get caught in the pack. She went out ahead of everybody. She came in second."

'That was fun!'

Stevenson was born in New Orleans, but moved to Alaska when she was young. In the summer of 2018, before her sophomore year, she moved to Katy because of her father's job.

She had competed in track and field since the seventh grade and gymnastics since she was 2. The latter required demanding training in strength work and conditioning. Stevenson trained for five hours a day, six days a week.

She chose to leave gymnastics her sophomore year. She didn't click with coaches here in Katy, she said, and the intensity of the sport was different.

Plus, she saw something promising taking place at Tompkins.

"I realized I wasn't going to get to the level I needed to be at with gymnastics, which is a hard thing to realize," Stevenson said. "But for track, there was something special with this team and coaches that I felt like I could go places with it. If I focused my time strictly on that, it'd be better for me."

Still, Stevenson and Pitzel credit gymnastics for teaching her to push through adversity. Stevenson, as a result of her first true love, is fearless.

"You have to focus for a long time in gymnastics, and I think that helps her in this sport," Pitzel said. "She has the ability to push through the pain."

Stevenson is a gifted athlete, surely, but she's also a natural competitor. Her parents don't know where she gets it from.

She is a jumper and distance runner during the track season. During her first ever two-mile run in track last spring, Stevenson ran a 10:44.03 at the Sam Mosely Relays.

That time ranked third in the state before the season was

Heading into Thursday's District 19-5A cross country meet at Rushing Park and Friday's District 19-6A cross country meet at Bear Creek Park, here are the top Katy ISD girls and boys runners in each class to keep an eye on as they look to book a trip to the regional meet:

19-6A GIRLS

>> **Sophie Atkinson, Cinco Ranch, senior:** The Virginia commit has two first place finishes this season, winning the Nike South Invitational and the Brenham Hillacious Invitational, the latter of which she set her personal record of 16:59.00. Atkinson won the district meet last season with a time of 18:04.45, finished third at the Region III meet and 34th at the state meet.



SOPHIE ATKINSON

>> **Heidi Nielson, Cinco Ranch, senior:** The Arkansas commit won the Atascocita Invitational with a time of 17:45.25 and finished second to teammate Atkinson at the Brenham Hillacious Invitational. Last season, injuries prohibited Nielson from competing in the district, regional or state meets. In 2018, Nielson won the district meet with a time of 18:03.61, won the regional meet and finished fourth at state with a PR of 16:55.56.

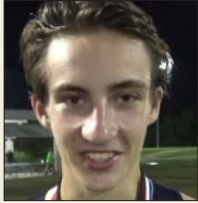
>> **Hayden Gold, Tompkins, senior:** Gold finished seventh at the Atascocita Invitational and fourth at the Nike South Invitational, where she PRed with a time of 18:30.00. Last season, Gold finished sixth at the district meet with a time of 19:00.45, seventh at regionals and 59th at state.

>> **Isabella Rubio, Katy, junior:** Rubio finished second at the Cy-Fair ISD Invitational with a time of 19:10.20. Last season, Rubio finished fourth at the district meet with a PR of 18:38.35, ninth at regionals and 76th at the state meet.

>> **Sara Lopez, Seven Lakes, senior:** Lopez finished ninth at the Atascocita Invitational with a time of 19:11.79, a personal record. She only competed in one meet in 2019, finishing 69th at the Region III cross country preview.

19-6A BOYS

>> **Gavin Saacke, Tompkins, senior:** Saacke has a pair of second-place finishes at the Atascocita and Nike South invitational, respectively. He ran a 15:35.00 at the Nike South Invitational. Last season, Saacke finished second at the district meet with a time of 15:33.39 and third at the regional meet. He had a remarkable performance at state last year, finishing sixth with a PR of 14:57.57.



GAVIN SAACKE

>> **R. Rojas Betanzos, Seven Lakes, junior:** Betanzos set his PR with a third-place finish at the Atascocita Invitational courtesy of a 15:39.25 time.

>> **Ethan Boyd, Cinco Ranch, senior:** Boyd finished fourth at the Brenham Hillacious Invitational, 14th at the Nike South Invitational and most recently set his PR of 16:01.32 at the Atascocita Invitational. Last season, he finished eighth at the district meet with a time of 16:03.75, 15th at the regional meet and 109th at state.

>> **Noah Howard, Tompkins, junior:** Howard set his PR by finishing eighth at the Atascocita Invitational with a time of 16:03.06. Last season, he finished 10th at the district meet with a time of 16:21.79, 23rd at regionals and 111th at state.

>> **Adrian Hahn Vadstein, Cinco Ranch, sophomore:** Vadstein finished fifth at the Brenham Hillacious Invitational, 18th at the Nike South Invitational and 10th at the Atascocita Invitational. His time of 16:11.10 at the Nike South Invitation is his PR.

19-5A GIRLS

>> **Logan Warren, Paetow, senior:** Warren set her PR by running a 19:21.40 at the Run the Dog Pound Invitational. She finished third at the meet. Last season, Warren finished ninth at the district meet with a time of 20:50.80 and fourth at the regional meet.

>> **Addison Sutton, Jordan, freshman:** Sutton finished ninth at the Run the Dog Pound Invitational with a PR time of 19:31.20. She started her high school running career with a bang, winning her first three meets.

>> **Beatriz Laepple, Jordan, freshman:** Laepple finished 11th at the Run the Dog Pound Invitational and set her PR with a time of 19:43.70.

19-5A BOYS

>> **William Zamora, Paetow, sophomore:** Zamora set his PR with a time of 17:18.30 to finish eighth at the Run the Dog Pound Invitational. Last year, he finished 11th at the district meet with a time of 19:22.70.

>> **John Davis, Jordan, sophomore:** Davis set his PR with a time of 17:21.60 in finishing 32nd at the Run the Dog Pound Invitational.

>> **Samuel Hinojosa, Paetow, senior:** Hinojosa set his PR with a time of 17:23.60 to finish 11th at the Run the Dog Pound Invitational. Last season, he finished seventh at the district meet with a time of 17:45.60 and 51st at the regional meet.

— Dennis Silva II

FALCONS

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opposed to almost a 4.5 last season.

"His knowledge base of the game is definitely better," senior quarterback

and Alabama commit Jalen Milroe, who completed eight of 12 passes for 85 yards and rushed for a touchdown.

"That comes from the off-season work that we all have together. It comes from film work and just playing together at practice. He's constant-

ly getting better. Marquis strives for perfection, which is what I love about him."

The Falcons were back on the field for the first time since Oct. 9, when they opened district play against Cinco Ranch with a 55-0 win. Their Oct. 15 game against

Katy was postponed to Nov. 27 due to a COVID-19 case reported in the Tigers' program.

Through the first five weeks of the season, Katy ISD has reported coronavirus cases in three of its football programs: Tomp-

kins, Katy and Mayde Creek. McVey said his program is simply trying to "control what we can control" as far as abiding by the district's safety protocols.

The pandemic has each week's slate of games on a tentative standing.

"We do the best we can with what we have," McVey said. "I tell our kids all the time nothing is guaranteed anymore. We're going to enjoy these nights and just keep playing one week at a time and see what happens."

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## ARNOLD

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Nutt, a former manager with the Huskies' program, Arnold felt comfortable with HBU.

"I really felt good about them and everything they had to offer," said Arnold, who plans to major in business management and minor in finance. "I wanted to secure that. It's a weight lifted off my shoulders and now I can just focus on the season."

Arnold talked more with the Katy Times about HBU, his game and what lies ahead for him and the Mustangs this season.

**Q. What was it about HBU that sold them on you?**

**A:** "The academics are very good at the school. I believe I have a good relationship with the coaches. It's in Houston. I have a very involved family that's always at my games and at my events, no matter what. I think it's a combination of all that, and I think it'll be a great fit on the basketball court with the way they play. They're a team that plays uptempo and values skill."

**Q. What are your expectations going into your senior year, and what do you want to work on or show before you get to college next year?**

**A:** "I think our team has a chance to do something really special this year, as far as winning district. That is the ultimate No. 1 goal. Whatever I have to do to get to that, I'm willing to do it. As far as skill, I've put a focus on setting up my teammates more. Since we have really good returning players and (senior wing) Anthony Pelzer transferred, I feel like I can give them the ball and they can utilize their mismatches. If I draw a double-team, I can kick it out and we have shooters on the team like (senior wing) Caleb Hart and (senior guard) Luke (St. Julien). Hopefully I can show my overall game, and what I want to be a huge improvement over last year is my team defense and on-ball pressure."

**Q. How did last season shape you going into this season? Teams will have had a year to study your game and game-plan their defenses, and you won't sneak up on anybody now that you're a top player in the city.**

**A:** "I think as this season goes on, I'll kind of learn as I go. Last year, I saw a lot of box-and-one (defenses) and we worked on that a lot, as far as knowing what to do and how to keep everybody involved. Running an offense at our pace. This year, I think the experience of our guys will be key. Luke is one of the smartest basketball players in the district and he's only better. Anthony does all the dirty work and can shoot. When you mesh all of us together, this is a tougher team."

**Q. You've gone from your sophomore year, when you were a reserve off the bench, to last year, when you had a tremendous season, and now, you're a Division I commit. The fast rise for you since your sophomore year, is it what you expected or have you surpassed your own expectations?**

**A:** "I always knew what I was capable of. It was always a matter of if I'd get to show that. My sophomore year, I played behind my brother and two other college players at my position. I just rode it out. I'm not someone who's going to pick up and just transfer if things get tough. As far as it

being a surprise, I wouldn't say so. I knew all the work I was putting in. I like to move in silence. I don't talk. I just do it."

**Q. In an era of player movement, how important was it to you to stay and accomplish your goals at Taylor, and even the summer goals with the same AAU program?**

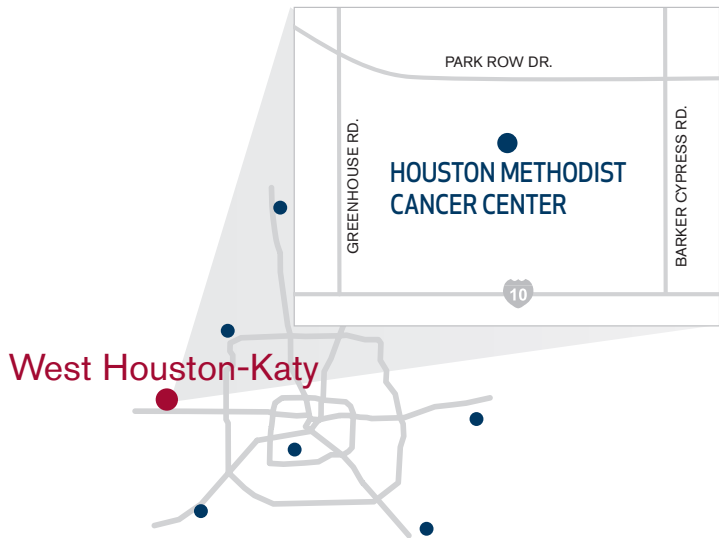
**A:** "Loyalty is a big attribute that not everybody has. My family, me, my brother ... we all have that. They are great examples of being loyal. These coaches that invested in me when I was younger, or didn't have as big of a name ... I rock with them. Coach Brayton and his staff at Taylor. Coach Pete, Coach Kemp, Coach Fobb, Coach Nutt, Coach Thompson. I played with Coach Jason for five years in AAU and he never asked for any credit. He just wanted me to get better. Coach Pete and Coach Kemp kind of took those reins my sophomore year of AAU and helped keep pushing my name. This year, Coach Kemp, Coach Fobb and Coach Nutt were big. They're all helpers."

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