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Katy ISD education roundup for Oct. 7

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Katy ISD has a busy week outside of its special workshop to discuss the Katy Virtual Academy. Below are four highlights from the last week that area readers should know about.

Grant recipients honored

The Katy ISD Education Foundation were joined by the KISD Board of Trustees on Sept. 30 to celebrate more than 250 district educators receiving grants from the foundation. Over the last 9.5 years, the foundation's Inspiring Imagination grant program has awarded about \$2.3 million in grants to 2,189 teachers with a classroom impact of more than 35,500 students, according to a KISD Education Foundation press release.

The KISD Education Foundation is a nonprofit focused on uniting area residents to assist KISD teachers and students to provide opportunities for both. More information on the foundation may be found at katyisdeducation-foundation.org.

Partners in Education hosts open house

The KISD Partners in Education held an open house Sept. 28 at Legacy Stadium in Katy to provide networking opportunities for local businesses. The event allowed members of the local business community to meet with KISD campus liaisons in two sessions held in the stadium's community rooms.

Potential donors were introduced to the Partners in Education Partner Portal, a customized website which enables them to learn about specific needs at district campuses.

Business owners also learned how to become vendors to KISD and how to offer discounts to district staff and send flyers home with students as well as how to partner with the district for adver-

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COURTESY KISD/SWAGIT

Katy ISD Deputy Superintendent Leslie Haack briefs the KISD Board of Trustees regarding the status of the Katy Virtual Academy during the Sept. 27 regular trustee meeting. The decision on whether or not to continue KVA was delayed until Monday, Oct. 4 when the board ultimately voted unanimously to return all students to school on Oct. 18.

Trustees close KVA: Full in-person learning set to return Oct. 18

BY GEORGE SLAUGHTER
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

The Katy ISD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to close the Katy Virtual Academy on Oct. 15 during a special meeting held Monday, Oct. 4.

In a statement, the district said Katy Virtual Academy students will return to in-person learning on

Oct. 18.

Monday's vote came after trustees last week voted to defer the decision to possibly extend virtual learning to the end of the fall semester. District officials said the proposal to extend virtual learning came after the Texas Legislature approved the necessary funding for online students, along with the

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Two months into this school year, districts have reported 172,275 cases in students, according to the Texas Education Agency. But state data on school cases is incomplete and likely an undercount. Statewide, Katy ISD has the most reported cases of COVID-19 among the student body since this school year's measurements began on June 1 (see sidebar on page A3).

R. HANS MILLER

Schools report more COVID-19 cases in 2 months than all of last school year

BY KALLEY HUANG, MANDI CAI
AND BRIAN LOPEZ

THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Students in Texas public schools are facing another year upturned by COVID-19 as the highly contagious delta variant

spreads, mask mandates are inconsistent and children under 12 cannot yet be vaccinated against the virus.

Two months into this school year, the number of reported coronavirus cases among students has surpassed the total

from the entire 2020-21 school year. Schools are prohibited from taking precautions such as requiring masks, though some are fighting the governor's order banning mask mandates. Far more students are on campus since most districts do not have a

remote learning option.

Every Friday, the Texas Education Agency releases COVID-19 case counts for students and staff, as reported by the state's school districts. Here is the latest situa-

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First responders learn first aid for K9 officers



COURTESY HCESD 48

Trainees at Harris County Emergency Services District 48 familiarize themselves with interactions with a K9 officer during a first aid course for dogs. The course is designed to help first responders support K9 officers that may be wounded or exposed to harmful substances in the line of duty.

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Harris County Emergency Services District 48 Emergency Medical Services crews along with some of their local law enforcement partners participated in a K9 first aid course on Thurs. Sept. 30. The course was taught by crews from Memorial Hermann's Life Flight crews to ensure crews could assist K9 officers and other dogs that had sustained injuries.

"It's just trying to raise the bar one more step. Let's do a little bit more and then also helping our fellow law enforcement officers or canine officers," said HCESD 48 Training Chief Jay Barrera.

Throughout the training, attendees got the opportunity to participate in both classroom and hands-on training using K9 officers, canine mannequins and textbook scenarios overseen by an instructor. Classroom training allowed the first responders to learn the basics of how to help canine officers that had been exposed to poisons, hazardous materials, narcotics or other serious health risks.

With tracking down violent criminals and controlled substances as part of their job, K9 officers are subjected to risks most other animals

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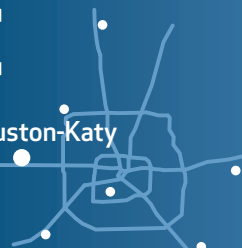
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The Katy Cowgirls riding club carried the colors for this year's Katy Rice Festival parade. The Cowgirls have been a staple of the parade for many years and honor the area's Future Farmers of America and rodeo traditions. Each of the young riders works hard to master horsemanship and to learn about equestrian care while being involved in the community.



The Katy Heritage Society took first place in this year's float competition with their near-to-scale replica of Katy's iconic JV Cardiff & Sons rice dryer. The landmark can be seen for some distance along I-10 and is a source of nostalgia and pride of the city of Katy. The Katy Heritage Society works to preserve the city's history and traditions and will host its Vintage Carnival at Katy Heritage Park on Oct. 16.

KATY RICE FESTIVAL PARADE

The Katy Rice Festival is an ongoing tradition for the city of Katy and surrounding area. The event celebrates Katy's history as a rice farming community. The parade was held this past Saturday in the heart of Katy with the festival scheduled for this weekend from Friday, Oct. 8 through Sunday, Oct. 10. For more information, visit katyricefestival.com.



Katy Mayor Bill Hastings, Katy First Lady Susan Denise Hastings, Councilmember Dan Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris participated in the parade on Katy Fire Department's high water rescue vehicle.



Katy High School's float this year featured the school's tiger mascot and a lot of pride after the school won multiple athletic championships over the last year.

FALL DAYTRIPS WORTH THE JAUNT

BY R. HANS MILLER,
NEWS EDITOR AND SUSAN
ROVEGNO, PUBLISHER

Got a bit of cabin fever and want to check out something new? Greater Houston has much to offer and just a short drive away, Katy area residents can find a variety of fun October activities.

THROUGHOUT OCT. GALVESTON GHOST TOURS

Looking for something spooky for the month of Halloween? Take a trip

down to Galveston and join up with a tour guide in front of the Gypsy Joyn't at 2711 Market Street for a ghost tour. Tours begin daily at 6, 8 and 10 p.m. and visitors are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early. Walking tours are about 90 minutes and strollers, wheelchairs and scooters are welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration encouraged. Adults \$20. Children \$15. For more information, visit ghostonthestrands.com.

THROUGH OCT. 26 BRENNHAM 2021 SCARECROW EXTRAVAGANZA

Main Street Brenham invites visitors to come visit them in downtown Brenham for a Scarecrow competition and family fun. Throughout the month, vendors and families will place their most creative efforts at scarecrows throughout the city. Visitors may pick up ballots to vote for their favorites at the Brenham Visitor Center at 115 W. Main Street in Brenham and return them with their votes. Winners for the contest will be announced Oct. 26. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/Scarecrow-Brenham>.

OCT. 8 FIRST FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

Just a short one-hour drive away in Brenham is the First Friday Farmer & Artisan market on Baylor Street. The event features homegrown fresh foods, homemade products and

a variety of vendor booths. Dozens of vendors provide a family friendly event with fun activities to enjoy. Event runs 3-6 p.m. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/BrenhamMarket>.

OCT. 16 FARMERS MARKET AT WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS

The visitor's center at Washington on the Brazos hosts a farmers market under the Live Oaks in downtown Brenham. Visitors can enjoy live music while shopping for produce, baked goods, handmade leather and carved items, honey and other specialties. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 23400 Park Road 12 in Washington, Tex. For more information call 936-878-2214 or visit

OCT. 16 & 17 TEXAS ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Strap on your dancing shoes, boots or eagerness for great live music and head to Brenham for the Texas Arts

& Music Festival. The non-profit event features art from talent such as Levi Ponce, a creator who works to paint murals to spruce up cities. Meanwhile, musical talent includes Jordan Matthew Young, an award-winning rock and soul performer based out of Austin whose soulful rock and country is popular with audiences. The festival includes live street art, an art village, street food and various family-friendly activities. The fun goes all weekend long in downtown Brenham near the intersection of West Alamo Street and South Park Street. For more information, visit <https://www.texasartsand-musicfestival.com/>.

OCT. 23 47TH ANNUAL BRITISH BAZAAR

The Shriners of the Arabia Shriners Center at 105410 Harwin Drive in Houston invite the public to come join them for their 47th Annual British Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The

bazaar is hosted by several local chapters of the Daughters of the British Empire and will feature traditional British food, raffles and various British-themed vendors. Door prizes will also be available. Admission is \$5 at the door for adults and children 12 and younger get in free. Proceeds go to the Mountbatten House, a non-profit assisted living facility. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/BritishFest21>.

OCT. 31 SEALY BOO BASH

Enjoy Halloween with just a quick trip down I-10 – or Highway 90 if you want to avoid construction – and enjoy Sealy's annual Halloween tradition, the Boo Bash. From 5-8 p.m., Main Street in Sealy becomes a spooky spectacular with games for children, contests, food trucks, a haunted house, face painting, train rides and other family activities. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/BooBash21>.

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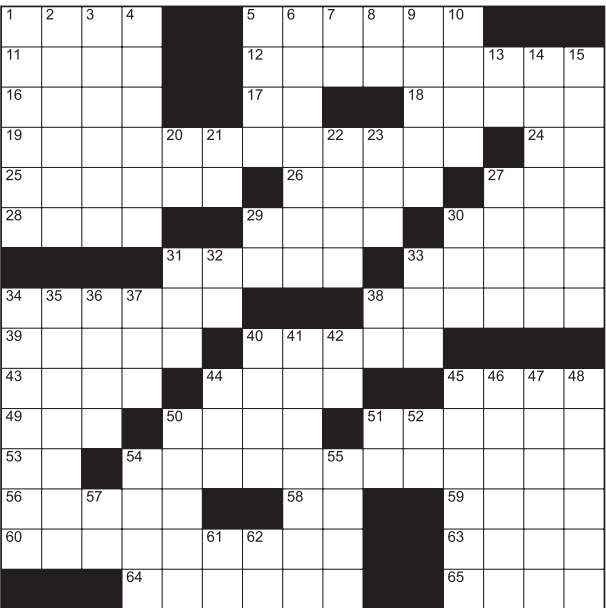
CLUES ACROSS

- Leg shank
- A way to recognize
- "VeggieTales" character
- Getting out of by cunning
- Mythological mountain
- Atomic #18
- Viscous liquid
- 2010 Denzel film
- 12th star in a constellation
- Made better
- Pouches
- Nervous twitch
- This (Spanish)
- Tennis legend Bjorn
- Hand (Spanish)
- Afrikaans
- Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
- Treated with kid gloves
- Leaseholder
- Frogs, toads, tree toads
- Popular dance
- Sailing maneuver: tack & _
- Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
- Mark
- Health insurance
- Custom clothing brand
- One who makes suits
- Execute or perform
- Degree of pleasantness when tasting
- Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels

- Blood group
- Imaginary line
- Hopeless
- Darken
- Spoke
- Work units

CLUES DOWN

- A way to fit out
- Football carries
- Force out
- Maintaining equilibrium
- Sealed with a kiss
- Type of container
- Hollywood
- We
- Small freshwater ducks
- Norse personification of old age
- Says who you are
- Candidate
- Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
- Defunct language (abbr.)
- Take too much
- Iranian province
- Records electric currents
- ___ and feathers
- Beloved Mr. T character
- More (Spanish)
- Beverage
- Promotional material
- Green vegetable
- National capital
- To any further extent

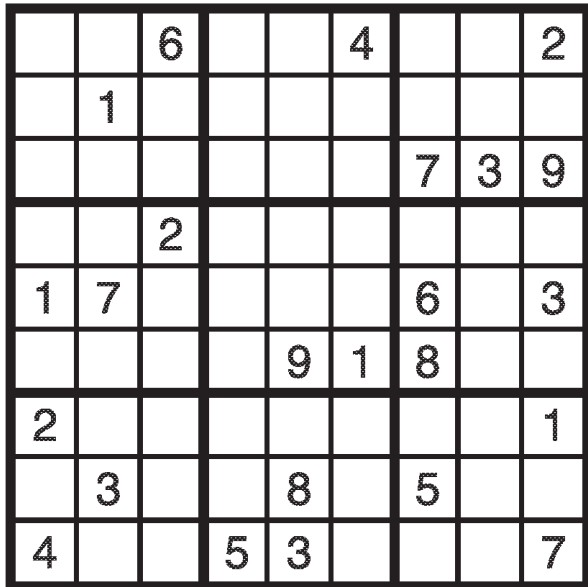


- Swollen, inflamed lymph node
- Anger
- Pound
- Popular Yugo
- Salt of acetic acid
- Millihenry
- Israeli city ___ Aviv
- Make wider
- Drink containing medicine

- Acknowledging
- Private, romantic rendezvous
- Calvary sword
- Disease of the lungs
- 2001 Spielberg film
- Fleshy, watery fruit
- In one's chambers
- Set of information (abbr.)
- Dorm employee
- Indicates position

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

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.

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

COVID-19

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tion for the week ending Sunday, Sept. 26:

- Statewide during the 2021-22 school year, 172,275 students across Texas have had COVID-19. In addition, 31,530 cases among staff have been reported to the TEA.

- Katy ISD tops the case counts statewide as of Monday with 3,318 cases since June 1. (Since Sept. 26, that number has risen to 4,322 per the Katy ISD COVID-19 Dashboard. That's an increase of 1,014 cases as of Oct. 5.)

- During the 2020-21 school year, there were a total of 148,197 student cases and 73,741 staff cases for the entire school year.

Going into this school year, districts had fewer options to slow the spread of the virus and keep students and staff safe.

Last year, school districts were permitted to require masks. This year, Gov. Greg Abbott has tried to prohibit mask mandates in schools. After remaining silent on the issue for weeks, TEA quietly updated its guidance last week to say school districts can't require masks, which has drawn a federal investigation for possibly violating the rights of students with disabilities. Still, some districts have continued to contest or ignore the ban.

Before the school year began, the state did not fund online options. Instead, school districts either used federal relief dollars or dug deep into their budgets to provide remote programming for families.

But now, some families and districts may find relief, as Abbott recently signed into law Senate Bill 15, which expands and funds virtual learning. While advocates for the law say it is a step in the right direction, it excludes students who failed the STAAR test.

CASE COUNTS 2021-22

District	Total Student Cases	Total Staff Cases
Katy ISD	3,318	576
FORT BEND CISD	3,031	347
CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD	2,733	631
GARLAND ISD	2,525	295
ARLINGTON ISD	2,357	410
FRISCO	2,286	285
NORTH EAST ISD	2,086	371
KLEIN ISD	2,057	385
CORPUS CHRISTI	1,963	208
STATEWIDE	172,275	31,530

Note: Case counts as of Sept. 26 with a count start date of June 1. Source: Texas Education Agency.

In the last school year, almost 40% of students did not pass their math assessments, and nearly a third didn't pass reading. Those who failed were disproportionately Black and Hispanic.

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KVA

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unavailability of vaccines for students ages 11 and under.

Under that proposal, virtual learning would have ended on Dec. 17. All students would return to in-person learning in January, following the end-of-year break. Trustees deferred their vote after two trustees said that there wasn't enough time for the board to get and assimilate all the necessary information to make a decision.

The district first established the Katy Virtual Academy in the spring of 2020 when the pandemic outbreak compelled school closings. Trustees voted this spring to end virtual learning and return to full in-person learning when school began in August.

With no vaccine available for younger students, and under pressure from parents on both sides of the masking issue, the district in August reestablished optional virtual learning for kindergarten through sixth-grade students.

The district encourages, but does not require, students to wear masks on campus. A gubernatorial executive order prevents the district from implementing a mask mandate, but other school districts and local entities are contesting this matter in court.

The district at that time set virtual learning to end by Oct. 15, with everyone returning to in-person learning.

Monday's vote means the district followed through on its original plan to provide a temporary virtual learning alternative to younger students. Trustee Rebecca Fox said last week she felt the students learn best in a face-to-face environment.

But ending the option of virtual learning for unvaccinated, younger students has its critics.

"The Board of Trustees has left parents with no option to protect their children because they are unwilling to implement safety measures within the schools and are now forcing unvaccinated students back into the classroom," Eliz Markowitz, who has supported a masking mandate at recent trustee meetings, said on social media.

District officials said last week that the Katy Virtual Academy enrollment has fallen 15% from 4,191 in August to 3,555 students as of Sept. 28.

A district official said the figure has dropped as parents request that their children be transferred back into in-person learning.

As of Oct. 4, the district reported 350 active COVID-19 cases. Of these, 309 were students and 41 were staff. The district reported it had 4,273 cumulative cases since June 1.

To break these numbers down further by type of school:

- High school: The district reported 48 active cases, 37 of which are students, 11 of which are staff. The district reported 874 cumulative high school cases since June 1.
- Junior high school: The district reported 74 active cases, 67 of which are students, seven of which are staff. The district reported 973 cumulative junior high school cases since June 1.
- Elementary school: The district reported 221 active elementary school cases, 205 of which are students, 16 of which are staff. The district reported 2,315 cumulative elementary school cases since June 1.

KISD

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tising and marketing.

For more information on KISD Partners in Education, visit <https://bit.ly/KISDPiE>.

Gifted and Talented Screening

KISD announced Oct. 4 that the deadline for Gifted and Talented Program applications for students in grades six through 11 is Nov. 12. Applications opened Oct. 4 and will allow qualified students to participate in the 2022-23 Gifted and Talented Programs for English, math, science and social studies, according to a KISD press release.

Parents and guardians may download the applications from the KISD website at <https://bit.ly/3lFOY8>.

Transfer students who were screened in the fall of 2021 and not identified for the Gifted and Talented Program must wait one full academic year prior to rescreening. Students currently involved in the program who would like to add additional subjects to their advanced curricula must submit their request prior to Nov. 12 along with other students.

For learners in first through fourth grades, the deadline for application is Oct. 29. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/KISDGTALL>.

Seven Lakes HS takes first place

The Seven Lakes High School Symphony is the winning competitor in The American Prize In Orchestral Performance I the competition's high school division, according to a press release from The American Prize.

The Seven Lakes Symphony Orchestra



COURTESY THE AMERICAN PRIZE

The Seven Lakes High School Orchestra has won first place in The American Prize arts competition. The ensemble's hard work will garner them regional, national and international recognition for their efforts and dedication.

is made up of the top two string ensembles and top band at the campus. During its 15-year history, the ensemble has earned a variety of awards and accolades at the regional, state and national level, including being a National Winner in the Mark of Excellence/National Honors Project since 2015.

Winners of the competition receive cash prizes, professional adjudication and regional, national and international recognition based upon recorded performances.

"Most artists may never win a Grammy award, or a Pulitzer, or a Tony, or perhaps even be nominated. but that does not mean that they are not worthy of recognition and reward. Quality in the arts is not limited to a city on each coast, or to the familiar names, or only to graduates of a few schools. It is on view all over the United States, if you take the time to look for it," said David Katz, chief judge of The American Prize.

For more information, visit www.theamericanprize.org.

FIRST AID

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are not, instructors said. Therefore it was important to ensure handlers and medical staff understand how to assist the animals without being injured. When to use a muzzle and how to identify what foreign substances are negatively affecting an animal are key factors to ensuring proper first aid is rendered right away, Memorial Hermann instructors said.

Barrera said the idea behind the training is to join Memorial Hermann and its other commu-

nity partners in supporting K9 officers. Additionally, staff at the department continue to want more expansive and ground-breaking training. This program allowed the department to accomplish both goals, he said. It's all a part of making sure the department provides as many worthwhile services to the community as possible.

"We're just trying to open up to more and more ideas with various trainings," Barrera said. "We're

looking at mental health first aid classes. We're looking at tactical emergency care courses for employees in the next year or so."

Over time, Barrera said the goal is to ensure all of HCESD 48's nearly 250 staff are trained in K9 first aid. The focus will remain on K9 officers, but if staffing is available and an animal is injured in the community that the department can assist, they will as well - though the focus will remain on assisting human patients over

animals.

HCESD 48 Division Chief of Community Risk Reduction Jason Tharp said training such as K9 first aid and mental health first aid build the department up and make it better. Those courses allow the department to better serve the community.

It also serves as a bit of inspiration for friendly competition among regional emergency services districts, Tharp said. Having this training and others inspires

the surrounding departments to work just a bit harder, just like other departments inspire HCESD 48. It also helps all of the departments do better for their communities, he said.

"If we can do these extra things - to reach out to different folks and different people in different cultures about different issues that we're having - it makes us better individuals and a better department," Tharp said.

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TRIBUTES

Jean was born in her grandfather's (JL Cobb) log house in Maxey Community outside of Newbern, Dyer County, TN in 1929 to Cleophus and Vera Pollard Cobb.

Jean attended one room schools in Maxey and Roellen and later public schools in Newbern where she graduated from high school in 1947.

After graduating high school, Jean worked at the Newbern Vocational-Technical School and quickly decided she wanted to go to college so she did, earning a Bachelor's Degree when she was in her early forties and her Master's Degree when she was 44 - both degrees were earned at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Jean retired from teaching in Newbern and in 1985 moved to Katy, TX to be closer to her daughter - Lynda, son-in-law - Glenn and grandsons - Jeff and Kevin. Once there, she decided she



JEAN "JEANO" COBB CARSON
1929-2021

wasn't quite ready for retirement. She started teaching in the Katy Independent School District as a Career Investigations teacher. Always a kid at heart, her students loved her, as she always made learning fun. Jean attended the Second Baptist Church in Houston then the one in Katy.

In 2006, Jean started a new chapter in her life by moving to Little Rock, AR to be closer to her grandson -

Kevin and his family. The sole reason for the move was to get to know her great grandchildren - Carson and Lillie Grace and to help out as much as she could with them so Kevin and Amy could continue to pursue their careers.

Preceded in death by Lynda Carson Bratcher, Daughter; Cleophus Cobb, Father; Vera Cobb Robeson, Mother; Geraldine Cobb McFarland, Sister; Norris B. Cobb, Brother and is survived by Mary Jo Cobb Moore, Sister; Son-in-Law Glenn Bratcher, Grandsons Jeff Bratcher and Kevin Bratcher; Great-Grandsons Cody Bratcher, Austin Bratcher, Carson Bratcher, Tiger Beasley, and Great-Granddaughter Lillie Grace Bratcher

A Memorial Service and Interment of the Ashes will be in Tennessee in late November. Family and friends will be notified when finalized.

Rhonda Gail Rogers Holman was born on March 17, 1969, in Chicago, Illinois to Charles Rogers and Wilma "Loretta" Darty. Rhonda resided in the Katy area for over 18 years and was an outstanding member of the community. Her dual career as a teacher and a real estate agent greatly served the families of the area for many years. Rhonda achieved her Master of Education and was an exceptional teacher, serving many schools, she taught in many different grade levels in the Katy Independent School District, Houston Independent School District and Fort Bend Independent School District. She enjoyed being an educator and cherished molding the future of young students that were under her care. Over the past 5+ years, her main focus was her real estate career. This was a driving force that brought her to the Katy community.

Rhonda met the love of her life, U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, Howard George "Skip" Holman, in 2004 and married him in Harris County, Texas on May 2, 2014. She was known for being a gracious host and putting in the greatest of effort into making her guest feel welcomed. It was not unusual to hear



RHONDA GAIL ROGERS HOLMAN
1969-2021

'80's themed music at the parties with Rick Springfield guaranteed at the top of the list. Rhonda was known for being a longtime fan, dating back to her teenage years of Rick's music and was an enthusiastic member of the Rick Springfield Fan Club.

Rhonda passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, in Katy, Texas at the age of 52.

She is survived by her loving husband Howard "Skip" Holman of Katy, Texas and her beloved daughters; daughter Aerial Rademacher of Houston, Texas; daughter Karla Testa and significant other, Shawn Norton of Johnsburg, Illinois; and her 6 adored grandchildren; Teralynn

Rademacher, Ignatius Karr, Amelia Flagg, Emmett Flagg, Benjamin Agricola and Scarlett Norton; Rhonda's devoted mother, Loretta Rogers of Romeoville, Illinois; sister, Joanne Rogers of Palatine, Illinois; brother, Brian Rogers of Shorewood, Illinois; brother, Brad Rogers of Romeoville, Illinois; and her affectionate fur babies Kingsley, Petey and Levi. She will be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Rogers, and her beloved Lhasa Apso, Spencer Abu.

The family will receive friends at a public visitation on Friday, October 8, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Schmidt Funeral Home Grand Parkway Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the Grand Parkway Chapel with Rev. C. McAllister "Mac" Vaughn officiating.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to Houston Pets Alive! <https://www.houstonpetsalive.org/>

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

Alexis Sadira Moussavizadeh, 27, of Flagstaff, Arizona passed away on September 19, 2021.

Alexis was born on May 28, 1994 to Kelli Guilford and Paul Moussavi in Ft Hood, TX. After graduating from Jasper Troupsburg High School in 2012, Alexis graduated from the State University of New York in 2016 with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing & Communications and a minor in Sociology. She aspired to continue her education with either an MBA or a Law degree in order to help those in need.

Alexis was the Regional Leasing and Marketing Manager at Landmark Properties, Inc. and had recently accepted a position as the Director of Marketing at Mills Properties. An achievement she was incredibly proud of and looking forward to in St Louis, MO. Alexis absolutely loved her career and met many wonderful colleagues who became like family to her. She was truly invested in mentoring young pro-



ALEXIS SADIRA MOUSSAVIZADEH
1994-2021

fessionals and giving back as other mentors had so graciously given to her.

All people die, but not all people live. Alexis lived! She packed so much life into her twenty-seven years. She traveled extensively, chased her dreams, worked in a profession she absolutely loved and was treasured by her friends & family. Her laugh was loud and infectious. If you were Alexis' friend, you had her loyalty and love for life.

Alexis is survived by her

loving parents, Kelli and Shane Guilford and Paul Moussavi and Mona Salinas; her sister and best friend, Ariana Moussavizadeh; her adoring brothers, Jackson and Landon Moussavi; her proud grandparents, Barbara Peraldo and Houssein and Libby Moussavi. Many aunts, uncles and cousins. She will be greatly missed by her beloved cat, Chester.

A Celebration of Alexis' Life will be held on Saturday, October 30th at 2pm at the Conejo Mountain Funeral Home, Memorial Park & Crematory, 2052 Howard Rd, Camarillo, CA. Reception to follow.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so in Alexis' memory to the Coconino Humane Association, P.O. Box 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86002 to benefit the building of an outdoor cat habitat.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation for the generous outpouring of love and support from family, friends, co-workers and employers.

Donald "Dale" Owen passed away on September 26, 2021, in Houston, at the age of 68 years. He was born on August 26, 1953, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Roy Dean Owen and Margaret Catherine Hill Owen. On July 12, 1974, he married Janice Sollock in Houston, Texas. In 1982, they moved to Katy where they have resided since.

Dale had a love of ancestry and history. He was also heavily involved in his children's sports, enjoyed coaching softball, and was a member of the Volleyball Association. He attended Second Baptist Church, West Campus. Most importantly, he loved his family dearly, and took special part



DONALD "DALE" OWEN
1953-2021

in his role as Paw-paw with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Janice Owen of Katy, Texas; children, Candace McCork-

le and her husband Eric of Frisco, Texas, Christine Cole and her husband Bobby of Morton, Mississippi, and Craig Owen of Katy, Texas; ten grandchildren; siblings, Gail Begault and her husband Barry of New Orleans, Louisiana, Rex Owen of Katy, Texas, and Brenda Denker and her husband Mark of Katy, Texas; fur babies, Suzy, Tiger and Kitty; as well as other loving family members and friends.

A private Celebration of Dale's Life will be held. Funeral services held under the direction of: Schmidt Funeral Home 1344 W. Grand Parkway South Katy, Texas 77494 (281) 391-2424

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Gov. Greg Abbott has asked the Texas Legislature to increase the penalty for illegal voting, adding the item to the third special session now underway. However, House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, quickly rejected the proposal, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"Now is not the time to relitigate," Phelan said. "Instead, the House will remain focused on its constitutional obligation to pass redistricting maps, and members look forward to fulfilling this critical task."

The measure has moved forward in the Senate. It would make the penalty for voting illegally a second-degree felony, with a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. SB 1 reduced the penalty to a Class A misdemeanor, with up to one year in jail. However, Phelan's opposition means it is unlikely to move forward.

1 COVID-19 cases continue to decline

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continue to decline, as do deaths and hospitalizations. The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported 67,124 new cases in the state in the past week, and 1,851 deaths. The number of new cases, largely due to the delta variant, has dropped by nearly half in the past month, although total deaths remain relatively high. Since the pandemic began, the state has reported more than 4 million cases with nearly 66,000 deaths.

Lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas also continue to drop, with 8,218 reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services on Sunday, down 20% from the previous week. A total of 14.88 million Texans are now fully vaccinated, or 51% of the total population.

2 More antibody infusion centers open in state

The Texas Division of Emergency Management continues to open new COVID-19 therapeutic centers across the state, providing monoclonal antibodies to treat outpatient cases with a doctor's referral. The treatment is provided at no cost. Antibody infusion treatment can prevent patients from becoming seriously ill, requiring hospitalization.

Infusion centers are now operating in Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Burnet, College

Abbott wants to increase illegal voting penalties and 4 other Texas-sized issues

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3 Texans urged to get their flu shots now

Flu season is approaching, and with COVID-19 still spreading in the state, DSHS is urging Texans to protect themselves by getting the flu vaccine as soon as possible.

"We have good reason to believe this flu season may be worse than last year's," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. "For most of last flu season, we didn't have the COVID vaccine yet, and many Texans were practicing the same basic health protections and good hygiene that have proven to help stop any respiratory virus like COVID-19 and flu. For this upcoming flu season, we expect fewer people to be wearing masks and physically distancing now that we have effective vaccines for COVID-19."

4 TxDOT launches pedestrian safety campaign

Despite a drop in traffic accidents last year, the state saw a marked increase in the number of people killed walking or biking in the state. In 2020, 731 people died in pedestrian-related crashes, an increase of 9% from the previous year. Texas is approaching 21 years without a day in which no traffic-related death occurred. TxDOT has launched #EndTheStreakTX to encourage drivers to obey traffic laws and end the streak of daily deaths.

Drivers are required to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, yield the right of way to pedestrian and bicyclists when turning, and to pass bicyclists at a safe distance. In turn, bicyclists are required to obey all traffic signs and signals. Pedestrians must cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks and use sidewalks if available. If there is no sidewalk, pedestrians should walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

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Compass real estate expands to Katy

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Compass, a real estate technology firm, announced Sept. 28 that it was opening two new permanent locations in Houston and Katy. The Katy office is located at 24275 I-10 in Katy and is the newest operations center for Compass agents serving buyers and sellers in the area, a Compass press release said.

"The new Compass offices will be instrumental in delivering a personalized and unparalleled experience for our agents specializing in these submarkets that are essential to building upon their success," said Compass Regional Presi-

dent for Texas Rachel Hocevar.

The new Katy facility includes nearly 10,000 square feet of space and includes the Cinco Ranch Realty Group, The Jamie McMartin Group, Ryan Adams, Steve Kinne and Thai Klam as real estate professionals.

Compass launched in Houston in November of 2018 and has grown to more than 700 agents and team members. Since 2020, Compass has grown its agent community across Houston by more than 300 percent. The Katy office - as well as the other office located at 600 N. Shepherd Drive in Houston - is expected to help with Compass's continued growth in Greater Houston, the press release said.

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Breast cancer treatability and what you should know

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

A diagnosis of any kind of cancer, including breast cancer, can be a shock to the system, but Dr. Ajit Bisen – an oncologist that specializes in breast cancer treatment at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center – wants patients to know that life continues after breast cancer.



DR. AJIT BISEN
MD Anderson Cancer
Center Oncologist

“I think that one mistake would be just really not knowing that oftentimes the word cancer – sometimes people feel that it may be a death sentence,” Bisen said. “Specifically, when it comes to breast cancer, I would like to emphasize that most breast cancer is cured, especially if it’s caught early.”

Bisen said that over the last decade and even before that, breast cancer diagnosis methods and treatments have improved significantly. Early diagnosis helps provide better outcomes for patients which leads to a higher quality of life and better treatment plans. Those advances have resulted in treatments that cause fewer side effects than chemotherapy and radiation and make cancer treatment much less intrusive into patients’ lives than in the past.

“Treatment tailored correctly and monitored closely, people are able to keep their jobs,” Bisen said. “We have patients that are doctors, dentists and teachers, and they’re able to work.”

The patient may need a day off here and there, Bisen said, but overall they can maintain a relatively active lifestyle, especially if their treatment regiment keeps them off of more side-effect-intensive treatments such as chemotherapy or radiation.

Bisen said new therapies such as anti-hormonal treatment for breast cancer patients can fight cancer and aid the patient in avoiding side effects such as reductions in the effectiveness of patients’ immune systems. With the new therapies and older technologies combined, Bisen said breast cancer is curable in most patients for most forms of breast cancer and other factors in each prognosis.

“These would include what time of breast cancer, what stage, what is our goal,” Bisen said. “Is our goal cure? By the way, about 90% to 91% of breast cancer patients, we aim for curing.”

Bisen said he strongly encourages patients to ask as many questions as possible. Those questions assure medical staff that the patient is engaged in their care and knowing the answers to their questions helps the patients become better advocates for themselves throughout their treatment.

“Ultimately, they are the drivers and they’re the advocates for their own care, but we’re part of the team,” Bisen said. “And, you know, I would like to say that we feel as though (the patients are) our family.”

Bisen also acknowledged that any cancer diagnosis, breast cancer or otherwise, is stressful and medications can sometimes make it difficult to focus. Having an advocate attend meetings or be on the speakerphone during doctor appointments can help keep care plans organized and ensure that the patient’s at-home support group such as family and close friends know what is going on and can help the patient stay on track with treatment.

Bisen also acknowledged that a breast cancer diagnosis can have mental health impacts that should be addressed. MD Anderson offers a variety of stress management tools to help patients maintain their mental health and stay positive during their treatment, he said.

Bisen said that about one in eight women will get breast cancer in their lifetimes and the key to successful treatment is to get a diagnosis as soon as possible. This is why screenings and follow-up testing to find out the details of the type of breast cancer a patient has is important.

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MARY BORDEAUX

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

Mary Bordeaux discovered she had breast cancer when she went in for her annual mammogram in 2016. She’d gone in on a Wednesday in January to get her annual physical exam and her mammogram was scheduled for that Friday at 5:30 p.m. She had expected normal test results because she hadn’t had any symptoms. Unfortunately, that wasn’t the case, she said.

“I did my mammogram on Friday night at 5:30 p.m. at Memorial Hermann in Katy, and Tuesday at 12:30 p.m., I received a call from my OBGYN stating that there had been an irregular result and that she was concerned that it also was in my lymph nodes, that she needed me to have further testing quickly along with biopsies,” Mary said.

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During her treatment, Mary Bordeaux wore wigs after losing her hair to chemotherapy. She said not having hair was one of the more difficult parts of treatment because she’d always enjoyed her hair. However, she found comfort in wearing wigs including this one which she referred to as her “sporty look.” A high-quality wig can help keep a positive mindset she said and hers often fooled people who were unaware of her condition into thinking the wigs were her natural hair.



PHOTOS COURTESY MARY BORDEAUX

Mary Bordeaux during her breast cancer treatment in 2016. Bordeaux said she got the “deluxe package” of breast cancer treatment which included two rounds of chemotherapy, then surgery followed by radiation. She says she learned through her treatment that mankind’s greatest responsibility is to love one another.

Survivor Story

DAWN HENSLEY

BY R. HANS MILLER
NEWS EDITOR

To look at her now, many might not guess that Dawn Hensley is a breast cancer survivor. Sitting in a chair at Serene Beans in downtown Katy with her silver and brown hair flowing half-way down her back, her makeup in pristine condition and a broad smile on her face, she appears perfectly healthy. And she is – now.

That’s the first message Dawn said she wants out about her breast cancer journey.

“Most importantly,” Dawn said, “I want people to know that they can survive a cancer diagnosis. They are stronger than they think and (they should) always be positive.”

Dawn said she started on the road to a diagnosis of breast cancer in April of 2015 when she’d gone for her annual exam. That exam lead to a hysterectomy in May and during one of the follow-up appointments on that procedure, her gynecologist asked her if she’d had her annual breast exam. She hadn’t, so the doctor encouraged her to schedule it. She followed up and scheduled her breast exam for July 7, she said.

“And I knew immediately that something was not right,” Dawn said.

The doctor ordered an immediate ultrasound and mammogram which wasn’t unusual for her, she said, but usually, it was just one or the other. After the ultrasound, medical staff scheduled her for a biopsy because an abnormality had been found in the ultrasound that was outside of Dawn’s usual results. The concern was enough that the biopsy was scheduled for 9 a.m. the next morning on two tumors that had been identified.

“I had the results by that Friday,” Dawn said. “Which was the tenth of July and I’ll never forget it because it was two days

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Dawn Hensley surrounded by her nurses at her last chemotherapy treatment in 2016. Hensley credits amazing support from a variety of medical professionals throughout her treatment as one of the main reasons she survived her bout with cancer.

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BORDEAUX

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At first, she said, she had planned to keep the issue to herself until she knew more about what was happening. With a family history of breast cancer that included her mother, a couple of aunts and her brother having had the disease in the past, she didn't want to worry family members if it wasn't necessary.

However, the process of getting tests performed changed her initial plans. The hospital called to let her know that she would need to pay \$800 to get the biopsies done. She knew that her husband, Danny Bordeaux, would be alerted to the charge on the credit card as soon as it went through. Mary told Danny what was happening, and she said she immediately received his full support. The couple de-

cided to keep the issue from the rest of the family until they knew the test results for sure.

Those test results came soon enough as they went in for the tests at Memorial Hermann's Memorial City Hospital.

"While we were doing the biopsy, the technician said, 'I'm going to call the doctor in,' and then the doctor came in and said, 'You know, I'm sorry to tell you this, but you know, it is positive and it is in your life.'"

Mary said her first thought was that she was grateful her mother who had passed recently would not have to see her go through treatment and her second thought was thanking God that it was her and not her young daughter.

Treatment began pretty

much immediately because she had an aggressive form of breast cancer, Mary said.

"In fact, when we interviewed some oncologists, they were like, 'Can you start tomorrow,'" Mary said.

Treatment started with a holistic review of Mary's case with every related specialist in one room reviewing what needed to happen to ensure she became well again. Mary said she likes to tell people she got the "deluxe package" when it comes to breast cancer treatment. For her, treatment included two different types of chemotherapy, then surgery, then radiation treatments to eradicate the breast cancer she was facing.

Mary said the treatment had its challenges, but despite her general avoidance of medication, she chose to put her faith in the oncologists and other medical professionals coordinating her treatment from the beginning. She set aside advice on alternative forms of treatment and went with the medical experts she knew she could rely on to steer her on the road to recovery.

"I just knew I had to rely on people who I consider to be experts in the field - the oncologists," Mary said. "And there was no dissension among them initially on what had to happen with (my case). So, I chose my doctor, and I immediately



Mary Bordeaux and her family attend a Houston Astros game. She said one of the difficult things about recovery is not being able to take a break from breast cancer such as when she was confronted with a Breast Cancer Awareness Month ad on the jumbotron at the first baseball game she went to after treatment. However, she said, she and her family still enjoy watching the Astros on the field, but she does encourage people to be sensitive to the trauma of breast cancer. From left to right: Tollie Bordeaux, Mary Bordeaux, Danny Bordeaux and Emma Bordeaux.

COURTESY MARY BORDEAUX

went to treatment."

Mary said she did make mistakes though. One of the most significant, she said, was telling her children that she didn't want anyone to know about the cancer diagnosis. She had thought keeping her support circle small would protect them, but that wasn't the case.

"I realized in hindsight that probably was not a good thing, because it affects the whole family. It doesn't just affect the patient," Mary said.

Once the information was shared, the community rallied around her and her family, Mary said. Her son, Tolle Bordeaux, was on the football team at Cinco Ranch High School at the time and the coaches and team stepped in to support him. Her daughter, Emma Bordeaux, was not yet driving and Danny was busy coordinating care and work-

ing, so family and friends helped with meals and other items.

"And that is what my takeaway from my cancer was - that God's greatest commandment is just to love one another," Mary said. "The rest of the stuff is just details. We received the love and I can tell you that I had a very strong, strong support (network)."

Mary said her journey with cancer isn't over yet. She does have to monitor things closely and while she appears cancer-free at this point, from a medical perspective she won't have gone into remission until she hits the 10-year mark of being cancer-free. She's currently at about five years with her treatment concluding in late 2016, though she and her doctors still monitor her health closely.

For now, she advises anyone facing a breast

cancer diagnosis to keep a positive mindset. While she acknowledged that treatment is harsh on the patient's body, positivity and allowing others to support them will be keys to recovery.

Mary now works to help others keep a positive attitude toward their recovery. Whether it's a positive message on a Facebook group or any other thing she can offer in support, she does that. She wants to bring a positive light to those facing the changes cancer can bring to their lives.

She also tries to enjoy the simpler things in her own life such as time with family and friends.

"Those are the things for me," Mary said. "I realized life really is short and we don't know when our life is going to end, so every day I wake up and I'm grateful that I'm living life."

Support

"...pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

James 5:16
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Support groups and resources for breast cancer patients

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A strong support network can help breast cancer patients navigate their treatments and all of the uncertainty that can arise after a cancer diagnosis. Many women undergoing treatment for breast cancer lean on friends and family for everything from emo-

tional support to help with household tasks and much more. Though family and friends are often invaluable to women during their battles with breast cancer, sometimes a little support from women going through the same ups and downs can be just what patients need to stay the course and overcome their disease.

Rising survival rates for breast cancer mean that millions of women across the globe have already survived the disease, and many such women play vital roles in support groups that help women every day. CancerCare is a national organization in the United States that provides free, professional support services to anyone affected by cancer. All CancerCare services are provided by oncology social workers and renowned cancer experts. The following are just a few

of the support groups cancer patients can access through www.cancercare.org.

- **Breast Cancer Patient Support Group:** This free, 15-week online support group is for people diagnosed with breast cancer who are currently receiving treatment. Access the group at <https://bit.ly/BrstCncrSpt>.
- **African American Triple Negative Breast Cancer Patient Support Group:** This group is for African Americans diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer who are currently receiving treatment. The group is free and continues for 15 weeks. Access the group at <https://bit.ly/AABrstCncrSpt1>.
- **Metastatic Breast Cancer Patient Support Group:** This free, 15-week support group is for people diagnosed with stage IV metastatic breast cancer who are currently receiving treatment. Access the group

at <https://bit.ly/Meta-BrstCncrSpt>.

- **Breast Cancer Post-Treatment Survivorship Support Group:** Patients who have completed their breast cancer treatment within the past 18 months are eligible for this free, 15-week support group. Access the group at <https://bit.ly/PostTreatmentBrstCncrSpt>.

Each CancerCare's online support group is available exclusively to residents of the United States, including people in Puerto Rico and U.S. territories. The Canadian Cancer Society has a database that cancer patients in Canada can use to find local support services in their area. That can be accessed via the CCS Community Services Locator at www.csl.cancer.ca. Support groups can be invaluable resources for women as they navigate breast cancer treatment.

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Sticking with my father on John Hinckley

News that a federal judge had approved the unconditional release of John Hinckley Jr. next June set my phone to ringing furiously earlier this week.

Journalists naturally wanted to know what I thought about the decision to let Hinckley go free after serving nearly 40 years in a mental hospital for trying to assassinate my father on March 30, 1981.

Hinckley, now 66, has been living on his own outside the mental facility for several years without incident and doctors say he is no longer violent and shows no signs of mental illness.

But my sister Patty and many conservatives think approving his release was the wrong decision.

They believe Hinckley, who was found not guilty by reason of insanity, is still a threat to society or doesn't deserve to be fully released.

I totally understand their emotional reactions, but none of them ever talked to Ronald Reagan about forgiving Hinckley like I did.

This week when people asked me about Hinckley, I told them I don't have a problem with him becoming completely free because I'm going to side with Ronald Reagan.

My father publicly forgave Hinckley long ago.

He did it within days of being shot and before he went back to work at the White House on April 11. He even wanted to visit Hinkley, but the Secret Service wouldn't allow it.

What was good enough for my father is good enough for me.

He was one of those rare people who didn't just recite "The Lord's Prayer," he lived it.

When he asked God the Father to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," he meant it.

I'm not going to be angry for the rest of my life at a mentally disturbed guy who tried to take my father's life. My father didn't hate Hinckley, why should I?

He was never a hateful or vengeful man - even after almost dying from an assassin's bullet.

In private, and with his family, he was the same affable guy who quipped to Nancy "Honey, I forgot to duck" and said to the emergency room doctors "I hope you're all



MICHAEL REAGAN
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Republicans."

To prove what I say, here's a loose retelling of the conversation I had with him six hours after he got off the operating table at George Washington University Hospital.

When my wife Colleen and I walked into his room, my dad looked up at me from his bed and said, "Mike, if you're ever going to get shot, don't be wearing a new suit."

"Excuse me?"

"Well, yesterday I was shot."

"Yeah?"

"That blue suit I was wearing was a brand new suit. It was the first time I ever wore it. The last time I saw it they had cut it off me and it was in shreds in the corner of my hospital room. So that's why I'm telling you, 'If you're ever going to be shot, don't be wearing a new suit.'"

Then he said, "That young man who shot me - Hinckley."

"Yes," I said, "John Hinckley."

"I understand his family is in the oil business."

"Yep."

"Do you think they have any money?"


"They're in the oil business and they live in Denver. Of course they've got money. Why?"

"Well, do you think they'd ever buy me a new suit?"

That was what my father was really like. Unlike so many people in and out of politics today, he was never angry - even after being shot.

Humor was his way of putting people at ease, whether it was his worried son, his doctors or the entire country. His good-natured temperament - and the virtue of forgiving the trespasses of others - are what we miss and what we could all use a lot more of today.

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This issue is presented in honor of the women and men facing a battle with breast cancer this year. As we move into Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Katy Times offers our support and encouragement to those facing breast cancer whether they are the patient, a caregiver, a family member or the amazing doctors, nurses and medical staff that work to fight off this disease that takes so much from so many.

State's population will not be represented without proper maps

In a state where more than 60% of the residents are people of color, the Texas Legislature is proposing maps where white people have voting majorities in 50% of the congressional districts.

That's not representative.

Texas grew 15.9% over the last decade, according to the 2020 census. There are just about 4 million more people in the state now than there were 10 years ago, and 95% of that growth is attributable to people of color.

White people now account for 39.8% of the state population. Hispanic people are just about as numerous — 39.3% — and demographers expect that part of the population to be the largest part within a year or two. Black Texans, Asian Texans and others make up the remaining fifth of the population.

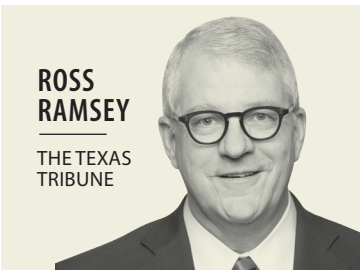
There is no majority, in other words, and the plurality is about to flip to Hispanics.

You wouldn't be able to prove any of that by looking at the political maps the Texas Legislature is drawing right now.

A Senate committee has already approved (on a straight party-line vote) a new map that has 12 districts with white majorities and another four where the majority of the voting age population — adults — are white people. The Hispanic population is about the same size in the state, but not in the plans of the Texas Senate; the map has seven seats where Hispanic residents make up the majority.

Four more districts in that new Senate map have majorities of people of color if you add their Black residents and their Hispanic residents together.

The remaining four districts don't have white majorities,



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many of the same reasons.

This time, 95% of the state's growth was attributed to people of color. Ten years ago, the U.S. census attributed 89% of the state's growth to people of color. Both times, the increase in Hispanic population in Texas was the main driver. Texas has been growing rapidly for a long time; the 2010 census revealed the population increased 20.6%; the 2020 census found 15.9%.

The Legislature that convened in 2011 had the same goals, more or less, that this year's Legislature has: Draw new political districts that reflect the overall growth of the state and the geographic changes in the population. But they had the same biases, too. The Republican majorities wanted to preserve their hold on state government, which is, after all, what political majorities do.

And they were more interested in communities and districts of Republicans than they were in communities of color.

They were focused, then as now, on winning, and not on that other word — the one that indicates every Texan is fairly accounted for and has the same political power.

Representation.

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HOW TO reduce risk of breast cancer recurrence



FROM STAFF REPORTS

A breast cancer diagnosis can change patients' lives in ways they never imagined. That's especially so in the rare instances when women under 40 are diagnosed with the disease.

According to the American Cancer Society, it's uncommon for women under 40 to receive a breast cancer diagnosis. In fact, data from the ACS indicates that only about 4 percent of all women diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States are under age 40. But 4 percent is nothing to brush aside, especially when the ACS estimates that more than 300,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. That means roughly 12,000 women under 40 in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and many of those women will understandably express concerns about cancer recurrence in the years to come.

The medical experts at Johns Hopkins Medicine note that learning to cope with fears of breast cancer recurrence is an important part of the recovery process. Those same experts note that various lifestyle changes can help women regain their health, strength and optimism and quell any fears they have about cancer recurrence.

- **Take care of yourself, both emotionally and physically.** Johns Hopkins Medicine urges breast cancer survivors to put their own needs first sometimes. That can be difficult for younger breast cancer survivors with children at home, but prioritizing their

own emotional well-being can help women overcome their fears of recurrence. Support groups can connect women with fellow breast cancer survivors, and women should not hesitate to discuss any fears or concerns with their doctors. It's also vital that women prioritize their physical well-being. Routine exercise and a healthy diet can help women reduce stress and maintain a healthy weight, which can reduce risk for recurrence.

- **Stay on top of screenings and vaccinations.** Another way to reduce the risk of cancer recurrence is to stay up to date on screenings, flu shots and vaccinations. Annual physicals and screenings for cardiovascular conditions like high cholesterol and diabetes can help women stay on a healthy path forward.

- **Monitor vitamin D levels.** Johns Hopkins Medicine notes that the Nurses Health Study found a link between low levels of vitamin D and breast cancer incidence. It remains unknown if vitamin D supplements can lower risk of breast cancer recurrence, but maintaining sufficient levels of vitamin D can promote overall health. Women can speak with their physicians about vitamin D and which supplements to consider. In addition, spending 20 minutes per day in the sunshine while wearing sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30 can help women reach recommended levels of vitamin D.

Cancer recurrence is a significant concern for survivors. However, various strategies can help women reduce their risk for recurrence and help them regain optimism for the future.

The role of staging when diagnosing breast cancer

A cancer diagnosis can be overwhelming, and people who receive such news may be flooded with a wide range of emotions. When delivering such a diagnosis, doctors share vital information about their patients' disease. Those details can go a long way toward easing patients' concerns.

Staging is an important component of cancer treatment. The National Cancer Institute notes that stage refers to the extent of the cancer, including how large the tumor is and whether or not it has spread, or metastasized. Learning the stage of the cancer, which is typically expressed on a scale of 0 through IV, helps doctors understand how serious the cancer is and the patient's chances of survival. Staging also is used to plan treatments and potentially identify clinical trials that may serve as treatment options.

The American Joint Committee on Cancer oversees the breast cancer staging system and utilizes the TNM system. Breastcancer.org notes that three clinical characteristics, referred to as "T, N, and M," are used to calculate the stage of the cancer:

- The size of the tumor and whether or not it has grown into nearby tissue (T).
- Whether the cancer is in the lymph nodes (N).

- Whether the cancer has spread, or metastasized, into other parts of the body beyond the breast (M).

Additional characteristics were added to the AJCC's TNM breast cancer staging system in 2018. Though this has made determining the stage of breast cancer more complex, Breastcancer.org notes that it's also made staging more accurate. That improved accuracy increases the likelihood that doctors will choose the most effective treatment plan for their patients, which should ease those patients' concerns as they begin treatment.

Staging is complex, and patients should know that staging alone does not dictate prognosis. The following breakdown, courtesy of the NCI, is a brief description of the five stages of cancer (stages 0 through IV). A more detailed description of breast cancer stages can be found at <https://www.breastcancer.org/symptoms/diagnosis/staging>.

- **Stage 0:** This is diagnosed when abnormal cells are present but have not spread to nearby tissue. Stage 0 is also called carcinoma in situ, or CIS. CIS is not cancer, but it may become cancer.

- **Stages I through III:** Cancer is present in these stages. The higher the number, the larger the tumor is and the more it has spread into nearby tissues.

- **Stage IV:** The cancer has spread into distant parts of the body.

Staging plays an important role in treating cancer. Recognizing the role of staging can help patients better understand their disease and the direction of their treatments. More information about staging is available at www.cancer.gov.

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HENSLEY

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before my birthday, so my birthday present that year was that I was diagnosed with breast cancer.”

Doctors told Dawn that she had stage two cancer but was almost at stage three.

According to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, that means that Dawn had cancerous tumors but the cancer had not begun to spread aggressively – known as metastasizing – as yet when it was identified.

Medical staff at Memorial Hermann in Katy took excellent care of Dawn, she said. From the start, her physician ordered all of the necessary bloodwork, determined that the cancer was not yet as aggressive as it could be and developed a treatment plan.

As part of that plan, Dawn opted to have a full mastectomy to ensure that her cancer was completely removed. She said being 47 at the time and having had a hysterectomy, it seemed like the wisest choice to ensure her health in the future.

“I was just, ‘Let’s just get them off – get rid of them. I don’t want to take a chance,’” Dawn said.

She had her surgery Aug. 13 of 2015 and stayed in the hospital for one night for observation. Some of the tests came back from the tissue that had been removed and two of her five lymph nodes that were tested came back with cancerous cells, she said. That changed her treatment plan and she ended up having to have chemotherapy instead of just radiation therapy which had been the original treatment plan.

Complications also arose with the breast reconstruction that had been planned, Dawn said. Tissue expanders had caused problems with her chest as it was healing and new tissue expanders were needed. On Sept. 10 of that year, she went in to have the tissue expanders replaced and to have the port put in for the chemotherapy.

“I started chemo and I did two different cocktails of chemo,” Dawn said. “The first one was every two weeks for eight weeks – so two months. It was the strongest. It was the aggressive one. It was the one that really triggered (the side effects). They call it the ‘red devil.’”

According to Dr. Constance Porter, a breast cancer survivor and doctor with the M.D. Anderson



MaryAnn Cable (left) was one of Dawn Hensley’s (right) biggest supporters throughout breast cancer treatment. Cable is more like a sister than a friend, Hensley said and she will always be grateful for the support Cable provided during treatment.

Cancer Center, the proverbial “red devil” is doxorubicin which has a wide variety of side effects including hair loss, rashes, mouth sores and others.

Boredom was another side effect, Dawn said. She was often bored at home though her husband, Dwain Hensley, was there to support her during the first few weeks of her treatment. Over time though, she spoke with her oncologist and was able to go back to work as campus secretary for Katy Junior High.

Dawn said her coworkers and the students at KJH were amazingly supportive of her during her cancer battle and she continues to love her job.

In late 2015 though, more complications arose with the tissue expanders that were to help in her reconstructive surgery. At that point, she and the medical team decided to remove the expanders outright and to make sure she healed up so she could continue to her second round of chemotherapy. Doctors wanted to be certain that an infection that had set in during November of 2015 was completely healed, so her second round of chemotherapy didn’t start until

early 2016.

Side effects for the second round of chemo were difficult, Dawn said. The worst part was neuropathy wherein her fingers and toes had pain, numbness and weakness due to the medication.

Dawn said she went to Texas Oncology in Katy for her chemotherapy and radiation treatments and was grateful for the support of the staff there.

Dawn said she is also incredibly lucky to have Dwain’s support. Her husband died his beard pink in honor of her fight against breast cancer and stood by her side through the whole thing, she said. Along with that, her son Christopher Hensley lent his support as much as possible. She also had a close friend, MaryAnn Cable, who went with her to every appointment. Dawn said she could not have endured the treatment process without Cable’s aid throughout her treatment journey.

Dawn said she’s healthy now, though she monitors her health closely and still has some neuropathy that may be permanent from the chemotherapy. To celebrate her health, she enjoys as much time with family and friends as she can



During her treatment, Dawn Hensley had to go through two different types of chemotherapy. Hensley said having a positive attitude as shown in her smile here helped carry her through various medical procedures to get rid of her breast cancer.



Dawn Hensley now has a full head of hair that goes well below her shoulders and said she feels fine with only some minor side effects. Overall, she said, she feels happy and healthy and keeps a close eye on her health to ensure she remains cancer-free.

and wears pink as a signature color to raise awareness for breast cancer.

She also attends Relay for Life Katy, an annual event to raise money for cancer research. The event is scheduled for Oct. 23 this year and will be held at Katy City Park. (see katytimes.com for more information).

For those facing a breast cancer diagnosis, Dawn has a few tips. First, she recommends allowing those that care about the patient offer their support. Second, she recommends not going to appointments alone. Having a notetaker who isn’t as stressed and can make sure everything is understood is vital to staying organized and having a voice of reason when things seem the most difficult. Third, she said, manage your mindset and stay positive whenever things seem the worst because the positive attitude can see you through.

“Just know that you’re tougher than you think,” Dawn said. “And if you’ve got a positive attitude – which I thought I would never ever get tired of hearing someone say, ‘Be positive. Be positive,’ but it’s true. If you have a positive outlook it helps you get through the bad days.”

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TREATMENTS

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According to BreastCancer.org, breast cancer also occurs in men but at a lower rate of about one in every 833 males.

Breast cancer is heterogeneous – or varied in its types and impact on the body, Bisen said.

“Breast cancer is not just one type of cancer,” he said. “When you have a diagnosis of breast cancer, we look at several different characteristics of the cancer such as if it is a hormone receptor positive breast cancer versus a hormone receptor negative breast cancer.”

Based on a complete and thorough diagnosis, the patient’s medical team will

develop the most optimally successful and minimally impactful treatment plan they can, Bisen said. With that, and as advances in the treatment of breast cancer continue, breast cancer is not a death sentence, but rather a challenge to overcome with proper treatment.

Regardless of anything, the idea is to ensure the highest quality of life for patients possible, Bisen said.

“We focus on cure, but even with metastatic breast cancer, you know, stage four breast cancer patients should know we have a lot of different treatments and women are able to live a long period of time.”

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Friday, Oct. 1

- Katy 56, Tompkins 21
- Hitchcock 18, Jordan 17

Thursday, Oct. 7

- Tompkins vs. Taylor, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Paetow vs. Wisdom, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

Friday, Oct. 8

- Seven Lakes vs. Morton Ranch, 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium
- Mayde Creek vs. Katy, 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium
- Royal at Sealy, 7 p.m.



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Friday

- Mayde Creek vs. Cinco Ranch, 5:30 p.m.
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- Seven Lakes vs. Taylor, 4:30 p.m.
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- Jordan at Magnolia West, 6 p.m.

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KATY BLOWS OUT
TOMPKINS, MOVES
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TO DISTRICT TITLE

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

It may have been preached to the Katy players that Friday night was just another game, but for those on last year's varsity team, that was never the case.

Not only was Friday's game against Tompkins (5-1, 1-1) a chance to exact revenge for the Tigers' sole loss last season, it was a battle between the two teams that sat on top of District 19-6A, with the winner being the clear front runner to become district champions.

The Tigers (6-0, 2-0) overcame a nervy start to the game and exploded in the second quarter en route to a statement victory over the Falcons, winning 56-14 in a battle between two top 10 state ranked teams.

"We wanted this bad," said senior Katy wide receiver Antonio Silva. We took this game personal and we came out and took the win, that's exactly what we worked and planned for."

It looked as if it was going to be a defensive slugfest to start the game as Katy and Tompkins both couldn't get things going on their first drives, but that changed on the Tigers' second drive, as they drove the ball down the field before

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Katy's #10 Caleb Koger delivers a pass for a TD during a game between Katy Tigers and Tompkins Falcons at Legacy Stadium in Katy.

Tompkins stays
undefeated in district
with win over Cougars

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Paris Herrman has sensed something special with Tompkins all season.

She knew with the amount of experience and talent in this group they could contend for anything they put their mind to.

"We've all been playing together since we were like 14 or 15 years old and now all of us are juniors or are about to graduate," Herrman said. "Because of that there's just so much chemistry and we all know and trust each other. That's helped so much on the court and it's made us successful."

That chemistry has showed for Tompkins as the Falcons have started District 19-6A play with seven straight wins, dropping only two sets in

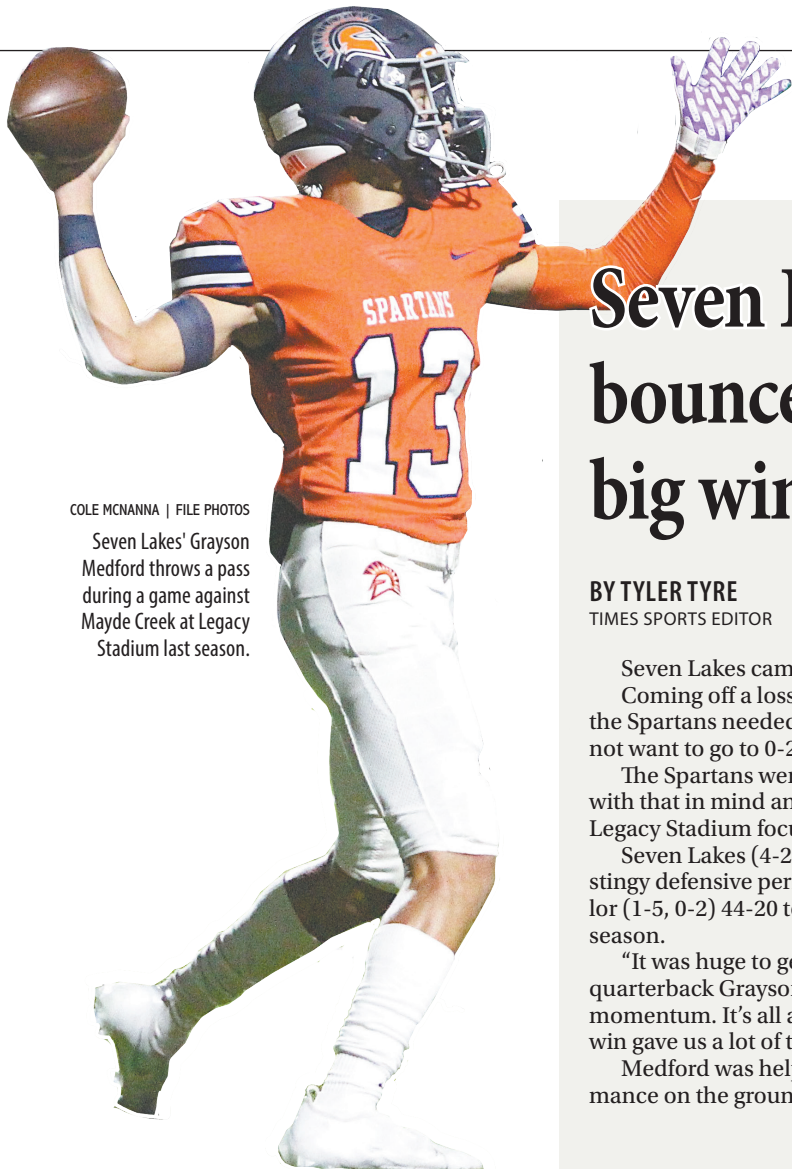
those seven games.

The most recent win may have been the important one of the season so far, as the Falcons swept Cinco Ranch; 25-23, 25-16, 25-15, on Tuesday at the Cinco Ranch gym to remain alone in first place in district and one game up on Katy for the district lead.

"This is huge to get this win," Herrman said. "We had a big talk about keeping our record and how badly we wanted to keep this going before the game. We knew this was going to be a big game and we were ready."

Tompkins was able to take control of the set early, but Cinco Ranch had an answer, as the Cougars came back from a 20-13 deficit to make it 24-23 late in the first set. But Tompkins called timeout and settled down, taking the next

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Seven Lakes' Grayson Medford throws a pass during a game against Mayde Creek at Legacy Stadium last season.

Seven Lakes
bounces back with
big win over Taylor

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Seven Lakes came into this week on a mission.

Coming off a loss to Katy in their first district game, the Spartans needed to bounce back, knowing they did not want to go to 0-2 in the ever-tough District 19-6A.

The Spartans went through practice the entire week with that in mind and came into Thursday's game at Legacy Stadium focused.

Seven Lakes (4-2, 1-0) used a strong run game and a stingy defensive performance to do just that, beating Taylor (1-5, 0-2) 44-20 to secure their first win of the district season.

"It was huge to get this win," said Seven Lakes senior quarterback Grayson Medford. "Football is all about momentum. It's all about energy and confidence and this win gave us a lot of that."

Medford was helped out by a dominating performance on the ground from the Seven Lakes backfield.

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Cougars take court for first practice of season

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

There's big expectations in Houston this year. After taking the University of Houston to the Final Four last season, people expect another strong season from Kelvin Sampson and the Cougars this year, touting the returning players and incoming recruits. But Sampson said it was much too early to think about those types of things on Friday before the team's first official practice, saying the team needs time to come together before the pressure is heaped on them. "I still think the new guys still are (adjusting)," Sampson said. It's a process for all the new guys, it takes some longer than others, but they all have a good attitude and are working hard. We've been doing things to get ready for the start of practice but things will get accelerated starting today." The Cougars come off a season in which they went 23-8 and 13-5 in American Athletic Conference play, winning the AAC and making it all the way to the Final Four. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the adversity the team faced helped them grow and Sampson is eager to see how the team develops this year and how they will overcome the challenges they face.

"This time last year it seemed like everything was in a holding pattern," Sampson said. "We just weren't quite sure with everything that was going on. We wanted to be as diligent as possible, but the thing I realized is that it brought our guys closer together. Anytime you deal with adversity as a group it affects you, going through everything together really helped that team, but this team is different. No two teams are alike, and this team will have to find its voice and identity. We're focused on getting to these first few practices and seeing how everyone mixes and blends with each other."

Two key returners for the team are Fabian White Jr. and Marcus Sasser, while transfer Kyler Edwards will also play a big part in developing the culture as was part of a Texas Tech team that made it to the national championship game in 2019.

"One of my main focuses this summer was getting in better shape and getting stronger and then also becoming a leader," Sasser said. "I just want to go out



Houston Cougars head coach Kelvin Sampson during an NCAA men's basketball game between the University of Houston and the University of Oregon on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 in Houston, TX. Houston won 65-61.

"One of my main focuses this summer was getting in better shape and getting stronger and then also becoming a leader. ... I want to be able to push the team when we get down and be the coach's voice on the court."

—MARCUS SASSER

there and try to set an example and being a point guard and leader in practice and both on and off the court. I want to be able to push the team when we get down and be the coach's voice on the court."

Sasser hopes that the experience

of getting to the Final Four can help the team and he hopes that he and the other returners can show the incoming players what they will have to do to be successful and help the team make another run in the NCAA basketball tournament.



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Quentin Grimes takes a shot against UCF during a game last season.

"It's always in the back of our heads," Sasser said. "We know what it took last year to get as far as we got, and it's not easy. It's the job of the guys who made it last year to pick our teammates up and show

them what it takes to get there when we go through adversity or things are hard. Having that in the back of our head and knowing what it took to get there I think will definitely help."

Houston sweeps Temple to win third straight match



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University of Houston players celebrate after winning a set against Temple on Saturday.

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

PHILADELPHIA — For the first time in school history, the University of Houston volleyball team swept Temple on Sunday, taking down the Owls 3-0 (25-16, 26-24, 25-15).

The win is the Cougars (13-3, 3-1) third-straight conference win and moves the team into a tie with Tulane for the third-best record in conference play early in the season.

Junior Abbie Jackson led all players with 15 kills, the 11th time this season that the outside hitter has led UH in kills this season. Jackson got support from senior Kennedy Warren added in 12 kills of her own.

Sophomore Annie Cooke dished out 30 assists in the match, guiding

the Cougars to a .245 attacking percentage in the match; Houston hit .379 in the final set.

Defense and serving shaped up to be a large talking point in the match as Houston dished out 10 aces, the fourth time the Cougars have aced their opponent 10 or more times in 2021 and the second time in a three-set match.

Temple (4-11, 0-4 American) took the first point of the match, but three kills by Warren early in the set and four aces over a six-point service run by sophomore Kate Georgiades forced Temple to call a timeout with UH leading 11-6. The Cougars racked up six aces in the set, running away with the set 25-16.

The closest set of the day went past the 25-point mark with 16

tie scores and five different lead changes. Houston tallied 18 kills in the set and hit .268. A service ace by senior Peanut Childers gave Houston the lead 25-24 and a setter dump by Cooke gave the Cougars the set 26-24.

Temple kept the third set close through the first eight total points of the set, but Houston never let its opponent tie the score again after 4-4. Georgiades' fifth ace gave the Cougars a 15-9 lead into the media timeout. Cooke distributed the offense from there as UH took the set in commanding fashion 25-15.

UP NEXT

The Cougars will stay on the road with a match at UCF on Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. CST and then at South Florida on Oct. 10 at 12 p.m. CST.



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Morton Ranch's Jamarus Buckner stiff arms Paetow's Matthew Phillips during a game at Legacy Stadium on Sept 3.

WEEK SEVEN **KATY ISD** PREVIEWS

Huge week for Spartans, Mavericks

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Thursday Tompkins (5-1, 1-1) vs. Taylor (1-5, 0-2), 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium

• Tompkins suffered its first setback of the season last week as the Falcons fell to Katy in a game where the Tompkins defense had no answer for the Tigers offense. The Falcons had their hopes of a second straight district title probably dashed in the process but there is no time for the team to think about the loss, as they will be back in action on Thursday. Josh McMillan had a great day against the Tigers and will hope to add to his performance while the Tompkins defense will need to get back on track to the way it was playing before the Katy game.

Taylor has struggled all season and the Mustangs' losing streak is now at five games after a poor performance against Seven Lakes. The Taylor defense was unable to shut down any form of the Seven Lakes attack as the Mustangs allowed over 450 yards of total offense in the loss. Sophomore quarterback Chase Cobbin showed signs of promise but also made mistakes in his first varsity start and the team was unable to only rely on the run game. Things get even rougher this week for the Mustangs as they face a team that will be wanting to bounce back after a rough loss to Katy. The Mustangs' defense will look to improve and show fight against a very strong Tompkins offense.

Paetow (5-0, 3-0) vs. Wisdom (0-6, 0-4), 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

- Paetow has continued to roll through its district

schedule so far this season as the Panthers have yet to even have a game come down to two scores. The Panthers rolled over Milby last week in the team's second straight shutout as CJ Dumas threw for 118 yards and two touchdowns and the Paetow run game got whatever it wanted as Damyrion Phillips had 80 yards and two scores and D.J. Johnson rushed for 83 yards and one touchdown. Alex Kilgore had two tackles for loss and a fumble recovery while Michael Jordan had an interception in the game. Next for Paetow is a Wisdom, which hasn't won a game this season. Paetow will look to continue its dominant streak and go for its third straight shutout against a team that has been unable to stop teams on defense and has struggled offensively.

Friday, Oct. 8

Seven Lakes (4-2, 1-1) vs. Morton Ranch (3-2, 1-0), 6 p.m., Legacy Stadium

• Seven Lakes put itself in a good position last week with a win over Taylor and it sets up a huge matchup with Morton Ranch that could decide one or both teams' playoff fates further down the line. Sophomore running back Barrett Hudson had himself a game, running for 246 yards and a score while Michael Amico also went over the century mark in rushing as well. Keegan Sneedon looked like a very strong weapon in the kicking game, making three field goals and converting all of his point after attempts, and the Seven Lakes defense was very strong in the win.

Morton Ranch comes off a bye week and hopes to be more healthy as the team only had 35 players available against Taylor two weeks ago, but the Mavericks have played strong of late, especially on the offensive end and will try to continue that in this game. Santana Scott has

turned into a very real threat for the team while at quarterback Josh Johnson is able to attack teams both through the air and on the ground. The Morton Ranch defense will have to have a strong game to slow down the Seven Lakes run and play action attack and the offense will be looking to do more of what it has been doing. Seven Lakes will look to carry over last weeks performance and continue to dominate on the ground and defensively.

Mayde Creek (2-3, 0-1) vs. Katy (6-0, 2-0) , 7 p.m., Rhodes Stadium

• Mayde Creek and Katy will meet this week in a tough matchup for Mayde Creek. The Rams come off a tough loss to Cinco Ranch but showed signs of promise in the game. The passing game was strong for Mayde Creek. Against a tough Cinco Ranch defense, Jaylen Bragg threw for 205 yards and Jordan Kelly had 135 yards receiving and two touchdowns on five receptions. The team was unable to get the run game going however, as the Rams allowed Gavin Rutherford to pass for 216 yards and two scores as well as rush for 60 yards and two scores and allowed Sam McKnight to rush for 128 yards in the loss.

Katy on the other had comes into the matchup looking as strong as they have all season, after completely shutting down Tompkins last week. Katy had over 600 yards of total offense and Caleb Koger was on fire in the game while the run game was as strong as always. Defensively, they completely shut down a Tompkins offense that had been very strong heading into the matchup and the team looks determined to continue its dominance. The Tigers will be confident and try to continue what they have been doing, while the Rams will continue to find balance in the offense and try to find a way to stop a surging Katy offense.

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Tompkins falls to 10 in Houston area rankings

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

Tompkins fell to No. 10 in week seven of the Class 6A Houston Area High School Football Rankings after falling to Katy last week. The Tigers stayed at No. 1 after the win. Bridgeland jumped to No. 2 and Westfield jumped to No. 3 while Spring fell five spots to No. 7.

In Class 5A, Paetow is still ranked No. 2 behind Fort Bend Marshall while Montgomery, Magnolia West and Hightower round out the top five.

In Class 4A and 3A, Huffman-Hargrave stayed at No. 1 and Bellville remained at No. 2. Kinkaid remained No. 1 in the private school rankings.

Katy's Antonio Silva makes the stop on Tompkins Julius Mourning during a game between Katy Tigers and Tompkins Falcons at Legacy Stadium in Katy.

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- CLASS 6A**

1. Katy (11 first-place votes)
Record: 6-0; Points: 239; Previous rank: 1; Last week: Beat Tompkins, 56-21.

2. Bridgeland (1)
Record: 5-0; Points: 218; Previous rank: 3; Last week: Beat Cypress Woods, 41-14.

3. Westfield
Record: 5-0; Points: 217; Previous rank: 5; Last week: Beat Spring, 31-21.

4. Atascocita
Record: 5-1; Points: 207; Previous rank: 4; Last week: Beat Kingwood, 49-14.

5. North Shore
Record: 5-1; Points: 190; Previous rank: 6; Last week: Beat Humble, 68-8.

6. C.E. King
Record: 6-0; Points: 175; Previous rank: 7; Last week: Beat Summer Creek, 35-10.

7. Spring
Record: 4-1; Points: 173; Previous rank: 2; Last week: Lost to Westfield, 31-21.

8. Cypress Park
Record: 5-0; Points: 152; Previous rank: 9; Last week: Beat Cypress Lakes, 56-0.

9. Ridge Point
Record: 4-1; Points: 139; Previous rank: 10; Last week: idle.

10. Tompkins
Record: 5-1; Points: 126; Previous rank: 8; Last week: Lost to Katy, 56-21.

11. Dickinson
Record: 4-2; Points: 120; Previous rank: 11; Last week: Beat Clear Creek, 49-21.

12. Klein Cain
Record: 5-1; Points: 107; Previous rank: 12; Last week: Beat Tomball Memorial, 63-14.

13. Tomball
Record: 6-0; Points: 93; Previous rank: 13; Last week: Beat Klein Forest, 49-21.

14. The Woodlands
Record: 3-2; Points: 79; Previous rank: 14; Last week: idle.

15. Clear Falls
Record: 5-1; Points: 62; Previous rank: 15; Last week: Beat Clear Brook, 38-21.

16. Shadow Creek
Record: 3-2; Points: 61; Previous rank: 18; Last week: Beat Dawson, 45-31.

17. Dobie
Record: 4-1; Points: 48; Previous rank: 17; Last week: idle.

18. Jersey Village
Record: 5-0; Points: 43; Previous rank: 20; Last week: Beat Northbrook, 48-0.

19. Stratford
Record: 5-0; Points: 24; Previous rank: NR; Last week: Beat Cypress Ridge, 34-9.

20. Dawson
Record: 3-2; Points: 19; Previous rank: 19; Last week: Lost to Shadow Creek, 45-31.

Also receiving votes: Summer Creek 15, Cypress Ranch 10, College Park 2, Travis 1.
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4. Magnolia West
Record: 6-0; Points: 89; Previous rank: 4; Last week: Beat Waller, 53-14.

5. Hightower
Record: 4-1; Points: 81; Previous rank: 5; Last week: Beat Angleton, 18-16.

6. Manvel
Record: 3-2; Points: 63; Previous rank: 6; Last week: idle.

7. Crosby
Record: 3-2; Points: 50; Previous rank: 7; Last week: Beat Barbers Hill, 53-46 (OT).

8. New Caney
Record: 4-1; Points: 37; Previous rank: 8; Last week: Beat Lufkin, 38-27.

9. Baytown Lee
Record: 5-0; Points: 26; Previous rank: 9; Last week: Beat La Porte, 28-7.

10. Magnolia
Record: 4-2; Points: 11; Previous rank: NR; Last week: Beat Caney Creek, 49-0.

Also receiving votes: Angleton 8, Lake Creek 6, Texas City 2, Foster 1, Huntsville 1.
- 2. Bellville (2)**
Record: 5-0; Points: 41; Previous rank: 2; Last week: idle.

3. El Campo (1)
Record: 4-1; Points: 33; Previous rank: 3; Last week: idle.

4. East Bernard
Record: 4-1; Points: 20; Previous rank: 4; Last week: idle.

5. Sealy
Record: 3-2; Points: 6; Previous rank: 5; Last week: idle.

Also receiving votes: Stafford 3, La Marque 1.

- PRIVATE SCHOOLS**
- 1. Kinkaid (5 first-place votes)**
Record: 5-1; Points: 36; Previous rank: 2; Last week: Beat St. Mark's, 64-27.
- 2. Second Baptist (3)**
Record: 4-1; Points: 35; Previous rank: 1; Last week: idle.
- 3. The Woodlands Christian**
Record: 5-0; Points: 17; Previous rank: 4; Last week: Beat San Augustine, 48-6.
- 4. St. John's**
Record: 5-0; Points: 16; Previous rank: 5; Last week: Beat Houston Christian, 37-0.
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Caleb Koger found Isaiah Smith for a 21-yard touchdown to open the scoring.

It was the first of five touchdowns for Koger, who threw for 331 yards in the game to lead the Katy offense, while the Tigers also had a 200-yard rusher on the night in Seth Davis, who finished with 212 yards on the ground.

“The run game really helped me,” Koger said. “The run game made them bite on play action and it made my job really easy. The lineman did their job and gave me the protection I needed to make throws and the receivers did a great job too.”

The first touchdown opened the floodgates for the Tigers as they put up 35 points in the second quarter. Koger threw a 47-yard pass to Antonio Silva after just over a minute had passed in the quarter and Tompkins looked like it would have an answer before Arian Parish made a diving interception to get Katy the ball back.

“It was everything we put into practice and what we’ve learned that came into play on that interception. It was just all the fundamentals,” Parish said. “There wasn’t anything different on it I just made the read. We made sure to come out tonight and execute the same way we do for every game.”

Davis got in on the action after that, running in a 56-yard touchdown two plays later and further extending the Katy lead.

Tompkins finally got on the board as Cole Francis hit Josh McMillan for a 49-yard touchdown pass but Katy had an answer again as they drove the field and Koger threw his fourth touchdown of the game, this one to JR Ceyanes on a 19-yard fade route. Katy wasn’t done in the second quarter as with two minutes remaining in the half Koger and Nic Anderson hooked up for a 45-yard touchdown with two minutes remaining in the half.

Josh McMillan returned the ensuing kickoff 108-yards for a touchdown to try and bring Tompkins closer but Koger again answered back with a 53-yard touchdown pass to Anderson.

Anderson finished the night with 128 yards on six receptions and looked recovered from an injury that kept him out of the lineup throughout much of the season so far. Silva had a big night as well, catching five passes for 143 yards.

“It’s awesome,” Koger said. “He’s such a good playmaker, he’s a big dude, he’s 6-foot 4 and he’s fast, he’s just everything I could want in a receiver. Those receivers make my job easy. They make catches on bad throws and they always get open.”

Davis rushed for another touchdown in the second half and Dallas Glass also rushed for a score before Tompkins scored late in the fourth quarter on a 30-yard pass from Francis to McMillan.

McMillan finished the night with 112 yards on 6 catches to go along with his big return to lead

Katy fans cheer on the Tigers during a District 19-6A game against Tompkins at Legacy Stadium on Oct. 1.

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Katy’s #6 Arian Parish makes the stop on Tompkins #4 Matthew Ogunrin during a game between Katy Tigers and Tompkins Falcons at Legacy Stadium in Katy.

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Tompkins.

Limiting such a strong offense was a key thing for Katy and head coach Gary Joseph was proud of his players’ performance.

“They did a good job,” Joseph said. “They gave up one big play in the first half on a double move but other than that they did well. They had their backs up to the wall at one point and responded like they’re supposed to and we got a couple turnovers which is always a good thing. They’re getting better and they’ve played pretty well all year long.”

The win puts Katy in the driver’s seat to bring home a district championship, but Joseph knows that the team can’t lose its focus just because they beat a tough Tompkins team.

“I told the guys all along ‘this wasn’t the culmination of the season, this was the next game and if we are going to have a chance to put their names on a district championship trophy it had to start tonight.’ We still have four games to go through and we have to take it one at a time. We have to go in and prepare like we did this week for every week going forward.”

Katy 56, Tompkins 21

Tompkins	0	14	0	7	--	21
Katy	7	35	7	7	--	56

First quarter

Katy: Safety, Caleb Koger 21 pass to Isaiah Smith (Axel Robertson kick) 1:39

Second quarter

Katy: Koger 47 pass to Antonio Silva (Robertson kick) 10:08

Katy: Seth Davis 56 run (Robertson kick) 9:23

Tompkins: Cole Francis 49 pass to Josh McMillan (Mario Garcia kick) 6:43

Katy: Koger 19 pass to JR Ceyanes (Robertson kick) 3:49

Katy: Koger 45 pass to Nic Anderson (Robertson kick) :13

Tompkins: Josh McMillan 108 kickoff return (Garcia kick) 2:28

Katy: Koger 53 pass to Anderson (Robertson kick) 0:13

Third quarter

Katy: Davis 66 run (Robertson kick) 5:04

Fourth quarter

Katy: Dallas Glass 1 run (Robertson kick) 8:40

Tompkins: Francis 30 pass to McMillan (Garcia kick) 1:40

Team stats

	Tompkins	Katy
First downs	16	21
Yards rushing	25-79	34-264
Yards passing	245	364
Passes	22-33-2-2	15-19-5-0
Punts	6-27	2-40
Fumbles-lost	4-1	0-0
Penalty-yards	1-15	2-25

Individual Statistics

Rushing -- Katy: Seth Davis 15-212-2; Dallas Glass, 11-45-1; Chase Johnsey, 2-7; Isaiah Smith, 2-3; Tompkins: Caleb Blocker, 17-54; Julius Mourning, 4-17; Cole Francis, 3-9; Collin Marshall, 1-(-1)

Passing -- Katy: Caleb Koger, 14-17-331-5-0; Elijah Bowman, 1-2-33-0-0; Tompkins: Cole Francis, 22-33-245-2-2

Receiving -- Katy: Nic Anderson, Antonio Silva, 5-143-1; Nic Anderson, 6-128-2; Isaiah Smith, 2-41-1; Adam Jackson, 1-33; JR Ceyanes, 1-19-1; Tompkins: Josh McMillan, 6-112-2; Matthew Ogunrin, 6-46; Collin Marshall, 4-37; Wyatt Young, 2-28; Julius Mourning, 3-12; Lebechi Chidubem, 2-10;

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Houston Texans running back David Johnson (31) scores a touchdown on a 7-yard reception during the first half of an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the Jacksonville Jaguars on September 12, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

Texans need a bounce-back week against Patriots

BY TYLER TYRE
TIMES SPORTS EDITOR

The Texans are in free fall.

After an encouraging season opening win, the Texans have had worse performances every week, first in a 10-point loss to the Browns, then a 15-point loss to the Panthers and finally in a 40-point shutout against the Bills.

Everything came crashing down against Buffalo. The Texans (1-3) could only muster 109 yards of total offense in the game, averaging just 2.6 yards per play.

Texans head coach David Culley wanted to open up the playbook for rookie quarterback Davis Mills, but Mills struggled mightily with more pressure, as he threw four interceptions to just 11 completions, ending the day with just 87 yards passing.

The Texans defense wasn't much better, allowing 256 yards through the air and 199 on the ground, but the team did force an interception and three fumbles.

The biggest catalyst of the past three losses has been the mistakes the team has made according to head coach David Culley.

"The enemy was us



SCOTT W. COLEMAN
Houston Texans wide receiver Danny Amendola (89) carries the ball after a catch during the first half of an NFL game between the Houston Texans and the Jacksonville Jaguars on September 12, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

against the Bills," Culley said. "There were about 24 points in the ballgame that we gave up, basically because of things that we didn't do correctly, the things that we need to do better. Basically, when we go back and we look at the video, we've got to get those things corrected. We know that when we play good football and complementary football, we'll be ok."

To add to Mills' rough day, he was sacked three

times and had a 23.4 QB rating, Culley is confident he will be able to bounce back quickly.

"I don't worry about him (Davis Mills) that way because of the kind of person he is and the maturity he has. It wasn't a good day, he knew it wasn't a good day. He also understands as our quarterback, the first thing you have to do is be able to protect the football. He didn't do that yesterday. He's just got to get better and understand that that is part of the growing pains."

Despite Culley taking blame for the team's performance, the players said it was more on them and not the coaching staff. And the good news for the Texans is there is time to turn things around, as the AFC South leading Titans are only 2-2 and the Texans somehow sit in second place in the division.

"We're still early in the season and our division isn't doing well as a whole, so we've still got a chance," said running back David Johnson. "The biggest thing is just winning your division and then going from there. I feel like it's still early, we have a lot of hope, everyone's still positive. The biggest things is just watching film and trying to correct it."

It will need to be a quick correction as Houston will face the New England Patriots on noon Sunday at NRG Stadium.

The Patriots come off

tough 19-17 loss to the Buccaneers and like the Texans sit at 1-3 on the season. But everyone in the Texans' locker room knows the Patriots and Bill Belichick are not to be underestimated.

"Whatever the Patriots are doing offensively, whatever they are doing defensively, they don't make mistakes. You have to beat that football team," Culley said. "That's one of the things that I felt like us moving forward, obviously we were not mistake-free last week. When you have those kinds of things happen to you, you lose football games. You don't get beat, you lose football games and that's what we did. This football team we are about to play has a history of not doing that."

The Texans know it will be a tough matchup, but also know they need a win to get back on track and make a push to get in the playoff hunt.

"I still think we have playoff aspirations, I feel like we still have that chance," Johnson said. "We're tied for second in the division and it's still early. We've only played four games. We still have a chance to make the playoffs and make a run."



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

APPLICATION: Pat Andrew Wagner, Matthew Garney and Brandy Garney, owner(s), are requesting to be allowed to revise Lot Four (4), of SPRING CREEK ESTATES, SECTION TWO (2) and Lot Fourteen (14), of CLEAR CREEK FOREST, SECTION ONE (1). The revision will relocate the 0.967 acres of land containing "the garage" currently on Lot 14 and replat that portion of Lot 14 to now be on Lot 4. These newly configured lots would consist of Lot 14 now being 3.0970 acres and Lot 4 now being 2.6701 acres. SPRING CREEK ESTATES, SECTION TWO (2) and CLEAR CREEK FOREST, SECTION ONE (1) are situated in the Lucy Pearsall Survey, Abstract NO. 237, Waller County, Texas recorded in Volume 583, Page 642 of the Official Public Records of Waller County, Texas and Volume 200, Page 278 in the Deed Records of Waller County, Texas respectively.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held during the regular session of Commissioners' Court on October 27th, 9:00am at the Waller County Courthouse, 836 Austin St., Hempstead, Texas, 77445.

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Site #3: 3151 Falcon Landing Blvd.
PREVIEW: Weds., 10/6/21
AUCTION ENDS: Fri., 10/8/21

FEATURED ITEMS
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GRAND LAKES WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF OFFICE AND MEETING PLACES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT

TO THE RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF GRAND
LAKES WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED
PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Grand
Lakes Water Control and Improvement District (hereinafter
called "District"), at a meeting of said Board held on
September 23, 2021, changed its office to 1300 Post Oak
Blvd., Suite 2400, Houston, Texas 77056, and established
regular meeting places of said Board outside the boundaries
of the District at 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suites 2400 and 2500,
Houston, Texas 77056.

All residents and taxpayers of the District and all other
interested persons are invited to attend all meetings of the
Board of Directors, including those at said locations.

The mailing address for correspondence directed to the
District is 1300 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2400, Houston, Texas
77056.

/s/ Leticia Gonzalez
Secretary Pro Tem
Board of Directors

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to Waller County Municipal Utility District
No. 18, Attention: Mr. Doug Bergen, 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 2:00 p.m., Local Time,
Thursday, October 28, 2021, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction
of the Waller County MUD No. 18 Lift Station No. 1 to serve Waller County
Municipal Utility District No. 18, Waller County, Texas". Bidders may elect to
submit bids electronically via <https://bids.lja.com>. To attend the Bid Opening by
telephone, dial 346.202.6170, enter Conference ID 104 136 121#.

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the following: construction of lift
station no. 1.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A non-mandatory
audio/web pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 2:00
p.m. Local Time. To attend the web-format non-mandatory pre-bid conference,
click the link provided, https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_N2FjNDhmNDQtYWZhNC00MmI3LTgxYmMtMzRhZmRlNjk0Mzcw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f98c7d99-dabf-4760-bbfe-dc1aa7afb94a%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2238733603-1fbc-4e34-9a8b-d0f0c929fdb%22%7d. To attend the audio format non-mandatory pre-bid
conference, dial 346.202.6170, enter Conference ID 508 957 144#.

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
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Engineering, Inc., 1904 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 120, Katy, Texas 77449
or at <https://bids.lja.com>.

A Bidder submitting electronic Bids must submit its Bid and bid securities in
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<https://bids.lja.com>. Bidders must register and obtain bidding documents on this
website for the required payment amount (if any) to submit an electronic bid.

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.**

Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 18

NOTICE OF SALE

**HARRIS-WALLER COUNTIES
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 3**
(A Political Subdivision of the State of Texas
Located within Harris and Waller Counties, Texas)

\$10,000,000
Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2021

Bids to be Submitted: 10:00 A.M., Central Time
Bids to be Awarded: 1:30 P.M., Central Time
Monday, October 18, 2021

Place and Time of Sale: The Board of Directors (the
"Board") of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility
District No. 3 (the "District") will receive and publicly read
bids for the purchase of the Bonds at the designated
meeting place outside the boundaries of the District, at
the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, 3200
Southwest Freeway Suite 2600, Houston, TX 77027 at 1:30
P.M., Central Time, Monday, October 18, 2021.

Address of Bids: Bids, which must be submitted in du-
plicate on the Official Bid Form and plainly marked "Bid
for Bonds," should be addressed to "President and Board
of Directors of Harris-Waller Counties Municipal Utility
District No. 3" and delivered to the District's Financial
Advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar,
Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010 prior to 10:00 A.M.,
Central Time on the date of the bid opening. Any bid
received after 10:00 A.M., Central Time, Monday, October
18, 2021, will not be accepted and will be returned
unopened. All bids must be accompanied by a Bank
Cashier's Check in the amount of \$200,000 payable to the
order of the District as a good faith deposit.

Information: The Bonds are more completely described in
the "Official Notice of Sale" and the "Preliminary Official
Statement" which may be obtained from Robert W. Baird &
Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas
77010; c/o Jan Bartholomew, jbartholomew@rwbaird.com;
Financial Advisor to the District. The District reserves
the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and
all irregularities except time of filing. This notice does not
constitute an offer to sell the Bonds but is merely notice of
sale of the Bonds as required by law. The offer to sell the
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Seven Lakes Grayson Medford celebrates a touchdown during the Spartans' win over Mayde Creek last season at Legacy Stadium.

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SPARTANS

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Barrett Hudson rushed for 247 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries and Michael Amico ran for 107 yards on 14 carries, rushing in a touchdown as well, while Marcel Davis had 47 yards receiving and 16 yards rushing with two touchdowns.

"Our guys are so unselfish," said Seven Lakes head coach Jimmy Hamon. "We have three really good backs I think along with our quarterback and they're all able to move the ball on the ground. It's a complimentary game. There's a power back with Michael, there's shiftiness with Barrett and with Grayson's speed and athleticism, he is able to make plays with his feet. We've realized offensively that we are best when we divvy the ball up. We don't want one person to have too many carries and it keeps them fresh, it keeps them in the game and the defense on the other side off balance."

It took under a minute for Seven Lakes to get on the board. Hudson ripped off a 66-yard gain on his second carry of the game, and Amico ran in a 4-yard score on the next play.

After shutting down a Taylor drive, Keegan Sneedon nailed a 30-yard field goal to increase the lead and on the Spartans' next drive, Barrett Hudson ran in a touchdown from 33-yards out to give the team a 17-0 lead.

Taylor looked to be finding momentum on its next drive, but the Seven Lakes' defense stepped up and forced a turnover off a fumble and the next play, Medford found Davis on a 47-yard pass to build the lead even further.

"Our defense is just out of this world," Hudson said. "I just love our defense and everything they do. They bring the pressure every practice and every game and it makes us better on offense too. They were amazing out there."

Taylor finally answered back when Michael Whitaker scored on a 2-yard run but Seven Lakes came up with an interception on the next Taylor drive and again capitalized on it as Medford scored on a one-yard keeper.

Taylor trimmed the lead to 17 going into the half as Tyler Irving scored on a 10-yard run, but Seven Lakes controlled the game in the second half.

Hudson finished just the first half with 182 yards, the sophomore has grown into a larger and larger role as the season has gone along.

"We knew he was going to be a great

"I just love our defense and everything they do. They bring the pressure every practice and every game and it makes us better on offense too. They were amazing out there."

—BARRETT HUDSON

player, we knew that when we saw him as a freshman and we knew that after spring football, and we knew we needed to find a way to give him the ball," Hamon said. "We eased him into it because of the jump from freshman to varsity football and gave him a few carries in different spots, but he came alive in week three. At that point, we said 'okay, he's seen the speed of the game and he can play.' We're really pleased with his development and I just can't say enough great things about him."

Sneedon kicked two more field goals in the second half, from 33 and 46 yards out and Davis ran in a touchdown before Taylor scored on a 21-yard pass from Jake Webster to Wyatt Fahey on the final play of the game.

The loss is the fifth straight for the Mustangs, and things won't get any easier as the team faces Tompkins next week.

Seven Lakes will enjoy its first win over the Mustangs since 2018 but knows there is still work to do. The Spartans will next face Morton Ranch in what could be a huge game with playoff implications.

"This was a huge game for us," Hamon said. "It's already more wins that we had last year, and to beat a team like Taylor who has been really good over the past few years was big as well. We hadn't done that since 2018 and even then it went down to the wire so it was nice to have a dominating performance tonight. It just sets us up

to go into next week with confidence against a Morton Ranch team that also beat them."

Seven Lakes 41, Taylor 20

Seven Lakes	24	7	3	10	--	44
Taylor	0	14	0	6	--	20

First quarter
SL: Michael Amico 4 run (Keegan Sneedon kick) 11:05
SL: Sneedon 30 field goal, 4:19
SL: Barrett Hudson 33 run (Sneedon kick) 2:50
SL: Grayson Medford 47 pass to Marcel Davis (Sneedon kick) 1:07

Second quarter
T: Michael Whitaker 2 run (Alej Sabek kick) 8:53
SL: Medford 1 run (Sneedon kick) 3:47
SL: Tyler Irving 10 kick (Sabek kick) 1:27

Third quarter
SL: Sneedon 33 field goal (Sneedon kick) 5:20

Fourth quarter
SL: Sneedon 46 field goal (Sneedon kick) 3:51
SL: Jake Webster 21 pass to Wyatt Fahey, 0:00

Team stats

	Seven Lakes	Taylor
First downs	18	17
Yards rushing	45-421	43-304
Yards passing	58	77
Passes	2-7-0-0	7-18-0-2
Punts	3-31	3-42
Fumbles-lost	1-0	4-1
Penalty-yards	5-55	5-35

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Taylor: Michael Whitaker III, 12-101-1; Cherron Lewis II, 3-57; Dante Archie, 2-53; Tyler Irving, 8-47-1; Chase Cobbin, 17-43; Alej Sabek, 1-3; Seven Lakes: Barrett Hudson, 20-247-1; Michael Amico, 14-107-1; Grayson Medford, 7-47-1; Marcel Davis, 1-16-1; Roman Bersche, 2-1;

Passing – Taylor: Chase Cobbin, 6-12-72-0-1; Jake Webster, 1-6-5-0-1; Seven lakes: Grayson Medford, 2-7-58-1-0

Receiving – Taylor: Wyatt Fahey, 2-31-1; Jamon Hines, 2-33; Ian Flynt, 2-15; Michael Whitaker III, 1-(-2); Seven Lakes: Marcel Davis, 1-47-1; Landon Ross, 1-11

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FOR the proposal:	Morgan Stagg, Michael D. Chittwood, Virginia P. Lester, Stephen A. Talecki, Lionel A. Garza
AGAINST the proposal:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	None

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.30000/\$100 Adopted	\$.30000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.00000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 300,626	\$ 316,321
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 60,125	\$ 63,264
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 240,501	\$ 253,057
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 721.50	\$ 759.17
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ 37.67 5.22%

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If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. Notwithstanding the above, while the proposed tax rate will increase taxes on the average residence homestead by more than 3.5 percent, Tax Code Section 26.013 permits the district to include any prior year unused increment rate in calculating the maximum rate allowed without an election. After including the unused increment rate that maximum rate is \$.30264. As the proposed rate does not exceed such maximum rate, no election is required.

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

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Dominguez brace lifts Austin FC past Real Salt Lake for home win

BY ZACH SMITH
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

When head coach Josh Wolff's system is clicking, Austin FC can be fun to watch.

Cecilio Dominguez scored twice to take the team lead in goals this season and Austin FC beat Real Salt Lake 2-1 Saturday afternoon to win back-to-back home games for the first time in franchise history.

"We have a very competitive group," Wolff said. "There aren't many games where we haven't shown up and competed. It's nice to have a proper striker where we can put Cecilio and all of our players in places where they can be most impactful."

The possession was split evenly between the two teams, but Austin had a big advantage in shots (18-9) and shots on goal (8-3) in addition to winning 12 corners.

All three DPs — Dominguez, Sebastian Driussi and Tomas Pochettino — were on the field from the get-go, while dynamic playmakers Moussa Djitté and Diego Fagundez also made up a strong starting XI.

Dominguez finished with a brace on five shots — three on target — while Fagundez had four shots and an assist, Driussi finished with three shots and an assist and Djitté had a pair of shots.

"It's great to finally produce in a game at home," Dominguez said. "We might be behind in the table, but we're going to keep going and keep trying to play the best we can."

Austin FC finishes its most recent stretch of three games in seven days with six points after beating the LA Galaxy 2-0 at Q2 Stadium last Sunday and falling to the Colorado Rapids 2-0 in Denver on Wednesday when many key players were rested.

"We wanted to be in a position to get three results," Wolff said. "The results help validate what we thought. When you look at the contributions of (the players that were rested), there was a level of freshness and quality."

Driussi had a close-range shot saved in the 17th minute, but Dominguez was right there to finish off the rebound for the opening goal.

Just before halftime, Djitté saw a header go just wide off a corner kick. Moments later, he fed Fagundez a perfect pass into the RSL box, but his shot rolled just wide.

Austin FC carried the first-half momentum into the second half. Driussi played a world-class chip to Fagundez in the 55th minute, and Fagundez crossed it to a wide-open Dominguez for an easy tap-in.

Salt Lake pulled one back less than 10 minutes later when Julio Cascante slipped, leaving Damir Krellach unmarked to slip one past Stuver.

Austin FC was given a PK when it appeared Djitté was brought down in the box in the 78th minute. It was overturned after a VAR check, which has not been kind to the Verde & Black this season.

Real Salt Lake pushed for



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Austin FC forward Moussa Djitté (99) heads the ball toward the goal in a scoring attempt from a corner kick during a Major League Soccer match between Austin FC and Real Salt Lake on October 2, 2021 in Austin, Texas.

an equalizer over the final 10 minutes pull stoppage, but unlike in many past games, the Verde & Black didn't fold. Instead, they continued to control the match even though RSL sustained possession.

"When we have proper preparation to get everybody on the same page, I think it's really clear how good this team can be," Wolff said. "We've got six games left and we've got plenty to work on. Those are things we look forward to as a group to get started on next week."

Austin FC Man of the

Match: Cecilio Dominguez — It's been a weird season for Dominguez. He joined Austin FC as one of the highest-profile players on the roster but has been shoehorned into play as the striker. Saturday showed how much more fluid and dangerous he can be out wide. On both of his goals, he made his run from out wide, jumping on Driussi's rebound on the opener and finishing the cross from Fagundez on the second. He leads the team with seven goals this season.

Up Next: Austin FC has a much-needed two-week

break before Minnesota United comes to Q2 Stadium on Oct. 16. The Verde & Black have split their two meetings against the Loons, winning 1-0 on May 1 in Minnesota before losing 2-0 at home on June 23.

The U.S. Men's National Team takes over Q2 Stadium for a World Cup Qualifier against Jamaica on Thursday.

Including the Minnesota match, there are six games left in the MLS regular season. Austin FC travels to face the San Jose Earthquakes on Oct. 20 and hosts the Houston Dynamo on Oct. 24.

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All residents and taxpayers of the District and all other interested persons are invited to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, including those at said locations.

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point to clinch the set.

“The timeout just let the team take a breath and we just talked about what play we were going to run,” said Tompkins head coach Allison Merrell. “We talked about executing on that play and visualized it so everyone knew what they were going to do, then they went out and did it.”

Winning the first set was a turning for Tompkins as they never let Cinco Ranch get close again.

“We knew that we wanted to keep our record,” said junior setter Presley Powell. “With this huge crowd here we wanted to show up and stay strong, and we were able to do that.”

Tompkins controlled the entire second set and although the Cougars came out with a fast start in

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— ALLISON MERRELL, TOMPKINS HEAD COACH

the third set, the Falcons rebounded again to easily take the win and give Cinco Ranch its third loss in district play.

“Once we got our serve receive down it became a lot easier,” Herrman said. “It put us in a good position and we were able to run our offense and there were just no limits from there.”

The win moved Tompkins one step closer to its ultimate, goal, which is winning the district championship. But the team isn’t looking too far ahead.

“We are just taking things one

by one and only looking at the next opponent. You can only look at the next opponent and can’t get caught looking past that.”

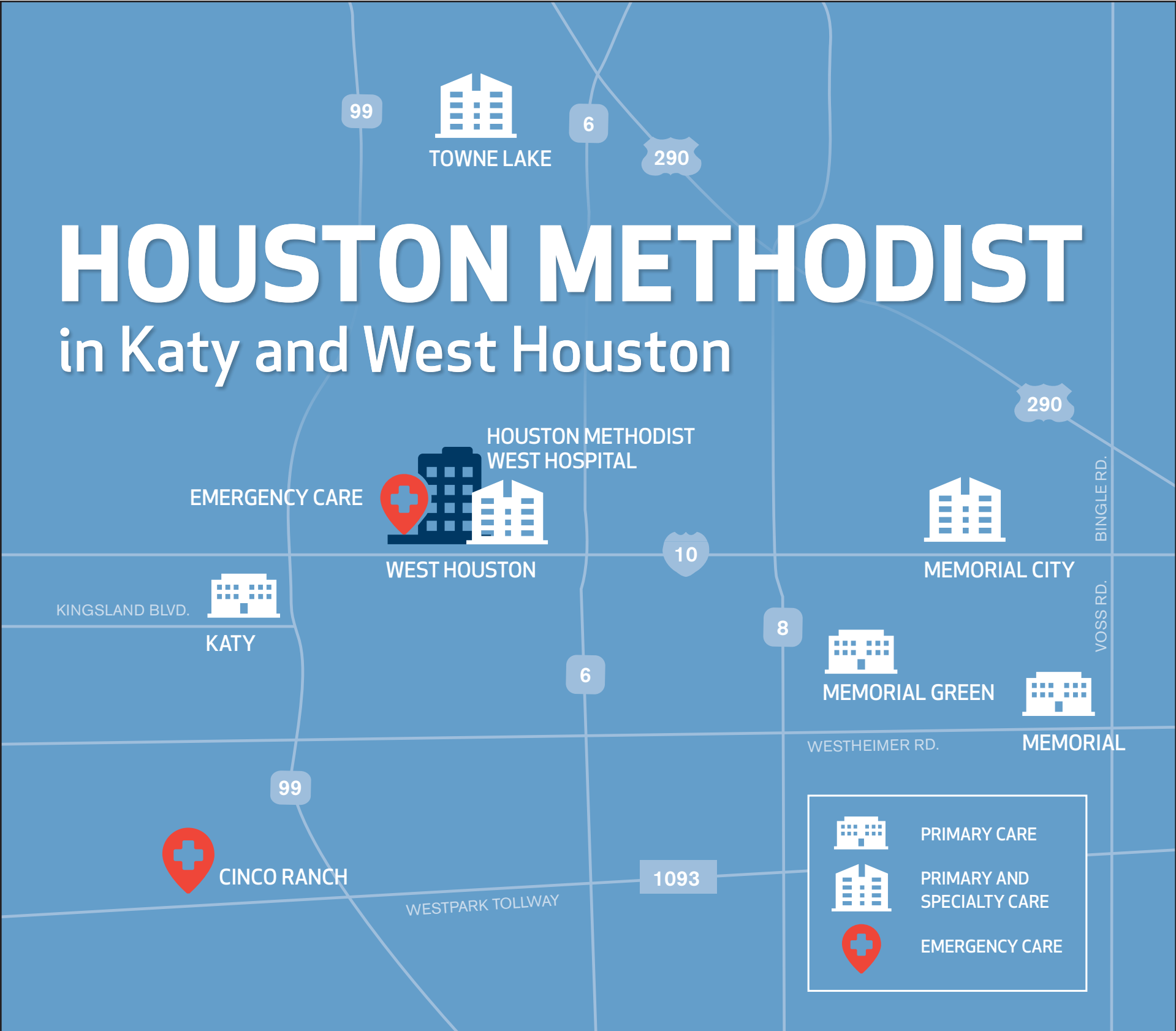
The next opponent for Tompkins is Katy, which holds a 6-1 record in district play. The Tigers hold a 6-1 record in district play, with their sole loss coming to Tompkins. The team’s will play 5:30 Friday at Tompkins and the Falcons are shifting their focus to that important match.

“We haven’t even spoken about Friday,” Merrell said. “That was one of the things that I wanted to make sure that we focused on today, was taking care of today and then tomorrow we will start talking and focusing on that match. We just have to keep being students of the game and then practice hard,

not going through the motions but practicing the gameplan and doing it well.”

Tompkins 3, Cinco Ranch 0

Tompkins: 25, 25, 25
Cinco: 23, 16, 15
Highlights: (T) Brooke Merrell 3 aces, 6 digs; Cindy Tchouangwa 13 kills, 14 digs; Erica Dellesky, 2 aces, 16 digs, 22 assists; Kristen Saba, 2 kills, 1 dig; Madison Danganan 4 digs; Natassa Baptiste 3 kills, 2 blocks, 1 dig; Paris Herrman 19 kills, 1 ace, 1 block, 17 digs; Presley Powell 5 digs, 14 assists; Skylar Skrabanek 3 kills, 3 digs; Tendai Titley 5 kills, 1 ace, 14 digs, 6 assists; Records: Tompkins 27-5, 7-0; Cinco Ranch: 14-16, 4-3



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