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Waller County Judge Trey Duhon spoke at the Houston Executive Airport located between Katy and Brookshire for his State of the County address. During the speech, he detailed successes in budgeting, construction and a relatively easy redistricting process that Waller County went through in September, October and November. He also said the county has been able to lower its tax rate sufficiently to offset property value increases this year.

R. HANS MILLER

## Duhon delivers State of the County address

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Waller County Judge Trey Duhon delivered a formal State of the County address on Nov. 11 at the Houston Executive Airport. During his speech, he discussed recently adopted redistricting for the county, the challenges of Winter Storm Uri and COVID-19 and property taxes and budgeting. "This (year's budget) is a huge first for us," Duhon said. "It is a true balanced budget. We've always balanced our budget on a deficit. There are some things we budget for (on a projection). A lot of times, it's indigent health care. This time we actually have a true balanced budget." Duhon said Waller County's overall budget is about \$53.6 million with about \$42 million coming from taxes, especially property taxes, and the remainder coming from various grants. While many homeowners have seen increases in appraised values for their properties, the county was able to reduce its tax rate enough to offset those increased values, in part due to an additional 10% in added value to the value of property in the county as a whole. That added value came in the form of new construction in both

the residential and industrial sectors, he said. The county's Road and Bridge Department has been allotted about \$1.6 million more than it was last year to maintain and improve roads countywide, Duhon said. About \$1.8 million of that funding will go to increase the budget of the Waller County Sheriff's Office to hire more officers, investigators and jail staff, Duhon said. Focusing on fighting crime which is on the rise in areas near the Houston Metropolitan Area is a priority for the entire Waller County Commissioners Court, he said. Duhon noted that the county had completed construction on the new Waller County Jail, Precinct 4 Annex on Highway 90 between Katy and Brookshire and improvements to the Waller County Library in Hempstead. Next on the county's agenda to get an upgrade is the Waller County Courthouse, Duhon said. The current courthouse was built in 1955 and needs serious repairs with a boiler system that is broken down, an HVAC system that is no longer functioning well and several other maintenance issues. Duhon said that he and county commissioners and

staff were looking at options on how to address the issue, including a possible replacement of the facility. The current courthouse is the fourth in the county's history, Duhon said. The first was established in 1877 in a one-room log cabin. Later, in 1892, that facility burned down and another was constructed. In 1944, another building was utilized and the current courthouse followed. "At the end of the day, we need a courthouse that is functional and long-lasting," Duhon said. "So, no matter what we do going forward, that's going to determine our direction." The event was sponsored by the Waller County Economic Development Partnership, and Duhon deferred to EDP President Vince Yokum regarding the county's economic status. Yokum added that about 3.2 million square feet of space had been developed under those 35 projects and the group is currently working with several other projects to provide economic opportunities to Waller County residents. Challenges would come as those

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## KISD continues growth trend, seeks feedback on ESSER

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

During its regular meeting, the Katy ISD Board of Trustees discussed obtaining community feedback regarding the use of federal money from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and heard an update on the district's rapidly increasing

population. "The 2021 data continues to show that Katy ISD is the fastest-growing school district in the Greater Houston area, having grown by over 11,000 students in the past five years alone," said KISD Chief Operations Officer Ted Vierling. "As the district continues to build out, we must

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COURTESY KATY ISD

Katy ISD's overall student body is expected to continue to grow rapidly over the next several years as more homes are built within the district. As a result, KISD will need to add capacity to existing facilities, adjust attendance boundaries and build new campuses. Funding for much of this work was approved by voters earlier this year during a May bond election.

## Pattison council eyes infrastructure needs

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

During a Nov. 7 special meeting, Pattison City Council members addressed planning for the future of the town by examining infrastructure. Projects considered included regional wastewater and fire protection surveys, city limit boundary clarifications and beginning the remodel of the new Pattison City Hall at 3410 First Street. "The locks on the doors and the doors themselves are very old and not secure. This building is over 40 years

old. I'd like to secure the buildings safely and secure the locks," Mayor Joe Garcia said. Council unanimously voted to replace the doors and locks on the building as well as the HVAC system. They also approved the removal of trees that presented a falling hazard and a shed on the property that has fallen into disrepair. The facility's septic system will also be repaired or replaced. Council members approved a budget of about \$150,000 to purchase and remodel the building to

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## Katy Cares Organization aims to support single parents

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Katy Cares works to lift up single parents and give them the skills to manage their households and ensure their children have a high quality of life, said Dawid Pieterse, president of the local nonprofit. Pieterse, who holds a doctorate in theology, explained that the group focuses on parenting education and counseling for single parents who have faced physical abuse or other traumas. "Katy Cares) started off as a nonprofit, providing housing and trauma-informed counseling services for single mothers, specifically," Pieterse said. "We have moved to providing trauma-informed counseling through three different programs ... where we approach the family holistically." Those programs – dubbed Ready, Set, Go!, Grow Through Life and Safari Adventures –

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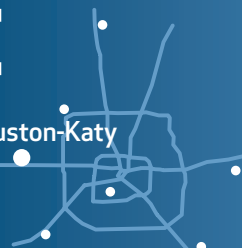
Mell Llanca, Regional Healthy Living director of the Katy YMCA's Monty Ballard and Mark A. Chapman locations poses with donations to Katy Cares that were gathered via a supply drive at the YMCA. Katy Cares depends on donations to help them support single-parent families with essential needs such as toiletries and food as well as to fund its counseling and education services.

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JAM-PACKED KATY WEEKEND

The Rotary Club of Katy hosted Wild West Brewfest on Nov. 11-13 at Katy Mills. The event featured more than 80 brewers as well as vintners in a wine tent. Jennifer Prothow (in red shirt) of ErmaRose Winery pours a sample of one of her locally-crafted wines for a festival attendee while one of her staff discusses the winery's product line with another guest.

R. HANS MILLER



SUSAN ROVEGNO

Left: The Katy area celebrated Veterans Day last week with a variety of events including a celebration at Willow Fork Drainage District's Central Green Park at LaCenterra. Local veterans including Katy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9182 Commander Don Byrne spoke at the event which included a flyover of restored warplanes by the Houston Wing of the Commemorative Air Force.



R. HANS MILLER

Katy American Legion Post 164 and Katy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9182 joined members of the Katy Elks Lodge and State Representative Mike Schofield (R – Katy) for a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 13. During the event, about 1,000 flags were respectfully cremated in a traditional manner. Anyone with flags that have become worn may drop them off at the Katy Elks Lodge, the Katy Branch Library or the Katy VFW post.

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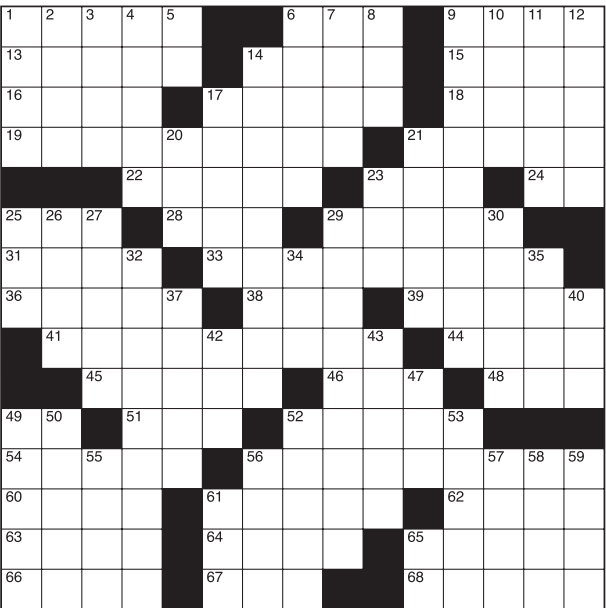
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. German philosopher
- 6. A type of stock trading (abbr.)
- 9. Cincinnati ballplayers
- 13. Deerlike water buffaloes
- 14. Island
- 15. Jewish calendar month
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Unstressed syllable of a metrical foot
- 18. A restaurant needs one
- 19. Decent behaviors
- 21. Groans
- 22. Works hard
- 23. Upset
- 24. A sound made in speech
- 25. One point east of due south
- 28. Boxing's GOAT
- 29. Whittles
- 31. Tailless amphibian
- 33. Surrounded
- 36. Doesn't stay still
- 38. Copycat
- 39. Four-door car
- 41. Morally correct behavior
- 44. Something that is owed
- 45. Pasta needs it
- 46. Ant-Man's last name
- 48. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 49. Small period of time (abbr.)
- 51. Woman (French)
- 52. On or around
- 54. Fencing swords
- 56. Fonts

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bodily substance
- 2. Internal
- 3. Provoke or annoy
- 4. Type of lounge chair
- 5. Losses
- 6. Makes less severe
- 7. Identifies a thing close at hand
- 8. Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- 9. Rebuilt
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. American investigative journalist
- 12. Partially melted snow
- 14. Take shape
- 17. Mexican beverage
- 20. Patti Hearst's captors
- 21. Jacobs and Summers are two
- 23. Disfigure
- 25. Scientists' tool (abbr.)
- 26. Ill-mannered person
- 27. Overhang
- 29. Famed rat catcher



- 30. Passover feast and ceremony
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Central processing unit
- 35. Chinese native religion
- 37. Unfermented juices
- 40. "To the \_\_\_ degree"
- 42. Frozen water
- 43. Medieval circuit courts
- 47. 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)
- 49. Gossipy
- 50. Shopping is one type
- 52. Palmlike plant
- 53. Partner to "oohed"
- 55. Welsh name meaning "snow"
- 56. Popular Mexican dish
- 57. It helps power devices
- 58. Reddish-brown wildcat
- 59. Impertinence
- 61. Legal financial term (abbr.)
- 65. Atomic #52

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers will be provided in next week's edition.



KATY CARES

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assist family members of all age groups deal with the challenges single-parent households face, Pieterse said.

The Ready, Set, Go! program is directed toward single parents, both mothers and fathers, who are facing the daunting task of raising children on their own. There is no cost to enroll in the eight-module program. Participants learn parenting skills that help them balance between the need for discipline and compassion for their children by establishing routines and boundaries that help both the parent and their children become successful. Each class is six people that, in essence, form a support group, Pieterse said. While they cover the program materials over a year to 18 months, they also support one another in job hunting, babysitting and other ways that any other group of friends would.

“The weekly group sessions are three hours, then they each have at least an hour or two of individual counseling,” Pieterse said.

In the Grow Through Life program, teens aged 11-15 learn skills to cope with living in a situation where their parents no longer live together and one may be absent entirely, Pieterse said. The program helps them gain perspective on the situation, develop communication and basic life skills and make an overall smoother transition from adolescence into adulthood.

To round out the holistic approach, Pieterse said Katy Cares has partnered with Attack Poverty to create the Safari Adventures program for elementary-age children. Similar to Grow Through Life, this program focuses on helping participants learn communication skills. Additionally, the

program helps them understand self-worth, how to handle difficult social situations, and how to use their emotions in a healthy manner.

“What we say is we’re trying to holistically approach this family and work with every member in the family with the same principles so that they can grow (and) develop to the next level, being a single-parent-led family and overcoming the trauma and the challenges,” Pieterse said.

This new three-tier service model is expected to help Katy Cares reach more families in need of assistance, Pieterse said. Rather than providing housing and by expanding training, the program will be able to impact about 120 families a year rather than the 30-40 families under the old model. That efficiency will help the non-profit, which is dependent upon

the community’s donations, have more reach and do more overall, he said.

Pieterse said more than 5,000 single parents are in the Katy area with an estimated 12,000 in dysfunctional domestic situations. Providing tools and resources for single parents and victims of abuse is the main goal of the program.

Amy, a Katy Cares client whose last name is not used in order to protect her privacy, said the Katy Cares program has been incredibly useful to her and her family.

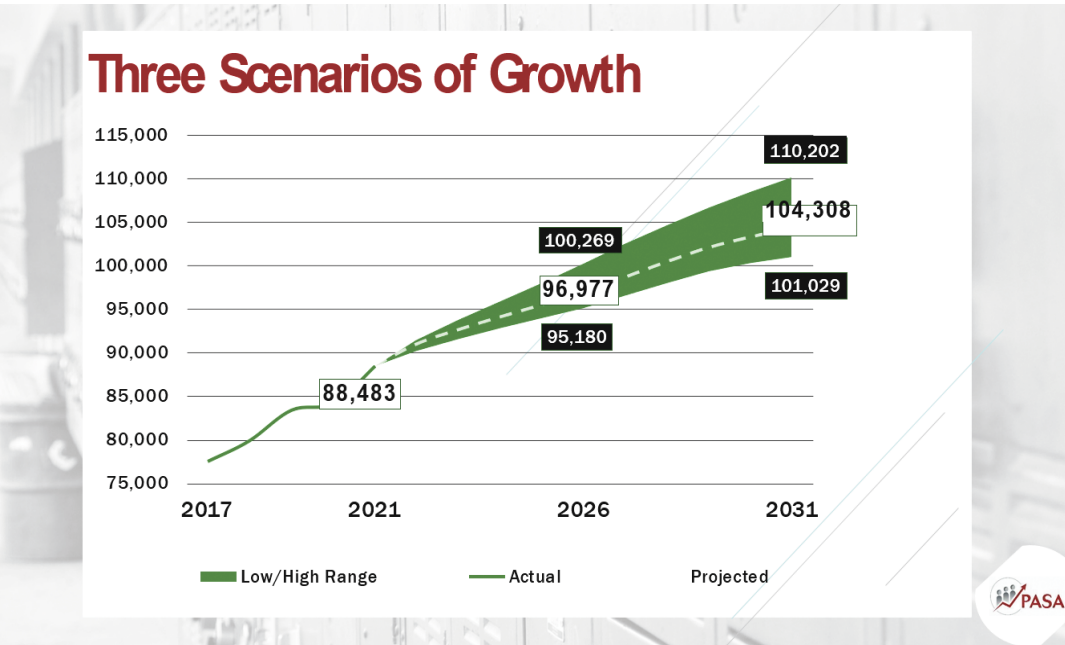
“It’s nice to have a group of other women that are in the same position in life that I am in trying to accomplish the same goals with their kids,” Amy said. “It’s really nice to know you’re not alone – like, really nice to know that. It’s given me the tools to know how to parent my boys on my own.”



### CARE THROUGH KATY CARES

Katy Cares invites the community to support them by reaching out using the contact information below. Volunteers, financial and material support are all appreciated. Single parents wishing to enroll in the program may also register for Katy Cares’ services via email, phone or web.

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Demographers with Population and Survey Analysts say Katy ISD will likely exceed 104,000 students by 2031. The dotted white line is the most likely total, but the green area above shows the overall anticipated range if current growth trends within the district’s geographic boundaries continue as expected.

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plan accordingly so that we are always positioned to continue providing unparalleled educational experiences to the over 88,000 students that we serve.”

Pat Guseman, a demographer with Population and Survey Analysts – also known as PASA – said the district continues to see rapid growth, especially in the northwestern portion of KISD’s geographic bounds. That growth is projected to take the district’s current enrollment of about 88,000 to nearly 97,000 by 2026 and more than 104,000 by 2031. To address that growth, Guseman said the district would need to add another high school, increase student capacity at Schmalls Elementary, adjust zoning for Golbow Elementary and add another elementary in the northwestern portion of the district to prevent or relieve overcrowding at Bethke and Leonard elementaries. The new high school campus would relieve pressure at Paetow and Katy high schools, she said.

Funding for the additional campuses and renovations was approved earlier this year when KISD voters approved a \$676.2 million bond package, Guseman said.

Estimates in population increases reflect additional subdivisions and apartment complexes coming to the Katy area, she added.

Trustees also heard from staff regarding plans to use ESSER funds. The federal money is restricted in how it may be used, staff said. The federal money is generally intended to help schools address learning losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and assist with returning students to campuses safely.

Staff explained that the district is focusing on mental health, counseling, nursing staff, college and career advising and programs to otherwise help students catch up to their grade levels after setbacks associated with virtual education.

To review the district’s ESSER plans, district residents may visit <https://bit.ly/KISDESSER>. Anyone wishing to provide feedback to the district regarding the use of ESSER funds may email the district at [ESSER@katyisd.org](mailto:ESSER@katyisd.org). Feedback must be received no later than Nov. 30.

Trustees also:

- Recognized Morton Ranch High School alumnus and 2020 Olympic Gold Medalist Tamyra Mensah Stock for her achievements as an athlete.

- Recognized Taylor High School’s Future Farmers of America chapter for its national championship earned in October.
- Approved remodeling plans for Katy Elementary School (more information will be provided on this topic in our next edition).
- Approved remodeling plans for the Miller Career and Technology Center.
- Approved the financial reports for September 2021 and budget amendments for November 2021.
- Observed four new KISD Police Department officers get sworn in.
- Approved curriculum changes for the district’s standard and honors courses.
- Heard from parents regarding their objection to books they deemed “pornographic” in content being included in KISD libraries.
- Approved the formation of a committee to name KISD Elementary No. 44. Those wishing to submit a naming recommendation should send their suggestion to [schoolnaming@katyisd.org](mailto:schoolnaming@katyisd.org).

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meet the city’s needs.

Garcia said that, while the project may be expensive, it still saves the city money in comparison to building the facility from the ground up and a city hall has been a need for some time.

“Our city council before had discussed a city hall going back into the 70s,” Garcia said. “In the 80s they had designed a city hall in Pattison for a cost of about \$46,000 which included a bay for the fire department. ... I’m very proud to say that we have a city hall tonight because it’s taken us almost 50 years of city history to get there.”

City Engineer Charles Kalkomey, a contractor through civil engineering firm Jones and Carter, and Garcia also discussed two surveys with council members.

The first survey is a proposed regional wastewater survey that would examine the costs and feasibility of creating a regional wastewater treatment facility for Pattison and the surrounding area. Currently, Pattison residents are on septic systems; however, those systems are suspected to be close to their end of life and will need to be replaced in some manner. Garcia said the city had about 160 on-site septic systems back in the 1970s when this issue was first examined and he is checking with Waller County to see how that number has grown since then. Garcia said he had reached out to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to discuss any grant or assistance programs the city might participate in to mitigate any impact to the city’s budget. TCEQ told him there may be an opportunity for an 80/20 split in costs, depending on Pattison’s qualifications. The city does not currently assess a property tax against residents to pay for such items and is dependent on sales tax revenues, Garcia said.

A similar study was proposed for fire protection.

“Our protection we have now is totally contingent on a limited water supply system,” Garcia said. “Our protection that we get now would be basically chlorinated water.”

Garcia noted that any serious demand on the city’s current water supply, such as in the event of a fire, would decrease water pressure for all residents. While he said the city is fortunate to have a good fire department with the tools they need to fight fire, without a sufficient water supply, that protection could be hampered. Nearby wells on rice fields and other options could be looked at to supplement the city’s firefighting needs, Garcia said.

The city’s current water system that its fire hydrants are connected to has four-inch to six-inch lines, Garcia said. Ideally, a fire hydrant should have a 12-inch line that is tapered down to an eight-inch line to increase pressure at the hydrant, he said.

While the study was approved, council members observed that three entities would have to look at who was responsible for any improvements.

“We’ve got three entities,” Council Member Seth Stokes said. “You’ve got the fire station. You’ve got the (Pattison Water Supply Corporation board) and the city. Who’s responsibility are all of these pieces?”

The next Pattison City Council meeting is set for Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Royal ISD Administration Building at 3714 FM 359 in Pattison.

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Challenges would come as those projects move forward, Yokom said, because the county needs to address infrastructure concerns to ensure high-quality companies wanted to locate their operations there. Like many rural Texas counties, Waller’s infrastructure is not ideal, he said. However, with the county government’s help, he said he believes opportunities can come about.

Yokom compared the county’s economy to various laws or theories of physics. He said the EDP is working hard to bring projects that will diversify Waller County’s economy

and build momentum to bring jobs to the area in a variety of fields.

He also noted that the EDP is being choosy regarding which projects it tries to bring into the county and may work to stop projects that would be detrimental to the community.

“I’ve got folders on my desk with 200 projects that did not come to our county in comparison to the 35 projects we have successfully ran,” Yokom said.

*Editor’s note: For more information regarding Waller County’s recent redistricting, see our last issue or visit us online at [katytimes.com](http://katytimes.com).*



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# Is there detention in Sunday School?

If you ever want to test the limits of your patience, your sanity and your ability to avoid bursting your gizzard from laughing out loud at exactly the wrong moment – in church – try teaching a junior high boys’ Sunday school class sometime.

You’ll thank me or hunt me down to kill me... or maybe both.

My parents started bringing me to church from the time my mother thought I was just an annoying gas bubble, and they continued taking me until the pains I caused went far beyond anything a dose of Mylanta could relieve. So you might say Sunday school is in my blood – or at least my bowels.

My wife and I have been teaching our three daughters’ Sunday school classes since they were in kindergarten. In fact, I’ve been told that teaching kids’ Sunday school is my spiritual gift. But after doing it for 18 years, I’m pretty sure it’s a spiritual gag gift, and God has enjoyed every minute of it.

When we taught elementary-age Sunday school, it was all crafts, Bible stories, and sing-alongs. The main things I worried about then were getting someone to the potty in time (including myself), misplacing someone during a trip to the potty, or failing to memorize the Bible verse of the week and being shown up by some seven-year-old theological prodigy who could recite the Lord’s Prayer in Aramaic – on the way to the potty.

But the real fun of teaching Sunday school to elementary-age kids was getting them in a circle on the carpet for group prayer time, when some of them took the opportunity to reveal their most embarrassing family secrets. What started out as a solemn and reverent time of sharing often transformed into a combination of “Dr. Phil,” “Maury,” and “Kids Say the Darndest Things.” If, for example, someone prayed for their Aunt Roxanne’s impending fourth marriage to take place in the county detention center visitor’s area, all I could do to maintain order was say a quick “Amen” and ask if anyone needed to go to the potty. (Everyone always did.)

And speaking of the potty, I’m currently teaching a class



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of junior high boys, which is like trying to discuss theology trapped in an overcrowded zoo exhibit of agitated spider monkeys. Based on my experience and careful study of classroom management techniques, I’ve found that for adolescent male children, a generous supply of Little Debbie Treats and Jolly Ranchers provides an effective, short-term source of positive reinforcement—also known as bribery.

But sometimes, even the persuasive qualities of high fructose corn syrup can’t calm the onslaught of pubescent doofusness. In fact, during a recent Sunday morning small-group lesson, I asked the boys to give me an example of how believers can offer acceptable praise to the Lord. One of my “regulars” responded by lifting his right hip and releasing a thunderous blast that ricocheted off of the hard-plastic chair and reverberated throughout the cavernous church youth building. All I could think to do was say a quick “Amen” and ask if anyone needed to go to the potty. (Everyone did.)

Moments like these only strengthen my firm belief that God has a keen sense of humor. How else can you explain ear, nose and back hair? It also reminds me that one time long ago, I, too, was a junior high goober tormenting my long-suffering Sunday school teachers with uncontrollable giggling when they read any Bible verse containing the word “loins.”

I guess it’s true that “what goes around comes around,” and lots of problems can still be solved with a quick trip to the potty. Amen!

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# Money, money, money...

Slick Willie Sutton, the 1930’s bandit who favored elaborate disguises, was once asked why he robbed banks. He famously replied, “Because that’s where the money is.”

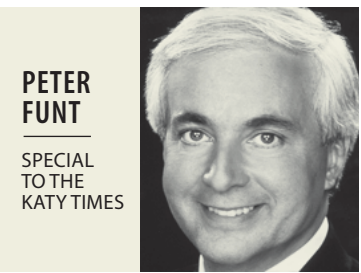
Oh, how times have changed. The other day my daughter, Stephanie, walked into the Chase branch in South San Francisco, seeking 16 quarters to do her laundry. She was informed by the teller: “We don’t handle cash anymore.”

Wait, what? A bank that refuses to give or take...money?

I phoned the branch seeking clarification. “We have all the services other branches offer,” the manager explained, “except we don’t handle coins or bills. No cash.”

The nation was moving away from cash even before the pandemic, but COVID-19 added to the jitters, especially when the CDC issued guidance last year urging merchants to use “touchless payment options.” Seems some businesses actually prefer it that way.

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have experimented with no-cash retailing. In response, some municipalities and a few states have passed laws making it illegal to refuse cash. Oddly, there is no federal law requiring businesses to accept cash, even though the Coinage Act of 1965 states: “United States coins and currency (including Federal reserve notes and circulating notes of Federal reserve banks and national banks) are legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes, and dues.”

Try telling that to a flight attendant who will only accept a credit card for a Coors Light.

Aside from the fact that refusing cash discriminates against those who don’t have bank accounts or credit cards, the muddle about whether or not to deal with currency makes it difficult for all of us.

Motorists know this all too well. Modern parking meters won’t accept coins, only credit or debit cards. Many bridges and highways no longer take cash for tolls. At the same time, most gas stations want you to pay with cash and will jack up the price if you prefer to use a credit card.

On a recent business trip I rented a car from Avis that did not have an E-ZPass toll device. On the thruway I encountered a toll plaza that would not accept cash for a \$2.22 charge. New York State billed Avis and a few weeks later Avis billed me, adding its own \$5.95 “Convenience Fee,” for a total of \$8.17. This I paid by credit card.

I still stop and pick up coins on the sidewalk, an act my mother said brings good luck. I toss them into a large jar, which for more than a decade I’ve been planning to take to a bank. I suppose that’s still possible somewhere, although clearly not at the Chase branch in South San Francisco.

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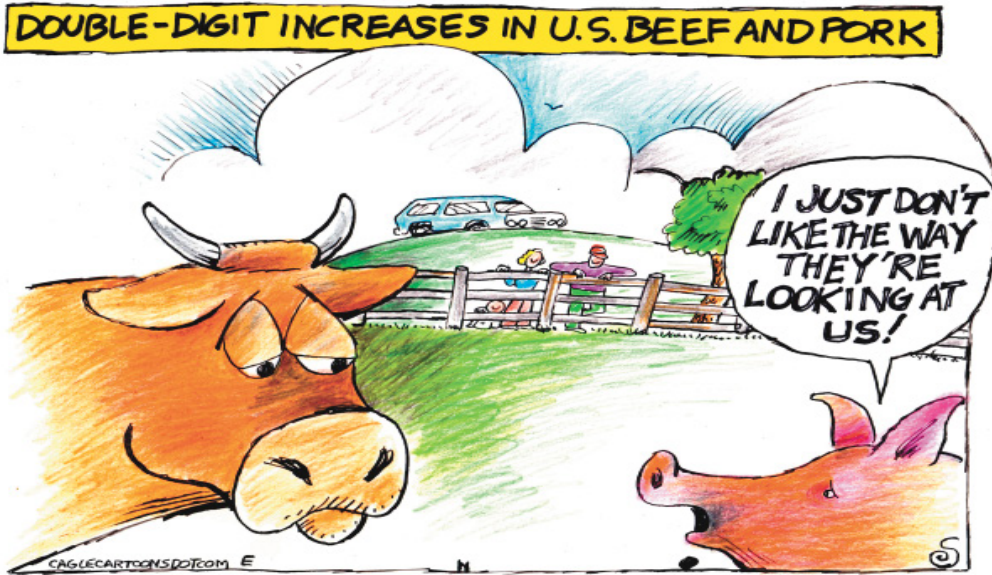
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## TRIBUTES

Diana Lynn Barak, 67, passed into her Heavenly home November 5, 2021 in Trinity, Texas. She was born March 2, 1954, in Lufkin, Texas and was the daughter of James Ferrel and Mary Ellen Ford.

Diana is preceded in death by her mother Mary Ellen Ford, paternal grandparents Roy and Daisy Ford, maternal grandparents Billy Elden and Clara Bell Duke, niece Jamie Ellen and brother-in-law James Williams.

Diana is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 45 years, Larry Barak, daughter and son in law, Deidra and Brian Mannion, son and daughter in law Larry Jr. and Rachel Barak, three beautiful grandchildren Alexis Hope and Cameron Dean Mannion, and Constance Kelly Barak, father James Ferrel "Buster" Ford, three sisters Terri Williams, Debra and Mike Perroni, and Kim and Kenny Moulder, sister in law, Peggy Barak and numerous nieces and nephews. Affectionately known as Ms. B, Diana was a second mother to countless friends of the family.

Diana was a graduate of Lufkin High School and she attended Stephen F. Austin while studying criminal justice. She and best friend, Linda Frey, founded Planned Community Management, Inc., where they worked alongside each other for more than 35 years, managing properties all over Texas and Florida. Diana enjoyed going on cruises and family vacations. She was happiest sitting



**DIANA LYNN BARAK**  
1954-2021

on the beach watching her children and family enjoy themselves. Before retiring to Trinity, Texas Diana could be found on weekends cheering on her beloved Katy Tigers. Not quite ready to completely retire, Larry and Diana became involved in their neighborhood, Westwood Shores, where they truly found pleasure in bringing the neighborhood together by opening the 19th Hole and organizing the now Annual 4th of July event.

Diana was a faithful Christian Servant and was a member of Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church. She will be missed dearly by all that knew and loved her, and her treasured memories will be in our hearts forever.

Funeral Service was held Thursday, November 11, 2021 at Dorcas Wills Memorial Baptist Church in Trinity, Texas with Pastor Greg Kitts officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to M.D. Anderson or to the Kailee Mills Foundation 462 FM 2920 #113 Spring, Texas 77388.

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Paula Goodman Roesler, age 74, passed peacefully on Sunday October 31st, 2021. She was surrounded by her loving family and in the compassionate care of the nurses and staff of Methodist Hospital in Katy, Texas.

Paula was born in Harvey, Illinois on October 26, 1947. Her family moved to Texas, where she graduated from San Angelo High School. From there she moved to Houston where she met her husband. They married on Valentine's Day and raised their family in Houston and Katy, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Basil Frank Goodman and Audrey Dakin Wiggs.

Paula is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Will (Bill) Roesler III; their son Will Roesler IV, granddaughters Lauren Roesler Graves and her husband Richard, and Meagan Lee Roesler; her sisters and their husbands Vivian and Charles Henderson and Audrey and Walter Antonation; her husband's siblings who she loved as her own - Joan Abbot and Ronnie and Deb-



**PAULA GOODMAN ROESLER**  
1947-2021

bie Roesler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paula had a long career as a secretary for a local tax consultant. She loved her job and being a valued part of a team.

Paula was a loving wife and devoted mother, sister, aunt, and friend to many. She loved her dogs and would happily share stories about dog-babies with anyone. Paula would go out of her way to help anyone who was in need. She was known for her warmth, her smile, and her hugs. She will be greatly missed.

A private wake will be held at the family's residence at a later date.

### BETTY JEAN SPIES 1934 - 2021

Memorial services for Betty Spies will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Houston National Cemetery. She was 86.

Betty Jean Spies of Jewett, formerly of Katy, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, October 17, 2021 in Centerville, TX.

Mrs. Spies was born on November 3, 1934 in Beaumont, TX to Lewie A. Fagg and Myrtle Perry Fagg. Betty was a woman of great faith and was a member of Unity Baptist Church in Porter. She played the piano in various churches over the Houston area for more than 50 years after having taught herself how to play. Betty was a bookkeeper for her husband Russ at Russ' Katy Auto Parts. She was also an owner/director at Scribbles Day Care for many years, impacting the lives of many, many children in her care; she was their beloved Ms. Betty. She and her family lived in Katy for nearly 49 years before moving to Jewett in June 2021.

She is survived by three children, David Vaughn & wife Roxeanna of Jewett (formerly Connersville, IN), Stewart Vaughn &

wife Melanie of Katy, and Ramona Spies Cornett of Jewett (formerly Katy, TX); seven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Walter Fagg & wife Dolores of Vernon; special niece, Marian (Cookie) Spies Martin and her family; many adopted grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. She loved many, was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Mrs. Spies was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, H.R. (Russ) Spies; one son, Alton S. (Bo) Vaughn; daughter-in-law, Kay Vaughn (wife of David); son-in-law, Ronnie Cornett; her parents, Lewie & Myrtle Fagg; three sisters, Eva Lou Davis, Joyce Tait, Danette Sibley; one brother, Lewie Fagg, Jr.; her parents-in-law, Adolph & Julie Spies; several nephews; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Please visit our website at [www.bowersfuneralhome.net](http://www.bowersfuneralhome.net) to sign the memorial guestbook or leave a message for the family.

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Sandra Lucille Muncey went to be with her heavenly father on October 29th, 2021, in Houston, TX. She was 80 years old.

She was born on February 7th, 1941 to the late Hilda E. Poole and Wade P. Poole.

Sandra was a member of the Katy Bible Church. She was an avid reader and was devoted to reading her Bible and other Christian books. She enjoyed and loved listening to music. Sandra came from an extensive

family background of musical abilities. In her younger days she was a notable vocalist and sang for several local country bands in Delaware along with her brother who played electric guitar and was also a vocalist.

Some of Sandra's hobbies included crocheting, reading, helping her husband with woodworking projects and much more.

Sandra is survived by her sister Barbara Karabin of Springsville, PA; her son

William "Billy" Muncey of Houston, TX; and her daughter Melanie L. Wilson of Dover, DE; a grandson, Richard Kyle Metz of Smyrna, DE; and great-grandchildren Rylan Metz and Cade Metz of Smyrna, DE.

Sandra was preceded in death by her late husband Earl William Muncey Jr. and her brothers, Wade Hampton Poole and Thomas L. Emerson.

Services were private.

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KARE celebrates 20 years of service

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Katy Area Retired Educators celebrated 20 years of serving the Katy ISD community on Nov. 6, said KARE President Earlene Hopkins. The group commemorated with a party during their November meeting which included musical acts by Katy ISD students.

“They played ‘Celebrate’ of course and then ‘We Are Family’ and it was a fun time,” Hopkins said.

The event included visits from Senator Joan Huffman (R – Houston), Katy Mayor Bill Hastings, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris, and Katy ISD Trustee Rebecca Fox, Hopkins said. Hastings read a proclamation honoring KARE members for their service to the community and describing its history of service. Hopkins said the organization provides advocacy at the state level for those who have worked for educational institutions, donates scholarships to KISD students interested in a career in education, supplies volunteers for KISD campuses and offers an opportunity for retirees to socialize and support



COURTESY CHRIS HARRIS

Katy Mayor Bill Hastings (at podium) reads a declaration in honor of the Katy Area Retired Educators' twentieth anniversary while Mayor Pro Tem Chris Harris (left) and KARE President Earlene Hopkins (center) listen. KARE was founded in 2001 with the mission to support retirees who had worked for educational institutions and students within Katy ISD.

one another.  
“(When we first started), I think our mission was just to connect with other retirees and

talk about fun times that they had, and also, what can they do to improve their lives, you know,” Hopkins said. “They wanted to

enrich the lives of retirees, and that was their first mission. We’ve expanded that mission, I feel, like to a whole lot of things.”

Hopkins said the last two decades have seen the expansion of the KARE program to include several committees. These include the Healthy Living, Informative and Protective Services, Community Volunteer Services, Legislative, Books Project, Retirement Education and Scholarship committees. Through these committees, the organization helps retirees stay healthy, avoid scams and give back to the education community through volunteering, book donations and scholarships, she said. Those committees help retirees contribute and have purpose while focusing on their favorite parts of education.

“We’re still in the education community and we’re still giving back,” Hopkins said. “The thing with KARE is that we’re getting to do all the things we love to do, but you know, we put our passion into that one certain thing that’s fun. You really don’t have to sign up for all the committees – you just do what you want to do.”

TRIBUTE



JOHNNIE LOUIS REUTHER  
1923-2021

CORPUS CHRISTI – Johnnie Louis Reuther, 98, went home to be with the Lord on November 10, 2021, having lived a long and meaningful life.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 69 years, Frances Rose (Drabek) Reuther. He is survived by his daughter Sandra Kaye and husband Bill Underbrink; his son, Robert Lee Reuther and wife, Lynda and his daughter, Shirley Ann and husband, Alan Trochta. Johnnie and Frances were blessed with seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandsons.

Johnnie was born to George and Frieda Reuther on October 2, 1923, in Burton, TX in Washington County. He was baptized on October 18, 1923, in Latiumi, TX and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wallis, TX by Reverend Robert Nerger. Raised in Wallis, Johnnie helped his parents on the farm and attended school where he was Captain of the football team and graduated in May 1942.

In October 1942, Johnnie joined the Navy serving in the South Pacific as a Naval Aviation specialist and was discharged in February 1946.

After the war, Johnnie went to work for Humble Oil and Refining Company (which later merged to become Exxon Company USA) where he worked as a Field Superintendent until his retirement on January 1, 1985. Johnnie and Frances enjoyed an active retirement volunteering at Katy Hospital, Katy Christian Ministries and other organizations and in 2006, they were recognized by the City of Katy as Senior Citizens of the Year. Johnnie also was a Life Member and in the Honor Guard of VFW Post 9182 in Katy and the American Legion Post 200 in Wallis, TX.

In 2012, Johnnie and Frances moved to The Mirador Senior Living in Corpus Christi. The family extends their gratitude to the Mirador staff who took such loving care of Johnnie and Frances in their last chapter of life. The family also wishes to thank all of Johnnie’s doctors.

Services will be held November 20, 2021, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 515 Cedar Street in Wallis, TX and coordinated by Knesek Funeral Home. Visitation is at 10 a.m. with the service beginning at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 515 Cedar Street, Wallis, TX 77485 or the Wallis City Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers are: David Alexander, Scott Underbrink, Mike Underbrink, Kenny Bearden, Christopher Baggett, Brandon Trochta, Reid Fisher, and Connor Bearden.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of: Knesek & Sons Funeral Home 122 N. First St., Wallis, Texas 77485 979-478-6311 [www.knesekfuneralhome.com](http://www.knesekfuneralhome.com)

EDUCATION BRIEFS

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Promise to Read kicks off

Katy ISD in a joint effort with Partners in Education began its annual Promise to Read program earlier this month, according to a Katy ISD press release. The program, which is available to all elementary students with the district, offered community members a chance to go into classrooms and read to learners in Pre-K through fifth grade. The books were handpicked by KISD librarians.

Aggie professor finds ancient skull

Texas A&M University professor of anthropology Darryl de Ruiter participated in a project in South Africa that led to the discovery of a partial skull belonging to a small child thought to have died at least 250,000 years ago. The fossilized remains belonged to a human ancestor known as homo Naledi and are thought to have belonged to a youth between 4

and 6 years of age. De Ruiter and fellow archaeologists are hopeful that the skull will help answer questions about a time when no humans were thought to have lived in that part of the African continent.

Governor, parents concerned about library content

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has called on the state’s education regulators to examine the presence of what he referred to as “pornographic” content in school libraries. During the Nov. 15 Katy ISD Board of Trustees meeting, several parents agreed with Abbott’s assessment and called upon board members to establish an audit of books on KISD library shelves. Some read excerpts of books they found offensive -- which they said could be found in junior high and high school libraries in the district -- which described scenes of a sexual nature.

M.D. Anderson gives \$1M to UH

The M.D. Anderson Foundation has pledged \$1 million to the University of

Houston College of Medicine, according to a Nov. 15 UH press release. The gift will be used to establish an endowed professorship in medicine to be held by a leader in health care innovation to be recruited for the college. The gift was matched by an anonymous donor which brings the endowment to \$2 million in support of the medical school’s goal of improving health and health care in underserved communities in Greater Houston and across Texas.

School’s out for ... Turkey Day

Area schools will be closed for portions of the week of Thanksgiving. Katy ISD schools will be closed Nov. 22-26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Students at Royal ISD will be out beginning Friday, Nov. 19 through Friday, Nov. 26. Houston Community College classes after 4 p.m. on Nov. 24 through Thanksgiving day are canceled. The University of Houston and the University of Houston-Victoria will observe the holiday with a break from classes Nov. 24-27.

George has emergency surgery

BY R. HANS MILLER  
NEWS EDITOR

Fort Bend County Judge KP George was rushed to Memorial Hermann Sugar Land hospital at 3 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 due to acute abdominal pains. Upon arrival, medical staff performed tests and identified a large kidney stone which was removed via surgery.

“I am deeply thankful to my family, the emergency personnel, and our healthcare staff for supporting me over the last few days. I am in good spirits, ready to get back to work on behalf of all those



KP GEORGE  
Fort Bend County Judge

that call Fort Bend County home, and expected to fully recover in a few days,” George said in a letter that accompanied a press release from his office.

George has returned home to recover and said he will be working virtually over the next few days as he recovers from the procedure. He expects to make a full recovery and expressed appreciation for support from his constituents.

“Thank you to everyone for the well wishes and support. I am beyond blessed to live in such a wonderful community. Your words and encouragement mean the world to my family and me,” George said.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR



PHOTO COURTESY KATY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Rebecca Borello (center) accepts the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce’s Business of the Year for Carriage Inn Katy – a senior living facility at 1400 Katy Flewellan Road in Katy – from Katy Area Chamber President Matthew Ferraro (left) and Denise Einkauf of Waggin Tails Pet Ranch who helped MC the awards portion of the annual Katy Area Chamber of Commerce Gala. At the event, which adopted a 1980s theme this year, Margaret Laney was honored as the chamber’s volunteer of the year.

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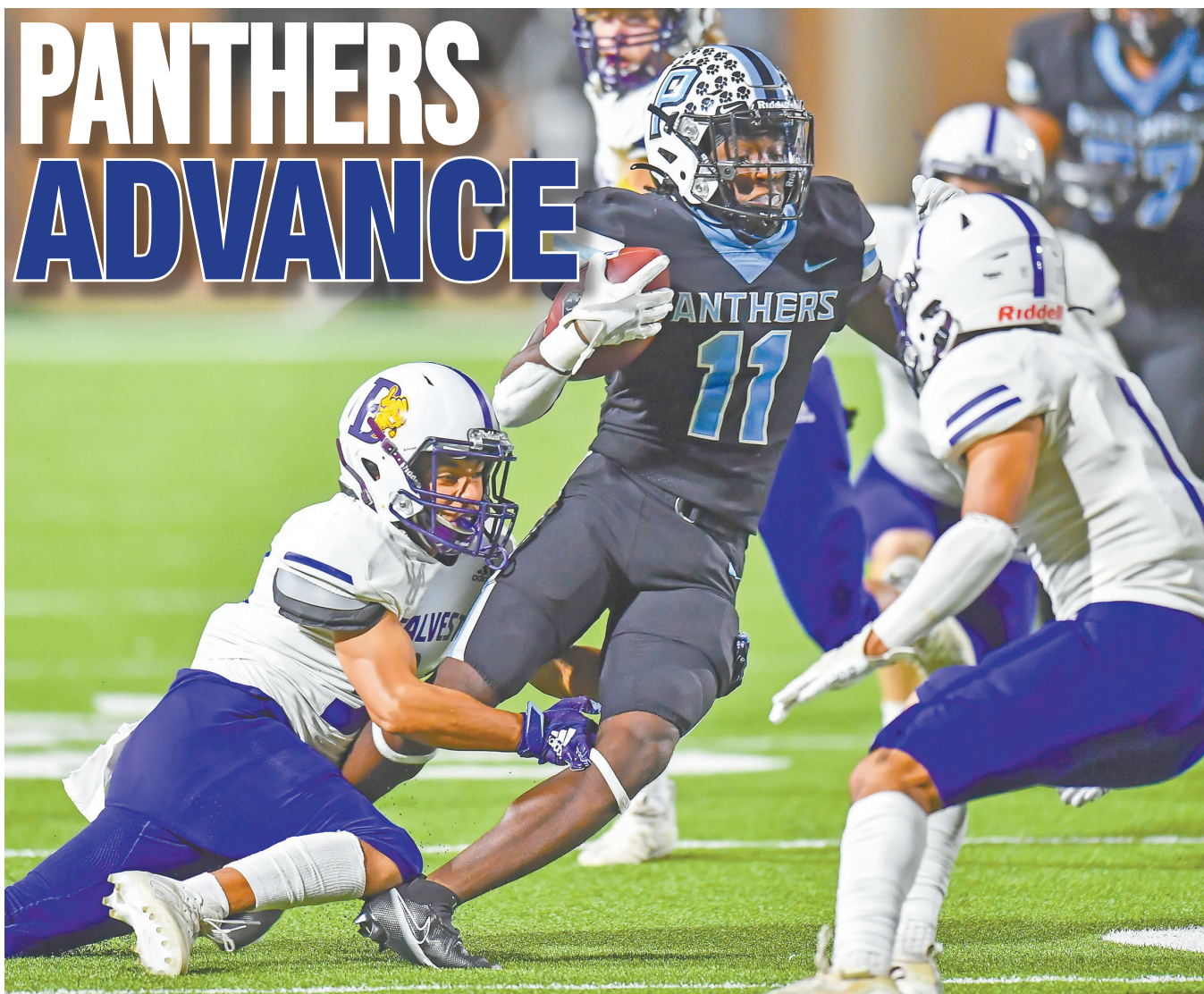
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## PANTHERS ADVANCE



PHOTOS BY MARK GOODMAN | SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Paetow's Kole Wilson #11 rushes for a first down during a playoff game between Paetow and Galveston Ball at Legacy in Katy.

## PAETOW ROLLS PAST BALL INTO AREA ROUND

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Kentrell Webb is a jack of all trades for the Paetow defense.

As a three-year letterman, team captain and signal caller for the defense, the senior safety has many responsibilities for the team.

"He is the heart and soul of our defense," said Paetow head coach B.J. Gotte. "He's the leader, he's the alpha and he is that guy that those guys rally behind. His versatility is what makes him special, he can do a lot. He's a three-year starter and he's really leading those guys. It's fun to watch."

Webb put his talents on full display on Thursday at Legacy Stadium against Galveston Ball, as the senior intercepted a pass in the first quarter and

returned it 44 yards for a touchdown, helping Paetow break the game open in what would ultimately turn into a 54-0 win over Ball in the Class 5A, Div. I bi-district round.

"We were in our nickel package and they had worked me there in practice and my coach taught me how to play it," Webb said. "We had watched a lot of film on it because that's where it all starts. I read the No. 1 receiver coming to the inside and the quarterback threw it to him so I made the play. Really it was my coaches and my defensive line that made the play possible. Once I had the ball I just had to do what I do. I made people miss and got in the endzone."

Damyrion Phillips started the night off with scoring on a 76-yard run on the second play from scrimmage. Paetow

scored later in the quarter on a 13-yard pass from CJ Dumas to Kole Wilson before Webb's interception return put Paetow up three scores in the first quarter.

Phillips ran in two more touchdowns in the second quarter and Jacob Brown also rushed for two scores in his first game back from injury.

Having the two backs as a one-two punch for the playoffs is a relief for the team and they can't wait to incorporate Brown into the offense more as the team continues their playoff run.

"There's no drop off between either of them," Dumas said. "If one gets tired after a few drives the other comes in and pick up right where he left off. It's a great thing to have, we can just keep

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## Katy downs Clements for bi-district title

BY: TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The bi-district round isn't new for Katy. The Tigers knew what they needed to do on Friday and took care of business.

"That's the expectation here," said senior defensive end Malick Sylla. "We come in and prepare every week so we'll be ready for these games. There's some things we could have done better and that we need to clean up as well."

The Tigers, behind three interceptions and four touchdowns from Dallas Glass, cruised past Fort Bend Clements 56-7 in the Class 6A, Division II bi-district round at Legacy Stadium, setting up a meeting next week with Stratford at 7 p.m. next Friday at Tully Stadium.

Seth Davis got Katy started on their opening possession, breaking off runs of 22 and 13, before Dallas Glass took over and ran in a 1-yard touchdown for the game's first score.

Katy used Davis sparingly in its first post-season game, as the junior rushed eight times but still had 102 yards.

Katy had only the one score in the first quarter, but broke the game open in the second.

Early in the second quarter, Malick Sylla read a screen pass from Clements and intercepted it, returning the interception ten yards for a touchdown.

"All the credit for that goes to my scout team," Sylla said. "I've seen that screen probably 100 times this week. It felt good, I was prepared for it and had seen it all week. The coaches let us know how to see it and I just was able to make a play."

Glass scored on runs of 11 and 5 in the quarter as Katy took a 28-0 lead into the half.

"That's just what they do, the defense makes play and Malick does that on the regular," said senior receiver Antonio Silva. "I feel like it's all in us to make plays like that and it motivates us. We were made to do that."

Glass capped off his day with a 5-yard run in the third quarter to give Katy a 35-point lead. The junior finished with 110 yards on 21 carries to go with his three touchdowns.

Nathan Wilson scored on a touchdown run and Elijah Bowman threw a touchdown to Ramarian Tillman with backups in before Clements got a consolation touchdown late in the fourth.

Silva capped things off with an 81-yard kickoff return for a touchdown on the ensuing kickoff.

"It was amazing," Silva said. "I saw a wide-

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## BI-DISTRICT SCORES & SCHEDULES

### FOOTBALL

#### Scores

- Katy 57, Fort Bend Clements 7
- Tompkins 49, Fort Bend Travis 21
- Cinco Ranch 44, Fort Bend Bush 0
- Paetow 54, Fort Bend Ball 0
- Ridge Point 35, Seven Lakes 7

#### Friday

- Katy vs. Stratford, 7 p.m., Tully Stadium
- Tompkins vs. Jersey Village, 7 p.m., Pridgeon Stadium
- Paetow vs. Manor, 7 p.m., Cougar Field (College Station)

#### Saturday

- Cinco Ranch vs. Memorial, 1 p.m., Tully Stadium

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Scores

- Ridge Point 3, Katy 1

## Cinco Ranch earns first playoff win since 2016

BY ANDRES CHIO  
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

After four years of missing the playoffs, Cinco Ranch earned the school its first playoff victory since 2016 in a resounding 44-0 shutout over Fort Bend Bush Friday at Rhodes Stadium.

It was an emotional win for a program that went 1-17 over the last two seasons before turning things around this year.

"The program has come a long way through the first three years now and it means so much to these seniors who saw us through it," head coach Chris Dudley said.

The Cougar defense allowed the Broncos to pick up just 108 yards of offense and forced two turnovers, an interception and a fumble.

"We wanted to make them have to do what they're uncomfortable doing and that's exactly what we did," senior defensive end and team captain Zach Dycus said.

Bush threw the ball 28 times to just 14 rushes, which was not the regular play-calling pattern for the defensive-minded, run-first team.

Cinco Ranch's offense kept to the ground on their first possession as they drove Bush back with run after run. Junior Eric Eckstrom



PHOTO COURTESY KATY ISD

Cinco Ranch players celebrate after their bi-district win over Fort Bend Bush at Rhodes Stadium on Friday.

carried the ball eight times on the 10-play drive and finished it with a 6-yard touchdown run.

"They're a physical defense and they do a lot of press & man coverage on the edge and you gotta make them pay for that," Dudley

said, "Our offensive line did a great job of being able to move people up front."

Junior Colten Michalec blocked a punt on Bush's next drive to give the Cougars the ball on the Bronco 33-yard line.

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# Tompkins tops Travis behind four interceptions

BY ANDRES CHIO  
SPECIAL TO THE KATY TIMES

Katy Tompkins defeated Fort Bend Travis 49-21 Thursday at Rhodes Stadium on the back of four interceptions by the defense and four rushing touchdowns by sophomore Wyatt Young.

The Tompkins defense got started early as on the second play of the game, senior linebacker Cole Binkley broke up a pass and senior defensive back Tyler Collins intercepted the ball, returning it 16 yards for a Falcon touchdown.

“We just wanted to come out fast and that’s what we did,” Collins said.

The Tompkins offense did not have the same success on their first two possessions as the offensive line allowed three sacks to stop the drives cold.

The third drive was the charm as Tompkins started on the Travis 31 yard line after a short punt. After picking up a first down on three plays, sophomore quarterback Wyatt Young ran the ball out of the wildcat formation and ran through a defender on his way to a 16-yard touchdown.

The two defenses allowed just a combined 41 yards of offense in the first quarter despite the 14-0 score, but the defensive battle shifted as the offenses found success with deep passes in the second quarter.

Travis took advantage first on a 46-yard touchdown pass to senior receiver Gabriel Van Wyk from senior quarterback Anthony Njoku.

Tompkins answered back quickly as their own pair of seniors, quarterback Cole Francis and receiver Joshua McMillan. The two connected on a 43-yard deep route to get the ball to the Travis 13-yard line. Two plays later, Young ran in his second touchdown of the game on a 4-yard rush.

With less than a minute remain-



Tompkins players celebrate after winning their bi-district game over Fort Bend Travis last Thursday.

ing, Travis’ junior receiver Robert Sims beat his defender for a 58-yard touchdown pass to make it 21-14 for Tompkins at the half.

“We had a couple miscommunications on the back end and allowed two cheap touchdowns,” Collins said. “We were kind of getting down on ourselves, but we talked at the half, came out and knew we had to finish this game.”

Njoku threw the ball well to start the third quarter, but the Falcons defense found its footing as senior defensive back Ethan Rawlins intercepted a pass and returned it 50 yards to the Tiger 35-yard line.

The Falcons wasted no time as senior receiver Chidubem Lebechi slipped past the Travis linebackers and caught a pass from Francis for a 35-yard touchdown.

After another defensive stop, Young led the Falcons up the field and finished the drive with a 9-yard touchdown run, his fourth touchdown of the game.

Young finished the game with 97 yards rushing on nine runs and 57 yards receiving on five catches. It was the sophomore’s second game with four touchdowns, his first was

against Morton Ranch earlier this season.

“(Young) does a lot of good things with the ball in his hands, the offensive line blocked well and he hit the creases when he needs to. He did an outstanding job and I’m proud of him,” head coach Todd McVey said.

Young said the Falcons just had to stick with the game plan and roll with what worked.

“All of our shifts and motions confused them so I just took advantage of it,” Young said.

The Tigers responded with a three play, 65-yard drive up the field capped off by a 20-yard rushing touchdown by senior running back Jamison Singleterry.

The drive was aided by a 15-yard facemask penalty on the second play to send Travis into the redzone. Penalties plagued the Falcons all night as the team gave up 100 yards due to penalties.

Tompkins forced another pair of interceptions out of Njoku on the next two Travis drives, one by senior cornerback Cody Chapman and another by junior defensive back Samuel Kalu, which sealed the

game.

Njoku had a 48 percent completion percentage on 29 passes and 48 yards rushing on 18 attempts as a result of the Tompkins defensive scheme.

“We kept him kind of in the pocket like we wanted to. He’s improved and he kept us on our heels,” McVey said.

Overall, Tompkins held Travis’ offense to just 302 yards while putting up over 400 yards against its defense.

“It just builds confidence and we just need to keep building energy and keep going,” Wyatt said.

Tompkins will face the winner of Jersey Village and Houston Westside next week in the Area round of the playoffs.

**Tompkins 49, Fort Bend Travis 21**

Travis	0	14	7	0	--	21
Tompkins	14	7	14	14	--	49

**First quarter**

Tompkins: Tyler Collins 16 interception return (Andrew Horner kick) 11:18

Tompkins: Wyatt Young 16 run (Horner kick) 1:40

**Second quarter**

Travis: Anthony Njoku 46 pass to Gabriel Van Wyk (Antonio Rubio kick) 3:28

Tompkins: Young, 4 run (Horner kick) 1:38

Travis: Njoku 58 pass to Robert Sims (Rubio kick) 0:40

**Third quarter**

Tompkins: Cole Francis 35 pass to Chidubem Lebechi (Horner kick) 6:53

Tompkins: Young 9 run (Horner kick) 2:55

Travis: Jamison Singleterry 20 run (Rubio kick)

**Fourth quarter**

Tompkins: Caleb Komolafe 1 run (Andrew Horner kick) 10:06

Tompkins: Young 21 run (Horner kick) 2:37

Team stats		
	Travis	Paetow
First downs	15	21
Yards rushing	22-87	37-222
Yards passing	302	179
Passes	14-29-2-4	13-24-1-0
Punts	N/A	N/A
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalty-yards	2-10	10-100

**Individual Statistics**

**Rushing --** Tompkins: Wyatt Young, 9-97-4; Caleb Blocker, 12-86; Caleb Komolafe, 8-29; Julius Mourning, 2-22; Cole Francis, 6-(-12); Travis: Anthony Njoku, 18-48; Jamison Singleterry, 4-39

**Passing --** Tompkins: Cole Francis, 13-22-179-1-0; Wyatt Young, 0-2-0-0-0; Travis: Anthony Njoku, 14-29-215-2-4

**Receiving --** Tompkins: Joshua McMillan, 7-87; Wyatt Young, 5-57; Chidubem Lebechi, 1-35-1; Travis: Gabriel Van Wyk, 7-104-1; Robert Sims, 3-59-1; Jamison Singleterry, 2-26; John Okoeguale, 1-19; Carmelo Ratliff, 1-7

## KATY

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“It was amazing,” Silva said. “I saw a wide-open hole and went for it. I trusted my blockers, running away from everyone and stiff arming the last person just felt like finishing a maze, when I got into the touchdown it felt like I was entering heaven.”

Despite the big win, the Tigers know they will need to be better on both ends going forward, and hope to continue to get healthier.

“Some of our coverage stuff is going to have to be better,” said head coach Gary Joseph. “That goes back to getting all the ones back who are hurt. Hamilton McMartin came back this week after not playing last week. We have guys coming back and getting people back into the swing of things is as big as anything else.”

Katy’s has bigger goals than just the area round and will keep trying to find ways to improve everyday.

“We have to keep focus and have determination,” Silva said. “We have to make sure we keep our commitments — that’s not hard for us because that’s what Katy is about and what we strive for. We do that, I think we’re going to make it all the way.”

**Katy 56, Clements 7**

Clements	0	0	0	7	--	7
Katy	7	21	14	14	--	56

**First quarter**

Katy: Dallas Glass 1 run (Axel



Katy players celebrate after their bi-district win over Fort Bend Clements on Friday at Legacy Stadium.

Robertson kick) 4:46

**Second quarter**

Katy: Malick Sylla 10 interception return (Robertson kick) 9:29

Katy: Glass 11 run (Robertson kick) 5:12

Katy: Glass 5 run (Robertson kick) 2:57

**Third quarter**

Katy: Glass 5 run (Robertson kick) 5:22

Katy: Nathan Wilson 10 run (Robertson kick) 0:06

**Fourth quarter**

Katy: Elijah Bowman 18 pass to Ramarian Tillman (Robertson kick)

Clements: Dimas Kusuma 1 run (Timothe Kroon kick) 1:05

Katy: Antonio Silva 81 kick return (Robertson kick) 0:52

Team stats		
	Clements	Katy
First downs	13	18
Yards rushing	30-79	40-279

Yards passing	186	85
Passes	15-24-0-3	6-11-1-0
Punts	4-34	1-41
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Penalty-yards	4-30	3-31

**Individual Statistics**

**Rushing --** Katy: Dallas Glass, 21-110-4; Seth Davis, 8-102; Nathan Wilson, 5-40-1; Ramarian Tillman, 2-24; Justin Jurek, 2-6; Caleb Koger, 2-(-3); Clements: Dimas Kusuma, 23-32-1; JR Mirelles, 7-47

**Passing --** Katy: Caleb Koger, 5-10-67-0-0; Elijah Bowman, 1-1-18-1-0; Clements: Gunner Chenier, 15-23-186-0-3; Micah Darnell, 0-1-0-0-0

**Receiving --** Katy: Nic Anderson, 3-39; Ramarian Tillman, 1-18-1; Antonio Silva, 1-16; Justin Jurek, 1-12; Clements: Dimas Kusuma, 6-66; Patrick Smith, 3-49; JR Mirelles, 3-32; Marcus Darnell, 2-18; Joey Mongogna, 1-16; Micah Darnell, 1-5





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PAETOW

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the momentum going throughout the entire game without any breaks or anything like that.”

Paetow took a 40-0 lead into half time but didn’t let up in the second half. The Panthers marched straight down the field and Brown scored his second touchdown of the night on a 3-yard run where he dragged multiple defenders into the endzone with him. Jalyn Richardson put the game to bed in the fourth quarter with a 6-yard run in the fourth quarter.

In all, Phillips finished with 168 yards on 13 carries while Brown had 59 on nine carries.

“I’m so happy for Jacob to get back,” Gotte said. “Him being a senior and having the kind of year he was having prior to his injury, for him to work hard and get back, it’s just awesome. I’m so happy for him. It’s good, and I’m so excited he’s back.”

The Paetow defense knew that Ball would try to challenge them in the air, and took it as a challenge. The Panthers responded by allowing just 86 yards through the air and intercepting Bush three times.

“We knew coming in that they were a big passing team so it was going to be fun for us,” Webb said. “We like that, sometimes you can get lulled to sleep when they run it a lot but they went pass like that it makes it exciting and we have fun. It was a challenge but we capitalized.”

The Panthers will face Manor in the area round, date and location to be determined.

Paetow made it to the area round last season, but was unable to field a team due to a number of COVID-19 cases at the school. The Panthers have never played in an area round game to this point.

“One of our goals this year is to leave a standard for classes to come,” Dumas said. “I know towards the end of the game, we had a lot of younger guys that were able to get looks and play in an atmosphere like this. It’s great that we have the opportunity to leave a legacy as seniors. We want to be that standard for Paetow teams to be better than going forward.”

Paetow 54, Galveston Ball 0

Ball	0	0	0	0	--	0
Paetow	20	20	7	7	--	54

First quarter

Paetow: Damyryon Phillips 76 run (Anthony Fuentes kick) 11:37

Paetow: CJ Dumas 13 pass to Kole Wilson (Fuentes kick) 3:49

Paetow: Kentrell Webb 44 interception return, 3:23

Second quarter

Paetow: Phillips 26 run (Fuentes kick) 8:26

Paetow: Jacob Brown 15 run, 5:11

Paetow: Phillips 5 run (Fuentes kick) 0:31

Third quarter

Paetow: Brown 3 run (Fuentes kick) 8:21

Fourth quarter

Paetow: Jalyn Richardson 6 run (Fuentes kick) 3:15

Team stats

	Ball	Paetow
First downs	9	20
Yards rushing	25-4	39-341
Yards passing	86	87
Passes	13-31-0-3	7-14-1-0
unts	6-33	1-50
Fumbles-lost	1-1	4-3
Penalty-yards	4-30	5-58

Individual Statistics

Rushing -- Paetow: Damyryon Phillips, 13-168-3; Jacob Brown, 9-59-2; Jalyn Richardson, 4-24-1; D.J. Johnson, 4-31; Jamaal Comminie, 2-28; Kaleb Molina, 1-10; CJ Dumas, 3-7; Kole Wilson, 1-6; Gene Kendall, 1-5; Bryan Del Cid, 1-3; Ball: Joseph Alexander, 11-23; Justis Thomas, 7-12; Seth Williams, 2-(-9); Will Cianfrini, 5-(-22)

Passing -- Paetow: CJ Dumas, 5-12-68-1-0; Koby Truehill, 2-2-19-0-0; Ball: Seth Williams, 8-22-47-0-3; Will Cianfrini, 2-4-30-0-0; Tim Brown, 3-5-9-0-1

Receiving - Paetow: Kole Wilson, 3-36-1; Justin Stevenson, 1-28; Jason Blue, 2-19; Damyryon Phillips, 1-4; Ball: Chad Walker, 3-36; Joseph Cianfrini, 3-16; Will Cianfrini, 2-14; Joseph Alexander, 1-11; Kaleb Gray, 1-5; Josh Jones, 2-3; Brice West, 2-1



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Paetow's defense stops on a Galveston Ball runner during a playoff game between Paetow and Galveston Ball at Legacy Stadium in Katy.  
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Tough matchups await in second round

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Friday

CLASS 6A

Katy (11-0) vs. Stratford (10-1),  
7 p.m., Tully Stadium

• Katy continued their dominance this season in the bi-district round and easily went got into the area round against Stratford on Friday.

The Tigers though, were not satisfied with their win and feel they need to reach a second gear as the team heads deeper into the playoffs. That will start with getting injured players fully back into the swing of things, as a number of players missed time late in the season and either are getting back to full health or are just starting to practice at full strength again. The Tigers know they need to improve against the pass after giving up 206 yards passing to Fort Bend Clements.

That will be especially important going up against Stratford and starting quarterback Nash Rankin. The junior has thrown for 2589 yards and 25 touchdowns so far this season, averaging over 235 passing per game. Luke Rives has been a huge threat for them in the pass game, as the sophomore is nearing at 935 yards receiving on the year and has nine receiving touchdowns. Diego Denson has provided balance in the run game, with 752 yards and seven touchdowns.

The Stratford offense has not been without its faults though and has been prone to turnovers. Rankin has 10 interceptions so far this season and if Katy can play sound defense and force the team into third and longs, it would not be surprising if the Tigers came away with multiple takeaways as they did against Clements.

Tompkins (10-1) vs. Jersey  
Village (11-0), 7 p.m., Pridgeon  
Stadium

• Tompkins will face its toughest test of the season since it faced Katy when the Falcons play Jersey Village on Friday.

The Falcons come off a huge win against Fort Bend Travis in which Wyatt Young, a sophomore, rushed for 97 yards and a touchdown and caught 5 passes for 57 yards as well. Young wasn’t alone in having a strong day. Senior quarterback Cole Francis threw for 179 yards and Caleb Blocker rushed for 86 while the defense had four interceptions and

both Sean DuBose and Eduwa Okundaye came away with sacks.

Things will get significantly tougher for the Falcons against an undefeated Jersey Village squad that has dominated so far this season.

Jersey Village has been successful in both the run and pass game. Sophomore quarterback Adam Tran has passed for 1590 yards and 13 touchdowns this year and running back Rashon Estes has rushed for 1070 yards and 17 touchdowns so far. Jersey Village does rely on Estes a lot in the run game, as no other player averages 50 yards rushing per game for them, but they spread the wealth in the pass game. Quinci Jones has 571 yards on the season with two touchdowns while Arbrie Carter has 452 yards and five touchdowns. Isaac Podraza, Brandon Phan and Estes all also have over 200 yards receiving on the year. The Jersey Village defense has also been a force this year and has given up on average 16 points per game this season.

The Falcons will need to find a way to force turnovers again and will hope to have a strong balanced day on offense as they look to advance.

CLASS 5A, DIVISION I

Paetow (10-1) vs. Manor (9-2),  
7 p.m, Cougar Field (College  
Station)

• Paetow has been dominant the past two weeks after suffering its first loss of the season to Manvel and that continued in the bi-district round.

The Panthers finally have their one-two punch at running back that they have wanted all season with Damyryon Phillips and Jacob Brown and it showed as the two combined to rush for 227 yards and five touchdowns in the teams win over Galveston Ball.

Paetow's defense was a huge difference maker as it has been all season for the Panthers. Ball mustered just 90 total yards and turned the ball over four times.

Paetow will need to be on top of their game in the area round as they get a two-loss Manor team that has boasted a strong offense all season.

The team's run game has been its strength all year and they have leaned heavily on four star running back Quinten Joyner. The junior has rushed for 2380 yards and 30 touchdowns so far this year, averaging 216 yards per game and a crazy 11.7 yards per carry. The pass game hasn't been as strong but has

still been steady for Manor. Sophomore quarterback Jayson Zardavets has passed for 1248 yards and 12 touchdowns and is averaging 113 yards per game through the air. But Zardavets has been prone to turnovers, throwing nine interceptions so far this year.

Paetow will need to have another dominant day on defense while having a strong game running the ball and throwing efficiently.

Saturday

CLASS 6A

Cinco Ranch (7-4) vs. Memorial  
(7-4), 1 p.m., Tully Stadium

• Cinco Ranch won its first playoff game since 2016 last week and has another winnable game in the area round against Memorial.

Running back Eric Eckstrom had a huge game for the Cougars, as in his first start the junior rushed for 107 yards and three touchdowns. Gavin Rutherford continued his terrific junior campaign and now has 2395 yards passing and 25 touchdowns this season, averaging 217 yards per game through the air. Sam McKnight missed the game with an injury and Cinco Ranch will hope to get their starting running back healthy as soon as possible.

Memorial will pose a tough test for the Cougars, as the Mustangs are built a lot like the Seven Lakes squad that Cinco lost to two weeks ago. The Mustangs are a defensive-first team — they have only given up 20 points on four occasions this season and give up on average 15 points per game. But as strong as Memorial is defensively, they are not the most potent offense, they have scored ten points or less four times this season and were shut out by Cy-Fair earlier this year. The team is built to go through the run game and Carson Zahn is the bell cow for the Mustangs. Zahn has rushed for 893 yards and seven touchdowns for Memorial this year to lead the team while Ethan Spears also gets a lot of carries and has 522 yards and 12 touchdowns. Junior quarterback Chase Goodwin has thrown for 1154 yards and 11 touchdowns this season and his biggest weapon is Kyle Siblik, who has 541 yards and six touchdowns this year, Zahn is second on the team with 255 yards on 14 receptions.

The Cougars will need Rutherford to lead the offense past a strong Memorial defense and will hope for another strong defensive performance like they had in the bi-district round.

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Kennedy Pike hits the ball past Ridge Point blockers during Katy's Class 6A Region III Final match against Ridge Point on Saturday at Sam Houston State University.

TYLER TYRE

# Tigers fall to Ridge Point in regional final

BY TYLER TYRE  
SPORTS EDITOR

HUNTSVILLE — The last two classes of Katy seniors have laid the foundation for a program to be successful for years to come.

The Tigers had not been to a regional tournament since 1993 going into last year, but now have been to two regional finals in a row.

"Many of the seniors this year have been with me for several year," said Katy head coach Karen Paxton. "Since day one they bought into what it takes to represent tradition and culture in this program. Every single day they tried to live by that. It showed in how the senior leadership carried over from last year to this year. It's the reason we got back to back in the regional final."

The Tigers season came to an end on Saturday in the Class 6A Region III Final in a four set loss to Ridge Point 20-25, 22-25, 25-23, 18-25 at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Katy had battled its way back to the regional final, but the Tigers couldn't stop a Ridge Point team that will be making its third trip to the state tournament in four years.

"In the past we weren't really able to get past the third round," said Maddie Waak, a senior. "It felt good to get back here and do it two years in a row, it shows it wasn't a fluke last year and shows that we really did make an impact."

Katy battled in the first set and tied it at 15, but Ridge Point pulled away to gain the advantage. Katy came out fast in the second set and held a 7-4 lead, but again Ridge Point came back. Katy got within one point halfway through the set and two points late, but Ridge Point called timeouts both times and stopped the Tigers momentum before closing out the set.

Katy rebounded in the third set, struggling off Ridge Point making a hot start and taking a lead that the Tigers wouldn't relinquish the entire set.

"We had a lot of new faces and holes to fill this year," Paxton said. "Obviously, there was a lot of expectations and pressure to get back here,



TYLER TYRE

Addison Chapman celebrates after blocking a kill attempt during Katy's Class 6A Region III Final match against Ridge Point on Saturday at Sam Houston State University.

but I don't think anyone believed in themselves and that they could get here than this group. Especially this season."

The Tigers ran out of gas in the fourth set and even even though the team toughed out a number of points, Ridge Point was able to secure the win.

Paxton was proud of the Tigers' efforts and what they were able to accomplish this season, and Waak was happy that this senior class could help lay the foundation for the future of the program.

"It was really special," Waak said. "It's my senior year and it sucks that this is my last high school match but we put in the work and it's a great foundation for next year's team as well."

The Tigers will take their time to celebrate their accomplishments this season, but Paxton and the underclassman will get back to work very quickly.

"We're going to maintain and build the confidence with those younger players," Paxton said. "It's all about showing them how big of a part of this they were and showing we believe in them."



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Maddie Waak sets a ball during Katy's Class 6A Region III Final match against Ridge Point on Saturday at Sam Houston State University.

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CINCO RANCH

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Cinco Ranch took advantage of the field position with a methodical drive and Eckstrom ran in a 4-yard touchdown to increase the lead.

With the ground attack rolling, Cinco Ranch opened up the passing game in the second quarter and quickly marched down the field.

Michalec found the ball in his hands as he slipped past the coverage and junior quarterback Gavin Rutherford threw to him for a wide open 15-yard touchdown.

Bush found some success passing as they looked to close the lead heading into the half, but an interception by senior defensive back Odera Nsobundu in the endzone killed the drive and any momentum the Broncos could build.

The interception capped off a stellar half of defense by the Cougars as they allowed just 35 yards of offense in the first quarter and

42 yards in the second quarter.

The Cougars received the ball to start the second half and Eckstrom made his mark in the air instead of the ground.

Rutherford and Eckstrom linked up with 24 and 21-yard passes before junior receiver Seth Salverino caught a fade pass for an 18-yard touchdown.

Things went from bad to worse for the Broncos as they fumbled the ball on the first play of the next drive and senior defensive tackle Rhett Rodabaugh recovered and returned it to the five-yard line.

Eckstrom put the game away with a 5-yard touchdown run on the next play to make it three on the day.

“(Eckstrom) is a tough, hard-nose kid. He’s not the biggest kid, but he’s not afraid to lower his shoulder and gain the extra yard,”

Dudley said.

It was Eckstrom’s first start at running back after playing as the backup for most of the season.

Eckstrom said. “I was definitely a little nervous at the beginning of the game. After that first play, I got the jitters out and it was time to go to work.”

Eckstrom finished the game with 95 yards rushing and three touchdowns to go along with three catches for 74 yards.

Junior kicker Santiago Taborda managed a 39-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, but for the most part, Cinco Ranch ran the ball for the rest of the game and wound down the clock.

Cinco Ranch will face the winner of Saturday’s matchup between Houston Memorial and Houston Heights in the Area round.

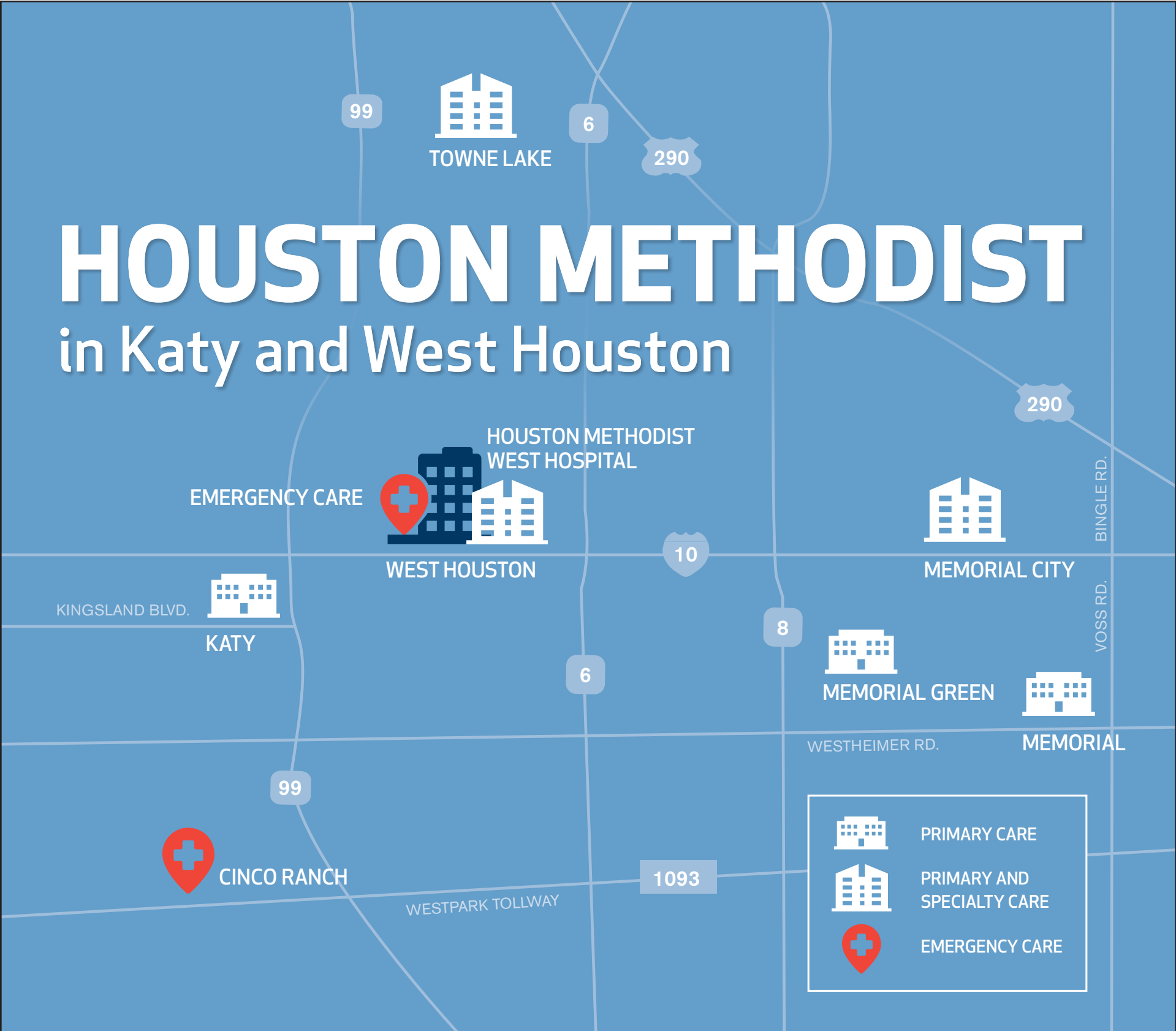
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Cinco: Eric Eckstrom 6 run (Santiago Taborda kick) 3:50									
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Cinco: Eckstrom 4 run (Taborda kick) 11:15									
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Cinco: Rutherford 18 pass to Seth Salverino (Taborda kick) 6:47									
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Cinco: Eckstrom 5 run 3:10									
Fourth quarter									
Cinco: Taborda 39 field goal, 9:10									
Team stats									
	Bush		Cinco						
First downs	6		21						
Yards rushing	14-23		39-122						
Yards passing	85		297						

Individual Statistics

Rushing – Cinco: Eric Eckstrom, 25-95-3; Colten Michalec, 5-16; Gavin Rutherford, 8-9-1; Jack McCall, 1-2; Bush: Donovan Nixon, 4-13; Tyler Hilder, 4-12; Adrian Cormier, 5-4

Passing -- Cinco: Gavin Rutherford, 10-12-191-2-0; Seth Salverino, 1-1-16-0-0; Bush: Tyler Hilder, 13-27-85-0-1; Adrian Cormier, 0-1-0-0-0

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